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Students at Salisbury Central School were on campus for a half day on Nov. 11, but they stopped at 10 a.m. to honor Salisbury veterans, and share poems and cards with them. For more Veterans Day photos and stories, go to Page A6.

State launches investigation into noncompliance by Nuvance Health

By Cynthia Hochswender

SHARON — The state Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is investigating allegations against Nuvance that claim the nonprofit hospital group, owner of Sharon Hospital, has not lived up to promises made to the state in 2019.

Although an Oct. 29, 2021, letter from OHS is addressed to administrators at Norwalk Hospital, a list of six requests for information covers the three Connecticut Nuvance hospitals in Norwalk, Danbury and Sharon.

One of the requests very specifically touches on reductions in services that

Nuvance has announced are planned for Sharon Hospital. These reductions are in the labor and delivery unit, the intensive care unit and the hours that surgical services will be available.

Nuvance is based in New York state and was created by joining Health Quest with the Western Connecticut Health Network. To get permission from the state, the health organizations had to submit a Certificate of Need, which was completed in November 2018. There were multiple conditions on "interruptions, closures, reductions the state required before approving the or other deviations" to services that new name (Nuvance).

The letter from OHS to administra-

tor Sally Herlihy at Norwalk Hospital explains that, "On Oct. 22, 2021, OHS received an inquiry alleging possible noncompliance with several conditions of the Order and requesting that we investigate Nuvance's compliance with these conditions."

The first of the six requests for information asks about the amount of charity care provided at each of the three hospitals.

Second is a request for information

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COVID-19

Geer nursing facility recovering from outbreak

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — The Geer Village Senior Community appears to be emerging from an outbreak of COVID-19 that had involved 67 residents and 22 staff since Sept. 30.

However, eight residents of the 82-bed nursing facility with serious underlying health issues died from the coronavirus during that recent wave of infections.

"While we grieve along with the families and our staff for those who have passed, we are encouraged to see more and more residents and staff coming off of quarantine and recovering from this horrible virus," said Kevin O'Connell, Geer's CEO. "We are grateful to our community for their outpouring of love and

The Geer administrator offered cautious optimism that the facility is rounding the corner on the con-

"We do anticipate this outbreak

"We are grateful to our community for their outpouring of love and support."

> Kevin O'Connell, CEO, Geer Village **Senior Community**

coming to an end in the next few weeks."

Staff and residents have recovered

In an update to the community issued on Friday, Nov. 12, Geer officials reported that of the 67 cumulative positive cases among residents since Sept. 30, 48 individuals have

Of the 22 staff members infected during the outbreak, 21 have recovered.

See GEER, Page A5

Skeptical questions at Sharon Hospital presentation Nov. 9

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Sharon Hospital president Mark Hirko faced an audience of skeptical questioners at Sharon Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

In-person attendance at the meeting was limited due to COVID-19 protocols. The meeting can be viewed on YouTube (titled Sharon Hospital Community Roundtable Discussion, November 9, 2021 or youtu.be/afm74DAxQhg).

Hirko opened by giving a quick version of the presentation the hospital has been making since September.

He emphasized that by closing the labor and delivery unit, which he said is underutilized and loses money, the hospital will be able to grow in other areas, including primary care, internal medicine and behavioral health.

And he said the hospital currently only uses 40% of its space. A reconfiguring of the hospital, minus labor and delivery, will help with improving and expanding other services.

Hirko said, among other problems, maintaining proper staffing for a labor and delivery unit is not feasible when the unit is only handling 200 or so births per year.

One person asked why Nuvance, the parent company of Sharon Hospital, can't make up financial losses in labor and delivery somewhere

Another wondered if the finan-

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The New York City Marathon: One woman's journey

By Cynthia Hochswender

CORNWALL — It's always fascinating to know what happens behind the scenes at a major sporting event, especially one that involves amateur athletes — The New York City Marathon, for example, which was held this year on Nov. 7.

Elizabeth England, a resident of Cornwall and Manhattan, took part in the marathon, but at a walking pace, slow enough for her to take photos, meet people and (unlike a runner trying to speed to the finish) to actually be able to absorb some of what was happening around her.

England is a native of the Berkshires, a college consultant, a mother of children in their 20s, something of a jock but certainly not an endurance athlete. She works out. She jogs. She



walks, a few miles at a time.

She'd never competed in a serious race before, and she certainly didn't dedicate years or even months of her life to training for one of the elite sport events in the world.

It wasn't until this year in September that taking part in the marathon became even the possibility of an idea. England had been out walking and

ended up at the tennis courts at Cream Hill, where she ran into her friend Alice Gottesman.

"You have to help me get in shape," Gottesman said. "I'm walking in the New York City Marathon."

Casual observers of the marathon are mostly aware of the runners who cross the finish line in Central Park in under two hours. But there are hundreds of other participants in the marathon who do not "qualify" for the race, but who secure a spot as

See MARATHON, Page A5



Elizabeth England (of Cornwall and Manhattan) walked the New York City Marathon as a member of a team raising funds for Brotherhood Sister Sol in New York City. At the halfway mark, she stopped for a selfie with the organization's development director, John Anthony Dumey.

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Three-day forecast

| Friday | Cloudy, high 45°/low 30° |
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| Saturday | Cloudy, 43°/25° |
| | Cloudy, 46°/28° |

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

6:15 p.m. on East Main Street

in North Canaan a traffic stop

was made and Austin Wiggins,

21, of North Canaan failed a

standardized field sobriety test.

He was charged with operat-

ing a motor vehicle under the

influence of alcohol or drugs,

operating without insurance

and failure to drive in the prop-

er lane. He was scheduled to

appear in Torrington Superior

Assault

ly 5 p.m. on Millerton Road

in Salisbury Joseph White, 47,

of Lakeville was charged with

disorderly conduct and assault

on an elderly victim based on a

warrant. He was scheduled to

appear in Torrington Superior

Disorderly conduct

ly 9:45 p.m. on Browns Lane

in North Canaan Troop B re-

sponded to a report of an active

disturbance. Following an in-

vestigation, Melissa Greene, 38,

of North Canaan was charged

with disorderly conduct. She

was scheduled to appear in

Torrington Superior Court on

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charges. Contact us by mail at

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On Nov. 11 at approximate-

On Nov. 10 at approximate-

Court on Nov. 23.

Court on Nov. 12.

the following day.

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

Rear ended

On Nov. 4 at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Route 41 in Sharon a 2011 Subaru Outback driven by Debra Bader, 66, of Lakeville slowed to make a left hand turn and was struck from the rear by a 2019 Volkswagen Golf driven by Susan Lorence, 72, of Salisbury. Lorence was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. She was issued a written warning for following too closely resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

Assault

On Nov. 7 at approximately 6:30 p.m. on East Main Street in North Canaan Troop B responded to a disturbance at the Xtra-Mart. Nicole Hernandez, 21, of Schenectady, N.Y., was charged with disorderly conduct, assault in the third three degree, reckless endangerment in the second degree and risk of injury to a child. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on the following day.

On Nov. 9 at approximately

Food drive at Salisbury Bank

Salisbury Bank's 14th annual Fill-the-Basket food drive began on Nov. 1 at all 14 branches of the bank, in Berkshire, Litchfield and Dutchess counties. The bank branches will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and household supplies. Cash donations will also be accepted. All donated items as well as the monetary contributions collected will be donated directly to food pantries serving each area.

Pantries are in particular need of canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard and tomato sauce. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo and soap are also appreciated.

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BEAR WATCH

Normally when we get photos of bears in the Northwest Corner, there is a meal involved. Most common is the "bear eating seed from a birdfeeder photo." Second most common is "bear destroying a garbage can." A distant third place, happily, usually goes to "bear inside a house eating peanut butter cups, flour and fruit preserves."

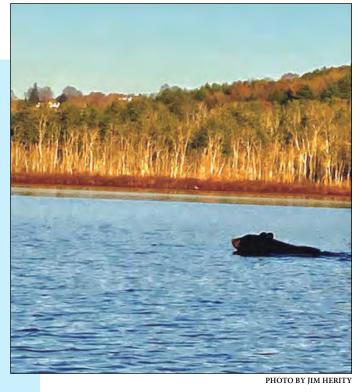
Jim Herity sent in a rare photo of a bear swimming across Mudge Pond in Sharon last week. Perhaps even bears worry about their waistlines.

On a less comical note, a homeowner in the center

of Lakeville village reported on Sunday morning, Nov. 14, that a bear ripped about a 3-foot diameter hole out of her garage door to get at the garbage cans stored inside.

In particular when there are situations where a bear aggressively crosses the human/wildlife boundary, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection would like to hear about. To report a bear sighting, go online to portal.ct.gov/DEEP/ Wildlife/Report-a-Wildlife-Sighting.

Cynthia Hochswender



Now that the floats have been removed from the beach at Mudge Pond, a large black bear decided to take a refreshing swim on Nov. 8.

Eversource announces a major increase in electricity rates

By Cynthia Hochswender

Eversource, which supplies electricity to this part of Connecticut, has announced that its rates will increase by more than 20% beginning on Jan. 1,

This can be confusing, since Gov. Ned Lamont and the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) have been saying for months that they are taking punitive measures against the power company because of its poor response to customer needs during Storm Isaias.

Joe Cooper, who is a spokesman for PURA, said that the reason for the rate increase has its roots in the state's decision to deregulate electric supply in

The idea was that, with deregulation, customers would

be allowed to choose from a number of suppliers, and that this would create competition and bring prices down.

As a result, electric bills are broken down into two sections: supply and delivery.

The state regulates delivery. But supply is based on what wholesalers are charging for energy and so the price can fluctuate quite a bit, which is what will happen this January.

Cooper said that, as with many things in 2021, suppliers are having trouble keeping up with demand and therefore prices are increasing.

