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Must be Santa!

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Santa Claus delighted families and heard wish lists during a visit to Falls Village's Main Street on Sunday, Dec. 19. For more photos of the seasonal celebration, see Page A3.



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The Forsyth family hiked up to visit "Billy's View" last month, which was named for Bill Forsyth, far right back row. To his right are his son Henry (the oldest of the three Forsyth sons), his daughter-in-law Jody and Jody's husband, Gilbert. In the front row are Henry's wife, Kristine, and their sons, Ryan and Casey. To Bill's left is his wife, Lesleigh (stepmother to Henry and mother of Gilbert).

The Appalachian Trail & how it created Billy's View

This is part two of a two-part story. The first part appeared in The Lakeville Journal issue of Dec. 16.

home on Prospect Mountain Road and spent summers at a campsite he built for himself there.

The site later became known as Billy's View. The story of Bill and his family and the Salisbury resident and Appalachian Trail expert named Norm Sills continues in this issue.

Norm Sills and the AT route

Norm Sills was the head farmer for Hamlet Hill, a property that was connected to property owned by the Forsyths and their cousins the

See TRAIL, Page A8

By Cynthia Hochswender

SALISBURY — In our issue of Dec. 16, we started the story of Bill Forsyth, who is now a 77-year-old retired attorney with deep roots in Salisbury. He has been sharing his time between this part of the Northwest Corner and New York City since he was a child.

As a young man, he often went deep into the woods and up the hillside behind his

Just scan the QR code

Digital vaccination proof in Connecticut

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Connecticut residents can now show proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status on their smartphones through a voluntary digital health card program launched by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and called CT WiZ.

The digital vaccine verification system, known as a SMART Health Card, is a scan-able QR code that gets downloaded onto a person's phone through a portal on the DPH website. The digital health card will tie into Connecticut's vaccination base and be completely secure, according to state officials.

Gov. Ned Lamont said a digital health card is voluntary for businesses and individuals, and serves as a tool to help participating businesses such as theaters, restaurants, sports venues and stores keep their customers safe as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations con-

tinue to surge in Connecticut.

Already, live performance venues including the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Infinity Music Hall and Bistro in Norfolk and Hartford and the Bushnell and Broadway theaters in Hartford require masks and proof of vaccination or recent testing for admission. Efficiency with check-ins is a bonus of the digital cards.

"We're excited by this program and have seen how well it's worked in New York for theaters," said Rufus de Rham, executive director of the Warner Theatre in Torrington. "We hope people use it as it will make check-in at our theaters a lot faster. The best thing people can do to keep theater going is to get vaccinated and stay safe."

How to request a digital health card

SMART Health Cards are available online (portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations), at CT WiZ Public Portal, a free ser-

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In update on Sharon Hospital plans, Hirko warns of bad flu and COVID

By Cynthia Hochswender

SHARON — Sharon Hospital and parent company NuVance held another in a series of public information meetings on planned changes to the hospital on Zoom on Dec. 14.

The meeting was relatively quiet, with few questions about issues that have been of concern to area residents, including the closing of the labor and maternity unit and reduction in hours for the intensive care unit and surgery department.

Dr. Mark Hirko, head of Sharon Hospital, opened the conversation with an update on COVID-19 and with warnings about the coming flu season.

He urged that area residents get vaccinated and get their booster shots for COVID-19. He said that more than 75% of COVID-19 patients have not had their shots.

There has been a surge of infections in New York State and Connecticut.

"Our infectivity rate has gone down to 1% but is now 8% in our region, the highest we've seen," he said. "It's 5% in Dutchess County."

"We are seeing a repeat of rates we haven't seen in 8 to 10 months; most of these patients, again, are unvaccinated."

"The CDC is showing that in the next 7 to 10 weeks, omicron will be the most prevalent variant."

"Booster shots reduce the risk. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, please be vaccinated and if you're eligible, please move forward with the booster."

He said some symptoms of the milder omicron variant include muscle weakness, fatigue and brain fog.

"I had COVID in spite of being vaccinated, and had

these symptoms as well as joint pain, balance issues and trouble walking. Other symptoms of long-term COVID can include numbness, headaches, stroke, persistent loss of taste and smell, rashes and hair loss."

Hirko then warned that this is expected to be an unusually bad year for the flu.

"We are used to having the flu annually and developing resistance and immunities to fight it off."

"But since we didn't have much flu in the past year, we are susceptible to having bad reactions to the flu this year."

Again, he said, "vaccination is the best defense. Also important: social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks. They do work."

Regarding new developments at Sharon Hospital, Hirko said it is now designated as a primary stroke center.

"Patients show up in the ER, their symptoms are recognized by practitioners there, we do

a remote visit with an expert at a sister hospital and see if the patient needs clot-busting medications or tertiary care at another hospital.

"This is coordinated care and it is the future of health care."

Sharon Hospital will soon submit its Certificate of Need to the state requesting that the labor and delivery unit be closed, he said.

But he said that some progress has been made in recruiting new staff to the hospital.

He also touted the new medical mobile unit that will be outside Sharon Hospital on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., offering physicals, diagnostic care, vaccines and COVID-19 tests.

To make an appointment, call 860-387-0801.

To see the recording of the Dec. 14 Zoom meeting, go to www.nuvancehealth.org/connecticut-community-forums.

New restaurant gets the OK from P&Z

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the application of Firehouse Place LLC to change the use of the former firehouse on Sharon Road (Route 41) to a restaurant, on Monday, Dec. 13.

The application was approved with six conditions: approval from the town fire marshal; approval from the Torrington Area Health District; improved lighting along Factory Village Lane, where some patrons will park; restaurant employees may not park on Ethan Allen Street, where there are other restaurants; the owners must ask the state Department of Transportation about officially designating parallel parking spots (rather than head-in) along Sharon Road (Route 41); the applicant must file an "as-built A2 survey" of the property.

How the Coltsfoot Valley easement came to be

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — It was a model of cooperation, one that united a family as they planned for the preservation of Cornwall's exceptional Coltsfoot Valley.

Bart Jones, president of the Cornwall Conservation Trust (CCT), provided details of the Coltsfoot Valley conservation easement on Saturday, Nov. 13. The talk was presented in conjunction with the CCT annual meeting, held on Zoom and

attracting 24 participants.

"Coltsfoot Valley is the Central Park of Cornwall," Jones said. Its 96 acres contribute a prime scenic benefit for the town.

The derivation of the name continues to puzzle people, Jones said, noting that the valley was named well before the flower by that name was introduced in the 1920s. The shape of Colt's Mountain could have suggested a colt's foot, he offered as an alternative.

In the 1790s, the Calhoun family arrived in Cornwall and ran a boarding house at

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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Cloudy, high 43°/low 35°
 Saturday..... Showers, 47°/32°
 Sunday..... Mostly sunny, 41°/26°

Learn to ski jump with SWSA Junior Jump Camp

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) will hold its annual Junior Jump Camp on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2, at Satre Hill in Salisbury, behind LaBonne's.

Satre Hill is the site of the historic annual ski jump competition, JumpFest, which is held in early February.

The jump camp is open to children ages 7 and up who already downhill ski. Helmets are required.

Organizers have made pan-

demically-related changes to keep youngsters safe.

The two-day event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, costs \$50 per child. The fee includes lunch both days; the first 25 registrants will receive a Jump Camp T-shirt.

To pre-register or for more information call Ken Barker at 860-806-0471; email kenethsbarker@gmail.com; and to learn more about SWSA and the February jumps go to www.jumpfest.org.

Grants for Northwest Corner providers of aid and shelter

The Northwest CT Community Foundation Draper Foundation Fund, Marion Wm. and Alice Edwards Fund and Making Cents Fund have awarded grants totaling \$81,150 to 40 organizations serving some of the area's most economically distressed residents. Grants will help provide the most basic of necessities: food, warm clothing and shelter.

Area organizations which received grants included: Chore Service, Inc., Cornwall Social Services, Falls Village Emergency Relief/Fuel Fund, Falls Village Senior Center, Housatonic Child Care Center, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, North Canaan Social Services, Sharon Day Care Center,

Town of Kent Social Services, United Church of Christ in Cornwall, Congregational and Women's Support Services.

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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Evaded accident

On Dec. 13 at approximately 12 a.m. on Sharon Goshen Turnpike in Cornwall a 2012 Jeep Liberty Sport driven by Theresa Sheremeta, 33, of Falls Village failed to negotiate a curve and drove off the roadway, striking 100 feet of wire rope guardrail. The Jeep was later found disabled on the side of Route 128. Sheremeta was issued a misdemeanor summons for evading responsibility and failure to maintain the lane.

Backed into vehicle

On Dec. 13 at approximately 4 p.m. on Route 44 in Salisbury a 2003 Silverado driven by Paul Anthony Eichstedt, 61, of Ashley Falls, Mass., stopped and reversed to make room for a truck exiting a residential

driveway. The Silverado then backed into a 2008 BMW 535 driven by Martin Nweeia, 67, of Sharon. Eichstedt was issued an infraction for unsafe backing.

