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Schools stay open as COVID-19 spreads

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Two residents of the Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan died because of the coronavirus last week. They are the latest victims of COVID-19, which has hit the assisted living facility hard.

Until this new increase in infections nationwide, there had been no Geer residents, and staff with positive test results.

Last month, COVID-19 infections pushed North Canaan into the Red Zone of towns in Connecticut with the highest percentage of positive test cases. As of Nov. 7, the Red Zone standing puts the rural Litchfield County town in the company of 68 other communities impacting about 60% of Connecticut residents.

Geer Village was the hardest hit, with 48 positive cases and four deaths reported as of Thursday, Nov. 6.

Elsewhere in the six town Region One School district, small clusters of the disease impacted The Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Sharon Hospital and several of the public elementary schools as well as the shared high school in Region One (which includes Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon).

Gov. Ned Lamont has rolled back Connecticut's coronavirus reopening regulations to a modified Phase 2, which took effect Friday, Nov. 6. As part of the order, all restaurants must now reduce indoor dining capacity from 75% back to 50% and close at 10 p.m.

Also responding to rising cases, on Thursday, Nov. 11, the Department of Public Health issued an advisory urging all state residents to limit nonessential trips between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. in an effort to reduce viral transmission from informal private gatherings.

Great Falls Brewery

Just as outdoor dining wraps up and cold weather descends, the governor's Phase 2 order is serving up a double-whammy to the restaurant sector.

"We are slashing hours to bare bones for everyone," said Chris Tripler, co-owner of Great Falls Brewery in North Canaan. "We expect a major revenue drop this month and going forward into winter."

Like other eating establishments around the state, outdoor dining — whether under tents, on the sidewalk or in parking lots — helped keep their business afloat. The brewery owner said that once outdoor seating ends, he has no choice but to cut hours for employees. As a result of lost hours, many staff will also lose income from tips.

The state's rollback also sets limits for restaurants, ordering them to close by 10 p.m. and to

limit the number of patrons at one table to eight. Customers cannot be served after 9:30 p.m.

Tripler said his brewery's hours will not be impacted by the Phase 2 early closing, as his establishment has a self-imposed curfew of 9 p.m. Ever since the pandemic started, he said, "We've always had a contingency plan" which included an expansion of outdoor dining options, strict social distancing rules and a "robust health policy. We've been acting like this is a very serious issue at all times."

"I feel for the restaurants in town," said North Canaan First Selectman Charles Perotti. Two weeks ago, when North Canaan's rising coronavirus cases put it in the Red Zone, the town's top official had the option of choosing whether or not to revert from Phase 3 opening regulations to the more restrictive Phase 2.

Perotti felt that because the spread was primarily contained within the Geer Village assisted living facility, which was locked down, that North Canaan should remain in Phase 3.

But within days, Lamont ordered the modified Phase 2.

Perotti has maintained that unlike the state's more populated towns, there is currently very little community spread in North Canaan. Tightened restrictions will only pose a "great hardship" on the few eateries in his town and in the surrounding communities. Referring to the governor's order, which overrides his opinion, "He's got to do what he's got to do, but it definitely hurts the small towns."

Region One stays open

Lamont has said the stricter rules are necessary in order to avoid a larger shutdown later and to help keep the schools open.

For now, public schools, including those in Region One, have the green light to use their discretion in determining whether to revert from in-person learning to a hybrid model of in-person and remote instruction.

"At this point we don't feel we have to move to a hybrid model in North Canaan," which is under a 'red alert' for a recent spike in COVID-19 cases, "or elsewhere in Region One," said Lisa Carter, interim superintendent for the Region One School District.

As a result of discussions with the state departments of public health, education and the Torrington Area Health District, said Carter, "It was determined that at this point the schools are not transmission sites. We are, however, ready to pivot on a dime if we need to make a different decision. But right now, it doesn't seem necessary to do that."

Screening and state health advisory

At Sharon Hospital, which reported zero hospitalizations involving individuals with coronavirus as of Thursday, Nov. 5, spokeswoman Marina Ballan-

tine said one employee contracted COVID-19, bringing the total staff infections in recent weeks at Sharon Hospital to four.

Contact tracing is ongoing with the state health department and the hospital's infection control team.

Counseling available

Geer Village announced the deaths of two additional residents due to COVID-19 on Friday, Nov. 6, and one new positive case among a resident, bringing total positive cases at its Assisted Living Facility to 48 (34 residents and 15 staff).

Since the viral infection was first detected on the North Canaan campus last month, four residents have died.

All residents and staff continue to be tested weekly in accordance with state health department requirements. The campus will be declared COVID-19 free only when three consecutive weeks of testing reveal zero positive cases, according to Geer CEO Kevin O'Connell.

"As the first exposed individuals complete their quarantine period or treatment, staff and residents may now begin to be classified as recovered," according to the update by Geer. "We are happy to report that most of our positive cases have recovered."

O'Connell said counselors are being made available to staff, residents, families and anyone in the community through a partnership with the McCall Center for Behavioral Health. "We have coaches who will do counseling with people who are dealing with hardships as a result of the pandemic," said O'Connell.

According to Maria Coutant

Skinner, McCall's executive director, a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allowed her agency to hire three counselors and a supervisor to assist "anybody who has been adversely affected by COVID-19."

Skinner said although the funding was originally designated for a natural disaster, "We have never had a disease like this," which constitutes a major public health disaster. As a result, the outreach program, she said, was rolled out in July and aims to help those with a recent diagnosis, someone who lost a family member, or a health care worker on the front lines.

"We know that the nursing home population was horribly devastated. And think of all the people who care for them ... and the trauma associated with that. They are still in the thick of it, and are heartbroken and exhausted," said the McCall executive director. "We want to make it easy for them to get the help and support they need. They haven't exhaled yet."

Noble Horizons

At the Noble Horizons Senior Community in Salisbury, Administrator William Pond said he is thankful that as of Friday, Nov. 6 — and since the pandemic began — his facility has had no positive cases of COVID-19.

Nonetheless, said Pond, who has experience as a cognitive therapist, he is keenly aware of the stress, fatigue and mental toll the pandemic has placed on his employees. Several staff, he said, have sought in-house counseling to help them cope with the daily stress.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Long lines stretched down the street and around the corner all day at Salisbury Town Hall on Nov. 3.

Election 2020 Turnout was indeed larger

Voter turnout was higher than normal this year in the Northwest Corner. We offer here a comparison of vote totals from the 2016 presidential election and the 2020 vote.

Election vote totals from Nov. 3 are on Page A8.
 — Cynthia Hochswender

Town of Canaan (Falls Village)
 Total voted in 2020: 664
 Total voted in 2016: 608

Cornwall
 Total voted in 2020: 1,061
 Total voted in 2016: 950
Kent
 Total voted in 2020: 1,904
 Total voted in 2016: 1,491
North Canaan
 Total voted in 2020: 1,712
 Total voted in 2016: 1,543
Salisbury
 Total voted in 2020: 2,544
 Total voted in 2016: 2,387
Sharon
 Total voted in 2020: 1,587
 Total voted in 2016: 1,447



PHOTO BY TOM ZETTERSTROM

Victor Flores was proud to return home to North Canaan from Harvard University (where he is a sophomore) to cast his ballot in the Nov. 3 election.

Democrats dominate voting in most area towns

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Connecticut voters chose Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden over Republican President Donald Trump on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Although vote counts continued through this week, it has been generally acknowledged that Biden was the victor nationwide as well.

In total in Connecticut, the ticket of Biden and Kamala Harris received 1,070,195 votes, and the ticket of Trump and Vice President Mike Pence garnered 711,137 votes.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) beat GOP challenger David X. Sullivan for the 5th Congressional District seat, 171,891 to 142,678.

Incumbent state Sen. Craig R. Miner (R-30) won his reelection bid for the state Senate as of this writing. He led challenger David R. Gronbach, 28,684 to 23,115.

Incumbent state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) won reelection, beating Republican Brian Ohler 7,144 to 6,638.

Voters in the six Region One towns went big for the Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

The six towns in the Region One School District are Canaan (Falls Village), Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

In Cornwall, 760 preferred the Democrats to 250 for the incumbent Republicans, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

In Falls Village, Biden won the vote with 437. Trump took 209 votes.

Kent went for Biden 1,249 to Trump's 568.

The margin was much closer in North Canaan, where Biden beat Trump 842 to 786.

Salisbury was lopsided, with Biden getting 2,023 votes to a scanty 502 votes for Trump.

And Sharon went for Biden, 1,019 to 510.

Region One voters preferred incumbent Democratic Congresswoman Jahana Hayes to Republican challenger David X. Sullivan by similar margins. Hayes appeared on two lines on the ballot, the Democratic and Working Families lines. In Cornwall, Hayes received 758 votes to Sullivan's 255.

Falls Village went for Hayes, 431 to 192.

Hayes took Kent, 1,263 to 566.

The challenger won in North Canaan, 716 to 491.

In Salisbury, Hayes won with 1,969 votes. Sullivan netted 525 votes.

And in Sharon, Hayes beat Sullivan 1,003 to 499.

The final results in the 30th District State Senate race was late in being announced. Incumbent state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) said in a phone interview Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 4, that the problem was a large number of absentee ballots in New Milford, as many as 5,000.

(New Milford is Gronbach's home town, where he served as mayor.)

Gronbach conceded the race late Tuesday night.

Miner did not fare well in most Region One towns.

In Cornwall, Gronbach won, 682 to 317. In Falls Village he received 355 votes vs. 256 for Miner, and in Kent Gronbach cruised with 1139 votes to Miner's 659.

Miner won in North Canaan, 954 to 601.

In Salisbury, Gronbach won handily, 1,754 to 667. It was a little tighter in Sharon, with Gronbach prevailing 906 to 579.

Nonetheless, Miner prevailed.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) won reelection in a rematch from 2018 with Republican Brian Ohler. Ohler carried two Region One towns: North Canaan 1,138 to 512 for Horn, and Falls Village, where Ohler was ahead by 330 to 318.

Ohler is a North Canaan native son.

Horn dominated in the other four towns. In Cornwall, it was Horn 699 to 328. In Kent Horn received 1,154 votes to Ohler's 690.

Salisbury went for Horn, 1,728 to 797, and in Sharon Horn won with 871-672.

Many voters took advantage of the relaxed restrictions on absentee ballots, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday morning, Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said the state should permanently relax the absentee voting rules.

"More than 650,000 voters cast an absentee ballot in 2020 — the people have spoken," she said in a news release.



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Three-day forecast

Friday.....Partial sun, high 57°/low 36°
Saturday.....Partial sun, 48°/32°
Sunday Rain, 48°/45°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Rear ended

On Nov. 4 at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Bunker Hill Road in Cornwall a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Alex North, 27, of Cornwall struck the rear of a 2005 Dodge Ram driven by Richard Stone, 72, of Cornwall which had stopped due to construction in the road. North was issued an infraction for following too closely, operating a motor vehicle without a license and failing to obey the conduction signal officer.

Burglary at Patco

On Nov. 6 at approximately 3:15 a.m. on East Main Street in North Canaan a silver Dodge Ram reportedly pulled into the parking lot of the Patco Shell Station. Three individuals exited the truck with what the police report described as pry bars, gained entry to the gas station and removed the cash box from the ATM machine. Anyone with information on this reported burglary is asked to contact Troop B.

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

Thanksgiving for those in need

NORTH CANAAN — The traditional Thanksgiving dinner for those in need, usually held at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave. in North Canaan, will be take-out only this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals will be distributed directly to the cars of the recipients on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, in front of Pilgrim House between noon and 2 p.m. Home delivery is also available.

People who wish to help may do so by making cash contributions or donating a Stop & Shop

gift card (any amount is helpful). People can also donate food items such as uncooked turkeys, potatoes and vegetables. Make your cash donations payable to Thanksgiving Celebration, c/o Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT 06039.

If you wish to make a food donation, arrange for home delivery of meals or volunteer (with all the proper personal protective equipment), contact Beverly Becker at 860-824-5854, 860-671-1892 or beverlybecker4@gmail.com.

Help with Medicare at Noble

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons will host private Medicare Part D enrollment sessions on Thursday, Nov. 12., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with counselors from the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA).

Depending on individual preference, these appointments will be offered virtually or by phone. During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period (which ends Dec. 7, 2020) the Center for Medicaid and Medicare recommends that recipients review their plans. Not only can plans change dramatical-

ly from year to year, but individual needs often change as well. Additionally, enrollees can expect Part A premiums, deductible and coinsurance to be higher in 2021, as well as changes to Medicare Advantage Plans, and Medigap Plans C and F, which will no longer be available for newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

The private enrollment sessions with WCAAA professionals can help ensure that individuals enroll in the plan best suited to their needs. Call 860-435-9851, ext. 190 for an appointment.

Learn about the land where you stand, Zoom talk on Nov. 21

CORNWALL — Retired teacher and consummate outdoorsman Hugh Cheney will explain the local landscape and the forces that made it look and act the way it does.

His talk is on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m. on Zoom.

Cheney has taught Environmental Science and Geology for four decades in the Northwest Corner, at the Marvel-

wood School (in Kent now but formerly in Cornwall) and the Salisbury School, a boarding school for high school boys.

This presentation is supported by the Cornwall Conservation Trust, the Cornwall Conservation Commission and the Cornwall Library. Registration is required at www.cornwalllibrary.org.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Region One students earn NCCF grants

The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation has awarded more than \$180,000 in scholarships and awards to local students for the 2020-2021 academic year. Scholarships and awards are made possible by Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation Funds, established by individuals and families.

Listed below are some of the scholarships awarded to students in the Region One School District.

Among the students who received money from the Apolonia Stanulis Scholarship are Abigail Adam (East Canaan), Molly Aiudi (Winsted, a former Lakeville

Journal summer intern), Ella Hampson (Cornwall Bridge), Michael Reid (Lakeville) and Jada Wilson (Lakeville).

The recipient of the Torrington Unico Francis J. And Donald G. Albretha Scholarship was Cameron Hunter (Sharon).

The recipient of the Torrington Unico Founders Scholarship in Honor of Peter Pino was Valerie Lenis (Falls Village).

Trevor Hampson (Cornwall Bridge) was one of three recipients of the Albert C. And Rose Turri Scholarship.

Scholarship information for 2021-22 will be online at www.northwestcf.org/scholarships in January 2021.



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TrailHeads President Stephanie Raftery, at left, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to HVRHS graduate Myah Baird.

HVRHS graduate Myah Baird awarded \$1,000

KENT — On July 22 TrailHeads co-founders Stephanie and Ed Raftery presented the inaugural recipient of the TrailHeads Blaze Your Own Trail Scholarship with a \$1,000 award.

The scholarship went to Housatonic Valley High School graduate Myah Baird, who was accepted to Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., for the 2020-21 school year.

TrailHeads is a family-owned, Kent-based online retailer that markets hats, gloves, headbands and related accessories for running and outdoor activities.

The company was founded in 2002 and has a history of supporting running events throughout the region. TrailHeads employees along with a group of dedicated volunteers organize the annual Lake Waramaug Polar Bear Run, which has raised more than \$10,000

for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. The 2021 Scholarship began accepting submissions on Sept. 1, 2020.

Students who wish to apply should go to www.trailheads.com/scholarship for essay requirements and additional information.

The scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students across the nation. The recipient, who will be selected based on his/her essay submission, will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship.

The award can be put toward any education-related expense, from tuition to books to room and board.

Applicants must be 17 or older and be attending an accredited college or university within the United States. The deadline to apply for the 2021 scholarship is Jan. 15; the winner will be announced on Feb. 3.

Forest conservation grant awarded to HVA

The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation, a supporting fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, Inc., Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) has awarded a \$60,000 Habitat, Land, and Environmental Protection Grant for its Follow the Forest conservation initiative. The grant will allow HVA and its conservation partners in Northwest Connecticut to redouble their efforts to protect one of the most significant wildlife habitat corridors in the eastern United States.