In general, prices do go down in summer. The rate is expected to go down again on July 1.

In her email newsletter, state Rep. Maria Horn said that, in aggregate, Eversource customers are likely to see increases in their total bill of 37% over the January 2021 cost of electricity.

While of course the power company makes money from every kilowatt hour of electricity that its customers use, Eversource does legitimately want customers to reduce their electric use. The company not only has to buy electric power on the open market, it also has challenges in delivering power to all customers.

There are many tips on the Eversource website for reducing electric use; and the company offers a professional inhome assessment of usage for \$50. Go to www.eversource. com; it can be quicker to call the company than to fill out its online application form.

Sharon holiday **Memory Tree**

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

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

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

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

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

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Our Towns

Falls Village disbands affordable housing study group, despite protests

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, the Board of Selectmen dismissed the Affordable Housing Task Team and thanked the members for their efforts.

They did so over the objections of Daly Reville and Colter Rule, who are members of the team; and of town resident Denise Cohn.

The task team was set up to comply with a state law requiring Connecticut municipalities to produce a five-year affordable housing plan.

ruary, with Janell Mullen from the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) leading the group.

The group has produced a plan, and First Selectman Henry Todd said that the \$15,000 allocated for the work has been spent, and the contract the town has with the NHCOG specifies the plan be ready by January.

In public comments, Cohn said the plan relies on faulty

Reville read a letter stating that the disbanding of the team is seven months premature, the

The first meeting was in Feb-final report was written by only one team member, and there was no public meeting to get suggestions. She called the affordable housing survey "unusable," and said the report in its present form "is little more than a template with much misinformation, and little original writing."

> She concluded: "In summary, the first selectman is choosing to disband this project before it has accomplished its mission."

> Rule said it was "foolhardy" to disband the group when the members are willing to con-

Spike in COVID cases could be from Halloween gathering

By Patrick L. Sullivan

CORNWALL — Region One School District Superintendent Lisa Carter sent out a region-wide email Friday, Nov. 12, announcing a "sudden spike in positive COVID-19 cases at Cornwall Consolidated School (CCS) this week, resulting in a switch to remote learning for grades five and six for 10 days."

On Monday, Nov. 15, Carter reported that two additional CCS middle school students and a middle school staff member tested positive, and students in grade seven were added to the group that will remain at home as distance learners until Monday, Nov. 22.

Carter wrote that it is suspected the "sudden spike in cases may be related to social gatherings at recent Halloween celebration events, but we cannot be sure."

Carter recommended the

following actions: All CCS students and family members who had not been tested in the last five days should be tested (with a PCR test) as soon as possible. All CCS staff were also told they should get tested, and all results reported to the school nurse.

Anyone who tested positive was asked to stay home and isolate/quarantine for 10 days.

"If the aforementioned test results yield a significant number of additional positive cases, we will revisit the need to close CCS for all grades."

Carter noted that many of the students who tested positive are asymptomatic, which reinforces the need for all family members to get tested.

The Cornwall Library announced in an email Sunday, Nov. 14, that "In light of the increase in covid cases at CCS, The Cornwall Library is postponing indoor children's activities until after Thanksgiving."

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The last time this newspaper did a readership survey in 2019, The Lakeville Journal Co., publishers of The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and www.tricornernews.com, was at a crossroads. Then, we were looking at drastically cutting costs in order to survive, yet wanted to continue to provide you with the news coverage that mattered most to you. Your answers helped us formulate what our newspapers and special publications look like now. Two years later, after two highly successful appeals to our readership for contributions that saved their local community newspapers, this small media company

is in a very different place. Your generosity kept us alive, even during a worldwide pandemic, and we were able to apply for and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS as a public charity. Your contributions to The Lakeville Journal Foundation are now tax deductible to the extent permitted under the law. Now it is time to regroup again and hear from you, our valued readers, on what you would like most to see in your community weekly news. We sincerely ask you to take the time to respond to our survey, here in hard copy or online at www.tricornernews.com, expressing what matters most to

you week to week. In 2019, we received around 300 replies to our survey. It would be great to beat that very good percentage of responses this time around.

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How interested are you in news about Litchfield County beyond its Northwest

Columbia in N.Y.?

Cornwall affordable housing plan ready for hearing Dec. 8

By Leila Hawken

Later in the meeting, Todd

said Mullen and team member

Adam Sher have agreed to "ex-

peditiously review" comments

on the affordable housing plan

and that "any errors can be cor-

men accepted the resigna-

tion of Tom Scott as Zoning

Enforcement Officer and ap-

pointed Janell Mullen as inter-

im ZEO. The job will be posted

of Governments is an organiza-

tion based in Goshen, Conn.,

that is made up of the first

selectmen for 21 area towns.

Mullen is a regional planner

for the organization and has

worked with area towns on

creating their state-required

affordable housing plans.

The Northwest Hills Council

on the town website.

In other action, the select-

CORNWALL - The Affordable Housing plan was determined to be consistent with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), following review and discussion at the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Held on Zoom, the meeting drew 17 participants.

The unanimous P&Z vote that the drafted affordable housing plan aligns with the guidance found in the 2020 POCD cleared the way for the state-mandated affordable housing plan to be presented at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, on Zoom. The plan is available for

viewing on the town website. Public comment may be submitted in advance or offered during the public hearing.

Because neither the POCD nor the affordable housing plan carries the force of law, P&Z Chairman Anna Timell explained that the P&Z still has plenty of latitude in working with the recommendations.

"The points are all goals, not mandates," Timell said, adding that the affordable housing plan has a life of five years, while the POCD extends for 10 years. She explained that the burden creation of the POCD.

of fulfilling the plan does not fall on the P&Z, but rather the plan calls for the selectmen to form a Housing Commission.

After seeking clarification on a few of the points in the plan, P&Z member Steven Saccardi praised the work of the steering committee who drafted the plan.

Following the unanimous vote that determined consistency (officially worded that the two documents were "not inconsistent") Land Use official Karen Nelson added praise for the work and the records from the Housing Subcommittee that had contributed to the

The Lakeville Journal News Coverage Survey

valuable?

How important is coverage of town government, especially meetings of the boards of selectmen or town boards and the annual budget decisions?

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Would you be willing to pay a fee to ensure that your announcement is included on the news pages?

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Holiday food and wreath sale

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

Meeting Dec. 1 on ARPA funds SHARON — Sharon's

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee is conducting a survey of residents and will discuss the results at a community meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

and online via Zoom. The sur- are available online at www. vey is available online at www. sharoncovidrecovery.org.

sharoncovidrecovery.org. For those who prefer to fill it out on paper, printed surveys are available at Town Hall, the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, and the Sharon Post Office.

The selectmen also approved an application for Sha-The meeting will be both ron residents who would like to in-person at Sharon Town Hall request assistance. Applications



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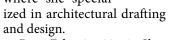


OBITUARIES

Jenny Yang

TON — Jenny Yang, 24, a life-friends and always enjoyed

long area resident, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at her family's home in the Village of Millerton from injuries sustained in a tragic residential house fire. Jenny worked for Churchill Building Co. LLC based in Lakeville, where she special-



Born Feb. 13, 1997, in Sharon, she was the eldest daughter of the late Wu Yang, who passed away in 2014, and longtime Millerton business woman Amy Yang, who resides in the Village of Millerton.

Jenny was a graduate of Webutuck High School and received a bachelor's degree from SUNY Delhi, where she majored in Architectural Design and Building.

In her high school years Jenny excelled at soccer, basketball and softball.

In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, drawing and handmade crafts, often making beautiful orchids and other flowers out of paper.

She enjoyed spending time linfuneralhome.com.

EAST CANAAN — John

Richard Cecchinato Sr., 70,

of Lower Road, died Nov. 5,

2021, at Vassar Brothers Med-

ical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY.

rington on Dec. 15, 1950, the

son of Estella (Cummings) and

driver for over 40 years, work-

ing for Dickinson Trucking in

Canaan and later for Yellow

Freight Trucking out of Wa-

terbury and then Middlebury,

and anything he could for his

children. He was a Boy Scout

master for Troop 22 in Canaan,

and was always at his kids' Little

League games, cheering them

on and coaching the Yankees.

He enjoyed watching football

and baseball, always cheering

his teams, the New York Yan-

kees and the New York foot-

ball Giants. John even started

a softball team in the 1970s

called Chicks Raiders. John

loved to golf with his friends

and family and could often be

found on the golf course on

Left to cherish his memo-

ry is his wife of over 47 years,

most any day.

John loved doing everything

until his retirement in 2010.

Louis Cecchinato.

He was born in Great Bar-

John was a tractor trailer

John Richard Cecchinato Sr.

VILLAGE OF MILLER- with her family and many

spending time with her mom at home. Jenny will be dearly missed by her loving family and her many dear friends.

In addition to her mother, Jenny is survived by her sister, Julina Yang; two brothers, Jet and Jayden

Yang; her grandparents, Ming Xiang Yang and Wei Huang Yang and Chris Lin; her uncles, Yu Ming Yang and Kim Chou Yeung and Gino Sarcomo; and her aunts, Yuhong Yang and Katy Yang.

In addition to her father, Jenny was predeceased by her grandfather, Ping Cheung Yeung; and her uncle, Michael

Calling hours were held on Nov. 14 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. The Rev. William Mayhew conducted a prayer service during visitation. A funeral service and visitation were held Nov. 15. Cremation followed. A reception was held at the Millerton Inn.