Collision at Falls Village intersection

On Dec. 16 at approximately 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of routes 128 and 7 in Falls Village a 2013 Hyundai Elantra driven by Mary Rickevicius, 44, of Goshen, Conn., failed to grant the right of way and was struck by a 2005 Chevrolet K1500 Suburban driven by August William Dekker, 16, of Falls Village. Rickevicius was found later after evading the scene of the collision. She was transported to Winsted Health Center for injuries. The accident is awaiting police action.

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

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A large group gathered in Salisbury on Dec. 14 to remember and honor lives lost in school shootings.

Remembering lives lost from assault weapons

SALISBURY — A group of about 50 people gathered on the Green on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Salisbury to remember the victims of the Sandy Hook, Conn., school shooting in 2012.

The vigil was sponsored by Northwest Corner Com-

mittee for Gun Violence Prevention.

The Rev. John Carter sang "Amazing Grace."

And as the bells of the Congregational Church tolled, the names of the victims were read aloud.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

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Our Towns

Detailed discussion at third Cornwall housing meeting

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — After two public forums on the subject of affordable housing, residents gathered for a third time for a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to consider a draft Affordable Housing Plan. The state of Connecticut requires that each town submit an approved local plan before July 2022. The public hearing was held on Zoom and attracted more than 60 participants.

First Selectman Gordon

Ridgway opened the meeting, noting that public information forums were held in May and October, documenting residents' views on affordable and attainable housing options for the town.

"Developing a housing plan could not be more timely," Ridgway said, reporting that scarcity of affordable housing has become a global problem, particularly in Europe.

"But the planning and the solutions are done locally," he added.

Ridgway said that the next step in the process will be for the Housing Committee to consider the most recent public comments and make any adjustments to the draft plan. The revised plan will then be sent on to the Board of Selectmen for final approval, probably to occur in early 2022.

Town planning consultant Janell Mullen presented a brief overview of the plan, noting that the plan is also posted on the town's website at www.cornwallct.org.

Several residents praised the work of the volunteers on the Housing Committee and their diligence during a long process of monthly meetings through which the plan was drafted and revised. Although the plan itself has no regulatory force, it needs to agree with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

It will be the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider any future changes to their regulations based on the Affordable Housing

Plan in alignment with the POCD. The housing plan will be subject to review every five years, according to the state, but the town of Cornwall will opt to review it annually.

Customizing the plan to suit Cornwall

Calling the plan "a stance for family values," resident Richard Wolkowitz saw the plan as a way for families of all financial means to afford to live in Cornwall.

While having reservations about a few of the aspects, resident David Colbert saw the plan as an improvement over what currently exists.

Tending to favor the principle offered by her reading of the state legislation that the town can "opt out" of certain provisions, resident Joanne Wojtusiak saw that principle as a way for Cornwall to make resulting regulations the town's own. She urged that the town incorporate the principle in its deliberations. [Wojtusiak died unexpectedly on Dec. 13.]

Wojtusiak also feared that the Housing Plan as an advisory document would become the rule, and she

cautioned against reaching a speedy adoption of the plan, preferring to take the full time allowed in order to assemble more data.

The many faces of 'affordable'

Noting that he occupies an accessory housing unit in town, Town Hall employee Jonathan Berry highly favored the creation of more such housing opportunities for other young people who work in Cornwall and wish to make their homes in the town.

Agreeing that the town needs to offer affordable housing, resident Caroline Nastro called for regulations to block the creation of Airbnb short-term rentals that might begin by posing as affordable units. She also called for regulations to place a limit on square footage for accessory affordable units.

"We have a lot of land in Cornwall, but it is not all buildable," resident Nancy Berry said. When looking at usable land, she said that the town needs to ask, "What is the best use of this land? Is it one house, or several?"



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Heavy rains on Saturday, Dec. 18, postponed the holiday celebration in Falls Village until the next night, which was cold but dry.

Lighting the village

FALLS VILLAGE — About 80 people turned out on a brisk late afternoon on Sunday, Dec. 19, in downtown Falls Village to hobnob with Santa, drink hot chocolate, and sing Christmas songs as the lights on the tree on the town Green were lit.

Small children surged around the Green as people hung ornaments on the tree, arranged luminarias along the sidewalk, and sang along with the Congregational Church choir.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

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Our Towns

Sharon still undecided about how to treat trash

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Planned closure of the MIRA trash-to-energy incinerator facility in Hartford, due in July 2022, led the selectmen to discuss the alternative plan at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

When the state's Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), which has accepted trash from throughout Litchfield County, closes this summer, towns will need to find a new way to get rid of their non-recyclable solid waste. Towns in MIRA's coverage area are being asked to commit to a five-year plan that has trash being transported to landfills in the Midwest or the South.

No decision was reached about signing the contract. The selectmen agreed to con-

fer with administrators at the Sharon-Salisbury transfer station with a view toward also reducing the overall volume of town-produced trash as a sensible goal.

Although he said the state's plan is "irresponsible," Selectman Dale Jones conceded that, "We don't have any place to put it," referring to the town's waste stream.

"We're going to dump our trash on poor people," Selectman Casey Flanagan said, summarizing his view of the plan's overall impact.

The selectmen agreed that individual households, as a start, need to cut down on waste, finding ways to reuse items rather than throw them away, and to purchase goods with less packaging.

"Keeping our waste down will save money," Jones said.

Kent selectmen discuss EMS funding

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Having received a timeline for implementation of an Emergency Services plan to bring required documents into compliance with state regulations, the Board of Selectmen discussed the issues affecting that department and agreed unanimously to allocate a portion of ARPA funds toward the project.

The action was taken at the regular meeting of the selectmen held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, on Zoom.

Representing the Emergency Management team were David Becker, director, and Eric Epstein, deputy director, who outlined the need, the process and the steps of the plan to bring Emergency Services into updated compliance with state regulations.

Following discussion, the selectmen agreed to allocate up to \$25,000 of the ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funding to update one major plan and to create an additional pandemic plan.

The plan calls for the Local Emergency Operations Plan to be prepared by Becker and Epstein at a cost of \$10,000. The pandemic report is expected to cost an additional \$5,000 to complete, but that expense will be reimbursed to the town once the plan is

updated.

The largest expense in the Emergency Management plan is for update of the Local Emergency Operations Plan, which each town must prepare and update every two years. The town has not updated its plan since 2012. The deadline for updating the plan into the currently used format and for preparing the accompanying pandemic plan is April 1, 2022.

In reply to Selectman Rufus de Rham's question, the selectmen learned that in the past the plan was a document of 800 pages, but the new format is shorter. Becker suggested that a key-point summary document should be created as an aid to understanding the plan's content.

Additional expenses in the plan include smaller amounts for a laptop computer, monitor, equipment, supplies and training — including training for town government employees, and the Community Emergency Response Team.

First Selectman Jean Speck said that the Emergency Response Team presently has 10 members.

"The incident-specific training is important," she said. "Many roles need to be filled and we need trained people to fill those roles."

Speck commented that emergency services have be-

come critical during the pandemic, providing many services to residents.

She said the training raises the level of preparedness, even for people who just opt to take the online training and receive a basic certificate. Even that op-

tion gives the Emergency Response Team a valuable sense of the structure of emergency services.

EMS has received permission to move offices once again to the fire department, vacating their space at Town Hall.

State funds could repair RR depot in Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen had a light agenda for their regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 6.

First Selectman Curtis Rand mentioned three residents who recently concluded lengthy terms of public service: Jon Higgins (Planning & Zoning), Bill Willis (Board of Finance) and Steve Victory (Zoning Board of Appeals). The selectmen will formally honor them next month.

Rand said after discussions with the state Historic Preservation Office, he learned the town is eligible for "some serious funding" for the old train station building on Ethan Allen Street.

Susan Galluzzo, representing the Lakeville Community Conservancy, said that group has a proposal for "stabilization and rehabilitation" for the building, which is in poor repair.

Rand noted that he had just received the letter from the group, and said the selectmen will take it up in January.

The selectmen voted to keep the current meeting schedule, which is the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. (except July 4 and Labor Day).

Falls Village still undecided about how to treat trash

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen tabled a decision on whether to commit to a five-year deal with the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) at the selectmen's regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 13.

Selectman Greg Marlowe said he remains uneasy about the terms of the agreement. As there is still a little time left before the decision must be made on Jan. 10, the selectmen agreed to look for other options.

The MIRA waste-to-energy plant in Hartford is shutting down in July 2022, and the organization is asking municipalities to sign a five-year deal to ship the trash out of state.

Town Clerk Mary Palmer distributed a letter-to-the-selectmen to the audience. The letter is about the possibility of her continuing as town clerk. The position is currently being advertised, with applications due Dec. 31. The selectmen went into executive session for 9 minutes, and made no decision. There is a special meeting of the selectmen scheduled for Monday, Jan. 3, to take action on the appointment of a town

clerk.

First Selectman Henry Todd said he will ask the state Department of Transportation about replacing the blinking light at the intersection of routes 7 and 126 (Main Street) with a full stop light, and for an additional speed limit sign on Main Street.