"We are deeply grateful to the Wiederhold Foundation for its support for our Follow the Forest effort", said HVA's Executive Director Lynn Werner. "The ongoing public health and economic crisis means we and our partners need to use every resource at our disposal to save wildlife habitat, and right now there is so much important land in play. We cannot afford to falter or lose momentum while the science tells us we need to do more."

"Our region is experiencing residential real estate demand at levels and prices we haven't seen since before the Great Recession" agreed HVA's Land Protection Manager Brendan Boepple. "We and our land trust partners need to be nimble and strategic to identify and protect the places that we can't afford to lose, and Follow the

Forest gives us the tools to do this."

The Wiederhold Foundation grant will enable HVA to develop and implement an intensive landowner and land trust engagement program to protect the top priority forest habitats and wildlife linkages in Northwest Connecticut. As part of this effort, said Abbott, HVA plans to launch an outreach and education campaign that will amplify and elevate the importance of Follow the Forest and its significance for wildlife conservation. HVA's Land Protection team, together with its land trust and state agency partners, will work together with willing landowners top protect the places that are vital to maintaining this wildlife corridor, and take full advantage of available sources of land protection funding.

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) is a regional watershed organization, an accredited land trust, and catalyst for strategic conservation in western New England and eastern New York.

The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation was created for the purpose of protecting and improving the welfare of animals of all kinds. In 2012, The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation Trustees elected to become a supporting organization of the Community Foundation.

Correction to Compass listing

An article in the Nov. 5 Compass arts and entertainment previewed the online Hudson Jazz Festival in November, which was canceled shortly after that issue went to press.

The show is likely to be held in spring 2021.

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Car parade/rally for Alzheimer's

LIME ROCK — Registration is now open for an all-day 40-mile road rally for Alzheimer's Disease taking place on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Participants will kick-off the route with a slow-paced lap around the track, then travel through the towns of Falls Village, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon. The parade route includes local care-giving facilities: Geer Village, Noble Horizons, Sharon Health Care Center and Sharon Hospital.

The parade group will convene at Housatonic Valley Regional High School at 10:30 a.m. with a group photo of the cars.

To participate in the parade, come to Lime Rock Park's main entrance with a decorated car with messages of caring be-

tween 8:30 and 9 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 14, after registering and making a \$50 or more donation at www.act.alz.org/goto/DrivetoENDALZ. All participants will have their temperature taken upon entry into the park, and are asked to remain in their cars while at the park and at all route locations.

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Our Towns

Whipple, in Zoom event, talks about unearthing the inner workings of CIA

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Those who tuned in to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's Zoom book talk on Thursday, Oct. 29 came away with an informed understanding of the people who have led and guided the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) through its history.

Based on interviews with CIA directors and their colleagues, as well as those serving in different administrations, Chris Whipple's book, "The Spy Masters," covers 70 years of a variety of leadership styles and personalities. Hotchkiss Library board member and investigative journalist Brian Ross served as moderator. About 42 participants joined the evening event.

Intensively researched through conversations with all 12 CIA directors who are still living, the book offers a beneath-the-surface glimpse of the relationships between those directors and the administrations they served, ranging from President Richard Nixon and concluding with President Donald Trump.

More than just an historical narrative, the book explores how the CIA directors have done their jobs, how well they have served to affect the outcomes of world crises, and it offers glimpses

at the shape of the future. "How did you do it?" was moderator Ross' first question.

The project began as a documentary film, Whipple explained, but he said that he felt that the film barely scratched the surface of what needed to be examined.

He found the cast of characters fascinating, a group of people who need to be able to tell the president what he doesn't want to hear.

The directors talk among themselves frequently, Whipple said. Key to access was his past record of reporting fairly and evenly, evidenced by his previous acclaimed work, "The Gatekeepers." That book examined the succession of chiefs of staff in the White House.

"I had a little bit of a track record," Whipple said.

Even with his good record, Whipple said he was unable to interview the present director, Gina Haspel. She grants no interviews, Whipple explained, adding that he finds her fascinating, with a deep background as an operative in Africa.

She also has significant training in recruiting Russian assets.

She is ambitious, Whipple said, and adept at killing terrorists.

Invited by Ross to rate the various CIA directors, Whip-

ple termed them a mixed bag. "The CIA has screwed up over the years." He cited the failure to predict the fall of the shah of Iran.

In an effort to rank the best of the CIA directors, Whipple saw Leon Panetta as a gold standard. Richard Helms was an honest broker of intelligence, Whipple said. Bob Gates was a successful insider.

George H. W. Bush rescued the agency, according to Whipple. When he became president, he loved the daily briefings. The intelligence community loved working with him, Whipple recalled.

Questions from the audience focused in part on the Trump administration and its relationship with the CIA, which has been termed adversarial. An epilogue in Whipple's book delves into a time frame starting in January 2020. By then the daily briefings had broken down; the two primary briefers had left the administration.

CIA directors are important. "It's hard to overstate the importance of the position," Whipple said.

Copies of "The Spy Masters: How the CIA Directors Shape History and the Future" are available at the library.

The program was part of the library's ongoing series, Book Signing 2.0.

Specks of hope as the 2020 fly-fishing season draws to an end

As the cooler weather arrives the idea of standing around in water becomes less and less attractive. Sensible anglers call it a season. They put their gear in the closet, and leave it there until April.

I get it. I really do. And I was really getting it Friday, Oct. 30, when I was standing in the Blackberry River, water up to my navel, and wet snow falling, fishing "specks" to the rainbow trout that were stocked a week before.

In cold conditions the bugs that trout eat tend to be smaller than the big fat bugs that we see in spring and summer.

You can be polite and decorous and call them "midges." Or you can do what I do and refer derisively to these itty bitty flies as "specks."

I have never been able to get a handle on specks, which I define as any fly that is size 20 or smaller.

They are hard to handle, especially with cold, stiff fingers. They require extremely thin tippets which are also hard to handle.

They are also hard to see.

So imagine standing in the swollen stream, cold water playing about the wadered, thermal-clad lower extremities, and large wet blobs of snow falling off trees and landing, with uncanny accuracy, on the angler's head, denting both hat and spirits.

I've done this every year for decades now, with just about zero fish to show for it.

Why? Because other people do it, and do it well.

I want to be one of the Speck People.

My speck game improved a modest 800 kajillion percent



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

These are a representative sample of the tiny flies (or "specks") the author has been using successfully in the last week. They are all size 20 or 22, except for the bushy one on the right, which is a size 18. The fish won't touch it.



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

this year, thanks mostly to the fluorocarbon tippet material made by Bozeman Flyworks.

It's X-rated, meaning it comes in the diameters familiar to fly-fishermen: 0X, 1X etc. down to 7X.

For \$10 you get 55 yards, compared to \$15 for 30 yards of the fly shop stuff.

And it's stiffer than the fly-shop brands.

I like stiff, because I am tying droppers. Other speck anglers prefer a more supple fluorocarbon tippet. Your mile-

age will definitely vary.

For imitating Blue-Wing Olives in the nymph stage, the winning pattern has been Barr's Emerger, size 20. It's a bead-head nymph so it gets down in the water column relatively quickly.

I've also used various sparkly things and zebra midges, all in sizes 20 and 22.

There is some distance to go here. Catching recent stockings in a medium-sized stream is one thing. Catching fish on specks in the Housatonic, Farmington or Esopus is another.

But it's a breakthrough.

And it means I'll get another few weeks of fishing in before I hang it up — no small thing in the COVID-19 age.

Anticipating a carbon-free future

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Enthusiastic about the prospects of the benefits offered by a solar energy project in the town, representatives of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission (SEEC) reported their findings at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Oct. 27, held remotely by Zoom.

Established by the state General Assembly in 2011, the Green Bank program was the first such program in the U.S. It established a public and private partnership to further towns' efforts to adopt clean energy strategies to achieve carbon-free independence from fossil fuels.

The Green Bank offers to partner with any town in the state "to provide, install and maintain solar panels at no cost to the town," as reported by SEEC member Douglas Rick, representing the organization. The six members of the SEEC are charged with studying current and anticipated challenges to the town's energy supply and demand.

The town's obligation to the Green Bank program, as Rick explained, is to purchase

the power that the solar panels produce, a minimum of 50 kW. Based on current usage patterns of the town's buildings, Rick said, reaching the minimum would not be an issue.

The town was too late to apply in time for last year's appropriations, but he is seeking to submit an application for this year, Rick said. The next step in preparing the application is for the town to identify all of the town's spaces that could be sites for solar panel installations. Panels do not need to be in one location; they can be dispersed around the town.

The Green Bank is the supplier of the electricity and the town pays for it at a rate lower than the present rate paid by the town. The price at the outset is locked in for 20 years, Rick said. If the town uses more electricity than the minimum 50 kW, the town buys the excess from the grid.

"We get an immediate saving on our electric bill," Rick said.

SEEC member Roger Liddell noted that Town Hall alone presently uses about 30 kW.

Selectman Casey Flanagan asked whether the town could install a larger system, sell the overage to the grid, and get a

credit. Liddell responded that the program is not intended to incentivize towns to go into the business of generating power and competing with Ever-source.

Rick added that the intent is to help to move toward a carbon-free environment.

First Selectman Brent Colley praised the thoroughness and detail of the presentation and indicated that the selectmen would discuss the recommendation at one of their November meetings.

Free help with enrolling in health insurance programs

WEST CORNWALL — Help is available for enrolling in health care programs for the coming year.

Items to bring to the appointment include: Social Security numbers for all family members in your household; visa, green card or other immigration documents; most recent tax return; employer information; one current pay stub; current insurance coverage; user name and password if you have enrolled through Access Health CT previously.

In-person appointments and walk-in appointments will be held at The Union Building,

415 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall on the following dates.

- Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. (phone appointments only)

- Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dec. 4, 5 to 7 p.m. (phone appointments only)

- Dec. 5, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. (phone appointments only)

- Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (phone appointments only)

To set up a time, call 860-672-0043 x118 or email info@healthpathfinder.org.

Parade of Lights will be Nov. 29

NORTH CANAAN — Selectman Craig Whiting announced at the board's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4, that this year's fire department holiday light parade will be held on Sunday, Nov. 29, beginning at 5 p.m.

He said it is an event that can safely be conducted with residents and visitors situated at ample distances from one another.

First Selectman Charles Perotti an-

nounced that the town is participating again this year in a program to provide lighted holiday trees to individual properties.

The effort, called "Light up North Canaan," is being led by John Lannon.

Interested residents and business owners can complete an application to have a lighted tree installed for \$50 per tree. The tree will be removed following the holidays.

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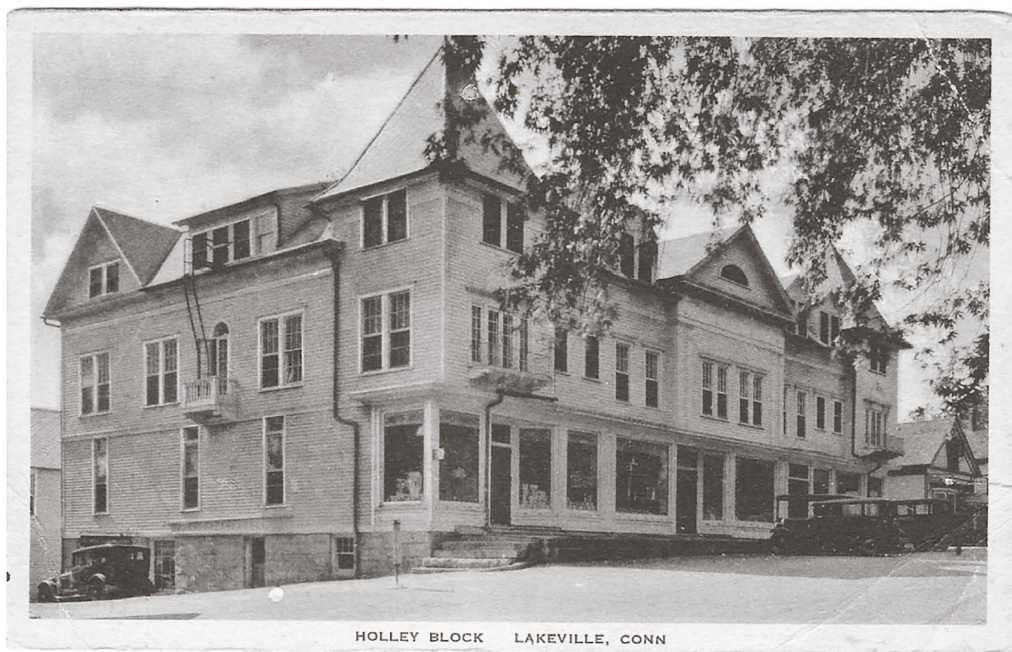
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A vintage postcard shows the building that, many years ago, was in the site now being proposed for an affordable housing property.



A rendering by QA&M shows the building that the Salisbury Housing Committee had proposed for Lakeville. The proposal has been temporarily withdrawn.

Plan for Salisbury affordable project is withdrawn (for now)

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) withdrew its application for an affordable housing development in Lakeville on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6.

The application for a 13-unit apartment building at 11 Holley Street in Lakeville has been the subject of a lengthy public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission that began Sept. 21, was continued on Oct. 8, and had a third round scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9.

Jocelyn Ayer, a member of the SHC's board of directors, wrote in an email Saturday, Nov. 7, that:

"We've received new information in the last few days and need more than three days to address it sufficiently, so we withdrew the application. We plan to submit an even stronger application to P&Z for Holley Place in the next month or so."

The original plan

The town-owned site is now occupied by a small park and a parking lot, at the intersection of Holley Street and Main Street (Route 44) in Lakeville.

The breakdown of the building is: eight one-bedroom apartments, two two-bedroom apartments, and three

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Jocelyn Ayer, SHC Board of Directors

three-bedroom apartments, plus an office and a common room, on three floors.

(The plans and other relevant materials are on the P&Z page of the town website, www.salisburyct.us.)

During the first two sessions of the public hearing, several concerns were raised, including: The legality of the Board of Selectmen's extension of the Housing Committee's option to buy the property at a special meeting on July 23; technical problems with the application; whether the site is appropriate for the purpose; traffic safety; public parking at the site vs. parking for the residents; the size of the proposed apartment building; the impact of construction on nearby properties; the impact on access to nearby properties; does the design of the building match the intentions of the original donors; have the P&Z meetings

on the subject been properly warned and neighbors properly notified.

Monday's hearing

On Monday, Nov. 9, the public hearing reconvened at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Michael Klemens, the P&Z chairman, read into the record a list of exhibits, including several dozen letters both pro and con.

Klemens did not read the letters, but he noted who they were from and, for some but not all of them, whether they were for or against the housing proposal.

There was a lengthy letter opposing the proposal with 131 signatures. The letter reads, in part, "After mining our Town's records and meeting archives, we've discovered that this urban complex is not only out of context with the design and scale of buildings that line the streetscape in Lakeville, but that it violates multiple State laws and Salisbury zoning regulations, posing serious health and safety concerns."

(All exhibits are available on the town website.)

The commission then voted unanimously to end the public hearing. Then the commission voted unanimously to accept, without prejudice, the notice from the SHC that the application was being withdrawn.

vance of the election for their efforts.

"Everybody's been kind of flat-out," he said.

Rand and Selectman Don Mayland said the new pump station on Salmon Kill Road is working. Rand noted that one of the engineers slept in his car at

the pump station site on a chilly evening so he could periodically monitor the pump station's performance.

Mayland said going into the pump station "is like going into a submarine."

The final cleanup of the site won't be complete until spring.

