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## Small plane crashes after take-off in North Canaan

By Cynthia Hochswender

**NORTH CANAAN** — The investigation into the crash of a small airplane in North Canaan on Thursday evening, Oct. 14, is now in the hands of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The single-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff from the airport in North Canaan.

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A small plane with a single occupant crashed after take-off from the airport in North Canaan on Thursday evening.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN BARBAGALLO

## Uniting with one voice to help those silenced by abuse

By Cynthia Hochswender

**NORTH CANAAN** — The annual vigil in honor of lives lost to domestic violence was held this year in North Canaan at the Lawrence Field Pavilion. The vigil is held in different area towns each year because domestic violence isn't specific to one place, it is everywhere.

The vigil was hosted by Women's Support Services (WSS), the nonprofit agency based in Sharon whose mission is "to end interpersonal, relationship violence by challenging attitudes and beliefs about power, control and gender norms and by advocating for victims and survivors."

A small crowd of about 35 people gathered at the pavilion at dusk on Thursday, Oct. 14. A group of students from the all-male Salisbury School was there. So was state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64).

Battery-operated mini candles were distributed, and were lit as the names of 25 people who died in Connecticut this year as a result of domestic violence were solemnly read aloud. The list included men, women and many very young children, including one newborn.

WSS Executive Director Betsey Mauro said that this year's vigil was dedicated to voices that were silenced through fear, intimidation, abuse — and, in the most tragic cases — by death.

"We can be a voice for those who have none," Mauro urged the group. "We can make a difference with our voice for those who have lost theirs."

She encouraged everyone to stay after the short ceremony to meet and connect with other community members.

"We must," she said, "work together as one voice."



WSS Executive Director Betsey Mauro, at right in photo, listened as the names of lives lost to abuse in Connecticut were read aloud at a community vigil on Oct. 14.

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## A 58% fire tax increase as a North East moves to a paid fire company

By Whitney Joseph and Cynthia Hochswender

**NORTH EAST** — The town of North East, which includes the village of Millerton in nearby Dutchess County, N.Y., is moving forward with a plan to do something that Northwest Corner towns in Connecticut have been fearing they will have to do themselves. North East is beginning plans now to augment its all-volunteer fire service, which has served the town for more than a century, since 1892, with paid profes-

sional firefighters.

North East Fire District Fire Commission member Joshua Schultz explained in a roundtable interview with The Millerton News on Oct. 9 that there will still be volunteers in North East and the fire district will still exist. But there will be a new, paid staff that will work in tandem with the volunteers.

Many towns in Connecticut and New York already have ambulance services that work in the same way, with some professionals working side by side with the volunteers.

The North East Fire District will oversee the Millerton Fire Company volunteers as well as

the paid staff, Schultz said. The paid firefighters would be hired from a pool of candidates in the county from a list of graduates from the fire safety academy.

The biggest change, Schultz said, would be in the district's infrastructure, with a need for additions to the firehouse such as sleeping quarters, a fitness center, an improved kitchen and showers.

**A 58% increase in fire fees**

The roundtable meeting with The Millerton News included Fire Commission member Joshua Schultz, Chairman Stephen Valyou and Vice Chairman James Schultz.

The commissioners are trying to inform taxpayers ahead of time of the details of a budget they will present at a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

That budget shows a 58% increase in fire district fees, in anticipation of moving toward the paid service.

Joshua Schultz explained in an email after the roundtable that, "The increase will be used to begin building the infrastructure needed for a paid staff."

"Currently our facilities do not have the needs of such a staff like sleeping quarters, a

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## Concerns in Sharon about too many visitors to river and trails

By Cynthia Hochswender

**SHARON** — Even before COVID-19, towns on the Housatonic River have had problems with visitors from New York and from Connecticut cities coming to the Northwest Corner for picnics along the shore and swims in the river.

In Kent, for years there have been concerns about overflow cars parked along narrow roads; about loud music played by visitors; and about trash left along the shores of a river that is meticulously cared for by local volunteers and organizations such as the Housatonic Valley Association and the Housatonic River Commission.

The land on either side of the river is owned, largely, by a power generation company called FirstLight that produces hydropower from dams along

the river in Falls Village/Salisbury; Kent at Bull's Bridge; and eight other sites in Connecticut and six sites in Massachusetts.

The power company advertises the recreational areas at its hydropower projects on its website. There are also numerous unofficial websites that encourage city dwellers to come up and enjoy the waterfalls.

**Trash, music, parking, river rescues**

FirstLight and the Connecticut State Police have worked with the town of Kent to try and reduce the overcrowding and trash at Bull's Bridge and other nearby access points.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Great Falls in Falls Village and Salisbury have also become a magnet for out-of-town visitors, who swim in

See RIVER ROAD, Page A6

## Grant is denied but housing plan remains 'robust'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

**FALLS VILLAGE** — At the regular meeting of the Board of Finance on Monday, Oct. 18, Jandi Hanna, president of the Falls Village Housing Trust, made the announcement that the Falls Village Housing Trust

did not get a state Community Development Block Grant.