Todd reported to the Board of Finance that there is some interest in installing solar panels on the Town Farm (near the pool). He also said there have been inquiries about buying the former firehouse on Railroad Street.

The selectmen approved changing the locks at Town Hall, and creating a log of the keys. Todd said nobody knows who has keys at the moment.

New pastor at NCCC

NORTH CANAAN — Mark Brady has come to the North Canaan Congregational Church as pastor and spiritual leader.

A substitute pastor for more than 40 years, Brady calls himself an EST, or an "Emergency Sermon Technician." Brady has done substitute duty over the years for either long-term service or short-term emergencies at a moment's notice.

All are invited to come to Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. at the North Canaan Congregational Church, 172 Lower Road, East Canaan.

Candlelight service Dec. 24

SHARON — A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at the Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. The fellowship celebrates not only the Savior's birth but also is a time to pray for all those who are suffering from the recent devastating tornadoes and to pray for peace throughout the world.

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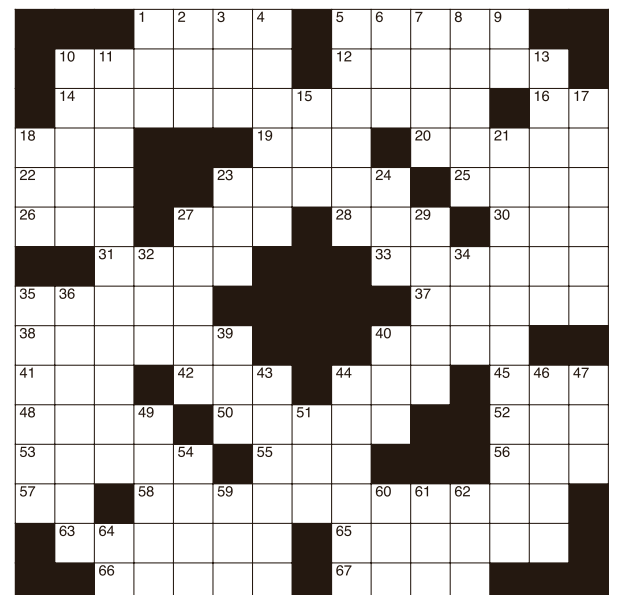
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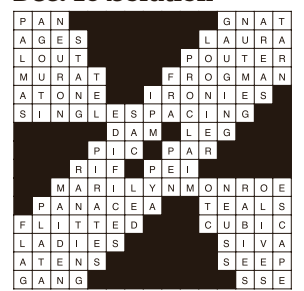
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- Former CIA
- Basketball player
- Travel necessities
- Honey producer
- Military analysis (abbr.)
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- Popular Easter meal
- Man (Spanish)
- ___ de la ___
- Counterweights
- Made a harsh, grating noise
- Monetary unit
- Commercials
- Cool!
- Partner to cheese
- Expression of creative skill
- Unit of angle
- Transported
- N. American people of Kansas
- Computer game character Max
- Moved swiftly
- Everyone has one
- Tin
- A mole is one
- Nocturnal hoofed animals
- Oppositional to
- Monetary units
- Not on time



- Criminals
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- Cheer of encouragement
- War-time American escort carrier
- Polish river
- Current unit
- Life form
- Painful contractions
- Glowing
- Press against lightly
- Melancholic
- Something you can be under
- Of the mind
- E. Indian cereal grass
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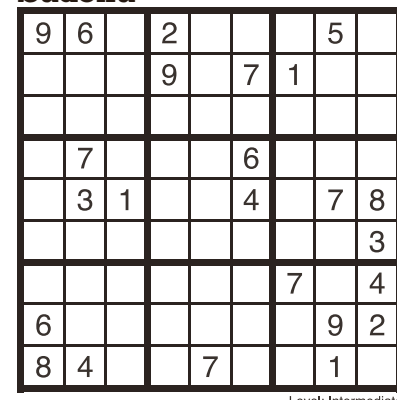
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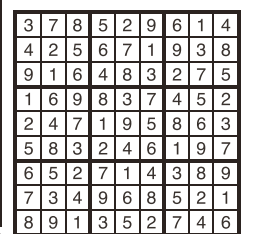
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- Line on a map
- Becomes less intense
- Back muscle
- Frosted
- Ethiopian town
- Midway between south and east
- Wipe from the record
- In a continuous way
- Breathe
- Cleaning device
- Male organ
- Tab on a key ring

Sudoku



Dec. 16 Solution



Level: Intermediate

Winter session begins for TLC

SALISBURY — Sign up for classes offered this winter on Zoom by the Taconic Learning Center. Classes begin Jan. 17.

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TRAIL

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McClintocks. Norm was a fascinating and lovely man. Born in New York City in 1922, he had come to the University of Connecticut to study agriculture and then ended up as a tenant farmer on the Miles estate in the Twin Lakes section of Salisbury and then at Hamlet Hill.

Sills had always been an active and enthusiastic hiker and woodsman, and after 24 years of farming, he sold his farm gear in the late 1970s and went to work for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). The AMC was formed in the early 1920s — simultaneous with the beginning of plans for a national north-south hiking trail, from Georgia to Maine, that would become known as the Appalachian Trail. The AMC manages the Connecticut sections of the trail.

In a history interview with Sills by the Salisbury Association Historical Society (www.salisburyassociation.org/archives/oral-history/sills-norm-2), Sills explains that the trail did not yet have a formal route through this part of the state when he started working for AMC; part of his job was to “create” the trail, and negotiate with private landowners to sell sections of their land or allow hikers to pass through.

This was far from an easy process but Sills managed to move through it and remain an important and respected member of the Salisbury community. In addition to his work for the AMC, he was also the Salisbury town historian from 1999 to 2005.

He wrote trail guides to the AT sections in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts and was elected to the Board of Managers for the Appalachian Trail Conference, which oversees the entire 2,200-mile trail.

Sills died in 2016 but was still active in the region and at Hamlet Hill in the 1970s, when Bill Forsyth was seeking

peace and clarity in his woodland campsite. Like all great outdoorsmen, Sills quietly observed everything around him — and that included the activities of the McClintock and Forsyth offspring.

“I was ‘Billy’ to Norm when I was growing up,” Forsyth recalled. “He knew everything that happened around Hamlet Hill and he knew I had a campsite up there.”

Sills was hired to lock in the AT route through the Northwest Corner in 1979. Part of the trail passes through the woods behind Hamlet Hill (it travels down on the other side to Sugar Hill Road on the Amesville side of Salisbury, near the Housatonic River).

Rand's View and Billy's View

At two points on the property, there are marked views. One is called Rand's View. Curtis Rand said he isn't certain who named it or which family member it was named for, but it was long known as “Rand's View.”

Billy's View is less known, although you can find a thorough description of it on the website of the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, at www.interlakeninn.com/hiking-trails-in-lakeville-and-salisbury-ct.

Forsyth recalls the often-acrimonious process of negotiating the trail route with landowners in multiple towns. The AT is still gently rerouted from time to time every few years, but in Salisbury it still comes out at Rand's View and the nearby Billy's View.

“Norm used to call it Billy's Campsite,” Forsyth recalled, “but he told me he wanted to officially name it Billy's View because they didn't want people camping there.”

It's been many years now since any Rands or the Forsyths and McClintocks have owned Hamlet Hill. When they sold the farming portion of the property to the Findlay family, they gave 350 acres of woods to the Nature Conservancy, with the understanding that it would be passed on to the Salisbury Association, with

a route carved out of it to be owned by the federal government for the trail.

But the Forsyth and McClintock families continue to own abutting or nearby property on Prospect Mountain Road. Bill's and Lesleigh's property is known as the Grey Cottage, “named after a family called Grey who owned it in the 19th century,” Forsyth recalled, although the original cottage was built in 1731.

Like many New York City residents, Forsyth and his wife, Lesleigh, left the city at the beginning of the pandemic.

“We've mostly been up here for the past 18 months.”

And of course the woods have been calling to him. One of the stated goals of the Appalachian Trail is that hikers should be able to feel as though they've traveled back in time while they are hiking, that there should be large sections of the trail where you can't see or hear cars or modern life.

Forsyth can travel back in time on those hikes into the woods, but he's also looking forward toward the next generation. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, he took two of his grandsons (Ryan, 12, and Casey, 10) up to see “his” view. The boys did very well on the roughly 45-minute ascent, Forsyth reported.

The view has been obscured by new tree growth in the last 50 years, but, “They tell me that they're going to clear it again soon.”

The woods are also more wild than when Forsyth used to go bushwhacking through there. There are many more bears now, and (sadly) many more ticks, some of which now carry Lyme disease. There are more coyotes now. “There weren't wild turkeys when I was a boy. There were porcupines and birds. You'd sometimes see a fox.”

Of course Forsyth took his own sons to Billy's View as they were growing up.

“This was our first trip up there with these two grandsons.”

They seem to have under-

stood the significance of having a spot in one's name on a major trail: “As we were on the trail coming back, 12-year-old Ryan scrambled up on a rock and said, ‘I name this Ryan's Rock!’ and Casey claimed his own rock. Ryan said he's going to bring a sign next time we come up.”