The selectmen approved a list of appointments and reappointments to various town entities.

Fuel cost aid

SALISBURY — Fuel assistance applications are currently being taken for fuel deliveries made between Nov. 2, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

You may qualify for fuel assistance if your annual income is under the following: \$49,228 for household of two people; \$60,811 for three people; \$72,394 for four people.

Call Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187 to apply and for more information.

Selectman turns down request to hold referendum on housing plan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Henry Todd said he received a legal opinion that the Falls Village Housing Trust affordable housing development is not an appropriate subject for a referendum vote.

Todd spoke at the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen Monday, Nov. 9 (on Zoom).

A petition signed by 72 people was sent to the town, asking for a referendum vote — yes or no — on the affordable housing development proposed for River Road, which was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Oct. 29.

Daly Reville and Colter

Rule, both opponents of the housing plan, spoke at the selectmen's meeting.

Todd said he did not have a written opinion on the petition yet. Reville asked that the opinion be made available. Todd agreed.

Rule said, "These are citizens asking for a town referendum."

He said the petitioners originally asked for a town meeting vote, with a paper ballot, but were turned down because of COVID-19 concerns. Rule noted that in the Board of Finance meeting Todd referenced state grant money that requires action from town meeting, and wondered why that could be done and affordable housing could not.

Rule continued, saying there is no consensus in town about the River Road housing development. "So how are you going to create a consensus on this?"

Rule also said opponents of the housing are working on challenging the legality of the Incentive Housing Zone that includes the River Road site, and on the water supply issues.

Todd repeated that the opinion he received says the town does not have standing to hold a referendum vote on the housing.

Reville said her correspondence with the state Department of Housing states otherwise.

The referendum will remain on the selectmen's agenda for December.

In North Canaan, experimenting with an organic control for invasive knotweed

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — With invasive knotweed continuing to choke native plants and trees in Northwest Corner towns, the North Canaan selectmen heard a report on a new way to control its spread, during a short meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Holiday help

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services will provide turkeys at Thanksgiving and grocery gift cards and gift cards for presents for Salisbury children for the holidays.

The deadline to register for both programs is Monday, Nov. 16. Call Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.

Selectman Christian Allyn, who is also an expert in invasive weed eradication, said that he had recently been part of a small crew engaged in treating a patch of knotweed on Locust Hill. A new organic method was used at the site based on anecdotal evidence that it could be an effective means of control without chemicals.

The new method entails cutting the knotweed back three times a year for three years.

Under that system, the cuts are thought to be best done in June, July and September, Allyn said.

Discussion of the invasive properties of knotweed revealed that the plant spreads readily if it is allowed to reach the banks of any waterway. Once it does reach a running stream, pieces can break off and be carried downstream, where the fragment can become lodged and begin to grow and form a new patch.

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Helping to feed your neighbors

LAKEVILLE — The Corner Food Pantry at 80 Sharon Road in Lakeville is looking for able-bodied volunteers. For more than 25 years (formerly known as OWLs Kitchen), the Corner Food Pantry has been providing nutrition to individuals and families in the Tri-state area.

Without the dedication and hard work on the part of our volunteers, it would not be possible for The Corner Food Pan to fulfill our mission and meet the high

demand in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteering at the Corner Food Pantry is a simple way to give back to our community.

There is a range of volunteer opportunities; some require heaving lifting, bending, and outdoor tasks.

Due to COVID-19, there are policies in place to help ensure the safety of volunteers and clients. To learn more, go to www.thecornerfoodpantry.org. To join the team, call 860-435-9886.

OBITUARIES

Frank Wendover

SHARON — Frank Wendover, 64, of White Hollow Road died Oct. 25, 2020.

Frank was born Sept. 27, 1956, the son of Lois and Frank Wendover.

Frank graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

He resided in the home his father built in 1959 until his death.

He was employed by Hull Fuel for 40 years.

Frank recently described himself as a dinosaur in the business. If he only knew it would take three men to replace one dinosaur.

Frank loved to hunt and hike. He enjoyed all activities that took him outdoors. He enjoyed NASCAR, and was a security guard at Lime Rock Park race track.

In his spare time, he was a caretaker for Petronella Manacini, who viewed him more as a son than an employee.

Frank was an amazing uncle and a loyal friend. He was

a brother that can never be replaced, a simple man that lived an amazing life that meant so much to many.

Frank was predeceased by his brother, Michael Wendover.

He leaves behind his sister, Lois Russin and her husband, Jim; his mother, Lois Frost; a nephew, Michael Gawel and Megan, Jameason Russin; two nieces, Molly DiGiovanni and Mike, Abby Maxwell and her husband, CJ. He so enjoyed his sister's five grandchildren and Kathy Stewart, his companion.

Frank was an organ donor. Donations in Frank's name can be made to Sharon Fire Department.

A celebration of his life will be Nov. 7 at 2 p.m., 12 White Hollow Road, Sharon, casual attire, dress for weather.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Ambulance.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



James 'Jamie' Fowler

NORTH CANAAN — James "Jamie" Fowler, 76, passed away at his home in North Canaan on Nov. 6, 2020, attended to by his family and friends.

The son of Otho Hicks and Willa Fowler, James Nelson Fowler was born on April 27, 1944, in Morganton, N.C. Along with his older sister, Sylvia, Jamie enjoyed an idyllic small-town childhood with nature, big family gatherings, firearms, moon pies and comic books, as well as work and academic success.

Jamie attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he met his lifelong friend Jack Brooks at the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, known for its musical talent, and played trombone with the Marching T-Heels. After getting his bachelor's degree in psychology, Jamie went on to study Business Administration and Marketing and married his hometown sweetheart, Linda Seitz Fowler, in 1965. They had a beautiful baby girl, Jessica Kirsten Fowler, in April 1966, and Jamie got his Master's Degree the same year.

The young family moved to Washington, D.C., and then on to Denver, where Jamie took a job with Colorado Market Research Services (CMRS). He and Linda separated, to remain lifelong friends. In 1973, he met the love of his life, Lynn Eden, and her three children (Jeff, Kristine and Jack Anstine) in Denver and he followed Lynn's move to West Cornwall the following year. CMRS did not want to lose such a talented employee, so they pioneered a "remote work" agreement, with Jamie using offices in West Cornwall or Sharon, and visiting the Denver office frequently. In 1976, Lynn and Jamie welcomed another beautiful baby girl, Clea Brooks Fowler. Jamie was now the calm head of a massive dinner table, including five children, with numerous friends young and old always welcome.

The family enjoyed frequent vacations across and around the United States, as well as a trip to Mexico and occasional visits to Montreal, where his sister, Sylvia Kovats, lived with her family and taught physics.

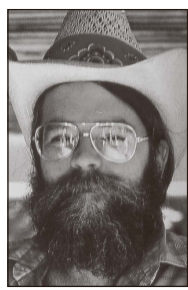
Jamie had a beautiful singing voice and could play the trombone, dulcimer and autoharp. The many visitors to West Cornwall will remember the stereo above the piano, and Jamie's enormous record collection, ranging from the Carter Family to Led Zeppelin, and of course, every album by John Prine. There was no TV, so his kids will remember the wealth of books and the sound of Jamie's voice reading aloud, from Chinese folktales to Oz books to Kurt Vonnegut.

Jamie was handy with tools, building everything from bunk beds to a porch, and kept a well-balanced checkbook while assisting children through college and beyond. His dry humor and glorious/terrible puns were notable, as was his quiet strength. In 1988, when Cornwall voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution 200 years after the fact, Jamie urged his neighbors not to be too hasty. Jamie retired, and suffered a stroke in 2007, and he and Lynn bought a house in North Canaan in 2008, an amazing feat during the financial crisis. As reading became more difficult, Jamie discovered television in its current golden age, enjoying everything from Jeopardy to Danish cinema to the news.

A lifelong Democrat, he persevered through 2020 to cast his ballot for Joe Biden, and died knowing the sweet fruits of his labor.

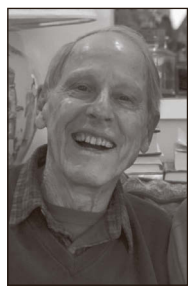
He is survived by his family and 8 grandchildren. A memorial will be held in April 2021.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Jamie's memory to the Douglas Library (www.douglaslibrary-canaan.org/donate) in North Canaan.



Benjamin Griswold Foster

GOSHEN — Benjamin Griswold Foster of Goshen, treasured husband and father, died on Oct. 29, 2020, at Hartford Hospital. Born on Jan. 3, 1936, in Morristown, N.J., he was the son of H. Lincoln Foster and Mary Reginald Foster, both of Morristown.



In early childhood his family moved from Morristown to live in Goshen and Norfolk. He attended the Norfolk Center School until his family moved to Falls Village, where he attended the Lee Kellogg School. He graduated with high honors from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, in 1954.

In high school he served as editor of the school newspaper and in his senior year co-editor of the high school yearbook. He was a member of the track team and the National Honor Society.

He attended Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., graduating in 1958. In college he was an associate editor of The Purple Cow, a literary and humor magazine. He played tennis and squash racquets during his college years.

After college he worked for the Macmillan Publishing Co. in its college text division, spending time in its 60 Fifth Ave. offices and traveling to colleges and universities in Western states.

In 1960 he won a National Defense Act (Title IV) fellowship to study for his doctorate in English at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. He earned an M.A. in 1961 and Ph.D. from the university in 1965. In 1964 he taught at Pace University in New York City.

In the fall of 1966 he sailed with his family to the Middle East, where for three years he was assistant professor of English at the American University of Beirut in Beirut, Lebanon. While in Lebanon he and his family lived through the Six Days War of June 1967, when Israel attacked the Arab countries. He and his family were forced to escape from Lebanon and spent several months in Europe. At the end of his three year appointment in Beirut he returned to the United States, where he took a position as

teacher of English and coach of tennis and squash at the Choate School in Wallingford, Conn., a position he held until his retirement in 1996.

During his years teaching in Wallingford he was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and served on its vestry.

He continued to work after his retirement, as an adjunct professor of English at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., and as a tennis professional in Wallingford and at the Megunticook Golf and Tennis Club in Camden, Maine. During this time he also wrote instructional articles for Tennis magazine.

In his senior years he played competitive tennis in the New England senior circuit, playing in several state championships, and earning the ranking of #3 in singles and #1 in doubles in his 50s.

In 1998 he and his wife, Zay, found a country property in Goshen for their retirement. With some research, Foster learned that this property had belonged to his grandparents in the early years of the 20th century. During his years in Goshen, he attended the Trinity Milton Episcopal Church in the Milton area of Litchfield, Conn., the same church his grandparents had attended in their years in Goshen.

After retiring from Choate, he and his family spent the winter months on Jekyll Island, Ga., where Foster taught landscape painting and exhibited his paintings in galleries in the South. His landscape painting became a second career and he also exhibited in several galleries in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

He is survived by his loving wife, Zay; three devoted sons Jeremiah and his wife, Annika, Caleb and his wife, Christina, and Nathaniel and his wife, Karilyn; a stepson, Theodore Borman and his wife, Virginia; as well as eight exceptional and delightful grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Rebecca Foster Light of Guilford, Conn.

A family memorial celebration of his rich and creative life will be held in the summer.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Goshen Land Trust.

Milanne (Miles) Shea

SHARON — Milanne (Miles) Shea, 70, died Oct. 21, 2020, with her husband, Patrick Shea, by her side in New Port Richey, Fla.

A memorial service will be held in Connecticut at a date to be determined after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.

She was born Nov. 11, 1949, in New York City to Jackie Miles and Loraine Strauch. Her father was a nationally known comedian who was famous for his small stature, unique voice and hilarious routines, performing all over the country and on many TV shows. Her mother was a dancer who performed in shows and was known for her elegance, who later in life became a homemaker.

They both moved to Connecticut to start a life together where they raised a family of four children, Milanne being their only daughter.

Milanne grew up in Connecticut, graduated Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village and attended the University of Connecticut where she graduated cum laude, met her first husband, and then went on to have two boys. Throughout her life Milanne had three children, two boys Joshua and Jason, and one girl named Jasmine. Along with three children Milanne had two grandchildren, Alyssa and Jonathan.

She was known for always being a kind and thoughtful person with a wonderful

sense of humor and terrific laugh. She was also known for being creative, artistic and bright. She went on later in life to earn a master's degree in corporate management. Over the years Milanne professionally held different sales and marketing positions at several companies, where she excelled.

Later in life Milanne moved to Florida to follow her deep religious faith. That is where she met her current husband, Patrick, who was her devoted caregiver and partner for the last 12 years of her life as she battled multiple sclerosis. For close to 20 years she fought the illness with resilience and grace. Patrick was known for being by her side every single day and not taking a day off; his love and commitment to her was beautiful for those that had the chance to know him and witness them together.

She will be remembered by many.

Milanne is survived by her three brothers, Mark, Marshall and Mitchell; her sons, Joshua and Jason; her daughter, Jasmine; and her grandchildren, Jonathan and Alyssa.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Loraine (Lee) Miles and her father, Jackie Miles.

George F. Dennis Jr.

PINE PLAINS — George F. Dennis Jr. departed peacefully for his heavenly home on Nov. 1, 2020.

George was a native of New York Mills, N.Y., where he spent his younger years, attending school in New York Mill and Utica College.

George was a star athlete who played basketball, baseball and his favorite, golf. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing and excelled at whatever he set his mind to.

George proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959, where he spent time in Haiydo Island in Japan.

After his military service, he had a successful career with GMAC in Albany, N.Y.

George is survived by his


loving wife, Laura, of many years. He was a devoted father to his son, G. Mark Dennis of Florida; locally, he is survived by his stepdaughter, Piper Malarchuk and her husband, John; his granddaughters, Launa Mesnard and Larissa Morby; and three great-granddaughters.

In addition, he leaves behind the Mikus Family cousins.

George F. Dennis will long be remembered for his loyalty and kindness. Memorial services will be held at the convenience of the family.

To sign the online register, go to www.peckandpeck.net.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Peck & Peck Funeral Homes in Pine Plains.



Worship Services

Week of November 15, 2020

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

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<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon - with Eucharist www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
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<p>North East Baptist Church Historic Meeting House, Main & Maple Millerton, NY God's word is always relevant! A Warm Welcome Awaits You SUNDAY SERVICES Family Bible School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 Evening Service - 6:00 PM WEEKDAY MEETINGS Weds. Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM at Parsonage 33 S. Maple Ave. Sat. Bible Studies for Men & Women 3:00 PM FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON First Sunday of each month after AM services Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday Service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanumc-cm.com canaanumc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual service on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at joiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
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John T. Bryant

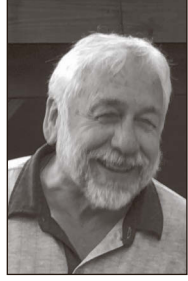
NORTH CANAAN — John T. Bryant, 72 died of heart failure on Nov. 4, 2020, at Sharon Hospital.

Born Oct. 29, 1948, in Endicott, N.Y., he was the son of Francis E. and Doris (Reeves) Bryant.

A graduate of Vestal Central High School in Vestal, N.Y., he attended the University of Colorado and lived for many years in Denver and Greeley, Colo. He was a bus driver for the RTD bus line in Denver, and was so skilled as a driver that he won first place in RTD's bus "Roadeo" in the 1970s. He served as driver for the bluegrass group Hot Rize for their concert tours.

In 2007, he moved to North Canaan to care for his mother for the final six years of her life. He resumed driving services locally in the past decade.

John quickly put down roots in North Canaan and developed a wide network of friends in the area. Warm and engaging, he befriended everyone he met.



He had a lifelong love of railroading, enjoyed bluegrass festivals, vintage cars, a well-tuned engine and helping friends and family members with auto mechanics. While a zealot for his beliefs, he was kind and generous to all and will be greatly missed.