To send an online condolence please visit www.conk-

Nancy (Leach) Cecchinato; his

daughter, Heather, and son-

in-law Joe Wetzstein of Platts-

burgh, N.Y.; his son, John Jr.

and daughter-in-law Tiffany

(Lee) Cecchinato of Stratford

Conn.; and his daughter, Jessica

grandson Jackson Wetzstein;

his granddaughter Ciara Pan-

za-Cecchinato; his grand-

daughter Caitlyn Cecchina-

to-Flint; his granddaughter

Marion Trotta; his grandson

JJ Trotta; and his great-grand-

daughter Sadie Ellis. John also

leaves behind his brothers,

Louis Jr., Joseph and Nelson;

his sister Terry (Cecchinato)

Kelly; and many nieces and

nephews and countless won-

derful additional family and

held in John's honor on Sun-

day, Nov. 21, 1 to 6 p.m. at the

Couch-Pipa VFW in North

Canaan to celebrate John's life.

may be made to the Couch-Pi-

for introducing us to great mu-

sic, the Beach Boys, the Beatles

and Chicago. Go Yankees!

pa VFW Auxiliary.

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We love you dad! Thank you

A memorial service will be

friends.

John also leaves behind his

of Stockbridge, Mass.

Richard Eric Dell

SALISBURY — Richard Eric Dell, 69, passed away

peacefully at Noble Horizons on Oct. 30, 2021.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1952, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to parents Myra (McCarthy) and John

Richard was the second eldest of seven siblings.

He was predeceased by his father, John, of Salisbury; a brother, Scott, of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada; and his wife of 40 years, Gail Dell of Salisbury in 2012.

Richard met Gail at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, where Richard was employed as grounds and maintenance manager.

They married and resided for over 40 years on Selleck Hill in Salisbury.

Over the years, they divided their summertimes between Salisbury, Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

Richard could always be found with his black Labrador retriever beside him. Whether at home, on the school campus or riding along beside him in the front seat of his pickup, the two were inseparable.

Growing up on White Hollow Farm in Sharon, Richard helped out his Dad and Grandfather "Pop" in the raising of pheasants, chickens and later calves, sheep, Highland cattle and always the Labrador re-

trievers.

In his youth it was fast cars (the Shelby Mustang, BMWs and Mini Coopers) and in his later years, it was English (Matchless) and BMW motorcycles and Land Rovers.

> Outdoors as much as possible, Richard would be found either on a tractor mowing

or cutting wood, pruning trees, in the woods, fields or on the water. An avid sportsman and fly-fisherman, Richard was a regular visitor and good friend to (Phil) Terni's Store in Mil-

Throughout his threemonth stay at Noble Horizons, Richard continued to remain positive. He always found a nice thing to say and had words of praise for the wonderful care the nurses and staff there provided him.

Always up on the local, national and world news, he had his opinions of the state of the world, right up to the end, and he would often ask about the goings on in and around Salisbury and the Northwest Corner.

Richard is survived by his Mum, Myra, of Salisbury; his sisters, Catherine Dunham and her husband, Phil, of North Canaan, Patricia Walsh and Maureen Dell of Lakeville; his brothers, Stephen and Stirling Dell of Salisbury; and several nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins around the globe.

Bruce Forrest Morse

rest Morse, 78, passed away

at home on Nov. 5, 2021, with his wife, Vicky, and daughters, Hope and Grace, by his side, embraced by their love.

Born Sept. 22, 1943, in Manhattan, Bruce grew up in New York City and spent summers at his fam-

ily's home on Lakeville Lake, where he fell in love with nature. He studied poetry at the University of Iowa and NYU, backpacked through Europe in his 20s and traveled through the U.S. visiting national parks. He spent his youth chasing ad-

After spending over 30 years living in the city, he briefly moved to Pismo Beach, Calif. When he decided to return to the East Coast he wanted to start his own family in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, where he relished in childhood summers spent swimming in the lake, catching frogs, exploring the woods, and being outdoors.

After the death of Bruce's first-born son, Jesse, Bruce discovered painting as a way to heal and express his grief. Throughout the second half of his life he loved watching his children grow, creating a loving and artistic home with wife Vicky, playing tennis, singing and playing guitar, practicing drums, painting, gardening, writing poetry, dancing, playing ping pong and meeting

SHARON — Bruce For- many interesting friends along the way.

> Bruce connected with people on a deep, vulnerable level; while he also had a witty sense of humor and childlike playfulness that exuded joy.

> Bruce leaves behind his beloved wife of 27 years, Vicky,

who the majority of his writing is dedicated to; and his greatest muse, daughters Hope and Grace, sons Raymond and Adam, stepson Flynn, grandchildren Cecelia, Gessie and Flynn, and brother Jim and family.

He has joined his son Jesse in whatever glorious afterlife had awaited him. A celebration of his life will be held at a later

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

In Loving Memory of our Dad **Granny Shaffer** 11/09/1929 - 07/20/2009

Dear Dad, Happy birthday in Heaven to the greatest Dad in the world. Miss you and love you forever.

> Love. Bubbles, Kathy, Tammi & Timmy

Marjorie Liebowitz

ebowitz, an early champion of office. During that time she also

women's reproductive rights and beloved mother of four and grandmother of nine, died on Nov. 4, 2021, of COVID-19. She was 94.

Her husband of 66 years, Sidney Liebowitz, predeceased her.

Marjorie was one of those people who

was good at everything she did and unfazed by anything. She was always ready to welcome another person to the table or lend a hand (or car) to someone in need. Among her interests and

talents were tennis, sailing, cooking, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles (always in ink), movies and traveling, especially to Italy and California's Anza-Borrego Desert.

Marjorie was a graduate of the Cornell Nursing School and worked for Planned Parenthood for 35 years as director

SALISBURY —Marjorie Li- of their Northern Westchester

traveled to prisons and schools to talk about contraception

and women's health. She worked as a volunteer for the local library wherever she lived, and was a passionate and active Democrat.

Marjorie Ann was born on July 12, 1927,

in Honesdale, Pa., to Margaret and Albert Morrison.

She is survived by her children, Ellen, David and his wife, Carol, Barbara and her husband, Rob Bettigole, and Peter and his wife, Marsha; her sister, Clara Kelly of Honesdale; her grandchildren, Aaron, Charlie, Justin, Elliot, Alex, Zach, Dylan, Katie and Kendal; and eight great-grandchildren.

She will be buried in Lake Placid, N.Y., after a small family service. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



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Memorial service: Patricia Anne (Harrity) O'Connor

LAKEVILLE — Patricia Anne (Harrity) O'Connor passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at her home in Lakeville, surrounded by her family. Patricia was the loving wife of the late Owen Joseph O'Connor.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at the Inn at Iron Masters in Lakeville on Monday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church (St. Martin of Tours) in Lakeville on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m., with burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery on Cobble Road in Salisbury.

For more obituaries, see page A6.

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Cemetery of Salisbury, P.O. Box 897, North Canaan, CT 06018. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.

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OBITUARY

More obituaries are on Page A4.

Dorothy DeVoti

SHEFFIELD, Mass. — Dorothy DeVoti, 84, of Sheffield,

Mass., died Aug. 27, 2021, with her family by her side.

Dorothy grew up in Hell's Kitchen on 9th Avenue in Manhattan, a place she loved, surrounded by her extensive Italian family and all the interest of NYC at a time when kids

could play on the streets and

She began her working life as an executive secretary in the import-export business.

In 1960, she met William DeVoti, and in three months they were married. Together, they had three children; in the midst of this, in 1968, they moved to Sheffield, where they built a house and a beautiful life together.

She was a real homesteader, raising goats and children, gardening, and making abundant meals for her family, visiting poets and friends. She served on the Sheffield library committee and over the years volunteered at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Alternative School, which William founded.

As Dorothy's kids became independent, she went back to college, first at Berkshire Community College, which she admired for its excellent teachers and equal opportunity learning, and then at Westfield State College, where she earned her B.A. with honors in the same year that her youngest child graduated from Princeton University.

Although she was not raised in a family or culture where education was encouraged for women, together she and William valued education and made it a priority for their children, all of whom graduated from colleges and universities.

Dorothy traveled to Europe for the first time in 1985 with William for their 25th wedding anniversary, and they never missed a year after that (until the pandemic). She was a passionate traveler, with a knack for finding wonderful new places and a particular talent for wandering — it was never the destination so much as it was the discoveries along the way. And of course, as she said, it was always the companv that counted. Dorothy and William were married for al-

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"We are encouraged to see

69 staff and residents already

recovered and coming off iso-

lation. While we must contin-

ue with COVID-19 prevention

protocols, we want to assure

everyone we are doing our best

to keep residents and staff safe,"

Cady Bloodgood, Geer's direc-

tor of nursing, and O'Connell,

said in a joint statement. "We

continue to provide access to

the monoclonal antibody treat-

ment to any resident that meets

dents and staff is continuing.

numbers of residents recov-

ering from COVID, testing

has resulted in one addition-

al positive case among fully

vaccinated residents and staff

members," according to the

Virtual and window

visits encouraged

cases at the nursing home were

reported to be breakthrough

infections. The facility is tech-

nically still considered to be in

an outbreak until 14 days have

passed with no positive cases.

At that time, all Geer Nurs-

ing residents and staff will be

eligible for the booster, said

on hold until further notice.

Family members are encour-

All visits continue to remain

The majority of the positive

Geer officials.

O'Connell.

Bi-weekly testing on resi-

"Despite seeing significant

the criteria for treatment."

GEER

most 61 years.

She was a long-distance walker; it was a source of real joy to her, and with William she took many walking trips through Europe, including the entire Camino de Santiago. As a degenerative muscular condition developed, she lost this ability, but she

continued to evolve and find ways to keep mobile and keep traveling. She was a natural and gifted writer and was a published writer with International Travel News, most recently with a focus on travel advice for people with disabilities.