A century from now, when hikers wonder how Ryan's Rock

got its name, they can find the true story in the archive of The Lakeville Journal, along with the history of the local Appalachian Trail and information on the Rands, the McClintocks, the Forsyths, Norm Sills and the many other people who have helped make Salisbury so much more than simply a place where people own houses.

The online archive can be

found through Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library at <http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>.

A Rand family member emailed with some corrections to the Rand family history that was included in the first part of this article, in the Dec. 16 issue of The Lakeville Journal. To read that updated text, go online to www.tricornernews.com.

VALLEY

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first. They went on to purchase various pieces of land in town, eventually owning nearly 600 acres.

In 1967, descendants of the original Calhoun settlers donated the stretch of forest known as the Cathedral Pines — a magnificent old-growth pine forest that was part of the Coltsfoot Valley, and that was largely destroyed by three tornadoes in the 1980s. The forest has begun to grow back; the Nature Conservancy turned over management of the 42-acre parcel to the CCT in December 2020.

By designating conservation easements on the acreage, CCT was able to identify 20 developable lots while still conserving the land. A walkable path now runs through the Coltsfoot acreage, thanks to the planning of the Coltsfoot Valley Asso-

ciation of landowners. Hikers can now traverse a new wooden bridge that spans Birdseye Brook, named for the family who once lived here.

The area is a habitat for beavers, known as one of the three “keystone” species (the other two are humans and elephants). Keystone species are habitat creators, Jones explained.

CCT now controls 2,200 acres in town, according to Jones. More than half of that acreage has been donated.

Will Calhoun, president of the Coltsfoot Valley Association, spoke of his family's heritage as foresters and people who work with wood. He called the CCT's track record inspirational.

Wanting to become a woodworker himself, he said that he came to Cornwall during his college years as an apprentice to artist and architect Tim Prentice.

“I am proud to be a member of a family that created a partnership with the CCT. Now people can enjoy a walk through the land. We have hung on to the beautiful aspects of this valley,” Calhoun said.

During discussion, the subject turned to the need for local affordable housing.

“We certainly support the concept of affordable housing,” Jones said on behalf of the CCT. “We want to work cooperatively — but it is not our mission.”

Seeing the need for both housing and conservation, Jones pointed out that CCT wants to keep Cornwall green while remaining open to addressing housing needs.

Jones indicated that a solution may be the proposed West Cornwall wastewater project and the possibility that higher density affordable housing could be developed in that area.

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All different shapes and varieties of oranges are arriving at grocery and specialty stores now — and many of those oranges will be dry and tasteless with thick, pithy skins.

Don't despair. If you decide not to eat those unexceptional oranges, you also have a month in which to convert them into holiday season decorations that are festive and fragrant.

I associate oranges at this time of year with Victorian England — but also with my Asian relatives, who keep bowls of satsuma or tangerines or clementines in bowls on tables all around the house in winter. Why not? They're tasty, healthy and hydrating — certainly more so than



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cookies and eggnog.

According to national citrus growing association websites, this year's citrus crops (oranges and lemons) is the smallest it's been since the 1940s, with the exception of four years

ago when Hurricane Irma destroyed the crop.

There doesn't seem to be a single factor involved in this year's low numbers, but that's not really what this article is about anyway.

I have already made up one batch of clove-studded oranges, mainly because I bought a bag of navel oranges that turned out to be too dry to eat. In the past I've tried to just poke the cloves into the thick orange skins and have had only moderate success. This year I figured out that I can cut the design into the skin of the orange with

Winter is the season of citrus. Oranges are abundant and if you don't eat them all, the leftovers make festive and wonderfully fragrant decorations.

a small, sharp knife. Drawing on the design with a waterproof pen first is even better — but if you do that, you won't be able to dunk your cloved orange in tea or hot cider.

For the first few days, the cloves and oranges have a lovely mild scent. But after a couple weeks, as the slices into the fruit widen, the scent becomes so rich that you'll wonder if someone snuck the most gorgeous citrus incense into your house.

As the weeks progress, your oranges should dry out enough that you can use them as ornaments on your holiday tree (they weigh less as they lose their juice).

You can also make a wreath to stretch across your fireplace mantel.

If you want to try either of these projects, be sure to run a barbecue skewer from top to bottom through the fruit, so you can then put string or florist wire through the center. Once the fruit has dried out, it will be too hard to pierce.

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HOLIDAYS:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Holidays in Old New England

To fully put us in mind of sleighs dashing through seasonal snow and festive caroling on town greens, the Salisbury Association in Salisbury, Conn., has put together an exhibit of 19th-century Christmas ornaments, books and cards.

They are on display at the association's headquarters in the Academy Building on Main Street, across the street from Town Hall. The items come from the Holley-Williams House Collection.

For those who don't remember, the Holley-Williams house is the former residence of the Salisbury iron master, in the historic district of Lakeville. The building was left to the town by Margaret Williams in 1971. A history of the house and the bequest can be found on the front page of The Lakeville Journal issue of March 4 of that year (find it in our online archive through the Scoville Memorial Library at <http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>).

What was known for many years as the Holley-Williams House Museum has now reverted to private ownership. But in the years when it was still a museum of 19th-century life, it hosted a

wonderful annual December tour that allowed visitors to see how the house would have been dressed up for the holiday season.

Some of those items, saved and stored, are in the show at the Academy Building.

And if you find that it's enjoyable to travel back through time with old issues of The Lakeville Journal, the show will also include three Christmas supplement covers from our newspaper. They were donated to the Salisbury Association by Heather Kahler, who died last October. Heather was the daughter of Stewart and Ann Hoskins, long-time past publishers of the newspaper and the wife of Lakeville Journal poet-at-large Michael Kahler.

Among the covers is at least one of the really glorious drawings by the late Marianna van Rossen Hoogendyk, who lived in Sharon and whose art work we turned into a Lakeville Journal Co. fundraising puzzle last year.

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FIGURE SKATING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Chance to See Olympic Contenders in Stars on Ice

Not all competitive figure skating is interesting to watch. But, as is the case with all high-level athletics, every now and again there are

some figure skaters who make you think, "Oh, I get it. That's what it's supposed to look like." The best of these athletes return year after year, so you can watch them grow and develop.

It happens that right now there are several very interesting skaters who have been competing for many years of their young lives, and several of them will come to Hartford, Conn., for the Stars on Ice tour that will follow the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The performances will be on April 23 at the XL Center. Tickets went on sale on Dec. 10. Prices start at \$39; there are group discounts. Order them online at www.starsonice.com, www.XLCenter.com.

Included in the roster is Nathan Chen, a 22-year-old from Salt Lake City, Utah, who is bringing the sport back to life — for Americans and for skate fans around the world. He's been a competitor since a very young age (and for a while had to endure repeat showings on television of



PHOTO COURTESY OF STARS ON ICE

Mirai Nagasu is one of the Olympic figure skaters (and a beloved American champion) who will take part in the 2022 Stars on Ice tour, which comes to Hartford in April.

one of his first competitive skates, when he was about 10). He is a three-time and reigning world champion and a five-time and reigning U.S. champ. Gold has so far eluded him at the Olympics but there is a general expectation that he will win gold in the 2022 Olympics in China.

More than just a champ, he has that ineffable star

quality that makes the best skaters so interesting to watch. He's passionate and beautiful on the ice. As an athlete he is capable of executing the insane multiple turns that to a large degree make modern skating so boring. He manages to make it interesting when he launches into a four-turn spin.

Other skaters taking part in the tour this year include Jason Brown, who first competed in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia, when he was 20 and had a big smile and a pony tail. He will also be in the Stars on Ice Tour, as will two of the most interesting partner teams, Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue and Madison Chock and Evan Bates.

Mirai Nagasu, a personal favorite, showed such grit and grace in her first Olympics in 2010, when she was 16. She just missed earning a medal, and almost stopped competing. She found her love for the sport again, matured beautifully, and will also be in Stars on Ice this year.

HOLIDAY GIFTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

For Love of Ivy: My Beloved Mini Printer

Here's an idea for something everyone in the family will love and should in theory be able to share: A Canon Ivy mini printer that works with your smartphone (\$98.99).

I bought one a few weeks ago and I'm completely in love with it. I've already bought two for friends.

The quality of the images is very good. If you are able to work with your phone camera and do any light editing to make images brighter, darker etc., you will find this printer to be very easy to manage.

This is a no-ink printer (or ZINK, which stands for Zero Ink), so you're not always fussing with expensive cartridges. The ink is in the paper; but the paper is smooth, not puffy like the old Polaroids.

Each piece of photo paper has a sticker back; the images are small (2 by 3 inches), which is perfect for journaling, keeping a travelogue and doing step-by-step or Final Masterpiece photos of new recipes for your own recipe file.

You can also buy coin-

sized pre-cut sticker paper for your printer, perfect for kids to decorate their laptops or schedule books.

A pack of 20 pieces of 2-by-3-inch photo paper is \$10; 50 sheets is \$24; 20 sheets of sticker paper is \$12.

Another brand worth looking into is the Kodak Mini 3 Square 3x3 Retro Portable Printer. As its name suggests, this printer (also known as the P300R) gives you 3-inch-square prints.