Never married, he is survived by a brother, Jim Bryant and his wife, Linda Davis, of Kilmarnock, Va.; a sister, Terry Wise and her husband, Jay, of Stockbridge, Mass.; his nephews, Maclain Bryant and Peter Wise; his nieces, Betsy Wise-Friend and Margot Wise; and his cousins and many friends.

Donations in memory of the late John T. Bryant may be made to Canaan Union Station/Connecticut Railroad Historical Association through Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 815, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Remembrances may be sent to the family through www.Legacy.com.

OBITUARIES

Rhoda Lubalin

Rhoda Lubalin died Oct. 19, 2020, at the age of 98, just days after her birthday. She was born on Oct. 3, 1922.

Rhoda was a person of lifelong involvement in the arts. A 1947 arts graduate of Hunter College, she obtained a Master's Degree of Art from the University of Ohio.

Her late husband was Herb Lubalin, a strong contributor to Cooper Union and an illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post. Herb is also listed in the Who's Who of American Artists, as a graphic artist.

Rhoda had taught both High School and College art, for Roosevelt and New Rochelle High Schools and Fairleigh Dickenson College.

Rhoda had a lifelong involvement in promoting and contributing to the arts, including exhibits and other contributions to artists and the art world. This included Quest,

which helped promote aspiring young artists.

Rhoda has two grown sons: Peter Sparber, a VP for Human Resources, now returned to the U.S. from decades-long duty in Asia. Peter has a son, Stephen, residing in Philadelphia, who is a summa cum laude graduate of Brandeis.

The other son, Josh, is a System Engineer for the government, who also publishes independent engineering research in engineering journals. He and his wife, Nancy, now claim a home in Texas.

Nancy has two sons, who also reside in Texas. Keith is a VP for Red Rock Railroad and has a daughter, Amber. Jeff is the technical lead for University of Irvine and Southern California universities, and has two Nancy grandsons, Declan and Everett. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



John G. Prause

SALISBURY — John G. Prause, 87, of the Taconic section of Salisbury, died Oct. 27, 2020.

He was the husband of Marianne Gloeckl, who survives at home. They were married on Oct. 25, 1958, in Lakeville.

Mr. Prause was born April 9, 1933, in Hausdorf, Germany (which is now Jugov, Poland), the son of the late Rosalie Prause.

He immigrated into the United States in 1951 and volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean war as a radio operator technician. He was an active member of the American Legion.

The owner/proprietor of Prause TV in West Cornwall

for 35 years, Mr. Prause was a happily married family man, well-traveled, who enjoyed outdoor sport.

He enjoyed his retirement in Florida for 25 years and loved his log cabin on Twin Lakes. He died taking care of his wife and family.

Mr. Prause is survived by four sons, Hans-Peter Prause, James M. Prause and Mark Prause and his wife, Rebecca, all of Goshen, and Stephen F. Prause of Melbourne, Fla.; his grandchildren, Christa, Daniel, Michael, William and Christopher; his brothers and sisters; and five grandchildren.

A private family gathering was held Thursday, Nov. 5, at St. Thomas Church in Goshen.



Patricia L. Tully

SALISBURY — Patricia Tully, 91, died suddenly of a heart attack on Oct. 31, 2020, at her home at Noble Horizons. She and her late husband, George Tully, were long-time residents of the Lakeville-Salisbury area.

Born June 21, 1929, and raised in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Pat attended the College of New Rochelle.

She and George raised four children in Pelham, N.Y., before moving to Lakeville more than 45 years ago. After the move, Pat earned a MSW in counseling and opened a solo practice in her home in Lakeville. She practiced for more than 20 years and was well-known in the community for her counseling and social work.

George and Pat were popular figures in the Northwest Corner since George worked for The Lakeville Journal and volunteered with the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad and at Sharon Hospital. They often traveled to Rochester, N.Y., and the Boston, Mass., area to visit family. They made frequent trips to Tanglewood and Stockbridge, Mass., and Rockport, Mass., in the summer and these places became very special to them over the years.

Pat was a smart and feisty woman all her life. A voracious reader and constant thinker, Pat would "wax philosophical" on all sorts of subjects at all sorts of hours. Whether in person or over the telephone, her children could expect to discuss topics as diverse as women's health, climate change, evolution, the plight of minorities in the world as well as politics and

the arts. Fortunately, her mind remained strong and incisive, even as her body started to fail her in the past few years.

After George's death in January 2013, Pat was cared for by a number of "my ladies," who kept her company and helped her as she aged. She loved them greatly as a "second

family" and her children are very grateful for their tenderness, love and compassion for Pat.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, George Tully; her parents, Louise and Charles Ryan; and her brother, Robert Ryan.

She is survived by her four children, Anne Herman of Anchorage, Alaska, Patricia Sullivan and her husband, Richard, of Norwell, Mass., James Tully and his wife, Elizabeth, of Eugene, Ore., and Jean Pruitt of Westminster, Colo. She leaves behind three grandchildren, Matthew and Caroline Sullivan and David Pruitt and his wife, Hannah; and two great-grandchildren, Asa and Hazelynn Pruitt. Pat is also survived by her brothers Lawrence and Jerome Ryan.

Pat will be cremated and her ashes mingled with her beloved husband, George. Together they will be scattered in the Atlantic Ocean "with the whales" next spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Pat's memory to a charity that focuses on women's health or underserved and vulnerable populations.

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



The fall of a Russian princess who tried to help the people

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — In Petrograd, Russia, in late 1917, when the victorious Bolsheviks were scouting around for a good candidate for a show trial, they picked Countess Sofia Panina.

And it backfired. Adele Lindenmeyr, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, and author of the 2019 book "Citizen Countess: Sofia Panina and the Fate of Revolutionary Russia," spoke via Zoom to a Scoville Memorial Library audience on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Born in 1871, Panina was the sole heir of a considerable fortune, involving landed estates, industrial interests and, prior to 1861, the labor of thousands of serfs.

Her upbringing veered between the efforts of her mother and stepfather, both prominent liberals (in the sense of advocating for a

constitutional monarchy to replace the autocratic Czarist system), and the influence of her grandmother, who had Sofia whisked off to an exclusive boarding school for the children of the elite.

Lindenmeyr reminded the audience that there were in fact two revolutions in Russia in 1917: the first in February, resulting in the abdication of Czar Nicholas II and the establishment of the provisional government; and the next, in October 1917, when the communist Bolsheviks mounted a coup and seized power.

Panina, who had a history of charitable and philanthropic works, was tapped by the provisional government to be assistant minister of welfare and assistant minister of education.

These appointments represented the first time that a woman held a cabinet-level position in any government, anywhere, and for that reason alone are remarkable, Lindenmeyr said.

"It didn't last very long," she continued.

The Bolsheviks charged her with sabotage and stealing from the people, because she had participated in a civil service strike against the Bolshevik government and had arranged to have the petty cash in her office deposited in a bank in the name of the next government.

"She was a powerful symbol" of everything the Bolsheviks despised: inherited wealth, the aristocracy, and the bourgeoisie.

She was convicted, but the public relations benefit the Bolsheviks were expecting failed to materialize, as actual members of the working class rose to defend her in court.

She spent some time in jail, but was essentially ransomed out. She left Petrograd in 1918 and went to the south of Russia, where she connected with the anti-Bolshevik White Russian movement.

When that collapsed in 1920 she left Russia and never

returned.

She lived in England, France, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia between 1924 and 1938, remaining busy in various pursuits, including a stint at the League of Nations.

Living in Prague in 1938, with war on the horizon, she was invited by her stepbrother, a Yale professor, to come to the United States. She arrived in New York City in January 1939, and died in the city in 1956, with a \$40 per month Social Security payment and \$200 in the bank her only assets.

Lindenmeyr said the countess showed "extraordinary adaptability in the face of momentous events."

Panina is an example of the empowerment of women, Lindenmeyr added, and of the decline of the European aristocracy in the 20th century.

And she is remembered for her "generosity, honesty, and loyalty to friends."

Emergency preparedness:

It's time to make chicken stock

It's flu season and there is a spike of COVID-19 positive test results in the Northwest Corner. So perhaps it's time to make a big vat of chicken soup before you catch the flu, or worse.

There is (as you know) quite a bit of mythology around the magical, restorative powers of soup.

An article published in 2018 at the University of Pennsylvania's health website (Penn Medicine News at www.pennmedicine.org) seems to sum it up pretty nicely. The article quotes Ken Albala, a food historian at the University of the Pacific in California, who confirms that there are no healing unicorns embedded in a pot of soup.

However, he says, we like to eat soup when we're sick because it can be "nourishing, restorative, easy to digest, and interestingly 'light' in both consistency and color so as not to tax the system excessively."

The master of poultry
Broth can be time-consuming. This recipe, from chef Thomas Keller (who is considered a master of cooking poultry), is relatively simple and very delicious.

You can find the full version on the Master Class website, where Keller also shares a lot of hints and tips. This is a simplified version. I used about four chicken carcasses, two leeks, two big carrots and one onion.

Thomas Keller's chicken stock

5 pounds chicken bones
4 quarts of cold water
2 quarts of ice cubes (and a big bag of ice from the store for the final cooling off, optional)

8 ounces of carrots cut into 1-inch dice (known as mirepoix)

8 ounces of leeks cut into 1-inch mirepoix, white and some light green parts only

8 ounces of onions cut into 1-inch mirepoix
1 bay leaf

Rinse the bones thoroughly under cold water to remove any visible blood. Remove any organs that may still be attached to the bones. This will help your stock to remain very clear, which is a priority in this recipe.

Put all the bones in your largest stockpot and cover them with the cold water (which should be about 4 quarts but

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maybe could be a little more).

Slowly bring the liquid to a simmer, 30 to 40 minutes; as soon as any impurities rise to the top, skim them off.

Turn off the heat and add the 2 quarts of ice. This will thicken the fat just slightly and make it easier to skim off.

Add in your bay and carrots and onion and leeks (and a bouquet garni if you've got one) and slowly bring the liquid back to a simmer. Keep skimming.

Simmer for another 30 to 40 minutes, and keep skimming.

Turn off the heat and allow the stock to rest for 10 minutes; this allows any particles left in the stock to settle at the bottom of the pot.

Set a fine-mesh strainer over a container large enough to hold at least 6 quarts. Don't tip the pot over and pour it through the strainer; the force of the pour could allow impurities to shove their way through

the mesh and into your stock.

If you want, plunge the container of stock into ice water (I didn't do this part).

This is a very light-colored, refined stock. But it is much tastier than you would expect. If it tastes a little too thin, maybe simmer it for another hour and let it concentrate itself.

Freeze your stock in small containers that won't take forever to defrost.



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Numerous area apartment additions approved by P&Z

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — On Monday, Oct. 26, at a public hearing the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) considered an unusually large number of requests from Salisbury residents to add living spaces to their properties.

The hearing was held online.

Interlaken Road apartment

The commission approved an application from Benjamin Metcalf to create a detached apartment on a single-family lot at 104 Interlaken Road.

Emily Vail, representing the applicant, said the apartment will be in a separate building, not in the main house on the property.

Asked about access, Vail said there is a dirt drive to the building.

Asked if a third building, a small cottage, could also be turned into a dwelling, Abby Conroy, the town's land use administrator, said no.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens asked if there were any abutters who wished to comment. There weren't.

The special permit was approved unanimously.

Next was an application from John Bartram for a resubdivision of a two-lot residential property at 120 Undermountain Road.

Subdivided property

Attorney Mark Capecelatro, representing the applicant, said the entire parcel is 5.155 acres. The new subdivision will create a 1.961 acre lot that includes the existing house, and then a 3.194-acre lot.

He ran through a checklist of approvals from various agencies and companies: Tor-

ington Area Health District, the Inland Wetlands Commission and the state Department of Transportation, plus confirmation from Aquarion Water Company that the site has access to public water.

He confirmed there are no vernal pools or other natural resource concerns.

Capecelatro said he had some discussion with one neighbor and the neighbor did not object.

The hearing was closed and the commission voted unanimously to approve the application.

Interlaken Road apartment

Next was an application from James and Miriam Broner for a special permit for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 117 Interlaken Road.

The application included a permit for development activities within the Lake Protection Overlay Zone.

Builder Seth Churchill, representing the applicant, said the property had a main house and a 900-square-foot guest house.

The plan is to add a second floor to the guest house, bringing the total square footage to about 1,700 square feet. The footprint of the building remains unchanged.

Klemens noted that on a site visit he observed what he said were interesting and effective rain gardens in two locations.

Commission member Cathy Shyer asked that the applicant be sensitive to the neighbors and install additional vegetative screening.

The hearing was closed and the motion to approve added that the commission appreciates the commitment on the

part of the applicant to additional screening where possible. The vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Salmon Kill apartment

Next was an application for a special permit for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 144 Salmon Kill Road and for enlargement of a non-conforming structure at the same address.

Seth Churchill said the plan is to enlarge an existing garage to create an apartment. Two dormers will be added, and one of them goes into the setback, thus requiring a special permit.

No commissioners or abutters had anything to add.

The hearing was closed and the application was approved unanimously.

Brook Street storage area

Last up was an application for a special permit from Pettee Brook Partners LLC for a special permit for a storage warehouse at 23 Brook St., near the firehouse.

Grant Bogle, speaking for Pettee Brook Partners LLC, said the building has an existing apartment that is in disrepair.

The plan is to create storage space for boats and antique cars. He said the stored vehicles are personal use.

In response to questions, he said there will be no repair work at the facility and that other than the fuel in the vehicles' tanks there will be no storage of fuels or other hazardous materials.

Bogle said there were no objections from the abutting property owners.

The hearing was closed and the application was approved unanimously.



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon will present plans for an expansion and renovation.

New plans for a library expansion

SHARON — New plans are being presented soon for an addition to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

The library announced last week that it is planning "a top-to-bottom restoration of its historic building on the town Green, including a proposed addition that would provide improved handicapped access and additional space for children's activities and adult programming."

Library Board President Thomas Trowbridge said in the announcement that, "This is the result of a community survey, finding that the interior of the library was starting to look tired and that the building needs more space for its expanded programs."

The planned restoration will involve a complete makeover that includes new carpeting, repaired and repainted walls, cleaned wood finishes, and upgraded lighting. The goal is to

return the library to its historic elegance; however, Trowbridge said, the renovation will also "give us the opportunity to refit the library with current technology — without disturbing its magnificent architectural heritage."

The library was completed in 1893 and was designed by renowned architect Bruce Price, famous for his work in the Shingle Style but who was also known for his work in the important late 19th century style known as Richardsonian Romanesque (the style used for the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon). The style is named for Henry Hobson Richardson and was used in many public projects. Another famous edifice done in the style of Richardsonian Romanesque is the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon was a gift to the town from Maria Bissell Hotchkiss,

in honor of her late husband, Benjamin Berkeley Hotchkiss.

According to the news release from the library, "The proposed expansion will take the form of a modest addition to the rear of the building, providing handicapped access and an accessible bathroom on the main level. A lower level will contain a multi-purpose room for children's activities and specialized programs. With a footprint of 900 square feet, the addition will be barely visible from the street."

Groundbreaking is expected in spring 2021. Approval must be secured from town boards and commissions including the Historic District Commission.

"Our library is an architectural and historical gem and we need to take these steps to prepare for the future by preserving and improving the building," Trowbridge said in the news release.

— Cynthia Hochswender

Holiday festivities planned for Cornwall with safety in mind

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Following an inquiry from some residents of neighboring Sharon asking for permission to use the town's transfer station rather than their own, the selectmen voted unanimously to decline the request at their official meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Although the selectmen understood the reasons for the request, mainly that the Cornwall transfer station would be a more convenient location for residents on the eastern side of Sharon, the selectmen were hesitant to agree.