Dorothy had a remarkable interest in people and their lives and was a genuine listener, which led her to draw out anyone, from the friends she met at home and abroad to people who only for a moment crossed her path. She believed strongly in equality of the human spirit, that no one is more valuable than anyone else. She took great joy in her children and grandchildren and has taught them all generosity, kindness and courage. She was and is

She is survived by her husband, William DeVoti of Sheffield; her children, Mark and his wife, Erica DeVoti, of Cañon City, Colo., Willa and her husband, Rennie Worsfold, of Wenham, Mass., and Emily DeVoti and her husband, Joe Roland, of Great Barrington; and five grandchildren ranging in age from 32 to 8, all of whom she adored and poured herself into during their formative early years: Benjamin (and his wife, Brooke) DeVoti, Joshua DeVoti, Camilla Worsfold, Fiona Worsfold and Fionn DeVoti Roland. She is also survived by her sister, Laura Stropoli of Long Island; and her brother, Jack Gargiulo of Florida.

Dorothy was predeceased by her brother, Gino Gargiulo; and her parents, Ann and Dominick Gargiulo.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's name are warmly accepted at www.Hartleychildren, youth and seniors in Hell's Kitchen by enriching their lives, expanding their opportunities, and building a sense of community, since

aged to continue to connect

virtually and through window

continue to monitor the situ-

ation closely and provide up-

dates for residents, staff, fami-

lies and community stakehold-

COVID-19 by visiting the CDC

website at https://portal.ct.gov/

Coronavirus "to learn how you

can help prevent the spread in

cently placed in the "High

Transmission" category of

COVID-19 by the Centers

for Disease Control (CDC),

joining six other Connecticut

counties in the classification.

The High Transmission catego-

ry, which is the most severe as

defined by the CDC, is 100 or

more cases per 100,000 people

or a positivity rate of 10% or

higher over the past seven days.

crease in cases of COVID-19 in

Connecticut due to the spread

of the highly transmissible del-

ta variant, the state Department

of Public Health (DPH) has

strongly recommended that

all residents over the age of 2

years, whether vaccinated or

unvaccinated, return to wear-

ing masks when in indoor pub-

lic spaces.

With the ongoing rapid in-

Litchfield County was re-

our community."

In the meantime, they asked for the public's help in battling

ers as the situation changes.

Geer officials said they will

MARATHON

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part of a fundraising event for a nonprofit.

Gottesman was walking with a team representing The Brotherhood Sister Sol in New York City that supports Black and Latinx youth (it's also known as Brosis). The group's goals aligned with other volunteer and community-supportive work that England does; she offers her college consultancy services at no cost through the Baton Rouge Youth Coalition in Louisiana, for example.

Not only did England agree to help get Gottesman ready for the 26.2 mile race course that she'd be tackling in under two months; she decided to sign up and walk, too. There were 20 spots on the Brosis team, with 17 runners and three walkers (including England and Gottesman). Each team member had to pledge a donation of \$2,500.

England knew from the start that, even though she hadn't started training until September, she would probably be the only one of the three walkers to



PHOTO COURTESY ELIZABETH ENGLAND

A few scant weeks before it began, Elizabeth England was recruited to walk the New York City Marathon with friends Alice Gottesman, at left in photo, and Marti Meyerson, at right.

endure the entire multi-borough walk.

To prepare herself, she did some distance walks in the city and in the process discovered an extra incentive to complete the Marathon. England's father had died over the summer. He had essentially raised her as a single parent, in Lenox, Mass., and they had been very close. He'd always been a cheerleader for her to take on apparently impossible tasks. For England, the walk was a chance to honor his memory — and to hear his voice as she struggled through some of the hardest sections of the walk.

Calories are fuel

There were other voices in her head as well as she prepared for race day. One friend, a serious competitive athlete, advised her not to do anything on race day that she's never done before. England knew she'd need some calories and nutrition that she could carry with her on the walk; she began eating RX bars as part of her training.

"I like them because they're very 'clean," England said. "I don't really like supplements but I like these bars. They're small, they taste good, they're fabulous."

England's husband, Tony Scott, is a serious amateur cy-

"He looked at my RX bars, which each have 200 calories, and said, 'You're going to need two of these" to have enough fuel to make it through the day.

Read more about Elizabeth England's New York City Marathon in our issue of Nov. 25.

NUVANCE

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had been offered by the three hospitals at the time the state gave its approval.

Maternity and obstetrical services

The third request asks about "Nuvance's efforts to recruit and retain clinical staff for the provision of services including but not limited to maternity and obstetrical services, medical/surgical units, intensive care unit and surgical services, including any reductions in access to or availability of operating rooms."

The fourth request asks for "activities and progress towards Nuvance's plan to recruit and retain physicians, as detailed in its Nuvance Health Strategic Plan 2025."

Sixth is a request to "describe strategies that Nuvance has considered and pursued to address any professional staffing issues at Sharon Hospital utilizing resources available within the Nuvance system, including but not limited to clinical providers at other Nuvance facilities."

The final request refers specifically to "Condition 18 of the Order," and asks "how Nuvance has determined the obstetric and gynecological needs of each community served by each Connecticut hospital in the Nuvance system and its efforts to align these services with the professional standards for high quality gynecological and obstetric care."

The original request to Nuvance was for a detailed response by Nov. 5. Tina Kumar, who is Manager of External Affairs at the state Office of Health Strategy, said that the deadline has been extended to Nov. 22.

> Attny. General Tong weighs in

Meanwhile, Hartford HealthCare, one of the region's major health-care networks (it includes Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington), announced last week that it plans to close the labor and delivery unit at Windham Hospital in Windham, Conn.

The medical group is offer-

ing reasons in its application to the Office of Health Strategy that are similar to those Nuvance is offering in its request for the changes at Sharon Hospital. They are claiming low patient counts in the labor and delivery unit, and struggles with getting medical staff.

If the Hartford HealthCare request is granted, mothers who would have delivered at Windham Hospital will have to go to hospitals in Norwich, Manchester or Hartford instead.

The Hartford HealthCare request was submitted on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The day before the presentation to OHS, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong sent a two-page letter to OHS Executive Director Victoria Veltri.

In the letter, he said, "I understand that the applicant has provided a number of reasons for closing the obstetrics unit. These include the choice of patients to have their babies in larger hospitals and the concern that a low volume of births will put patient safety at risk, and other local and national workforce challenges."

Tong continued that, "the fact remains that permanently closing the birthing unit will

leave vulnerable families in the region — those who do not have the choice of driving to Norwich, Manchester or Hartford in order to give birth — without an essential healthcare service."

Tong says in his letter that Windham Hospital serves a low-income community and that it is particularly difficult for mothers in this community to drive an additional 25 to 45 or more minutes to get to a hospital that has a labor and delivery unit.

An eye on use of charitable donations

Tong also notes that, "the statutes charge my office with ensuring that charitable gifts are used for purposes consistent with donative intent. Should OHS ultimately approve this application, we will ensure any charitable funds intended to support obstetric services at Windham Hospital continue to serve the Windham service area in a similar capacity."

When contacted for comment on the similar situation at Sharon Hospital with Nuvance, a spokesperson for the attorney general said, "We are watching that issue closely and expect to be similarly engaged."

House.org, serving school-age

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ROUNDTABLE

cial projections were accurate. One questioner asked, "When does it stop being a real

hospital?" Another said that requiring patients to travel farther distances, especially in winter, will result in accidents.

"You're going to kill some-

Throughout, Hirko urged the audience to think in terms of the overall Nuvance system, and sought to reassure people that services such as the emergency department will not change.

He described the decision to close labor and delivery as "difficult."

"It was not taken lightly." The meeting ran about one hour 40 minutes.

The next such meeting is Thursday, Nov. 18, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville.

To register, email Sharon-Hospital@NuvanceHealth.org

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Lee Kellogg honors military veterans with traditional poppies

By Alexander Wilburn

FALLS VILLAGE — Homeowners on Main Street in Falls Village needed only glance out their windows on the bright, chilled morning of Thursday, Nov. 11, to see a procession of COVID-masked Lee H. Kellogg School students making their orderly way downtown.

Assembled at the war memorial on the Green in front of the Falls Village Inn, the Kellogg School community gathered in honor of Veterans Day.

Led by Interim Principal Robin Faust, students, teachers and Falls Village residents gathered in appreciation for all who had served, but in particular, the 16 veterans in attendance.

Children of all ages carried a single red paper poppy in hand. Prior to the ceremony, when asking a group of third grade students about the significance of the poppy, one boy told this reporter, "Because on the field the poppies grew!" Did they know which war ushered in the significance of the poppy? "World War II?" Close, but not quite.

It was during World War I, in 1915, that Canadian soldier and poet John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Fields." While grieving during the burial of his friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, the poet couldn't help noting the red flowers that had sprung up around the gravesite in Belgium. He wrote, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on

Inspired by McCrae's beau-



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Kellogg student Emmett King, right, was one of the students chosen to present his poppy to the honored Falls Village veterans, including this visiting veteran from Norfolk, Conn.

tiful but haunting image of loss edge and thank them for their on the battlefield, the Remembrance Poppy has remained an international symbol of wartime sacrifice for more than 100 years.

During the ceremony, a few young Kellogg students were given the opportunity to present their paper poppies to the military veterans to acknowlservice.

U.S. Navy veteran and Salisbury School teacher Dick Curtis told the children, "This country we have is a wonderful country, and everyone can do something to serve. It doesn't necessarily have to be the military. By being a good citizen, you can do your part."

Reminding us that everyone needs to fight for our freedoms

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN — This year, there was roadwork ongoing around the Doughboy statue in the center of town. And so the Couch-Pipa VFW held a Veterans Day ceremony at the hall on Route 7.

A small crowd assembled in the parking lot and watched as the honor guard, led by Marine veteran Christopher Sorrell, marched past the historic tank parked on the lawn. There was a gun salute from Army veteran Stan Ralph and Marine veteran Russell Duntz, and Marine veteran Nick Gandolfo led the playing of taps.

Ken Merrill led the group in a prayer and spoke of the history of Veterans Day.