There are other models that make different-sized prints. The P210R prints are 3.4 by 2.1 inches, and there is a 4-inch printer called the Dock Plus.

The prices vary, depending on who's selling them and which model you get. Most of the Canon and Kodak printers usually are sold bundled with some packs of ZINK printer paper. It does make sense to order some paper, so the family can test drive the printer right away (before it gets put in a drawer and is forgotten).

One thing you do need for both these printers is Bluetooth on your phone. The Canon Ivy has a USB cord that allows you to



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An expensive gift becomes less pricey when it's a gift for everyone in the family. One such option: A mini printer that works with your smart phone.

charge it up; the charge seems to hold for a fairly long time (I haven't yet run out of power). I'm not certain whether the Kodak

units can be charged or if they are battery-only.

I'm not a super high-tech person and I found the Canon Ivy stunningly easy to set up and use. If you're unsure, you can go online and find several YouTube tutorials.

... oranges

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You can also cut your orange into quarter-inch slices and dehydrate them in your oven (200 degrees for four or five hours; flip them several times during the baking period).

You can then poke yarn or a sturdy twine through the top of each slice to make a garland. Alternate cinnamon sticks with the citrus slices, and maybe use one of the (heavier) clove-studded oranges in the center.

My newest orange craft is edible and comes (as is so often the case) from the internet. The website www.downshifology.com by Lisa Bryan has a recipe for chocolate-dipped orange peel that I've now made twice. It's super easy.

Take an orange and with a sharp knife peel off the orange outer skin, leaving behind as much white pith as you can. I usually go back after the first round of peeling and gently slice away as much remaining white pith as possible.

Then cut your orange peel into strips. I like mine super thin, but most people make them 1/4 inch wide, maybe a little wider.

Put your slices in a small pot and cover them with water. Bring to a boil. Drain out the water and cover the peels again with fresh water. Bring to a boil again and drain off the water again.

Then take modified simple syrup: two parts water to one part sugar (for example, two cups of water and one cup of sugar). Bring to a boil, stirring to help the sugar dissolve.



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Add in your orange peel and bring it to a boil, then simmer it for 30 minutes. You can add in some ginger or a vanilla bean for extra flavor.

Meanwhile, line a baking sheet with parchment paper and lay a roasting rack on top. After the peels have simmered for 30 minutes, lift them with tongs from the simple syrup and lay them on the roasting rack. They'll clump up and fall through, but don't worry, it's fine.

Let them sit for a minimum of eight hours but ideally for as long as 24 hours. Prepare a bowl or a jar with some sugar. I used an unprocessed natural sugar, and you can use a fancy sugar but white processed sugar will be fine.

Roll the orange peel in the sugar; I put my peels right in the jar with the sugar and shook them up every few hours for the first day. This seems to distribute the sugar over them neatly.

And then what do you do with the peels? They smell great and they taste amazing. Because mine are so thin, I use them as a garnish on mashed sweet potatoes. You can also dip them in melted chocolate once they've been coated with sugar, and eat them as candy.

Of course you can also add them to your traditional holiday fruitcake!

It's not a super practical food project, but again it's easy and it's a good way to use up your surplus oranges.

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Hancock Shaker Village. 1843 West Housatonic St., Pittsfield, Mass. www.hancockshakervillage.org
Hancock Holiday Nights, Dec. 27 to 29, 5 to 8 p.m.

Salisbury Association. 24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org
19th-century Christmas ornaments and decorations, on display through December, Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kent Chamber of Commerce. Kent, Conn. www.kentct.com
Kent Gingerbread Festival 2021, through Dec. 31.

The Mount. 2 Plunkett St., Lenox, Mass. www.edithwharton.org
Holiday House Tours, Nov. 27 through Jan. 2.

ART

Canaan History Center. 115 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. www.northcanaan.org/entities/town-historian

Retrospective of works by artists associated with the Northwest Corner, Fridays and Saturdays through the end of the year, Fridays 9 a.m. to noon, Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m.

Gallery 25 and Creative Arts Studio. 11 Railroad St., New Milford, Conn. www.gallery25ct.com
Gallery Artists: Deck The Halls, Nov. 14 to Dec. 31.

Washington Art Association & Gallery. 4 Bryan Memorial Plaza, Washington Depot, Conn. www.washingtonartassociation.org
Holiday Gift Show, Nov. 26 to Dec. 25.

BOOKS

The Cornwall Library. 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www.cornwalllibrary.org
ANNUAL BOXING DAY READING, Dec. 26, 4 to 5 p.m.

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library. 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
Family Movie Night - Holiday PJs & Dinner, Dec. 27, 4:30 p.m.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon. 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Weekly Story & Craft: Time Capsules!, Dec. 29, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Norman Rockwell Museum. 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm.org
December School Vacation Week - Jan Brett's Winter Wonders, Dec. 26 to 31.

Scoville Memorial Library. 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Game Day at SML, Dec. 23, noon to 3 p.m.
Sing in 2022 with Danny Tieger, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Gremlins, Dec. 29.
MET LIVE 2021-22: CINDERELLA (MASSENET), Jan. 1, 12:55 p.m.

MUSIC

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center. 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
The Berkshire Bach Society presents: Bach at New Year's Live!, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.

Norfolk Library. 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. www.norfolklibrary.org
Holiday Open House: Music for Marimba featuring Andrew Thomson, Dec. 30, 4 to 6 p.m.

THEATER

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
THE MAGIC FLUTE, Dec. 26, 12:55 to 3:55 p.m.

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center. 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
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SELLING HOUSES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Why It Helps To 'Stage' a House If You Want To Sell It

It used to be that, to find their dream home, buyers would settle into the car of a real estate agent and drive around looking at properties with "for sale" signs on them.

COVID and the internet have pretty much (although not completely) put an end to that. Most people now search for homes on internet sites such as Zillow, and already have a fairly good idea of what they're interested in before they contact an agent.

Someone recently said to me that people treat real estate websites in much the same way as they treat dating apps: They look at one or two photos and quickly swipe left or right.

Thus, if you're trying to sell your house, even in the super hot real estate market of the last year and a half, it is essential to have attractive photos.

Dawn Trachtenberg is the founder and staging-in-chief for Staged Ryte, one of the major staging companies in the Tri-state Region. She says that there are three stages of staging, so to speak: There is fluffing, staging and interior design.

Most people will not (and should not) completely redesign their home before they put it on sale, Trachtenberg notes.

Fluffing by adding flowers, putting crisp linens on beds and tidying up clutter is very helpful, but assumes that a house already looks fairly spruce.

Staging is the middle ground. It's a relatively new practice for real estate agents. Back in the 1980s and 1990s, owners of new luxury apartment buildings used to create a "model" apartment, often decorated by a famous designer. Potential buyers could step into the model apartment and imagine more easily how dreamy their life could be if they bought a residence in that building.

Staging a house for sale is a similar concept. It requires, for the most part, an unoccupied house, however.

"There are people who do 'occupied staging,'" Trachtenberg said. "But it's harder, because you're integrating new and older furnishings."

Occupied staging, she explained, is when the owner still lives in the home. Staging it requires using their furniture and accessories, and bringing in updates such as fresh towels, sheets and throw pillows — while predominantly keeping the owner's furnishings.

And then of course there are the challenges of people and pets living in a house that's been neatly and perfectly designed. Usually, Trachtenberg said, when she finishes staging a space, she leaves and no one comes into the house again until the photographer is ready for the glamour photo shoot.

In this modern world of real estate sales via photos, Trachtenberg believes



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Dawn Trachtenberg invites clients to her 5,000-square-foot home furnishings warehouse in Ashley Falls, Mass., to help find the right design elements to "stage" or design their home.

that not every corner of a house needs to be documented for the property's social media posts (although people generally do like to see all the rooms, even if they're empty, once they start to get serious).

And certainly, Trachtenberg advises, rooms don't have to be renovated in order to be attractively photographed. The goal is to create a mood for a room that a potential buyer can tap into.

Staged Ryte charges a fee based on the number of rooms that will be furnished; and what kind of furniture and accents will be brought in. Antiques cost more than newer

items (Trachtenberg feels that a mix of older and newer items often works best). Generally the furnishings remain in the house until it has sold (which in this market can happen within weeks).

Trachtenberg does not advise sellers to bring in furnishings just for the photo shoot. People want to see the house "from the photos" when they show up at the actual location.

The staging process can be fairly quick with Staged Ryte, thanks to the massive warehouse of furnishings that Trachtenberg recently moved into on Clayton Road in Ashley Falls, Mass. Interior design usually

requires weeks (or, more often, months) of waiting for pieces to become available, to be upholstered or finished and to be shipped to a location.

Trachtenberg can also provide interior design services. In those situations, she invites clients into her warehouse to discuss the look for their house; then everything can be trucked over and put in place fairly quickly.

Of course not everyone can move out of their house or afford to have it staged. Trachtenberg shared a few quick tips that can help sellers to at least "fluff up" a house so it can look its best when it's

time for its closeup.

EDIT!