Speaking of the volume of traffic at the Cornwall transfer station, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, "We are busy and there are also more people in town."

Although she agreed with the decision, Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey felt that it is a larger issue and called for more

study of the notion of neighbor Cornwall town facilities.

Preparing now for the holidays, Ridgway announced that the Cornwall Bridge holiday tree will be decorated with lights again this year by electrician Jim LaPorta, but there will be no public gathering for caroling to mark the occasion. LaPorta will be decorating the smaller of the two trees on the traffic triangle.

West Cornwall is also planning for the holidays with an ambitious decorating project in the hands of local artists. The selectmen approved a proposal received from resident Bill McClean to invite artists to create decorated holiday windows in West Cornwall. Although there will be some windows with other holiday themes, one theme being planned is "The 12 Days of Christmas."

Ridgway described the proposal as "a fun way to do some-

thing safely" and COVID-responsible. McClean has been assigning windows to artists, Ridgway said.

Also helping to organize the project are the Economic Development Commission and West Cornwall residents.

"We will be lighting up the Village for the holiday season and beyond to bring some cheer to all during the darker time of year especially with COVID hanging in the balance," said resident Bianka Langner Griggs, who is hard at work assisting with the 12 Days portion, expected to be up and running on Saturday, Dec. 5.

To delight the children at an appropriate distance, the team is planning to incorporate a treasure hunt into the window decorations, adding to the fun for all.

"It sounds appropriate and festive," Selectwoman Priscilla Pavel agreed.

Yes, Region One, there will be a 2020 FFA holiday store

By Ava Nason and MacKenzie Casey

FALLS VILLAGE — The holiday store run by the agriculture education students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School will be open from Sunday, Nov. 22, to Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Products include a variety of trees, wreaths, roping, poinsettias, holiday centerpieces, Cabot cheese, Hudson Valley fresh milk and new FFA apparel.

For the first time ever, the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter will have an online store. This online store will allow customers to purchase all of the products sold at the store. The online store will be posted at www.ffa.hvrhs.org in mid November.

Pandemic precautions: All staff, students and customers must wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the store.

Curbside pickup will also be available for those who request it.

The popular wreath production nights, when alumni and family members join the students in making wreaths, will not occur this year because of the pandemic. Students will make the wreaths after school.

The holiday store supports the agricultural education center and FFA Chapter and helps students attend local, state and national FFA events.

The store also provides valuable experience for the students, who create and decorate wreaths, learn to identify species of trees, care for poinsettias in the greenhouse, create an assortment of holiday decorations and gain valuable customer service skills.

Ava Nason is this year's FFA reporter at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. MacKenzie Casey is this year's FFA historian.

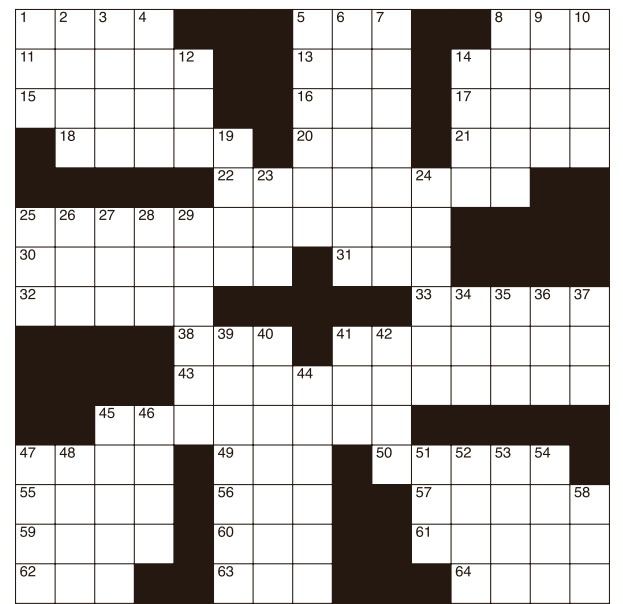
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- One point east of northeast
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- In a different way
- One charged with a crime
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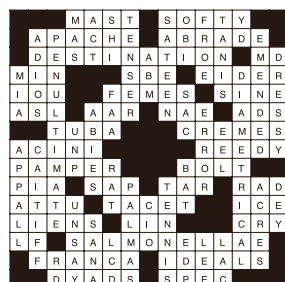
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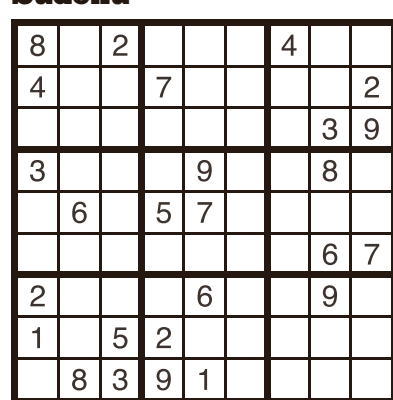


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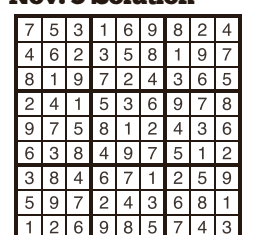
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Republican Party	Trump and Pence 209	David X. Sullivan 192	Craig Miner 256	Brian M. Ohler 302
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 4	Joseph A. Bongiorno 6	Brian M. Ohler 28
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 29	David R. Gronbach 19	Maria Horn 17
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 6			
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 2			
Voters		Party Affiliation		
Registered Voters: 755 Voted: 664 Absentee Ballots Received: 244 Absentee Ballots Counted: 233		Registered Democrats: 317 Registered Republicans: 157 Registered Unaffiliated: 278 Registered as Other: 4		

The successful candidate is marked in bold lettering. Information is from the Secretary of the State and town registrars.

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Republican Party	Trump and Pence 786	David X. Sullivan 716	Craig Miner 954	Brian M. Ohler 1,033
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 28	Joseph A. Bongiorno 20	Brian M. Ohler 105
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 32	David R. Gronbach 25	Maria Horn 19
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 25			
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 4			
Voters		Party Affiliation		
Registered Voters: 2,457 Number Voted: 1,712 Number of Absentee Ballots Received: 509 Number of Absentee Ballots Counted: 495		Voter registration information was not available for North Canaan. Registered Democrats: Registered Republicans: Registered Unaffiliated: Registered as Other:		

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Cornwall 2020 Election Results					
	President	U.S. Representative 5th District	State Senator 30th District	State Representative 64th District	Registrar of Voters
Democratic Party	Biden and Harris 760	Jahana Hayes 712	David R. Gronbach 636	Maria Horn 654	Jayne Ridgway 718
Republican Party	Trump and Pence 250	David X. Sullivan 258	Craig Miner 317	Brian M. Ohler 307	Cara Y. Weigold 291
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 9	Joseph A. Bongiorno 12	Brian M. Ohler 21	
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 46	David R. Gronbach 46	Maria Horn 45	
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 9				
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 13				
Voters		Party Affiliation			
Registered Voters: 1,163 Number Voted: 1,061 Number of Absentee Ballots Received: 389 Number of Absentee Ballots Counted: 388		Registered Democrats: 576 Registered Republicans: 196 Registered Unaffiliated: 377 Registered as Other: 14			

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Salisbury 2020 Election Results				
	President	U.S. Representative 5th District	State Senator 30th District	State Representative 64th District
Democratic Party	Biden and Harris 2,023	Jahana Hayes 1,903	David R. Gronbach 1,709	Maria Horn 1,675
Republican Party	Trump and Pence 502	David X. Sullivan 525	Craig Miner 667	Brian M. Ohler 713
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 21	Joseph A. Bongiorno 27	Brian M. Ohler 84
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 66	David R. Gronbach 45	Maria Horn 53
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 17			
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 13			
Voters		Party Affiliation		
Registered Voters: 2,972 Number Voted: 2,544 Number of Absentee Ballots Received: 1,198 Number of Absentee Ballots Counted: 1,192		Registered Democrats: 1,485 Registered Republicans: 469 Registered Unaffiliated: 974 Registered as Other: 54		

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Kent 2020 Election Results					
	President	U.S. Representative 5th District	State Senator 30th District	State Representative 64th District	Registrar of Voters
Democratic Party	Biden and Harris 1,249	Jahana Hayes 1,209	David R. Gronbach 1,098	Maria Horn 1,110	Karen A. Chase 1,208
Republican Party	Trump and Pence 568	David X. Sullivan 566	Craig Miner 659	Brian M. Ohler 647	Sal Lilienthal 551
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 17	Joseph A. Bongiorno 21	Brian M. Ohler 43	
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 54	David R. Gronbach 41	Maria Horn 44	
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 12				
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 7				
Voters		Party Affiliation			
Registered Voters: 2,116 Number Voted: 1,904 Number of Absentee Ballots Received: 689 Number of Absentee Ballots Counted: 683		This information is from the Kent registrars. Registered Democrats: 939 Registered Republicans: 446 Registered Unaffiliated: 699 Registered as Other: 30			

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Sharon 2020 Election Results					
	President	U.S. Representative 5th District	State Senator 30th District	State Representative 64th District	Registrar of Voters
Democratic Party	Biden and Harris 1,019	Jahana Hayes 967	David R. Gronbach 881	Maria Horn 850	Marel Rogers 940
Republican Party	Trump and Pence 510	David X. Sullivan 499	Craig Miner 579	Brian M. Ohler 622	Barbara Coords 538
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 16	Joseph A. Bongiorno 17	Brian M. Ohler 50	
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 36	David R. Gronbach 25	Maria Horn 21	
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 17				
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 9				
Voters		Party Affiliation			
Registered Voters: 1,815 Number Voted: 1,587 Number of Absentee Ballots Received: 588 Number of Absentee Ballots Counted: 581		Voter registration information was not available for Sharon. Registered Democrats: Registered Republicans: Registered Unaffiliated: Registered as Other:			

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State and Regional 2020 Election Results				
	President	U.S. Representative 5th District	State Senator 30th District	State Representative 64th District
Democratic Party	Biden and Harris 1,070,195	Jahana Hayes 171,891	David R. Gronbach 23,115	Maria Horn 6,861
Republican Party	Trump and Pence 711,137	David X. Sullivan 142,678	Craig Miner 28,684	Brian M. Ohler 6,174
Independent Party		Bruce W. Walczak 4,709	Joseph A. Bongiorno 620	Brian M. Ohler 464
Working Families Party		Jahana Hayes 7,859	David R. Gronbach 692	Maria Horn 283
Libertarian Party	Jorgensen and Cohen 20,167			
Green Party	Hawkins and Walker 7,464			
Voters		Party Affiliation		
Registered Voters Statewide: 1,174,263 Voted: 785,563 (66.9%)		The successful candidate is marked in bold lettering. Information is from the Secretary of the State.		




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CATERING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Divide and Conquer (and Hire a Caterer) To Get More Joy from Your Holiday Meals

This is it, folks, the year when you actually have a legitimate excuse to stay home for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays and cook whatever you want. There is no pressure this year to include all the main and side dishes that your sister and your mother and your Aunt Suzanne consider an irreplaceable part of the season.

Have some fun. Experiment.

This year, my plan is to make a meringue topping for my pumpkin pie. And to make peach stuffing for my turkey (which I'm going to try and brine this year. Finally.).

THE YEAR OF LARGE TURKEYS
And remember, everyone, that the turkeys we eat this year were probably conceived and planned and hatched before everyone knew that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was going to tell us that big holiday meals are a

bad idea (and that traveling across the country to go to a big holiday meal is an extra bad idea).

What this means in terms of your holiday meal planning is that grocery stores and poultry vendors are likely to have a lot of very large birds in stock that they will have trouble selling; while it will be harder than normal this year to find a small bird.

There are probably a lot of ways to plan around

this. Perhaps you can cook a large turkey ahead of time and share it with elderly neighbors on your street, who won't be able to join their younger family members for the holiday.

Or perhaps this is the year when you decide to roast a chicken instead of the larger fowl, which is (as you know) much easier to cook. You can still stuff it — although remember that our federal food experts recommend that you not cook the stuffing inside the bird. If you must, be sure to use a food thermometer to check that the stuffing has reached a safe temperature of 165 degrees (that's for bread stuffing).

PUT YOUR FEET UP, AND RELAX
Many of us, especially those who have clocked in more than 50 years worth of Thanksgiving and other holiday feasts, will prefer to have someone cater their meal.

This has been a very difficult year for caterers, so no doubt your chef of choice will be very happy to hear from you. Ask if he or she or they would be willing to make a meal for just you and your (small) household; and if not, then think about maybe (again) sharing a catered meal with your neighbors.

The caterer can cook

one turkey and divide it in half (and how lovely to have a professional carve that big ungainly roasted bird for you) and package it up for you to safely deliver to your meal partners.

IT'S NOT JUST THANKSGIVING
If you plan to celebrate Hanukkah with potato latkes, hiring a caterer means you don't have to do all the shredding and frying and cleanup. Latkes re-heat beautifully, in the oven or in a nonstick skillet or in a regular skillet with a little oil.

And again, once your food pro has cooked three or four latkes, he or she or they might as well keep going. So ... make plans with a friend or neighbor to share the bounty (you can even split up the apple sauce and sour cream).

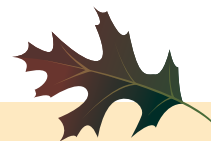
Assigning all the hard stuff to a professional will leave you more time and emotional bandwidth to make something absurd — like a meringue topping for your pumpkin pie.

Or, as my friend, the caterer Sarah Weinberger from Campbell Falls Kitchen in Southfield, Mass., is planning to do for the holidays: You can use your meringue to make a pavlova, which is basically meringue topped with fruit and whipped cream. Sarah is making spiced pavlova with pumpkin mousse; find



TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Look for a new calendar of events at our website, www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar. We will also include the calendar in our print edition as space allows.



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out more at www.campbellfallskitchen.com.

HOW TO MAKE MERINGUE

Novices underestimate the importance of two things when making meringues: the quality of the eggs and the amount of time you need to spend beating the whites.

First, there are many vendors of really exceptional fresh eggs in the region. Chances are you drive by one all the time and have never thought to stop and shop. For meringues, it's worth it; the cost should be roughly \$5 for a dozen. Some farms make bigger eggs than others; if the eggs in your carton look small, add an extra egg to what the recipe calls for.

If the eggs aren't pristine when you buy them, you 100% must clean them gently with warm water before you crack them open, so your eggs don't get infected with dirt and debris from the barnyard.

Second, we think of meringues as very light and delicate, but in fact they are (like ballerinas) deceptively tough, which is appropriate since the pavlova dessert is named for the Russian prima ballerina Anna Pavlova.

This is just a quick summary of meringue knowledge. Two more in-depth explanations can be found at www.joyofbaking.com, an excellent website; and on YouTube in a video posted by the Johnson and Wales cooking school called "The Secrets of the Perfect Meringue."

Use an actual recipe to get the measurements right. Most likely, you will need superfine sugar, which is regular sugar that you've run through the food processor for about 2 minutes.

Your egg whites need to be at room temperature (leave them out for at least 30 minutes after you've

separated them). Your mixer and beaters need to be absolutely pristine. You should really clean them with vinegar to be sure there is not a trace of grease or fat on them.

You can use cream of tartar to stabilize the eggs — or you can use a pinch of salt (not big pebbles of sea salt; use the finer stuff such as Diamond Kosher or Morton's).

Start with just the whites in your mixer bowl (and seriously, no yokes) and beat for about 2 minutes. Add your tartar or salt. Keep beating at medium until you reach the soft peak stage, which is where most of us make the mistake of stopping.

Soft peak means that if you take the beaters off and turn them upside down, the egg whites will curl over backward and form a hook.