The soldiers who are being honored, "were ordinary men and women, until they heard



Ken Merrill spoke at the Couch-Pipa VFW before the gun salute and the playing of taps.

the call of duty and answered it."

He added that, "Veterans Day isn't just a day for veterans, it's a day for all Americans." Everyone, he said, has an obligation to protect our freedoms by voting and speaking out against

injustice.

A chili luncheon for the veterans and their families followed the service and that evening there was a spaghetti dinner for all area veterans and their families.

In Her Words

Stories of women from the **Salisbury Oral History Project**

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Remembering veterans in Salisbury, as the list continues to grow

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There were two Veterans Day events in Salisbury on Thursday, Nov. 11, timed so they didn't overlap.

The first was at 10 a.m. at Salisbury Central School, outside. Students had a half day

It was an abbreviated version of the traditional assembly held in the gym. The 17 veterans, many in uniform, sat in a row of chairs and the students sat opposite on the grass.

Instead of having the school band play the service songs, recordings were used.

Hadley Casey and Ellie Prince, representing the middle school students, spoke about the history of Veterans Day. Other grades contributed poems, a poster, and cards for the veterans.

At 11 a.m. some of the same veterans assembled at Town Hall for the traditional ceremo-



Jerry Baldwin and other Salisbury veterans attended a ceremony on Nov. 11 at Salisbury Central School.

ny and to unveil a new section than one's self." of the war memorial.

David Bayersdorfer said veterans have demonstrated courage, pride and determination.

"One needs these qualities in order to serve a cause greater built.

Selectman Chris Williams thanked Jean McMillen, Mary Barton and Rachel Lamb for their efforts in getting the new section of the war memorial

In Kent, 13 new names on monument

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — Area towns celebrated their veterans with ceremonies at schools, most of which were open for a half day on Nov. 11, and at town memorial monuments.

In Sharon, veterans helped with flag burning at the war memorial.

In Kent, Brent Kallstrom led the ceremony at the memorial near American Legion Hall Jennings Post#153, where he is the adjutant/commander. The Rev. John Heeckt of the First Congregational Church offered words and a prayer, followed by a rifle salute and taps by bagpiper Don Hicks.

First Selectman Jean Speck reminded the assembled group to be thankful for the service of the military veterans "not just this day, but every day."



The Rev. John Heeckt, with Brent Kallstrom at his right, and the Rev. Douglas Worthington at his left.

Veterans Committee Chair the Rev. Douglas Worthing-Andy Ocif said 13 new names had been added to the monument this year.

Kallstrom spoke briefly

ton of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church led a closing prayer

Following the service there was a luncheon at St. Andrew's about Veterans Day and then for veterans and their families.

Brain Teasers

20. Patti Hearst's captors

25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)

26. Ill-mannered person

29. Famed rat catcher

32. Equal to 10 meters

40. "To the __ degree"

42. Frozen water

52. Palmlike plant

3 6

49. Gossipy

Sudoku

34. Central processing unit

35. Chinese native religion 37. Unfermented juices

43. Medieval circuit courts

47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)

50. Shopping is one type

53. Partner to "oohed"

23. Disfigure

27. Overhang

21. Jacobs and Summers are two

30. Passover feast and ceremony

CLUES ACROSS

1. German philosopher 6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)

9. Cincinnati ballplayers

13. Deerlike water buffaloes

14. Island 15. Jewish calendar month

16. Round Dutch cheese 17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical

foot 18. A restaurant needs one

19. Decent behaviors

21. Groans

22. Works hard

23. Upset 24. A sound made in speech

25. One point east of due south 28. Boxing's GOAT

29. Whittles 31. Tailless amphibian

33. Surrounded 36. Doesn't stay still

38. Copycat

39. Four-door car

41. Morally correct behavior 44. Something that is owed

45. Pasta needs it 46. Ant-Man's last name

48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! 49. Small period of time (abbr.)

51. Woman (French)

52. On or around

54. Fencing swords

56. Fonts

60. A command in the name of the

61. Sprays with an irritant

62. Georgetown athlete 63. Dry or withered

64. Sign of injury 65. Tracts of land (abbr.)

66. 365 days 67. Physique 68. Icelandic poems

CLUES DOWN

1. Bodily substance 2. Internal

3. Provoke or annoy

4. Type of lounge chair

5. Losses

6. Makes less severe 7. Identifies a thing close at hand

8. Group of blood disorders (abbr.) 9. Rebuilt

10. Ancient Greek City 11. American investigative

journalist

12. Partially melted snow 14. Take shape

17. Mexican beverage

9 6 8 4 9 8 6 6

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Nov. 11 Solution

55. Welsh name meaning

56. Popular Mexican dish

57. It helps power devices

58. Reddish-brown wildcat

61. Legal financial term (abbr.)

"snow"

59. Impertinence

Nov. 11 Solution

65. Atomic #52

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HIKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Think Pink (and Orange) During Hunting Season

utumn is a time when I think of the color orange, not only because of the falling leaves and not only because I associate the fall and winter months with eating citrus fruit but also because it is now hunting season and it's important to wear orange if you're out in the woods.

Connecticut and New York state offer slightly different advice to hikers, dog walkers, paddlers, anglers, equestrians and anyone else who is outdoors at this time of year. Connecticut just says to wear (fluorescent) orange. New York says you can also wear (fluorescent) pink.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) tip sheet offers the moderately encouraging information that, "Hunters who wear hunter orange are seven times less likely to be shot." Presumably this applies as well to everyone who's out in the woods.

The DEC also says that, "wearing bright colors makes it easier for Forest Rangers, Environmental Conservation Police Officers and other rescue personnel to find lost, sick or injured people afield."

Many of us like to take our dogs out for a walk in the woods at this time of year, but if anything, pets are even more at risk

At The Movies





PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Even a simple walk in the woods can have hazards. A few precautions (such as wearing bright orange clothing) can help keep you safe.

during hunting season than their owners.

Therefore, the New York DEC says, "Pet owners are encouraged to dress their dogs in blaze orange or pink or another bright color vest or scarf. Dogs should also stay leashed at all times."

Keeping your dog on a leash will also help keep it from getting caught in a trap.

For hunters, there are specific rules about how much blaze pink and blaze orange you should wear, and those same guidelines work for anyone else out in the woods at this time of year.

In New York the guidance is: "a shirt, jacket or vest with at least 250 square inches of solid or patterned fluorescent orange or pink (the pattern must be at least 50% orange or pink) OR a hat with at least 50% fluorescent orange or pink."

In Connecticut, "400 square inches of fluores-

cent orange are required for hunters," and you should "avoid wearing gray, brown, tan or white when hiking in hunted

Cyclists and riders are encouraged to put a bell on their bike or horse. Hikers are encouraged to call out and identify themselves if they see or hear hunters nearby.

Newcomers to the area — and visitors who are only here on a day trip to enjoy our area trails, rivers and forests — might not realize that there is quite a bit of hunting around here. The New York DEC says hunting is "among the most popular forms of wildlife recreation in the state, drawing an estimated 600,000 New Yorkers."

COVID-19 has also brought more people to the area, seeking a way to be out in the fresh air and (theoretically) away from the close contact with other people that is hard to avoid in urban areas.

As a result, this hunting season there is likely to be more overlap in the woods, of people who are hunting and people seeking other types of outdoor activities (and who might not realize that this is hunting season).

The schedules for the different seasons and types of hunting are complicated but, essentially, hunting started in late October and will continue through December. It won't end in December, but there will be less of it.

Most hunters go out around 9 a.m. and/or in the late afternoon, especially but not exclusively on Saturdays and holidays.

This year, Connecticut is also warning anyone out in the woods to be aware of falling trees and limbs.

"Look up and watch out for hazardous trees while in forested areas. Several years of storms, drought and insect infestations have severely damaged a significant number of Connecticut's trees. A 'hazard tree' has a structural defect that makes it likely to fail in whole or in part. Such a tree can fall without warning."

For a full list of safety tips for the state of Connecticut, go to https://portal. ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/Outdoor-Safety-Tips. For New York, go to www.dec.ny.gov/ press/121768.html.

DOG BITES MAN (NO, SERIOUSLY)

Actor/author/playwright Mark St. Germain will read excerpts from his new book, "Walking Evil: How Man's Best Friend Became Man's Worst Enemy," about a pet adoption that went very, very wrong.

St. Germain rescued a dog named Evie at a time when his life was in disarray. The dog seemed to reflect all the parts of his life that had unraveled.

St. Germain consulted dog trainers, psychics, human and animal shrinks and even a priest who specializes in exorcism. In the end, he came to realize that it's the pets who run our households.

The reading will be on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m. at St. James Place in Great Barrington, Mass., hosted by the Great Barrington Public Theater. Readers include Donna Bullock, Peggy Pharr Wilson and Jim Frangione.

Tickets are \$15 and available on Eventbrite. Updates are available online at www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org.

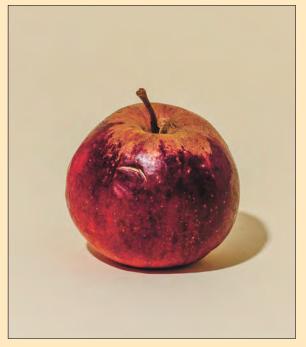


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Ruby Secret is a foraged apple, found in the wild and included in the catalog of the 2021 "Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition."

FORAGING:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Romance Of Finding Undiscovered Apples

he Tristate region has plenty of actual apple orchards, some of them private and others open to the public for Pick-Your-Own or Buy a Bushel.

There are also back yards with one or two apple trees that are glorious to look at in spring, when they blossom, and delicious in late summer and early autumn, when they produce fruit.

And then there are the wild apple trees, the ones that you see out of the corner of your eye as you travel along back roads and the larger travel-ways between towns that are, technically, highways (Route 4, Route 7, Route 41 ...).