"Too much big furniture in a room is not a good thing," Trachtenberg said. "Two recliners and a huge leather easy-sofa might be comfortable for you and your friends but it won't help you sell your house."

LET IN THE LIGHT

"Take down the window treatments. It lets in more light, which is important."

The curtains or shades can also dominate the way a room looks and feels. It's possible but unlikely that a potential buyer will want the same window treatments as the seller.

DEPERSONALIZE

"The wall of family photos and awards is too much. The buyer needs to focus on imagining themselves in the space, not be distracted by your diplomas."

MAKE IT CLEAN AND FRESH

Buy new white towels and new shower curtains. Use fresh new bed linens (and iron out any wrinkles or creases).

Many bestselling house photos show stark white rooms, often with black trim. Trachtenberg feels that might be getting overdone.

"How many people want to live with all-white walls?"

White does look pristine, however. To warm up a white room, Trachtenberg will "use pops of color, eclectic furnishings and decorative pieces, collections of objects on shelves."

"You want to draw people in."

To learn more about staging and Staged Ryte, go to www.stagedryte.com; email dawn@stagedryte.com; or call Trachtenberg at 917-543-4590.

POST-QUARANTINE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Dipping a Toe Back into City Life

Someday life will be normal again or at least normal-ish and at that point I will return to Manhattan. I'll have to memorize the streets and subways again, and figure out how to buy a Metro-card.

I was the happy recipient a year or so ago of Cornwall, Conn., resident John Tauranac's "Manhattan Block by Block: A Street Atlas," updated and published in 2015 (\$16, you can find it at Amazon and sometimes at the Wish House gift shop in West Cornwall). If I take the train down for my virgin return visit to the city, I guess I can study Tauranac's book on the trip down (in the unlikely event that I don't run into someone I know and strike up a lively conversation).

Anyone who's nervous about returning to the city might want to dip a toe in by taking a tour. I'm not ashamed to say that on many occasions I have taken bus and boat tours of cities I've visited. They're often fun and informative, and they usually take me to a place I wouldn't have

gone to on my own.

If you feel that you already know how to find the Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center (although I bet you've never been to Coney Island), consider taking a tour that helps you locate your favorite fictional characters within your favorite city. A company called On Location Tours has returned, feeling that the pandemic is sufficiently over (and that, apparently, the omicron variant isn't important enough to worry about).

The Sex and the City tour is available again, with stops in Greenwich Village, the Meatpacking District and SoHo. Everyone who takes the tour gets a cupcake from Magnolia Bakery, and anyone over 21 with legal ID can get a drink at Onieal's bar and restaurant on Grand Street.

To find out about other tours including the New York Super Heroes tour and the Marvelous Mrs. Masel tour, go to the website at www.onlocationtours.com and click on New York Tours.

ARTISTS INVITED TO SHARE WORK THAT DEPICTS LIFE IN SHARON

The Sharon Historical Society & Museum on the Green in Sharon, Conn., is seeking entries for its upcoming show in Gallery SHS, "Depicting our Town," a juried in-person exhibition and sale running from Jan. 22 through March 4.

For many, the last two years have been about a renewed commitment to home and community. This show invites artists to share that commitment by submitting works depicting their home or community, whether it be landscapes of the area, the people who make up the community, or an expression of what it all means to the artist. Only recent work (completed in the last two years) should be submitted.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for up to two works of art, and \$10 for each additional

submission.

The show's judge will select the art to be exhibited and award cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 to three pieces. In addition, guests who view the exhibition in person will have the opportunity to select their favorite work of art for the "SHS Crowd Pleaser" award.

Submissions must be delivered on Saturday, Jan. 15, between 9 and 11 a.m. Provide high-quality

images of the work at that time, especially if the work is behind glass, so that they may be posted to the Gallery SHS web page.

The Prospectus, Entry Forms and detailed Terms and Conditions are available on the Art Gallery page of the Sharon Historical Society & Museum's website (select the Gallery SHS menu at www.sharonhist.org), or can be picked up at the Historical Society during regular hours.

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During COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, this company was able to obtain two PPP grants from the U.S. government, which, combined with our readers' generous support, helped us remain in place to report the news of your communities. Your wish for local news is what drives our mission, which publishes in the newspapers every week:

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EDITORIAL

Finding some light at the end of the year

Looking back over a challenging year of intermittent waves of pandemic, some with devastating effect for the region, it can be hard to remember the positive things that happened. However, there were some that made the Northwest Corner more vibrant and will offer new opportunities for those who live and visit here.

Let's look at the centers of North Canaan and Falls Village. Falls Village has a welcoming new café that has found a home along with the long-time destination, the Falls Village Inn, where locals and travelers alike can find food, drink, warmth and camaraderie. And 100 Main has charming items that are good as gifts as well as to enrich one's own home. North Canaan center had the challenge of roadwork being done this summer to improve its downtown section around the railroad tracks, but now that is set for the winter. The new Industry Kitchen and Bar has been added to the active Berkshire Country Café and the Brewery at the Depot, as well as the Deli and the Canaan Country Club as destinations during the holidays and beyond for those who want to venture out for refreshment. And take the drive to Freund's Farm and stop in at the Blackberry River Bakery and Bistro to pick up goodies for the holidays and beyond. Before there are closures again (fingers crossed the pandemic does not heat up again to that point), now is the time to join with friends and family and enjoy the businesses that are so dependent upon local support to survive.

In Salisbury, there are stable destinations like the White Hart and Provisions, Sweet William's, Neo, La-Bonne's and the Salisbury General Store that make shopping, dining and just strolling there memorable. And Lakeville will benefit from the sale of the former restaurant in the middle of town, which is pending. Destinations like the Black Rabbit, Boathouse, Mizza's, Deano's, On The Run, Patco (not only for gasoline but so much more, including newspapers), Petpourri, Roaring Oaks Florist, Lakeville Wine, Northwest Cleaners, the Green Café and Studio Lakeville (which will now need to vacate due to town Planning and Zoning approving a plan, with conditions, for another restaurant in Lakeville; see story front page), the town Grove, the park, Lakeville Auto, Churchill Builders and more will be bolstered by new plans if they work out as hoped.

We hope the affordable housing initiatives in Lakeville and Falls Village come to be, in that working people in the region need to find viable places to live if they are going to remain in the area. As fewer and fewer affordable rentals are available and housing prices remain high due to the effects of the pandemic, it is the local people who work for a living that will be squeezed out of being able to live here at all.

Let's think of ways to support the local economy at the end of this year, and going into the next, by supporting all our area businesses and all our Northwest Corner town centers. This will help all of us go into 2022 with a better outlook for our region and our selves.

End of a very good run

After four years of being the moving forces behind the productions at Sharon Playhouse, it's safe to say that Alan M-L Wager, Artistic Director, and Robert Levinstein, Managing Director, touched the lives of just about everyone in the Northwest Corner and the Tri-state region. Their connection with the community cannot be overstated. They put themselves out there from the time they arrived, getting to know the region and gathering support for local theater like whirlwinds.

What a time for them once COVID-19 hit. There were those who might have stepped back then, defending such an action easily as they were not part of what the state deemed "essential businesses." But they did the opposite: found creative and successful ways to offer productions to their audience whatever it took. They had performances outdoors on their new stage facing the parking lot, with people attending in their cars and trucks as well as having the option of seats set up near the stage.

Their impending departure as announced recently means a Playhouse will be handed on to the next management group in much better shape financially and professionally than Alan and Robert found it when they arrived four years ago. Many thanks to them for their hard work and enthusiasm for the theater that gave it renewed life. And best of everything to them in their next stage of life. They will be sorely missed here.

There will be no issue of this newspaper published on Dec. 30. Deadline for letters for the Jan. 6 Lakeville Journal is Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. No more than 500 words.

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PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Flowing water in December

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

These firefighters saved the day in Falls Village

We want to share our letter of gratitude to the Chiefs of the Fire Departments in Falls Village, North Canaan and Lakeville, whose companies last week prevented a brush fire in our pasture in Falls Village from expanding into a dense and highly flammable wooded area. All of us are beneficiaries of their experience, experience, courage, skill, and dedication, and we hope everyone in our communities will remember our fire departments and their

volunteers as generously as possible during this holiday season.

Here's our message to the three Chiefs:

To: Matt Hansen (Falls Village), Brian Allyn (North Canaan), and Bob Smith (Lakeville)

We could not be more grateful for the way you and your colleagues responded on Friday, Dec. 17, to the brush fire here in our pasture. Even though we had a burn permit

and were carefully watching the burn pile, a strong, sudden gust of wind blew embers onto just a few tufts of dry grass — unfortunately, that was enough to cause the fire to begin to spread.

The prompt and professional action of the firefighters who came so quickly and worked so hard halted the spread of the fire, which, if it hadn't been stopped, would have reached the adjacent woods with catastrophic consequences. They

saved our town from a terrible disaster.

The men and women who volunteer for our local Fire Departments, for their EMT teams, and for all the wonderful services their units provide, are true heroes. Please convey to them our profound thanks and appreciation for what they do throughout the year. Happy, healthy, and safe holiday wishes to all!