At this point, add your sugar in three or four installments and then leave your mixer running on medium for several minutes. You're incorporating air at this point; the more air the better.

You'll know you're done when you rub a little bit of the meringue between your fingers and there's no gritty feeling; it should be smooth as satin. If it's not, keep beating. If it is, add vanilla and beat for another few seconds.

You have to bake your meringues at very low heat for a long time. Check your recipe for specifics. I'm planning to make my meringues ahead of time, then make my pie, then adorn the finished pie with what I hope will be little meringue mountains or mushrooms.

I hope.
Wish me luck and we at The Lakeville Journal Co. wish you all a beautiful, warm and healthy holiday season, wherever and however you plan to spend it.

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THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Hits and Ideas Keep Coming from Sharon Playhouse

Real theater people don't give up when times are tough — they put on a matinee!

The Sharon Playhouse team in Sharon, Conn., has shown they're true troupers not only through a summer's worth of innovative theater and musical performances during months of COVID-19 restrictions but, now, through the debut of fall and winter educational programs. When a pandemic tries to shut down all entertainment venues, apparently the only possible response is to get creative and find ways to do even more outreach and more programming.

Taking charge of the education program will be a familiar face from past Sharon Playhouse shows: Michael K. Baldwin has joined the team as Director of Education/Associate Artistic Director.

"As a teaching theater, education is very important to us — be it classes for all ages or our acclaimed children's theater," said Playhouse Artistic Director Alan M-L Wager in a news release last week.

"We're thrilled to welcome Michael and begin this new chapter at the Sharon Playhouse and expand our educational programming."

Baldwin will guide all new and existing educational programming, according to the release. "This will include off-season classes, summer youth theater and community outreach while ensuring that all is fostered through



PHOTO BY ROBERT LEVINSTEIN

Sharon Playhouse announced last week that it will offer off-season education opportunities, under the direction of Salisbury, Conn., native Michael K. Baldwin.

a lens of equity, cultural awareness and sensitivity. He will also collaborate with and support the Artistic Director and Managing Director with season planning and operations."

Playhouse Board President Emily Soell enthusiastically noted the connection between theater and education.

"To my mind teaching is theater!" she said in the release. "The teachers I remember were not the scholars, but those who knew and cared so deeply about their subject, they made them breathe and come alive.

"Now we have a director of education for the Playhouse whose love of theater is palpable and who can both teach and

act." Baldwin grew up in Salisbury, Conn., and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Theater and Sociology from Skidmore College and a Master's Degree in Education from The City College of New York. He taught drama at The Brearley School in Manhattan for seven years, where he received the Sandra Lee Marshall Award for devotion in teaching and the Class of 1992 Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He has also taught at Hunter College High School, Skidmore College, Acting Manitou Performing Arts Camp, TADA NYC, SOAR and The Falls Village Children's Theater. Baldwin's first the-

ater experience was on the stage of the Sharon Playhouse, when he was 10 years old, playing Billy in "The Woman Who Laughed," a world premiere of a play by Joyce Carol Oates starring Lucie Arnaz.

He has played Tony Whitcomb in "Shear Madness" at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and The Notary in "The Barber of Seville" at The Metropolitan Opera in New York, directed by Bartlett Sher.

And most recently he took part in the Sharon Playhouse/Sharon Historical Society/Hotchkiss Library of Sharon readings of "Spoon River Anthology" in the historic Sharon Burial ground.



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Carl Chaiet's new work, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "The Bedroom," is being sold in a limited edition with a portion of funds benefiting The Lakeville Journal.

HAVE A SEAT AND HELP YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Carl Chaiet of Sharon, Conn., is a sculptor and a painter and, in many ways, a comic. Those three artistic disciplines come together in his new work, a whimsical recreation of an iconic chair featured in Vincent Van Gogh's painting, "The Bedroom."

Chaiet has taken the chair from the room and created a silhouette of it on birch wood that is then gessoed and painted so it seems to pop out from its background.

"Prop it in a corner," the artist suggests. "Hang it on a wall!"

"The Vincent Chair" is now being sold with a portion of the profits from each sale going to The Lakeville Journal's

ongoing contribution campaign. The cost to purchase the work is \$145; The Lakeville Journal receives \$25 of each sale.

"The Vincent Chair" is a limited edition of 50. It is 39 inches tall and 19 inches wide and weighs 2 pounds. It comes with hardware and is ready to hang (if you choose not to prop it in the corner).

For information or to order a chair, contact Chaiet at 860-364-5618 or send an email to lynninsharon@earthlink.net. Chaiet will deliver to residents of the Tri-state region for a fee or help organize shipping to more distant locations.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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ADAM GOPNIK, SEEKING SANITY, IN A FORUM TALK

Adam Gopnik, a veteran contributor to The New Yorker magazine, reprises his 2016 appearance at the Salisbury Forum in a Zoom webinar on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., with a timely and critical look at liberal democracy, its strategies for survival, and its risks of extinction.

In his 2019 book, "A

Thousand Small Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism," Gopnik argues for a sensible path for liberalism that is between the extremes of the left and the right.

Gopnik served as The New Yorker's art critic from 1987 to 1995, and was then the magazine's correspondent in Paris. His essays about life in the French capital were published by Random House in the book "Paris to the Moon," in 2000.

Gopnik continues his association with The New Yorker as a staff writer, with essays spanning a wide variety of categories, including art, humor,

food, politics and gun control and gun violence. More recently he has added music to his repertoire, collaborating with Broadway and movie composer David Shire to create a new musical in 2019, "Our Table," based on his 2011 book, "Table Comes First: Family, Friends and the

Meaning of Food." To join the Salisbury Forum Zoom webinar on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. go to www.salisburyforum.org and click on the link. Gopnik's books can be purchased online at Oblong Books or in person at its stores in Millerton and Rhinebeck, N.Y.

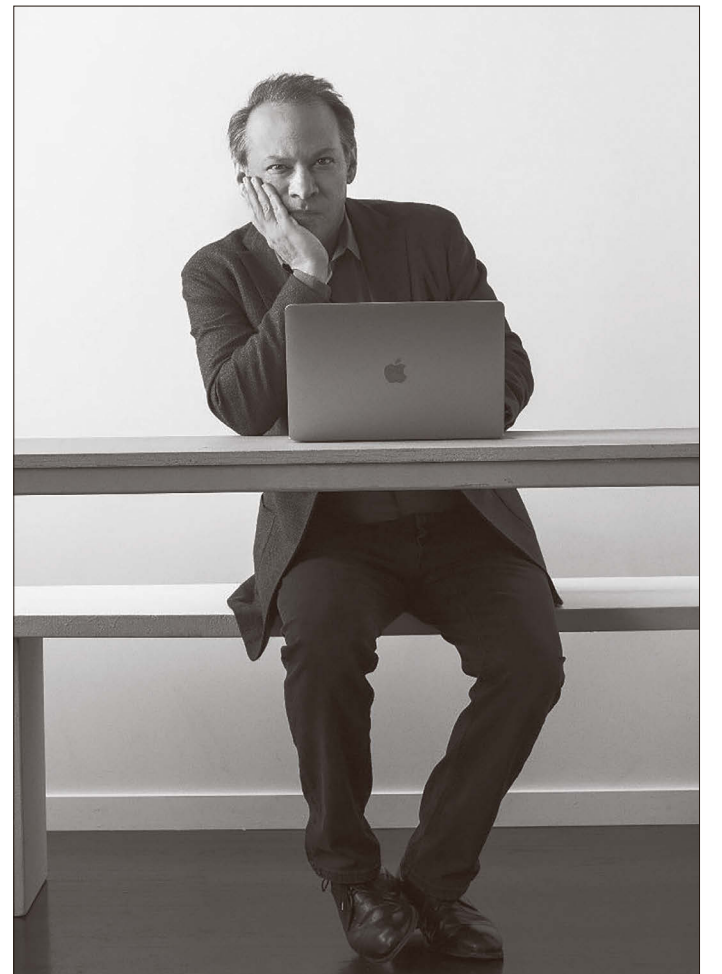


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New Yorker writer and author Adam Gopnik is the Salisbury Forum speaker on Friday, Nov. 20.

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“Continuance” by Eric Forstmann is one of the works represented by Eckert Fine Art Gallery + Consulting, which will now be on the campus of MASS MoCA in North Adams, Mass.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Eckert Moves Her Gallery From Kent, Conn., to the Berkshires

Jane Eckert and her Eckert Fine Art Gallery + Consulting represents some of the most famous artists of our time, but here in the Tri-state area she is particularly known as the exclusive agent for Sharon, Conn., beloved painter Eric Forstmann.

Eckert announced last week that she is closing her gallery in Kent, Conn., on Monday, Nov.

16, and moving onto the campus of the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA) in North Adams, Mass.

The new gallery will open on Saturday, Dec. 4, with work by Sol LeWitt, James Turrell, Robert Rauschenberg, Forstmann, Alice Dalton Brown, Chizuru Morii Kaplan and Hunt Slonem. In a news release, Eck-

ert, who is a past chair of the Director’s Advisory Council at MASS MoCA, said she is looking forward to “being in the Berkshires full-time and on the campus of this wonderful museum.”

In addition to her affiliation with MASS MoCA, she is also chair of the President’s Circle at Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, Mass.

“Kent will always be a large part of EFA’s history; however, we are looking forward to the future in the Berkshires. Please come visit us there.”

To learn more, go to www.eckertfineart.com or call the gallery at 413-398-5905. The new address will be Eckert Fine Art, 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA 01247.

INTERIORS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Hendricks Churchill Are Honored For Their Sharon ‘New Farmhouse’

Once again, the Sharon, Conn., architecture and interior design team of Rafe Churchill and Heidi Hendricks has been honored with the 2020 Stanford White Awards for Excellence in Classical and Traditional Design from the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art.

The team won in the “Interior Design – Houses” category for its “New Farmhouse” project in Sharon. This is the second year in a row for Hendricks Churchill, which was honored in the “Residential Architecture” category last year for its “Oblong Valley Greek Revival” project, also in Sharon.

The ninth annual Stanford White Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at a free virtual event hosted by Architectural Digest Decorative Arts Editor Mitchell Owens.

To learn more about Hendricks Churchill, go to www.hendrickschurchill.com.



PHOTOS BY AMANDA KIRKPATRICK

Heidi Hendricks and Rafe Churchill have been honored for the second year in a row by the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, this time for a modern farmhouse in Sharon, Conn.



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Annie Dorsen, an award-winning expert on artificial intelligence and experimental theater, will talk about the intersection of her specialties on Nov. 14.

IS AI OUR FRIEND, ENEMY OR ENTERTAINMENT?

Annie Dorsen, recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, an Alpert Award in the Arts and a Guggenheim Fellowship, will give a talk for the Cornwall Library on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

Dorsen received the MacArthur Fellowship in 2019 for “pioneering a new genre of theater that dramatizes the ways in which

nonhuman intelligence is profoundly changing the nature of work culture, and social relationships.”

She is the daughter of the late Harriette and Norman Dorsen of Cornwall, Conn.

Her talk is entitled “How to Act Like a Human.”

Register for the Saturday, Nov. 14, 5 p.m. Zoom talk at www.cornwalllibrary.org.

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Yes, It Really Was An Extraordinary Time on Broadway

One of the many benefits of living in or near New York City is, of course, Broadway and Off-Broadway.

Those who feel like they’ve lived through an extraordinarily creative and exciting period in theater history will get affirmation in a talk on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. featuring author and theater maven Tom Santopietro and New York Post columnist Michael Riedel.

Sponsored by House of Books and Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., the book talk and “virtual signing” will wrap around Riedel’s new book, “Singular Sensation,” which is according to the press release, “the extraordinary story of a transformative decades on Broadway, featuring gripping behind-the-scenes accounts of shows such as ‘Rent,’ ‘Angels in America,’ ‘Chicago,’ ‘The Lion King’ and ‘The Producers’ — shows that changed the history of the American theater.”

The book travels back to the 1980s and that decade’s version of the British Invasion, with hits such as “Les Miserables,” “Cats” and “The Phantom of the Opera.”

It then segues into the next decade and the dominance of a diverse selection of American musicals (from “Rent” to “The Producers”) and “the powerful comeback of plays,

always an endangered species on Broadway, with Tony Kushner’s ‘Angels in America.’

“A different breed of producers rose up to challenge the grip theater owners had long held on Broadway, and corporations began to see how much money could be made from live theater.”

Riedel gives an appropriately dramatic recounting of the late 1990s into the early 20th century, with traumas such as the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and their impact on theater, the arts and life in America.

Interviewing him will be Tom Santopietro, who is himself the author of many books on Broadway and the theater, including “Dancing Man: A Broadway Choreographer’s Journey” and “Sinatra in Hollywood.” He lectures nationwide on classic films, interviews celebrity authors and has managed more than 30 Broadway shows over the past 25 years.

This event is free and open to the public and is on Zoom. For more information or to order any of the books by Riedel and Santopietro, visit House of Books online at www.houseofbookscct.com.

To find the free Zoom link for the Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m. conversation about “Singular Sensation,” go to www.kentmemoriallibrary.org.

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EDITORIAL

So much at stake

Time to find some common ground

As the 2020 presidential election has been called for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the new rhetoric the country has heard from them both has been of unity, inclusion, problem solving and equality. It is a 180-degree turnaround from the running commentary of our current president, Donald Trump, who, as he has done for the past four years and more, continues to sow division, disrespect for opponents and conspiracy theories. It is to be hoped that the nation can accept a more balanced reality as it faces the same challenges post-election as it did pre-election, including a rampant pandemic, an economy ravaged by it, climate change, racial injustice and systemic racism. The list can go on. Does it seem impossible, however, to move on to a more unified United States? Can Americans come together to find ways to solve our problems?

One thing that could point to possible success is the ongoing annual shared tradition of commemorating Veterans Day, nationwide and locally. The ceremonies honoring veterans on Nov. 11 brought together Americans of all backgrounds, of all races, genders and religions. And this happened in many municipalities of all sizes across the country.

In the Northwest Corner, it is often the same faces year to year that are seen at the Veterans Day ceremonies in each town. That is surely the same across the country. Even with COVID-19 restrictions, most of the small towns here held some kind of gathering to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This ongoing tradition of recognition for service to country is one thing that remains constant. It pulls people together rather than apart, and has since Nov. 11, 1918, when that date marked the end of World War I.

No matter the turmoil surrounding the elections, or war or other societal upheaval over the years, Veterans Day ceremonies bring together those who served and those supporting them every year. This is something that should give all of us comfort, and that should be fully appreciated as giving veterans the recognition they deserve.

Because of the timing of the day this year, the coverage of area ceremonies will appear in next week's Lakeville Journal, Nov. 19. Look for stories and photos then of all the Northwest Corner towns that had Veterans Day commemorations.

And thank you to all veterans for your service, and for continuing this tradition across the country, and here in our towns. Thank you for giving your fellow citizens some base of normality and mutual respect. It is such gatherings that should give all of us hope that in the aftermath of the highly divisive and sometimes toxic 2020 election season, there will be a way for all sides to come together and share love of country as Americans, not as partisans.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — November 1920

SALISBURY — William Bannahan has gone to Cuba with the Thompson family of Twin Lakes to remain during the winter.

The coal situation is greatly improved in this village, the E.W. Spurr Co. having received a considerable quantity.

LIME ROCK — Mr. Fulker-son is our new milk man.

50 years ago — November 1970

A Salisbury family were the victims of a three-alarm fire last Wednesday night, which devoured the interior of their five-room home on River Road and destroyed most of their furniture and belongings. Herbert Duntz was working on his family's new home on Undermountain Road when the fire occurred. Mrs. Duntz and her children were away visiting until about 9 p.m., when she returned to find the house in flames. Much of the property lost in the fire was not insured.