Ours is a part of the world where we consider it fun to forage for food (ramps, mushrooms). Foraging wild apples is even more fun because not only are you finding something nice to eat, you're also in a sense taking a crisp bite out of local history; and at the same, making a discovery of a piece of fruit that is, probably, unknown - except to the apple obsessed.

the apple obsessed.

One such devotee is Matt Kaminsky, a tree expert from Hadley, Mass., who is on a quest to find and name as many wild apples as he can, with the help of other apple enthusiasts.

In an email this week, talking about his new book (more on that later!), he described how most of these one-of-a-kind trees came to be: "The specimens found in my book are apple trees that were not grafted, but rather grew from seed by way of errant apple cores

from speeding motorists, birds' droppings, squirrels, deer, bears, porcupines, etc., and were noticed by apple enthusiasts, orchardists, cidermakers, citizen scientists, etc., given a name and shared.

"These roadside apple trees are typically not remnants of old homestead orchards or bygone farms, but naturally a part of the native vegetation of 'edge ecosystems,' like roads, field edges, stone walls, drainage ditches.

"It is possible that the seed parentage descended from older stock, or perhaps more obscure genetics like the indigenous crab apples of North America.

"However, they are just as likely to have arisen from the seed of a discarded apple core of store-bought red delicious. Every seed of every apple that germinates and produces a tree will yield a never-before-seen expression of the apple genome."

For the past two years Kaminsky has convened the Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition in Ashfield, Mass. (the 2021 outing was held on Nov. 5). Apple and pear enthusiasts from all over the U.S. are invited to bring samples of fruit they've found and, often, named.

Historically, apple names can be quite beautiful. Unlike more modern and streamlined monikers like Jazz or Gala, older names are more stately and often invoke the name of an orchardist or land owner or place of origin: D'Arcy Spice,

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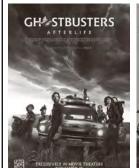
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With supply chain interruptions delaying shipment of mass market products, this is an outstanding year to shop local whenever possible for holiday gifts.

There will be a sale of work by area artisans who make pottery, clothing, jewelry, artwork, knitwear, sculpture, woodcraft and more in Goshen, Conn., on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Cochipianee (291 Beach St.).

Admission is free. For more information go to the Facebook page for LOLA: Love Our Local Art or call Christine Mitchell at 860-469-2688.

There will also be a sale in Tivoli, N.Y., near Red Hook and Kingston, from

Pottery by Judy Fisher and other artisan work will be featured in a sale on the weekend after Thanksgiving in Goshen, Conn.

Nov. 19 to Dec. 19.

The opening reception will be on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

"The Holiday Show" at the Tivoli Artists Gallery will offer handcrafted items such as ceramics, drawings, paintings, greeting cards, ornaments, jewelry, prints, sculptures and photographs. Gallery hours are Fridays, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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SILENT FILMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Serial Killer, a Silent Film **And Music by Donald Sosin**

alloween is over but for some cinema fans, it's always the season for horror films and thrillers.

One of the earliest examples was directed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1927, his third feature film. It's called "The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog," and it's a black-and-white film about a serial killer known as The Avenger who victimizes young blonde women. When a new lodger arrives at the home of the Blunts, who have a young blonde daughter, everyone begins to wonder if the lodger is ... The Avenger. This film stars Ivor Novello, an extremely famous singer and performer of that time (he is played by Jeremy Northam in the film "Gosford Park").

This is a silent film, and while you can see it as part of the Criterion Collection, you can't see it with live music performed by Salisbury, Conn., residents Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton, among the world's most famous living silent film accompanists.

In addition to the film, there will also be peri-



A silent film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, "The Lodger," will be performed with live music by Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton on Saturday, Nov. 20.

od-appropriate concessions and a sing-a-long of songs from the 1920s.

The screening of "The Lodger" with music by Sosin and Seaton will be at Dewey Hall in Sheffield, Mass., on

Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and you can order them at www. christtrinitychurch.org/ store/p11/Silent_Movie_Night_with_Live_Music%2C_Nov._20th_7pm.

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ART

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

Experience the Permanent Collection: Weekly Gallery Talk, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Furnace — Art on Paper

Archive, 107 Main St.. Falls Village, Conn. www.furnaceartonpaperarchive.com Gelah Penn: Angels with Dirty Faces, Nov. 13 to Dec. 12.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of

Sharon, 10 Upper Main St Sharon Conn www hotchkisslibrary.org Fall Discussion Series with Mark Scarbrough, Nov. 18, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

Oblong Books & Music, 26

Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. oblongbooks.com Oblong Online: Kristin Cashore & Gareth Hinds. **GRACELING: THE** GRAPHIC NOVEL, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. (online).

DANCE

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www. ps21chatham.org U.S. Premiere: Phasmes and Hêtre, Dec. 21 and 22.

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library, 32

N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www. kentmemoriallibrary.org Thanksgiving Share, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge,

Mass. www.nrm.org Joyful Holidays Family Day, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MOVIES

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www. massmoca.org

Fragility Etudes: Music By Susie Ibarra, Film By Yuka C. Honda, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. themoviehouse.net Now playing: No Time to Die, Dune, Spencer, Eternals, The French Dispatch. Opening Nov. 19: Belfast, Ghostbusters:

MUSIC

Afterlife.

Berkshire Theatre Group,

www.berkshiretheatregroup.org Rev Tor 25th Anniversary Jam, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.

Close Encounters With

Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org Café Music—Jazz, Rap and Grand Reopening!, Nov. 21, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

TALKS

The Salisbury Forum,

Salisbury, Conn. www. salisburyforum.org SHERRY TURKLE: The **Empathy Diaries: How** to be Human in a Digital World, A Zoom Webinar, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. (online).

■ THEATER

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www. ps21chatham.org Residency: Pascal Rambert (France) with actors Jim Fletcher and Ismail Ibn Conner, and writer and translator Nicholas Elliott, Dec. 6 to 10.

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... undiscovered apples

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Lamb Abbey Pearmain, Roxbury Russet.

The apples collected and cataloged at the 2021 Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition had names like Bus Stop Blush and Ruby Secret (see photos, this page and B1).

Each apple from that first exhibition was lovingly photographed against a plain background. All the images are displayed in a just-published book with the wonderfully 19th-century title, "Proceedings from the First Annual Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition."

The apples included have names like Hospital Orb, presumably found on the grounds of a hospi-



PHOTO BY WILLIAM MULLAN Wild apples' names sometimes reflect where they were found. This apple is Bus Stop Blush.

tal; Jetson's Proudstem; Screaching Weasel; and Juicy Juicy Pineapple. The chances that you'll

find one of these specific apples on a foraging expedition are slim. But if you love edible oddities and New England history and foraging, and if you love the idea of discovering an apple that's been hiding in plain sight on the side of a road or along a trail on what used to be a farm, then this book is thrilling.

Buy it for \$20; a portion of the money goes to Gardening for the Community in Springfield, Mass. And if you have a friend who loves foraging, this could be the most memorable holiday gift they receive this year.

Order it at Kaminsky's website, www.gnarlypippins.com.



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EDITORIAL PAGE B3

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

EDITORIAL Changes will have lasting effects, for better or worse

There are times for all communities that are tipping points, when some centers that shape their residents' lives in profound ways change or are at such dramatic risk that there is no turning back to what once was. We've all seen or know about such places. But it's not always obvious to us when it's our community, and we're in the middle of such change, is it?

Looking at the pages of this newspaper over the past months, of course the most obvious changes that directly affected individuals and institutions came as a result of repercussions from dealing with COVID-19. Worldwide pandemics do have a way of turning things upside down and leaving it to humanity to find a way to right them.

Many rose to the challenge, from first responders and all medical staff to educators to grocery store staff to news reporters. But dealing with the crisis of the moment cannot alleviate the need to address longer-term problems. While Sharon Hospital was a center of help and courage throughout the worst days so far of the pandemic, the long-term issue of needing to increase revenues there could not be avoided.

So we are now at that crisis point of losing key services, especially labor and delivery, the Birthing Suites. The nurses and staff there wrote so eloquently about their work and commitment to their patients in last week's letters to the editor. And, the rally to support them on Nov. 6 organized by the group Save Sharon Hospital drew around 400 people who feel strongly this department needs to remain for the health and for the vibrancy of the

It's one of the most personal connections any young family can have to a hospital: giving birth to their children there. Those who attended the rally in support of keeping maternity going at the hospital surely had strongly felt connections there, but also understood the importance of having the resource here for new families to create their own new connections.

Hospitals are centers of emotionally fraught times as well, where we and our loved ones go for critical care and may face the end of life. Life and death. Doesn't get much

Which explains why so many of us feel the proposed changes at the hospital so deeply. They could surely have a lasting effect on the way our communities look going forward. Will the private schools, for instance, be able to attract young families to live here if the closest birthing center is more than 30 to 40 minutes away?

As state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said at a meeting of area town officials on Nov. 5, the state Office of Health Strategy still needs to approve the plans Nuvance has for Sharon Hospital. How will that office decide to handle Nuvance's requests? One thing we know for sure is that they will want public input, so if you feel strongly about the changes being proposed for the hospital, let the Office of Health Strategy, and Horn and state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30), know your opinions. They are the ones who will be able to influence the outcome of Nuvance's strategy the most. Their decision will make a real difference to the health of the residents of the region, as well as the health of the communities served by the hospital.



Perfect day for a brisk walk

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving and thanking, very American traditions

We've been learning that Thanksgiving, for certain a celebratory feast, was not the newly arrived Colonists being saved by a shared massive meal with indigenous Indians. Colonists indeed celebrated finally harvesting crops at the first Thanksgiving — the invitation of peaceful Indians to the event is less clear.