Richard and Mary Lanier
Falls Village

Thanks for all the support to make Sharon bright

The Sharon Fire Department, Inc./ Ambulance Squad wishes to thank all of the supporters of our "Lights of Love" fundraising event for the Sharon Ambulance Squad.

We were able to light up 3,000 linear feet of the Sharon Green with approximately 1,400 lights honoring loved ones both past and present on

December 4th and 5th. Paired with the Sharon tree lighting, the evening was lovely and community members enjoyed walking around the Green as they looked for that special luminaria in recognition of families, friends and community members. Others drove by enjoying the beauty of this event taking in the beautiful

tree lights and luminarias from a distance.

Many thanks to Brian Wilcox for his spectacular photos of luminarias posted on Facebook. An event of this scope is labor intensive and not enough can be said for the residents who assisted our squad members that truly made this fundraising effort a labor of love.

There are far too many to name here, but much gratitude to all that supported and made "Lights of Love" a successful fundraising and meaningful community event for the Sharon Ambulance Squad.

With appreciation.
Patricia Chamberlain, SFDA
Luminaria Chair
Sharon

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — December 1921

SALISBURY — Mrs. Florence Hicks has gone to Brunswick, N.J., to visit her son Parker.

Another Salisbury boy has won a deserved promotion. Mr. Harold Everts who for some time has been in charge of the Venango State Bank at Venango, Neb., has been promoted to the general managership of four banks composing the Haskins chain of banks in Nebraska. He will have the whole management of these banks and receives a very handsome salary for his services. He will probably make his headquarters at Grant, Neb.

Edward Webb Jr. has sold his milk route to Overbrook Farm.

The lakes on Mt. Riga are covered with about seven inches of ice and Long Pond contains about four inches. Lake Wononscopoc closed over night.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. J. Owens has sold her lower farm known as the Green place to Mr. Lorch of Kent.

The days will now "begin to lengthen and the weather to strengthen" according to the old saying.

50 years ago — December 1971

The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville is considering a proposal to become co-educational as part of a long-range program to meet changing educational needs and challenges.

Richard Barton this week withdrew his application for construction of a car wash in the vacant lot which he owns opposite the old railway depot on Ethan Allen Street in Lakeville. Stating that he had "learned in the Army not to play cards against a stacked deck," Mr. Barton instead applied for a permit to construct and operate a restaurant on the site. The permit was granted promptly by Zoning Administrator J. Kenneth Athoe.

Mrs. Violet Norton Cunningham, Sharon's Town Clerk for 20 years, will no longer be at her post at Town Hall as of Jan. 3, when the new Town Clerk, Mrs. Anna Johnson, will take over. Mrs. Cunningham has no specific plans for the future but thought "I'd been town clerk long enough."

A miniature church, modeled after a church in New Hampshire, was built by Harry Dotson of Silver Lake to celebrate the season. The church, which stands in Mr. Dotson's front yard, has a miniature altar with figures and a chandelier which lights up. Mr. Dotson plans to add small pews and an organ, made from a toy piano.

Christmas cheer

And so again it's Christmas time
We made another year
And I do hope this time my rhyme
Will bring you all good cheer
It seems there's trouble all around
As if the world's against us
It feels there's no good to be found
It's all been thrown under the bus
But search the Christmas message
No matter your religious thoughts
Because as time goes and we age
Sometimes that's all we've got
Remember to keep loving hearts
To smile and nod hello
I think you'll find that if you start
Christmas cheer will flow
Merry Christmas everyone
Go on and smile and have some fun

Peter Fitting

Salisbury

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Viewpoint

Climate change: understanding reality takes some effort

Katie Worth, "Miseducation: How Climate Change is Taught in America"

New York: Columbia Global Reports, 2021

You don't have to believe in gravity, or that the Earth is round, or that smoking tobacco will give you cancer, or that inhaling asbestos will poison your lungs. You should, but you don't have to. It's a free country. You don't have to believe in evolution, either. But you should. It's science.

Those who choose not to believe science can find radio frequencies, television channels and websites chockful of crazytalk. Yet 270 million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed worldwide. That's right, 270 million. More than 5 million people have died from it, including now almost one million Americans, more than 30,000 just last month. (www.coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html) Science tells us that. And a tough winter is coming. Science tells us that, too. But, some people say, the pandemic is over. Some people will tell you COVID doesn't exist at all.

Facts about our global pandemic to one side, no truth is more urgent and existential for us to share as the warming of our planet. Originally from Chico, a part of California that's been consumed by raging wildfires in recent years, journalist Katie Worth is an investigative journalist associated with the signature public broadcasting's series "Frontline." She has spent a lot of time with science — and scientists.

They tell her that if we do not slow down the pace of global warming, floods eventually will swamp our coastal habitats and turn many of our forests into ash. You can't see or smell COVID, and you can't see climate change that easily either. But today, she writes, if you look for an authoritative scientific study that says humans are not warming the climate, that's like "searching for an earthworm in a hen-

house." "The evidence for human-caused climate change," she notes, is "as strong as the evidence linking cigarettes and cancer."

Worth has spent a lot of time lately with teachers. She assembled a research team and a database of 50 state K-12 education policies. She analyzed 50 state education standards, reviewed scores of textbooks; screened educational films and videos; pored over thousands of articles and pamphlets and brochures; interviewed teachers, authors, editors, and publishers; and traveled to more than a dozen communities to look at teaching and learning in action. The result is a jaw-dropping book that every teacher and parent ought to read.

"If today is a school day in America," Worth reminds us, "approximately 3 million teachers are educating 50 million children enrolled in 100,000 public schools right now." But the teaching materials, textbooks, and lesson plans they use to educate our children — and many of the state education requirements they are obliged to follow — are infested with false information. This is not a new phenomenon. K-12 education often used to downplay evolution or the horrors of slavery or the murderous ways we cleared our continent of Native Americans. "Miseducation" shows how the topic that's being suppressed and suppressed systematically today is climate change.

The problem is related to an opportunity. There are, as Worth puts it, trillions of dollars of money still left in the ground — in coal, oil, natural gas — and the industries that specialize in its extraction stand to make a lot of money mining and drilling for it and turning it into energy. This in itself is not a bad thing. Money and making it are keys to

survival. But when business interests can't coexist with truths about the effects of industry on health and society, that's a problem.

And when these same business interests fund politicians, and politicians then support these interests, then we have liars in power. Lies are not new to politics, either. But going the wrong way on climate change will be fatal.

"Miseducation" shows how our giant fossil fuel companies — ExxonMobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips (Eversource is in here, too) — have directly sponsored, with billions of dollars, suites of films and booklets and pamphlets, free curricular materials, field trips, prizes and scholarships all to stop, remove, or water down lessons about the damage we do to our world with our careless policies about energy. Cartoon figures like Charlie Carbon Monoxide and Harry Hydrocarbon pop into the teaching materials they distributed by the million.

The American Petroleum Institute and Dupont teamed up to train oil workers to fan out into American classrooms and give show-and-tell presentations on "The Magic Barrel." Exxon got Disney and Mickey and Goofy involved. One company created an activity booklet with little puzzles and games called "Natural Gas: Your Invisible Friend." American publishing companies routinely let state review boards in oil-rich Texas — our country's largest state purchaser of textbooks — and elsewhere dilute the science in the readings we give our kids.

"Miseducation," short as it is, is a worthy successor volume to Erik M. Conway and Naomi Oreskes's *Merchants of Doubt*, Jane Mayer's *Dark Money*, and Nancy MacLean's *Democracy in Chains*. But in many ways, because it focuses on how we educate children, it's attuned to more subtleties in the ways nefarious forces can shape how Americans think.

"Teaching climate change as a debate is as damaging as outright denial," Worth tells. There are many takeaways for teachers here about the perils of both-sidesism. And for others who talk to children, including religious leaders and the media.

Focused on what we can do to improve teaching and learning, Worth points to robust and factual information resources like www.cleant.org and www.ncse.ngo. She implores us to incorporate climate discussion not only into biology, chemistry and physics standards, but in arts, language, history, civics and economics.

In a book full of quotations and excerpts and interviews citing the misinformation circulating in our schools, she calls for educational resources that match and counter the false and sometimes sophisticated apparatus of graphs, charts, and footnotes in fossil fuel industry propaganda.

All of our ideas come from somewhere. It's the story of how knowledge is shared and taught and socialized. If that's of interest to you, get a copy of this masterpiece.

"Miseducation" is published by Columbia Global Reports (www.globalreports.columbia.edu/about/donors/) with the support of the PBS series "Frontline" (www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/about-us/our-funders/) and an investigative reporting initiative called the *Ground Truth Project* (www.thegroundtruth-project.org/about/supporters/).

Peter B. Kaufman lives in Lakeville and works at MIT. He is the author of "The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge."

GUEST BOOK REVIEW

PETER B. KAUFMAN



The recent tornadoes: Is there anything we can do?

Wreaking havoc across Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, the spate of tornadoes that hit several of the southeastern states Friday, Dec. 10, were terrifying and ominous. There was not one but several that did severe damage in five states and acted like a coordinated team of killers. One section extended more than 3/4 of a mile wide and 220 miles long before dissipating. The death toll for these tornadoes is close to 100, most of the deaths occurring in western Kentucky near the tail end of the storms.