The Tree Planting Committee of the Salisbury Association is busy this morning planting trees in Lakeville Center to combat the gaps left where once wineglass elms spread their elegance. The committee has been working several weeks with town and state officials on the tree-planting program. Ward's Nursery is handling the planting.

KENT — The Board of Selectmen has decided to put the question of blanket road abandonment in the hands of voters and taxpayers. The three town fathers voted Monday night to present to a town meeting a proposal which, if passed, would release the town from any obligation to repair and maintain old roads not listed on the state Town Aid Road list. The selectmen were prodded to such action by the Board of Finance, whose members called for abandonment "so that the town does not become submerged in a road improvement plan which could easily grow to bankrupting proportions."

25 years ago — November 1995

How much Salisbury real estate is owned by part-time residents? The answer has been a matter of speculation for some years, but now the Land Trust Committee of the Salisbury Association is offering an estimate based on some research of town records. Part-time residents own 60.3 percent of the town's privately-held acreage, according to a report being provided to land trust members and town officials by Mary Alice White who heads the committee. Full-time residents own only 39.7 percent of Salisbury's acreage, Ms. White reported, though they make up 56.5 percent of all owners. Part-timers tend to own larger tracts.

SHARON — Voters at a



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

The leaves are leaving

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the support

To all of the voters of the 64th District, I thank you for re-electing me as your state representative. This election was historic, on many levels, including local and national turnout that hit record highs, with the backdrop of a global pandemic that continues to take a toll on our lives. Despite the tremendous pressure that created, our system for electing political leaders worked: our town clerks, registrars, poll workers, ballot counters, moderators and other volunteers brought diligence and integrity to their work, which gave voters confidence in the results.

Normal

Normal times are now returning

For so long, we have been yearning

The churlish Trump and his tweets

Ensures our sanity depletes

Once he's out we can rejoice

No longer having to hear his voice

Biden will have an even hand

His message to all will stand

So as COVID rages

No more kids in cages

We can now search for a cure

As we don't have to Trump endure

When he's out prosecution will start

His life they will take apart

Eventually prison will await

Making America again great.

Michael Kahler

Lakeville

To all who worked at the polls, I extend my grateful thanks.

There are many in our communities who celebrated the local and national election results this past weekend, and there are many who are disappointed. We all know what it feels like when the candidate you support loses an election: the closer the connection, the more personal the loss feels. Let's all keep that in mind as we knit back the bonds that connect us to one another. Our community is fortunate to have many people in it who are committed to its success, and my opponent Brian Ohler is one of those people, as I told him when he called me after the election results were reported.

I thank you all for the trust you have placed in me, and I look forward to working with all of you as I continue to represent you and our communities in Hartford.

Maria Horn

State Representative, 64th District

Lakeville

Alternative view of it all

Kumbaya, my progressive brothers and sisters. It's funny what a long way a little empathy will go. Now, I too, am flummoxed as to how the American voter can turn to a complete moron for president. If you look up "swamp creature" in the dictionary, you-know-who's picture is there. He's been lurking around DC since 1973. And by lurking, I mean just ask Tara Reade. Just poking a little fun. After all, Joe's gonna unite us.

On the upside, maybe we've almost heard the last of the dramaqueenerly concerning "norms" and "our democracy". Probably not. Y'all will be screaming for Trump's head forever. And with the legal challenges Trump's mounting, he isn't making any new friends. Speaking of legal issues, where's Jeffrey Toobin when you need him? All in good, clean fun, my good friends.

And speaking of Toobin, did the legacy media cover themselves in glory these past four years, or what?! You can't say the press didn't treat Trump in a fair, even-handed manner. Oh sure, there's been a few rabid, right-wing newshounds like Glenn Greenwald and Matt Taibbi who've whined about the Dem-media axis of evil, but they're hardly objective observers. Let's hope, together, united, that Biden gets the same honeymoon Trump did.

And what can you say about Kamala? From Willie Brown's protege to a heartbeat away from the presidency in a few short years. You go, girl! And be ready Kam, 'cuz by "heartbeat" I mean a heartbeat. Joe's just barely held together with hair-plugs and facelifts and masks. Talk about the 25th Amendment! I wonder if when the going gets tough, he'll call it an early day and retreat to his basement. Just joking, my fellow Americans.

Kumbaya, everyone. And by kumbaya, I mean.....

And to you, Mr. Trump, you norm-violating, racist, orange, lying son of a b----- ...well done.

Peter Chiesa

Kent

No pie sale, no Christmas Fair

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we deeply regret that the Sharon United Methodist Church will not be sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving pie sale, which is always held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, nor our Christmas Fair, which would have been on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Our church family is getting older, and needless to say, hesitant to work close together in our church basement in order to provide these events. We will truly miss seeing and visiting with everyone! Hopefully, we will be back in business in 2021.

These two events are not only major fundraisers for our church, but are also socially enjoyable for everyone. We work hard to make sure your holidays are less hectic by providing delicious homemade pies for Thanksgiving and baked goodies at our Christmas Fair, along with our luncheon and a nice variety of gifts to give — making shopping locally a pleasant experience.

Again we are very sorry to disappoint our loyal customers, because we have enjoyed these labors of love.

God bless us all during this unpredictable year.

Judy M. Loucks

Sharon

Thanks and gratitude to Sharon's postal workers

On behalf of the Sharon Town Clerk's Office, I want to give a huge shout-out and thanks to Sharon's postal employees who helped so much during this election. We know that many postal employees around the country are being harangued for the slow delivery of the mail — most especially the ballots. In Sharon, our postal workers got it done! They worked with us to deliver the ballots to and from our residents quickly and efficiently.

On election night, Rick double-checked to assure that any ballots that may have arrived prior to 8 p.m. would be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office. He was determined to make sure that all and every vote got counted on time.

Yes, we can say that Sharon's postal employees did everything in their power to be sure that our residents' votes were counted. We should be proud of them. If you see one, please give a shout-out of thanks for all they did during these very stressful times. They understand that every vote counts.

Our gratitude is tenfold.

Linda Amerighi and

Marlene Woodman

Sharon

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. More letters, next page.

On Trump's presidency

I imagine that if one is director of the NSA or the CIA you don't belong to a specific political party. I assume that former directors General Michael Hayden (CIA & NSA) and John Brennan (CIA) would tilt more toward the right than the left in terms of their inner politics. But in the past few weeks Brennan and Hayden have not been supporting Donald Trump.

General Hayden, quoted from a TV ad sponsored by Republican Veterans Against Trump, aired Oct. 6: "If there is another term for President Trump I don't know what happens to America. Truth is very important, but especially in intelligence.

"President Trump doesn't care about fact ... President Trump doesn't care about Truth ... He doesn't listen to the experts ... The FBI says white nationalism is a real problem, and the FBI wants to do something about it. But the president doesn't want to talk about that ... He doesn't keep the country safe. It's unbelievable. I was 40 years in the military, okay? Alliances are wonderful, alliances are win-win. And now I don't know what's happening to our

alliances. I mean it. If Trump gets another term, I think many alliances will be gone and America will be alone. And that's a real problem.

"I absolutely disagree with some of Biden's policies, but that's not important. What is important is the United States, and I'm supporting Joe Biden. Biden is a good man. Donald Trump is not."

John Brennan, quoted from an interview on HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, Oct. 9: "...I'm sure he [Trump] is going to challenge the outcome of the election. Once he is defeated what he does as a lame-duck president I think is also very dangerous. What he will do to try to protect himself will also make it very difficult for Joe Biden to address the problems we face here at home as well as internationally.

"Donald Trump is a very venal, vindictive narcissist and that's a very dangerous combination..."

Brennan also says: "I agree that Donald Trump is a real aberration and a danger to our country..."

Bob Haiko

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Viewpoint

Western wildfires: What can we do to make a real difference in the future?

"Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires."
— Smokey the Bear

This year's Western wildfires started in California but then spread to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado and even southern British Columbia and are bigger and more severe than those of the past. Noxious smoke from these fires has made air pollution in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and other West Coast cities worse than that in Beijing or Mumbai, and the smoke drifted to Eastern states, now becoming a serious public health problem, particularly for those with pre-existing medical conditions.

**OCCASIONAL
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MAC GORDON**

As of early November 2020, an area of California larger than the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined has been devastated by wildfires.

Millions of people continue to move to the "country", what is now being called "the wildland - urban interface", thereby exacerbating the fire problem by making fire suppression more extensive and difficult to accomplish.

Although California and adjacent states have been having large destructive autumnal fires for decades, the situation has gotten worse. Nine of the 10 largest wildfires in California history have occurred in this last decade. During the last 50 years, the fire season has become nearly two months longer. Bark beetle infestations during the past decade have killed over 150 million trees, most of which remain as prime fuel for fires.

At the same time, larger wildfires have been happening elsewhere in the world, Australia being a foremost example. In 2019, Australian wildfires consumed more than 27 million acres of land.

Despite Smokey The Bear's warnings, many forest fires are not from careless campers but are often the result of lightning strikes or electrical accidents that sometimes occur without accompanying rainfall. Warmer temperatures have produced drier landscapes with drier vegetation, the principal fuel for fires. The 2020 fire season on the West Coast has been especially windy, which abets both fire intensity and spread.

President Trump has said that the huge, intense fires are the result of poor landscape management, the failure of officials to "rake up fallen leaves." Actually his criticism is not without some merit. The intensity and spread of the mammoth fires is partly the result of longstanding insistence by the various states and the federal government of totally emphasizing fire suppression over fire management. Over time, areas that do not burn tend to accumulate large masses of flammable vegetation, both live and dead, that become prime fuel for fires.

But Trump's castigation of Californian officials failed to note that nearly 60% of California's forest land is under federal, not state, control and funding for the U.S. Forest Service has been woefully inadequate. And as the proportion of the Forest Service's budget devoted to fighting fires has increased, even less money has been available for fire prevention.

However, controlled burning to mitigate the intensity and spread of wildfire is a valuable technique for reducing damage. The Australian aborigines successfully practiced controlled burning for centuries without triggering the massive, out of control fires now plaguing that continent. But to work successfully, controlled burning needs cool, damp weather and low wind speed to avoid having the fire get out of control. And the hazards of the resulting toxic smoke itself, from either accidental or planned fires, should not be minimized.

There are some other measures that help reduce the spread

and severity of wildfires. Adaptation of fire-resistant construction techniques for all new buildings in fire prone areas such as inflammable roofing and siding, insulated windows, and protection from drifting embers (that blow into homes through vents) can help, as does removal of excess vegetation, both live and dead, near buildings and safe storage of propane or other fuel tanks. It would also help if regulations prevented nearly all new development in or near wildlands.

Communities need to learn to live with fire, as they have in the past, although it's much more difficult now as there are so many more people — and many more fires. No amount of firefighting resources will avert the next big wildfires, but with intelligent efforts they can be made less destructive.

But the most significant thing that we can do, and it will not show positive results for some time, is to help arrest climate change. The higher temperatures, the droughts, the storms are the underlying forces that have made wildfires so much more severe and damaging. President Trump's recent remark to a California official who tried to explain to him the effect of global warming on the fires that, "It's going to get cooler" was completely untrue. The climate is continuing to change for the worse, getting warmer and more troublesome. To arrest this ominous trend, we need to act decisively, and soon.

Lakeville architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon writes frequently on environmental matters.



Cartoon by Bill Lee of Sharon and New York City

Food faces escalating prices, not only due to COVID

It has been a long time coming. Commodities have been in the doghouse for years, but a combination of events are conspiring to lift the prices of soft commodities much higher.

A definition of soft commodities refers to future contracts of substances that are grown, rather than extracted or mined. We know them best as food and fiber commodities, such as wheat or lumber.

Shortages are occurring in everything from soybeans to wheat and it is not just in the United States. Readers might immediately think to blame the pandemic for this trend. You would be only partially correct. At the outset of the COVID-19 crisis, the hoarding of food in certain areas of the world did occur, but by April and May, despite the spread of the pandemic, food commodity prices stabilized and even toilet paper in this country was back on the shelves.

However, the recent resurgence of the coronavirus in Europe and the United States might threaten the supply chains for certain foods once again. If lock-downs in the U.S. are re-instituted (as they are beginning to be in Europe right now), or the cases of COVID-19 begin to decimate the work force again, food prices could spike considerably. Readers might recall earlier in the year when some Midwest food processors were shut down. As a result, supplies of beef, chicken and pork began to disappear from grocery shelves. Prices jumped and are still nowhere near their pre-pandemic levels.

However, beyond the coronavirus threat, the real culprit sending prices skyrocketing is the weather. It is not my intention to debate climate change. Economics has a way of doing that for me. Consider this: the wheat farms of both the United States and Russia are dealing with serious drought, which is decimating harvests. The same is happening to the soybean fields in Brazil.

But while our hemisphere contends with drought, over in Southeast Asia, farmer's crops are drowning in too much rain.

Flooding is occurring throughout the rice paddies and palm oil plantations in countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam. The result of all this devastating weather has been higher and higher prices of everything from sugar to lumber to cooking oil. This is occurring at the least opportune time for billions of workers struggling to make ends meet because of the impact of the worldwide pandemic.

Compounding the crop shortages are the decisions by multiple governments to safeguard their food supplies. In the event of another supply-chain disruption this winter, no country wants to be presented with a food shortage at home. Soft commodity buyers representing China, the Middle East and other governments are competing (while bidding up prices) for existing

harvests. And as grains of all kinds increase in price, so does the cost of livestock feed. When the cost of soybeans rises by 81% and corn by 56%, as it has in Brazil, you can just imagine what that does to the cost of pork, beef and chicken production. It is a never-ending, upward spiral. The situation has already convinced many governments to remove import tariffs that simply add further costs to the equation.

To be sure, the world still does have an ample inventory of crops, such as wheat, for this year with bumper crops expected in Australia, for example. But if the world's wild weather persists, in combination with another global surge in the pandemic, we could be facing even higher prices ahead for soft commodities.

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**THE RETIRED
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BILL SCHMICK**

Biden will change governing in DC

One of the many great things about the election result is that Joe Biden, President-Elect, will surround himself with smart people and when he looks around the room at them he will acknowledge that he is not the smartest person there, not the Unblemished, Supreme, Balanced, Stable Genius. That, in and of itself, will show profound intelligence. And he will listen. His advisors will advise. But, as he often puts it, make no mistake about it, he will decide.

He will pick up the phone and call anyone in Washington and the person on the other end will know that he will listen. He also may ask for, insist upon, even at times, in the strongest terms, that something get done. But he will never bully, because he isn't one. He has just taken the Biggest Bully (BB) on the planet and pushed him 'round back and given BB a great big sock in the eye, as he vowed to do during the campaign. A non-violent sock, a sock to the soul, even though one has had doubts that BB has one.

There's a video gone viral showing BB refusing to give up the beach ball at a children's party, Trump in suit and tie, as his advisor, who may be Pence, I cannot tell, saying it's time for him to give it to someone else. BB kicks and screams IDON'T WANT TO GO (in all CAPS of course), grabs for a leg of something and tries to pull it down with him. Samson, pulling off his toupee with Delilah who? The screen goes dark.

He is not going to ride off into the sunset in his golf cart, trailed by sycophant Graham Cracker (have you seen them on the links, the Prez lording it over Cracker, right next to the sand trap, which they have both lifted their balls out of, of

course illegally?) A shout-out to Rep. James Clyburn, Majority Whip from South Carolina, who more than any single person is responsible for the president-elect's success. After Joe's three losses in the first three primaries, Clyburn went to just about every Black person in South Carolina and said, "You Have to Vote for Joe." And they did. He also urged Joe to put a woman of color on the ticket. When asked what Joe said to that, Jim growled a bit and smiled like the bear he is, and demurred. Thank you, Jim, we could not have done it without you.