A friend and I moving to Boston in the late '60s spent our first Thanksgiving making Indian Pudding and, while it baked, traveling down to First Encounter Beach on the Cape. For each of these ceremonies of sort, the process vs. the result was pleasurable — the weather November gray, the beach empty, the pudding inedible replaced with the real thing at the Union Oyster House, Boston's oldest restaurant.

A collaborative feast is a fine image and Thanksgiving is a firm American tradition kicking off The Holidays that end with the coming of a New Year. My family and I adore The Holidays. My husband will cook a full turkey dinner on Saturday if we have been at my daughter's on Thanksgiving: he loves the preparation, the smells, the post big dinner turkey sandwiches. There

aren't flags, bunting, Sousa booming bands but none-theless Thanksgiving is grandly American — includes pies, Macy's parade, the Westminster Dog Show along with heaps of football, kith and kin together.

Giving and giving thanks are American. Giving, volunteering, doing civic duty, lending a hand is American. A sour fog in recent years has diminished the visibility of the truly American trait of giving to others, by volunteers and by people in helping professions and positions: orderlies, school traffic guards, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police, election workers, big sisters and brothers, researchers, scientists. Thanking, giving thanks for gifts from others: a bounty of love, of time to help build a house, of dropped off meals, a kind word, a door opening as our hands are full or our heart heavy is truly American. Some have tried kicking appreciation off the national stage but thanking others is as natural an Americanism as sports, denim,

As Thanksgiving 2021 presents itself, an infrastructure bill has passed both Houses of Congress providing long lagging maintenance and upgrades, and good jobs. Thanks Congress for doing your duty. China and the U.S. agree to work jointly on climate — low details, high hopes. Thanks big two for aiming well. Richer countries engage all countries in banishing a pandemic — offering knowledge, recipes and meds. Thanks, let's win to-

Too easy these days to be woebegone on the U.S. as a

nation, as a population. Too easy to let the best of the best be shrouded by discourse rather than unity. Here is to America, Americans — happy, happy giving and thanking.

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all the other virtues."

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

Clear reason for petitioning candidates

On the front page of the Nov. 11 edition of the Lakeville Journal, in an article by Cynthia Hochswender, you said it was odd that there were so many petitioning candidates in the municipal elections. The reason that there were many petitioning candidates in this past election is not really a mystery.

Instead of a caucus this past year both parties were able to put candidates on the ballot, without a caucus. The Dem-

Committees chose who to run due to a change in party rules because of COVID. People who would have had a chance to be placed on the ballot at a caucus were left out of the mix. Hence more people petitioned.

ocratic and Republican Town

I realize that the headline and first paragraph were to grab our attention but needed to write you anyway.

Barbara Prindle

Sharon

The views expressed here are not those of The Lakeville Journal and the Journal does not support or oppose candidates for public office. The early deadline for letters to the editor for the Thanksgiving issue, Nov. 25, is Friday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — November

1921 SALISBURY — Mr. J.G. Kimmerle has installed a Hartford Automatic refrigerating plant doing away with the necessity of using ice. The new plant keeps the cooler at the proper temperature and served a new glass display case. It is very convenient, and keeps meats in far more satisfactory and sanitary manner and provides a very tempting display for customers to choose from.

The ground was white with a slight fall of snow on Monday morning.

60 years ago — November 1961

The Sharon Fire Department, assisted by the Lakeville Hose Co., controlled and contained a fire which started on the second floor of the Sharon Ballet School building at about 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Gallons of water were pumped into the attic and the second floor of the building by the two tank trucks of the two fire companies, by a pumper from a nearby brook and also by a pumper from a nearby hydrant. Two men in gas masks from Lakeville went into the attic to kill the fire there, which had spread from the kitchen area of the upstairs front apartment. Forty-three Sharon men and a large number of Lakeville men helped, according to George Lamb who was in charge of operations.

Young Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gorat lost all their possessions except the clothes on their backs. Married only 11 months and expecting a baby, they lost their furniture, their china and all their wedding gifts; none of which was covered by insurance. The Journal would like to serve as clearing house for a neighborly "Fire Shower" to help them replace at least a few of their household necessities. As furniture is difficult to store until the young couple gets established again in a place of their own, money would probably be the most acceptable form of help. Send checks to the "Fire Shower Fund," at the Lakeville Journal.

There was ice on the lake at Mt. Riga last Sunday and a few snow flurries on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Gerald McGowan of Dublin, Ireland, has accepted a position as night linotype operator at the Lakeville Journal.

John McChesney was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., from Sharon Hospital for special treatment for a fractured hip suffered in a fall while horseback riding. He is expected to return to Sharon Hospital this

FALLS VILLAGE — Robert I. Patterson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Patterson, is serving in the Atlantic aboard the tank landing ship USS Waldo County, operating out of Norfolk, Va. The Waldo County recently returned from the Mediterranean where it operated with units of the Sixth Fleet. During its cruise the ship visited Spain, Italy and Greece.

Miss Mary C. Mackey, librarian of the Hotchkiss Library, is resigning effective June 30, 1962, after 46 years of unfailing and untiring efforts to expand and improve the library services to Sharon residents. She took up her duties as librarian in 1916.

Miss Amanda Hargis, instructional supervisor in the elementary schools of this district, has rented the Mather bungalow on Bragg Street. Mr. and Mrs. James Herd have moved from Falls Village to the Consolini apartment on East Main Street.

25 years ago — November

An accident-plagued curve near the intersection of Route 44 and Orchard Street in Lakeville may be redesigned as part of a separate state Department of Transportation project to alter a hazardous school crossing. The white fence in front

of Marvin and Virginia Rosen's residence on Route 44 has been struck numerous times by motorists including two accidents in the past month.

With the beginning of this season's basketball play in the Senior Division of the Canaan Youth Basketball League, a young girl will join the ranks of boys in the upcoming league games. Cathy Mechare, 13, a national AAU basketball team member for the last two years, will be playing in the heretofore all-boy league. She joins a growing list of females who have competed on equal footing with boys.

John F. Perotti, president and chief executive officer of the Salisbury Bank and Trust Co., was elected first vice chairman of the Connecticut Bankers Association at the CBA's recent annual meeting in Bermuda. The CBA's membership includes virtually every bank in the state.

Two area residents have successfully completed a forest and wildlife conservation course and are available without charge to help landowners who want to improve and enjoy their woodlands. Robin Ketchum of Norfolk and Ella Clark of West Cornwall were among 30 people who completed the intensive 3 1/2 day course at the Yale Forestry

Camp in Norfolk. Quality, selection and ser-

vice are things every shopper looks for, but when it comes to groceries, how much they spend (or save), is the biggest concern. So say the results of an informal poll of regular shoppers at Stop & Shop in Canaan. An overwhelming number of them said they believe their grocery bills are higher since the retail chain's parent company, international

retailer Royal Ahold, bought out Edwards Supermarkets and began a chainwide changeover and sale of stores.

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A paragon of affordable housing across the globe

The small suburban town of the residents. of Fredensborg, Denmark, located about 20 miles north of Cøpenhagen and 10 miles southwest of Helsingor (Hamlet's home), is the site of an extraordinary housing project constructed in the early 1960s for Danish citizens returning home after working for long periods abroad, many as civil servants in the Danish Foreign Service. Residents typically are retired and in their mid 70s.

The project was the brainchild of Danske Samvirke, an organization established to cater to the needs of Danes returning to their home country after a long absence, these folks most basic need being to find a suitable place to live. In this regard, the sponsors have done a wonderful job.

Even before firming up the program, Danske Samvirke hired local architect Jørn Utzon, who had recently become famous for winning the international competition for the design of the Sydney Opera House. Having lived most of his life nearby, Utzon knew the territory and was instrumental in finding an exceptional site, a 15-acre meadow abutting a golf course and forest to the south and surrounded on the remaining sides by pleasant suburban housing. Utzon's finding the site, designing the landscape, and helping to program the facility assured an harmonious, well considered solution.

Visually the most striking aspect of the overall array is the arrangement of the courtyard houses, connected together to form a kind of ribbon or chain which extends over the site in folds going from north to south and back again. While at first glance the site plan looks almost whimsical, actually it is very rational in grouping the various elements to efficiently use the irregularly shaped property and also to provide privacy for the individual houses. The compact arrangement of cul-de-sacs and continuous greensward make the most of the public spaces for the benefit a bedroom.

This being Denmark, only one car (with garage) per unit was programmed and paved areas throughout are more modest than

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would be the case in the U.S. Because of the very light vehicular traffic, sidewalks were not required. There are additional park-

ing spaces for service vehicles and guests.

The building program consisted of 47 courtyard houses, 30 very small row houses, and a communal facility housing a lounge, dining room, kitchen, meeting room, several guest rooms and service areas.

Each L-shaped courtyard house with adjacent wings wrapping around two sides of a private exterior courtyard of about 1,000 sq. ft. contains either 1,150 or 1,350 sq. ft. The courtyards of every house face either southeast or southwest, thereby offering the most sun to the interiors and the best external views for every house. The exterior walls of the courtyard houses are solid brick but become stepped garden walls as they wrap the courtyard. The walls between the courtyards and the interior rooms are mostly glass, providing the residents with good light and splendid views. By providing each house a private outdoor space, the courtyards offer the residents a wonderful benefit seldom found in a housing

Because of the slope of the land, the special detailing by the architects of the garden walls facing the lawn is notable: no one can peer in from outside into the private courtyards or interiors, thus maintaining exceptional privacy for the occupants.

The tiny row houses, each 790 sq. ft., occupy a small separate portion of the site. Their pitched roofs rise to provide each unit a balcony containing

The construction throughout is typically Danish. Floors and exterior walls are brick, roofs and wall copings clay tile, interior finishes mostly natu-

> ral wood or plasterboard. Brick paving on sand in the courtyards was chosen to facilitate likely removal of some bricks by the occu-

pants to accommodate future planting — which has happened with great flourish. The continuous lawn comprising nearly half the property meets the golf course fairway at the southern edge of the property in such a way as to create the illusion of a much larger site.