Tornadoes occur all over the world and every state in the country. The Mississippi Valley has been the center of domestic tornado activity for more than a century but the path seems to be moving somewhat to the east over recent decades. Every year including 2021, there are more than 1,000 tornadoes in the U.S. (more than in any other country).

Most tornadoes occur during the summer. Those in December are quite unusual. Perhaps global warming is making this more likely. As it happened, the Tornado Alley area and states just to the east were experiencing a late edition of Indian summer helping set the stage for the surge of tornadoes that followed.

Since the advent of Doppler radar in the 1970s, tornado forecasting has considerably improved. Today one can know a day or more before that a severe storm likely featuring tornadoes is coming. The path and more precise timing of the storm and tornado can be announced more than a quarter of an hour before its arrival. This allows most people in the targeted area to find suitable shelter, especially if they have planned ahead for this eventuality.

Most everyone who lives or works in an area known to be particularly susceptible to tornadoes should plan out in advance what they would do in the event of a serious storm, starting with preparation for home sheltering, finding a safe place where the household may gather during a tornado such as a basement, a storm cellar or lower level room with few or no windows. Clearing potential outdoor hazards such as dead tree branches near the house and loose items in your yard such as patio furniture makes sense.

Scout the neighborhood for safe places to harbor should it be necessary. Perhaps the community has designated somewhere a safe public shelter

such as a school or other public building. Although it may at first appear sheltering, highway overpasses are bad choices; they accentuate wind turbulence. If you are caught in a car before a tornado strikes, think about at least one safe shelter you can reach before the tornado strikes.

If you have a root cellar, this may be the best place to shelter during a storm. A traditional place for storing food before refrigeration became commonplace, root cellars are making a comeback as an economical way to store produce and protect it from both heat and cold. Traditional root cellars are typically small bunkers of heavier than usual construction, built into the ground.

Nowadays, particularly in the Midwest, there are scores of companies offering pre-fab storm shelters designed to protect people from tornadoes and other ferocious storms. Most look like huge steel caskets or shipping crates. Some of the better looking ones are designed to be planted in the ground. The concept is eminently reasonable for those living in locations especially vulnerable to tornadoes. But as presently designed these structures (typically under \$10,000) are unusually ugly and depressing.

In a small factory in Mayfield, Ky., and an Amazon warehouse in Edwardsville, Ill., non-unionized workers were threatened with the loss of their jobs should they have left work to go seek shelter elsewhere as the tornado approached. All stayed and several workers at

each facility were killed by the tornado. Future unionization might help avert such tragedies as would new worker protection legisla-

tion. It could happen here. The Northwest Corner doesn't have frequent large tornadoes like "Torna-

do Alley," but nevertheless we do have powerful storms here including damaging tornadoes, as many as half a dozen per year.

During the past 20 years, tornadoes have touched down in Salisbury, Sharon, Falls Village and Kent as well as various towns just over the border in New York and Massachusetts. A 1995 tornado ripped through Great Barrington, clearing a wide swath of trees near the downtown and demolishing numerous buildings. A memorable tornado in 1989 in Cornwall destroyed most of the historic 14 acre Cathedral Pines Forest and its 140 ft high white pines.

So what can we do to protect ourselves from tornadoes and other monster storms? We can do little to protect our landscapes and buildings but much to protect ourselves by paying close heed to weather warnings and having a strong, safe shelter or access to one on very short notice.

Sadly, most of the recent deaths from the tornadoes in Kentucky were attributable to people not taking the event seriously enough and not being adequately prepared.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Fans of Cnaan's Stanley Segalla or of television's Captain Kangaroo will have a chance next Friday, Dec. 31, to watch their heroes in action together. Mr. Segalla, famed stunt pilot, will appear with The Captain in a sequence filmed at Rhinebeck, N.Y., this fall. The Captain Kangaroo show is aired in Connecticut on Channel 3, WTIC.

25 years ago — December 1996

LAKEVILLE — Blaming "teachers' unions, government systems and the media" for his decision to quit the radio call-in show "Straight Talk," Michael Flint said goodbye to his WQQQ listening audience Sunday morning after 30 months on the air. "Liberals rejoice," he said.

The Salisbury Association's Holley House Museum received a \$5,250 Connecticut Humanities Council grant this week to further the historical center's new focus on 19th-century women.

Connecticut Light and Power has presented the town of Sharon a check for \$5,283 for installing energy-efficient electrical systems in the renovated Town Hall. According to a CL&P spokesman, the move will save 24,408 kilowatt hours of electricity a year.

The Lakeville Journal Co. LLC this week announced three significant staff changes. Managing Editor Kathryn Boughton is leaving the company, Associate Publisher James Timpano said, in a restructuring of responsibilities and streamlining of costs. Her duties, which include editing the *Taconic Week* supplement, will for now be assumed by Editor David Parker. Millerton News Editor Heather Heaton has accepted a position with the Republican-American in Waterbury, and Georgette Navarra has been promoted to Classified Advertising Manager, succeeding Andrea Salvadore, who is leaving the company to pursue other interests.

With its right wheels mired in mud and the driver unable to steer, a dump truck slid for about 100 feet on the shoulder of Lower Road in Cnaan Thursday afternoon, narrowly missing a tumble down a steep embankment. Rescue workers spent more than two hours working to free the 20-ton truck, which along with a load of about 30 tons of quarried limestone, ended up at a precarious angle against the guardrails, its tires sunk so deep in the mud its axles touched the road.

These items were taken from *The Lakeville Journal* archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. Go to www.scovillelibrary.org to find more archives and history.



Realtor® at Large

Recently there have been a number of lot line adjustments in favor of neighbors as a way of saying thank you for support given over the years. To do this, several things have to happen, the first being an approved B100a from the Torrington Area Health District. The reason for this is that any parcel that is diminishing in acreage has to prove that there is room for a reserve septic system. This involves an engineer to supervise the soil tests and to design the system. The second will be a surveyor to lay out the new lines for the lot line adjustment. And let's not forget the lawyer to update the land descriptions in the deeds. So it is a bit of work, but a wonderful way to show appreciation!



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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 9:05am to act on an Application (#2021-013) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the building and demolish the carport and deck at left side of building at 9 Academy Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.

12-23-21
LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF CANAAN
Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the Tax Collector, Town of Canaan gives notice that she will be ready to receive Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the 2nd installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due January 1, 2022 at the Canaan Town Hall, PO Box 47, 108 Main St., Falls Village, CT

06031. Office Hours: Monday's 9-12, 1-4 and Wednesday's 9-Noon.

Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2022 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after February 1, 2022 will be charged interest from January 1, 2022 at the rate of 1.5% for each month from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of their responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-30. Dated at Town of Canaan, Connecticut, this 15th day of December 2021.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, CCMC
Canaan Tax Collector
12-23-21
01-06-22
01-20-22

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT
The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2020 is due and payable January 1, 2022. The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the

Grand List of 2020 will become delinquent on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from January 1, 2022 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed on line by going to the Tax Collector's page of the Town of Kent website at www.townofkent.ct.org.

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and there is a drop box at the front door of Town Hall. Payment is also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

Credit cards are not accepted in the office but you may pay online by going to www.officialpayments.com.

Deborah Devaux CCMC
Tax Collector
12-23-21
01-06-22
01-20-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved subject to conditions by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on December 13, 2021:

Special Permit Application #2021-0153 by 9 Sharon Road LLC for parking flexibility and

satellite parking associated with a change of use from low turnover restaurant, retail and office to low turnover restaurant and apartment in accordance with sections 703.7 & 703.8 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 49 as Lot 27-2 and is located at 9 & 9A Sharon Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. The property is owned by Firehouse Place, LLC.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
12-23-21

Legal Notice
Pursuant to Section 7-394 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Auditor's Report on the Town of Kent for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

Dated, at Kent, Connecticut this 13th day of December, 2021.

Darlene F. Brady
Kent Town Clerk
12-23-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARGARET H. PARKER

Late of Salisbury AKA MARGARET HEALY PARKER (21-00513)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated December 9, 2021, ordered that all claims must

be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Nicolas J. Healy, Jr.
c/o John J Ferguson
Ferguson Cohen LLP
25 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

Beth L McGuire
Chief Clerk
12-23-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF WILLIS E. OCAIN

Late of Cornwall (21-00547)
The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated December 7, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Gary Ocaín
c/o Andrea Doyle Asman
Litwin Asman, PC
1047 Bantam Road
PO Box 698
Bantam, CT 06750

Beth L McGuire
Chief Clerk
12-23-21

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of

Salisbury are hereby notified that the third installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 is due and payable on January 1, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 12-71b of the Connecticut State Statutes, the Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax is due on January 1, 2022. Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2022. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before February 1, 2022, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, Salisbury, CT 06068 or at Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-4pm or may be dropped off in the drop box located in the vestibule of the Town Hall, 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday, or online at acipayonline.com, jurisdiction code 1759 (there is a fee for this service.) Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 9th day of December 2021.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
Salisbury CT 06068
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