And Kamala, whose name we have learned to pronounce, even though the Foxies and Enemies of the People refuse to give up the ball in their sexist and racist rants, reaching for

the leg of something, anything, to bring all the pillars down upon us. Kamala, whose grace, intelligence and resolve have already served the country well. Recall how she went after Joe in that first

debate. "I am that little girl on that bus," she said. A bus to challenge segregation. A brave thing to do. And a brave thing to challenge Joe. Lincoln's Team of Rivals comes to mind. And the magnanimity of him to choose her.

The Roman poet Horace has a line which translates as "force bereft of reason falls of its own weight."

Enough said. Peace and Blessings on us all.

Lonnie Carter is a writer who lives in Falls Village.

**SOVEREIGN
STATE
LONNIE CARTER**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More letters previous page.

More info on invasive alien plants

Fritz Mueller's excellent letter in last week's Journal is a timely reminder to identify woody invasive plants in your backyard while invasive foliage remains visible after native plants have dropped their leaves. Indeed, alien green foliage stands out even through October, and again in early Spring when that foliage emerges well before native bud-break. Extended foliage

period is one of several advantages that propel alien plants to out-compete native plants.

To facilitate invasive awareness and identification, the Connecticut Conservation Districts publish "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard," which is searchable as a PDF. The Salisbury Association also has these booklets for sale. It describes when manual extraction can be successful and when chemical

control methods are appropriate.

For the most part, simply cutting woody plants does not solve the problem but often stimulates multiple re-sprouting: it is important to kill the roots. Herbicide, carefully applied to freshly cut stems is the most highly targeted treatment method and is very effective in fall, when temperatures are above 45 F. "Buckthorn Blasters" are a convenient tool for applying glyphosate concentrate and are available online at Landscape-Restoration.com, and at the Salisbury Garden Center. Adding indicator blue dye or food coloring helps identify treated stems.

Walking your property and marking woody invasive plants with pink survey tape or a spot of day-glow paint can facilitate recognition and management the following year. A sketch map showing areas of particular species and noting the size of invasive patches can also help track progress in management areas. "Early Detection and Rapid Response" is always the best strategy. Containment and progressive reduction of patches does increase visual beauty of the landscape as well as property values; more importantly, these actions facilitate native plant reintroductions and enhance ecosystem function throughout the food web benefiting native insects, birds and wildlife in general.

Tom Zetterstrom
Invasive Initiative
North Canaan

Thanks for the support of the Gaga Pit at SCS

Two years ago my classmates and I came back from Nature's Classroom where we played and learned a game called Gaga ball. We loved it so much that we were inspired to build a Gaga Pit at SCS. We felt this would be a great addition to our school community. After meeting with our school principal, our Student Leadership group started fundraising. We held bake sales and after school parties to raise the money we needed for the pit. We raised about \$1,000, enough money to buy the metal brackets, a sign, and some balls.


We reached out to several local businesses asking if they would help by donating things like wood, landscaping equipment, and gravel. We would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity, hard work, and time: Allyndale Landscaping, Segalla Sand and Gravel, Herrington's Lumber, Laurelbrook Natural Resources, and B. Allyn Trucking. We would also like to thank Pat Hackett for creating the engineering plan for the Gaga Pit, and Pete Leslie, Brian Shippa, and Bob Chase for helping to build the Gaga Pit.

Also, we are very grateful for the support of our Principal, Mrs. Magyar. While we have had to modify Gaga to play it safely during COVID-19 we are still having a great time and look forward to playing it normally in the future. We are grateful for everyone who made our vision a reality.

Tess Marks
8th Grade, Student Leadership President
Salisbury Central School

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While the local real estate market continues to be strong due to the COVID relocations to the NW corner, there are large segments of our community who have not fared as well. With the holidays approaching, there is an increased demand on our local food banks. With the pandemic, it is harder for these nonprofits to do their normal fundraising events, so it is especially important to reach out and support them. My favorites are Sunday in the Country Food Drive which supplies thousands of meals to Tristate families in need, you can donate online at sundayinthecountry.org. The Corner Food Pantry also does great work in distributing food to families, their website is www.thecornerfoodpantry.org. In North Canaan, the Fishes and Loaves Pantry helps their community and can be reached at 860-824-7232. Thanks for your generosity!

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Veterans

From World War I veterans 'over there,' in their own words

By Carol Kneeland

Historian Betsy Strauss has compiled letters from Harlem Valley soldiers (most of them from Amenia) that were sent home from the front.

Thanks to Strauss and North East Historical Society President Ed Downey of the Downey Family Archives for these letters.

These are edited sections of those letters, which can also be found at www.ameniahs.org, and in *The Millerton News* and online at www.tricornnews.com.

Charles Benham explained why so many put their lives on hold and traveled across the sea to fight "The War to End All Wars."

He wrote that in the night, Germans had dropped bombs that lifted "the roof off all houses in the vicinity ... one belonged to an old woman who had recently lost her two only sons in the war. So you see there are worse things than living in America just now — it is something that every soldier here is glad of, that their people are spared some of these incidentals of modern war." (Sept. 28, 1918)

A thoughtful Benham wrote that he was exposed to British and French, who "seem to think quite differently;" and to "groups of soldiers with their big turbans ... in fact, every species of man on the face of the globe."

Watching German prisoners, he concluded, "I had somehow gotten the feeling that I was going to see some kind of two-horned monsters in the ones over here. But I have seen some mighty fine and apparently brainy men among them." (Sept. 2, 1918)

No matter their feelings, fear and death were constant companions as these Doughboys from rural America passed through barren landscapes and down lonely roads.

In his War Diary, Willard Joray wrote of a "spooky atmosphere" with "abundant" dead horses and entire villages destroyed, with only a church standing to "tell the passer-by where once lived human beings." (Sept. 25, 1918)

After seeing a British scout plane crash, he mused, "As they came down I wondered what they were thinking about — if they were thinking. They were both killed." (Sept. 13, 1918)

Joray wrote further of the random fates of those fighting a war. Searching for wine in a village but finding only milk, he marveled, "We were only out of the town two minutes when six bombs were dropped, killing several French women and completely wrecking two homes." (Aug. 24, 1918)

Just before the armistice, two town of North East soldiers, William J. McLaughlin and John K. Smith, were killed within miles of one another. McLaughlin's sister received the following letter from a fellow Marine:

Dear Mrs. Diegnan:

Am writing you as a friend of your brother. We promised to write for each other. He was killed Nov. 1, at 6:30 a.m. just as he went over the top, on the Meuse and Argonne front.

He had just fired a machine gun barrage for the infantry to advance and then we started forward. He was leading us through a storm of German shells when he was hit. I was only 30 feet behind him and when I got to him it was all over.

So thank God he didn't suffer and he was not mangled like so many.

He had charge of my squad since the St. Mihiel drive. After all he went through it seems hard to think that there were but 10 days more, and this his fate.

I have a remembrance which he got in Chateau Thierry and will mail it to you. He carried it 'til he went into the last drive, and gave it to a teamster to keep for him but I have it now.

His friend, Guy E. Moore P.S. Please accept my deepest regards from the 77th company. Mrs. Diegnan, many have paid the price but none more brave than he. He was loved by his company.

In many letters, soldiers tried to send home a cheerful picture of conditions.

Joray wrote, "Such a golden dreamy day. The towering beeches are in their autumn dress. I endeavor to dream my-



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One of the small miracles of World War I (and later wars as well) was that soldiers were able to send letters home from the front (and receive replies from their loved ones) even though they were often sent from trenches and bombed-out villages. Letters sent home by Dutchess County soldiers were compiled by historian Betsy Strauss.

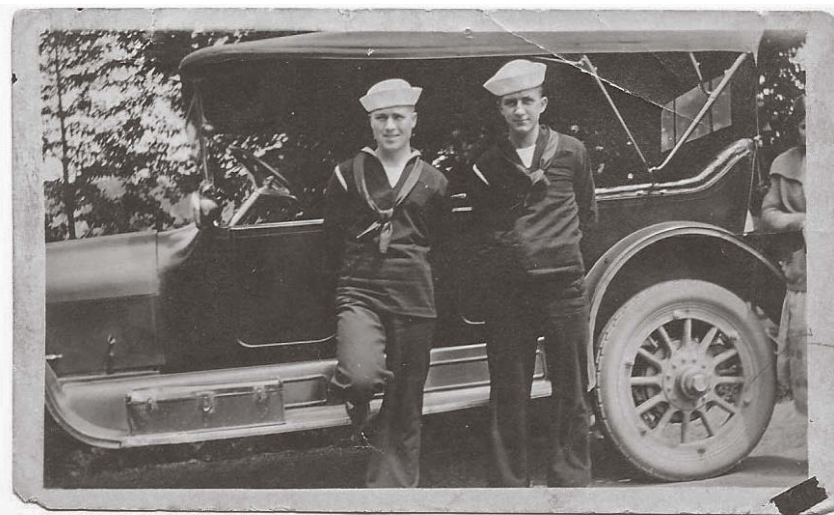


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Millbrook's Francis Dean and William Kain, before they left to serve in the Naval Coast Defense Duty, two of approximately 10 young men from the village in the Army or Navy. From *The Millbrook Roundtable* July 17, 1917, thanks to Jack Dean, New York, N.Y., and the Millbrook Historical Society Archives.



PHOTO COURTESY JACK DEAN

World War One's youngest chaplain, First Lt. Thomas Henry Dean, above, grew up in Millbrook and attended local schools. He was ordained as a priest in 1917, a year early because of the war and appointed chaplain in August 1918. Photo and information thanks to Millbrook Historical Society Archives volunteer Jack Dean.

self back to the Berkshire hills. How wonderful they must be at present." (Oct. 5, 1918)

But in his War Diary, Willard Joray made the day-to-day privations clear.

"Arrived at St. Genevieve. Found the town in terrible condition, but inhabited. I am sleeping in a dirty room on the floor tonight. I understand that many spies are operating in this town." (Sept. 5, 1918)

"Heavy firing all night and today. Cold rain and the mud is ankle deep. I have wrapped my ankles and legs with burlap which helps some." (Sept. 12, 1918)

"I will never forget this morning... We were all wearing our gas masks. Couldn't see a foot ahead of me. The roads are nothing but sticks and logs laid down... Dawn finds me propped against a poplar tree and I sleep. We are all very tired and very dirty." (Sept. 16, 1918)

Ten days before the Armistice Joray wrote, "Oh! What a wretched barren country. The trees have been mowed close to earth by a severe barrage and the roads are in terrible condition. We are dead tired and it's an easy matter to fall asleep leaning against a wagon wheel. Flashes along the horizon warn us that we are to have a taste of something before long." (Nov. 1, 1918)

The soldiers thought often of those waiting for them to return.

Clifford Reed wrote: "Sunday, 2:45: that means it is a quarter of nine at home. I wonder what you are doing.

Maybe you will take a spin in the Buick and go to Millbrook. I wish I could be with you, but I never mind. I sure will make up for lost time when I get home... You are continually in my thoughts, and I am praying that God will be with you until I come back to you. I know you must worry a lot, but little Mother, I assure you that I am in good hands, and am in good spirits, as well as in good health... Your 'soldier boy' is well and happy." (April 1918)

He sent another letter assuring his mother that, "I am feeling fine and all that worries me is that you are worrying about me. Don't do it, Mother Reed. Your boy is all right. Have Pop take a cottage on one of the lakes and go there and have a good rest. He could go back and forth in the car, the same as we did a couple of years ago... My thoughts are with you all the time. How I love you all and am hoping the time when I can be with you again will soon come." (July 17, 1918)

Finally, his hopeful words: "We hear good news every day now and everyone seems to think that our work 'over here' may soon be over and we will be on our way back to the good old U.S.A. before long... then what won't I do to those old-fashioned fritters and maple syrup that mother makes and homemade sausage and pancakes won't go so bad either." (Oct. 5, 1918)

The armistice was signed a month later, at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.



Soldiers such as Cliff Loper (father of Ray Loper), above, wrapped their legs in burlap to try and keep them warm and dry despite the cold and mud.

'Glad news' from France in 1918

This is a portion of a letter from the Downey Family Archives written by James Downey, uncle of North East Historical Society President Ed Downey (originally printed in the *Millerton Telegram* on Dec. 22, 1918).

Somewhere in France, Nov. 12, 1918

Dearest Mother and all,

We have at last received the glad news that Germany has accepted our peace terms, which I am certain will mean the end of the war. I well realize that this is not news to you, but you can bet it is welcome news for us. We have done some awful fighting during this past few weeks and that is what really brought it to an end; had they not come to terms as soon as they did, we would soon be in Germany.

The weather has been fearful for advancing but that little worried us. We marched in mud up to our ankles over the country which they hurriedly left behind. We are now located near a town which they left a few days ago; they left a large amount of jam and bread, besides large quantities of other things. We are enjoying ourselves on their bread and jam, which is not half bad. It indeed tastes good for we have been practically living on iron rations since we started the drive, which is about two weeks ago.

You should see us going along the road eating green cabbage, turnips, beets, carrots and all other kinds of other vegetables that they left in the gardens behind. This noon we had cabbage, boiled bacon, crackers, good American bread and coffee ... They have large fields of cabbage and other vegetables so we never have to worry about something to eat.

Since we started this drive we have slept in all kinds of places. The first day it was cold and rainy and we hiked until 11:30... the traffic was tied up and we were stuck on the road on a steep hill ... on account of moving the infantry up in trucks to overtake the Germans, who we have since learned left in railroad trains, blowing up the tracks after they left.

When we could not move any farther and as we were all muddy and wet, we decided to find some places to stay for the remainder of the night. The ground was too wet to pitch a tent, so two other fellows and myself went into an old house that was practically all knocked down from shells... I made a bed out of boards and machine gun ammunition, as that was the only thing I could find to lay on, for that house had been formerly used as a German machine gun nest.

I awoke at 3, nearly froze to death for my feet were wet when I went to bed. Someone just said roll pack so I will finish later. God only knows where we are going, but I believe we are started for our long journey home.

Hoping to be with you all by Christmas, I will close with love and kisses.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2020-0112 by Lange/Simons for a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 270 Salmon Kill Road, Lakeville per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. Instructions for this virtual meeting will be listed on the agenda and at www.salisburyct.us. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 13, 2020, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. At this hearing interested

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2020-0111 by Cheryl Swift, Executor of the John G Borden Estate for a change of use from commercial to personal service and 3-unit multifamily dwelling at 346 Main Street, Lakeville per Section 209.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. Instructions for this virtual meeting will be listed

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Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Variance Application #2020-0110 by Chatfield Hills Association for relief of a rear yard setback requirement to construct a 10'x20' shed to house the Chatfield Hills Association public water

supply and treatment facilities at 60 Chatfield Drive in accordance with Department of Public Health Requirements, Salisbury Map 41, Lot 5 per Sections 913.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 after the regularly scheduled meeting or at 5:30 PM, whichever occurs first. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. Instructions for this virtual meeting will be listed on the agenda and at www.salisburyct.us. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Monday November 23, 2020, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. This application is on file in the Town Hall and at www.salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals Stacie Weiner, Secretary 11-12-20 11-19-20

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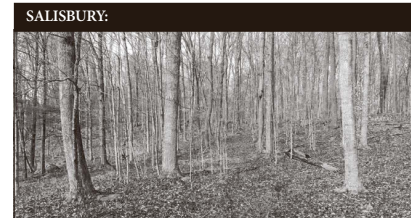
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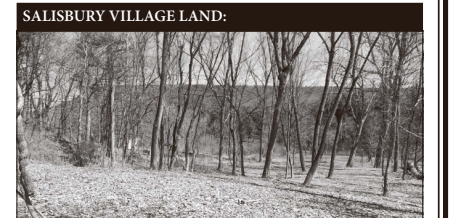
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