The residents all have reasonably priced long term rentals and there is a waiting list of over 400 for apartments as they become available. Residents must pay for at least 12 meals a month in the communal dining hall and are encouraged to, and do, participate in the community's other various social activities.

The Fredensborg Housing is very site specific and would not lend itself to being simply replicated in another location. Not only is the site itself very particular, but so is the program and the specific conditions underlying its existence. But like the affordable housing we are trying to build here in the Northwest Corner, it was accomplished with modest means. What sets it apart from most other low cost housing schemes is the special concern for the occupants' well being and the exceptional design quality that went into its creation.

For those interested in knowing more about this complex, go to: Fredensborg Housing (on the internet) and look at the many pictures and

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



A view of the Fredensborg Housing project designed by Jørn Utzon

There is a CIA report on a paranoid psychopath

any Americans do not understand the CIA. The primary role of the CIA is to gather information, conduct analysis and evaluation, and, always, provide leaders with background information necessary to govern around the world. If you go to the CIA web site, you can find incredible, de-classified, reams of reports on everything from the economy of distant countries or cities, to the availability of water in desert regions, to maps of sea

In the middle of World War II, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS - that was renamed the CIA after the war), ordered respected psychologists from Harvard, the New School, and the N.Y. Psychoanalytic Institute to study and report on the psychological profile of Adolf Hitler. So-called the Langer Redusty library of Cornell long after it was declassified in 1968. In 1943, it

was critical A VIEW FROM that the U.S. study Adolf THE EDGE Hitler's personality to PETER RIVA try to predict his behavior. In the even-

tual 229-page report, Hitler was described as a paranoid "utter wreck" who was "incapable of normal human relationships." Part of the conclusion was, "It is forever impossible to hope for any mercy or humane treatment from him." Prophetic words considering what we learned subsequently of the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities.

What is interesting, is that the fascist movement in Europe relied on these same traits to further their aims, aiding and

port, a copy was found in the abetting Hitler to achieve goals they wanted, especially wealth and power. The OSS report

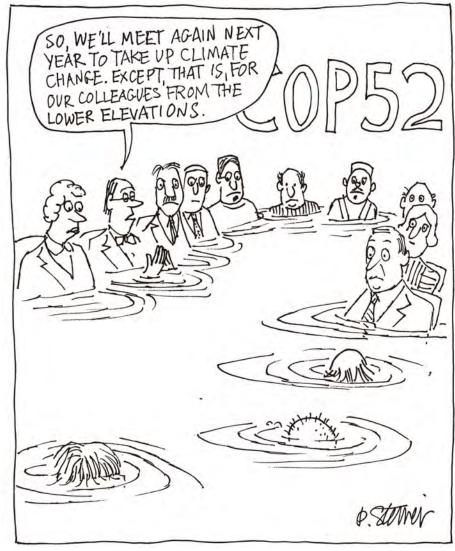
evaluated the enemy's leader, stating that Hitler's tactics (and behavior) were to never admit wrongdoing, never concede that anyone

other than himself was good in any way, never accept blame for any of his actions only claim credit for any such actions, never allow the public acclaim or idolatry to cool off, and use big lies rather than small ones and repeat those frequently because more people will believe big lies more than small ones. The report further stated that such a person treads a path towards ideological immortality, eventually, when the tide turns, will seek the greatest vengeance on

a world he despises if it doesn't worship him. For Hitler, the carnage of the last two years of a failing war saw him authorize and demand extermination camps and atrocities in increasing numbers.

As you read the above, a brief history lesson, remember that history has a way of repeating. The very deeply troubled state of Hitler's mind can be seen repeated in today's world all too often. Look for traits and be wary, very wary of allowing appeasement for those who may not be capable of any normal traits or behavior and for the ongoing damage they are psychotically compelled to mete out, whilst their supporters still seek to manipulate for personal advantage.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.



How will the COVID pandemic end?

n an extraordinary 20 months, science has tackled the SARS-CoV-2 virus and made vaccines for adults and children. Scientists have developed monoclonal antibodies that help if given early; we now have the first drugs that could stop infections or tilt the immunological fight in favor of the patient. The number of COVID cases is going down, although in some areas like the mountain West the disease is still raging. The virus is an opportunist. Remember the 750,000 people in the United States and the millions around the world who have died.

People go without vaccines for various reasons that we know by now. People who refuse vaccines may not understand that "Fortune favors the prepared immune system," to paraphrase Louis Pasteur's "Fortune favors the prepared mind." A 50-microgram injection induces antibodies that neutralize the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus or T-cells that kill the human cells, which contain multiplying virus. As the vaccines' protection wanes over six months, a few elderly people in their 80s or older have died of COVID infections. The late waning can be corrected by boosters, or at least I hope so.

The grizzly experiment to test the SARS-CoV-2 vaccines has been done in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and other places where the level of vaccination is low. The virus, or more recently the delta variant, raced through the population, filling wards with COVID patients. A year-and-a-half after this disaster hit New York hospitals, other hospitals in the West and South, Alaska and other places are converting space to treating COVID-19 patients. More than

90% of their patients in intensive care were not vaccinated. Anti-vaxxers do not usually plan clinical trials, but in this case, inadvertently, they did. The vaccine protects people.

Predicting the end of the pandemic is a tricky business. We thought we had seen the

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end in June and July. Then, with the delta variants, the trend reversed among unvaccinated

people and cases went up. Could there be more variants? Yes, but so far, the vaccines have worked against all variants. Antibodies and T-cells react with all parts of a virus protein, not just the sections that have changed in the vari-

What does medicine have to throw into this battle? Monoclonal antibodies are being used and they work if applied early in the disease. These antibodies are produced in fermenters and must be infused intravenously. They are expensive and tricky to use. Fighting an epidemic, especially in poor areas of the world and of the United States, demands simplicity.

There is a drug, malnupiravir, that if given early in an infection often controls it. It was developed at Emory University in Atlanta and licensed to Merck for production. Malnupiravir is a cleverly designed molecule that gets incorporated into new viruses and mutates them out of existence. It has been approved for use in the United Kingdom. It may block infection in people who have been exposed to the virus. That will be known soon. Merck will not enforce patent restrictions.

Pfizer also has a promising drug that works by a mechanism that is different from that of malnupiravir. The difference is important because viruses

often mutate to become resistant to one oral drug. In the case of HIV, several drugs were required to stop infection. Pfizer's drug is also well along in phase 3 clinical trials and may soon receive an Emergency Use Authorization.

Excited journalists are writ-

ing about these drugs as game changers, but that is premature. A drug or combinations of drugs must have changed the game to be

called a game changer. On a population basis, that remains to be seen. I am hopeful, but a little caution is in order. On a more hopeful note, drugs like these have worked for HIV, Hepatis C virus, and Dengue virus. Producing and distributing these drugs for the whole world will take time.

My prediction is that COVID-19 will recede in areas of high vaccination. All treatments will have a role, but vaccination will play the primary one. In areas where vaccination rates are low, say 40%, there will be serious problems with high levels of infection and overwhelmed medical facilities for extended periods. That patient load affects a hospital's ability to treat other diseases. The poor and medically underserved will get even less attention. Schools, industry, and the economy are weakened. Society becomes very cranky, even violent. The vaccines, and perhaps the drugs, offer an off ramp from this disaster.

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The season for artisan fairs is now underway as holidays approach

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Impulses to purchase things were strong among the steady stream of shoppers drawn by the array of artisans' tents set up at the Cornwall UCC church for their Holiday Fair held on Saturday, Nov. 13, under sunny skies.

Breezy conditions prevailed, with a bust of John Wayne serving well to hold down one tablecloth.

The entire event, anticipated by many shoppers all year, benefits the church and its programs. That the community benefits along with the church is a bonus. There were quite a few raffles offering chances on impressive prizes, with tickets that could

be measured by the length of the purchaser's arm.

The Attic Treasures tent rummage sale, the church's own tent, had magnetic appeal for all comers, with quality goods at bargain

Vendors pay a minimal fee to set up a display. There were felt ornaments and handknit hats to benefit Kent Affordable Housing and creative greeting cards by Susan Hellmann. Mary Kay Cosmetics was represented. Handcrafted COVID masks were selling well.

For those who came for the food, there was chili and a variety of soups and pastries.

Cornwall Consolidated School's fifth and sixth

grade students had made handcrafted Christmas ornaments from donated felt, part of the Roots and Shoots program, and also through the Jane Goodall Institute program.

The program provides guidance to the students to help them with assisting with the human condition, or animal welfare, or the environment. This year, they had decided to benefit the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.

There was a recent outbreak of COVID among the students in those two grades, so they were not able to be there to sell their work. However, many shoppers found the felt ornaments irresistible.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

One of the displays that drew abundant attention was the craftwork of the fifth and sixth grade classes at Cornwall Consolidated School, who had fashioned ornaments from felt. Carefully considering their possible purchases were Philippa Cavalier, 8, at left, and Fallyn Ward, also 8, but very soon to turn 9, she explained.



Sales were brisk at the Attic Treasures tent during the annual UCC Holiday Fair held on Saturday, Nov. 13, that also invited local artisans to display and sell their products to a steady stream of enthusiastic shoppers.



Diners found a sunny spot to enjoy lunch on the steps of the Cornwall UCC during the Holiday Fair.



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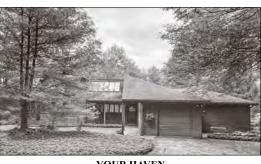
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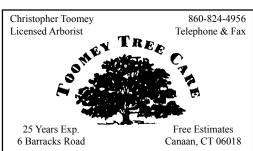


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