Hanna said the grant awards were announced and that the available funds went to the state's larger cities. First Selectman Henry Todd added

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### Three-day forecast

Friday..... Snow, high 65°/low 47°  
 Saturday..... Cloudy, 55°/45°  
 Sunday..... Cloudy, 55°/40°

## POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

### Intersection collision

On Oct. 12 at approximately 4 p.m. a 2015 Mazda Cx-5 Sport driven by Peter Butanowicz, 70, of Milford, Conn., failed to stop at the intersection of Routes 7 and 126 in Falls Village and caused a collision with a 2019 Honda Ridgeline Sport driven by Joseph Graney, 56, of Falls Village. No injuries were reported. Butanowicz was issued an infraction for failure to brake at a stop sign.

### Sideswiped on road

On Oct. 13 at approximately 10:45 a.m. on East Street in Sharon a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Paula Arena, 53, of Torrington sideswiped a 2021 Ram 3500 driven by Matthew David Johnson, 40, of New Milford, Conn., which was traveling in the opposite direction. The Ram was towed from the scene due to damage from the collision. Arena was issued an infraction for making a restricted turn.

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

## Three sessions to help with Medicare, starting Oct. 28

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons in Salisbury will host a free virtual informational event on Medicare options on Thursday, Oct. 28, at noon. Register at [www.noblehorizons.org/](http://www.noblehorizons.org/) events or call Caroline Burchfield at 860-435-9851 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Getting your affairs in order

SALISBURY — Learn what legal and financial documents are necessary when planning for the future, how to prepare and organize them, where you can turn for help, and other fundamental steps needed to safeguard your future in a Zoom presentation on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

The talk is hosted by Noble Horizons, with Salisbury Bank Trust Officer Kimberly Downey and former probate judge Charles Vail. This free event is open to the public.

In addition to talking about gathering, preparing and updating essential documents, Downey and Vail will also talk about how to communicate end-of-life plans with family members. Register at [www.noblehorizons.org/events](http://www.noblehorizons.org/events).



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## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded in 2020-21.

### Kent

Feb. 16, Segar Mountain Road from Danielle M. and Justin L. Soule to Lisa M. and Steven Wolak for \$425,000

Feb. 24, Segar Mountain Road from Tegan S. and Michael D. Gawel to Kent Iron House, LLC for \$650,000

Feb. 26, Kent Cornwall Road from Erich Weihrauch to Richard McKinniss for \$375,000

March 3, Gorham Road from William C. Gawel Jr. to Wayne C. Giles for \$75,000

March 8, Kent Cornwall Road from Timothy P. Limbos to Vincent Ricasio and Rachel Moore for \$228,000

March 9, Railroad Street from Kent Station Square, LLC to Kent Station LLC for \$42,250; and Macedonia Brook Road from Sandra M. Shiflett to William P. Johnson for \$70,000

March 12, Yuza Mini Lane from Joseph L. and Carol Ann Tito to Home Buying Solutions, LLC for \$42,250; and Yuza Mini Lane from Home Buying Solutions, LLC to Dean Gregory for \$65,000

March 15, Kent Cornwall Road from Donovan L. Howard and Darrell P. Wheeler to Louise Ryan Riley for \$275,000

March 23, Fuller Mountain Road from Glenn Morrone et al and Christina Clark to Gary J. Morrone for \$146,466.66

April 1, Gorham Road from Victor J. Paolo to Adam Richichi for \$100,000

April 6, Kent Cornwall Road from Rebecca L. Trautmann to Jeffrey Hova and Ruth Joyce Bendelac for \$275,000

April 7, Main Street North from Krystyna and Peter A. Jensen to Mary Anne Barker for \$279,000

April 14, Stone Fences Lane from Woodsmen Fine Home Builders Corp. to Jose R. and Pamela M. Leston for \$735,000

April 19, Kent Road from Robin E. Parys and Glen A. White and Marysue Woodward to Richard F. and Nancy Baker

for \$175,000

April 20, Main Street North from David R. Cashner and Christopher D. Jordan to Kelli J. Baldrick for \$245,000

April 23, Kent Hollow Road from Caitlin and Michael Hagerman to Mary L. and John M. Cesarz for \$910,000

April 26, Maple Street Extension from Barbara A. Gatto et al to Kyle Wright and Currie Gardner for \$275,000

April 30, Oak Ridge Road from Brian and Carin Hermann to Edward P. and Lorna Potter Walker for \$1,550,000

May 3, Main Street North from John A. and Dorothy L. Hosterman to Ellen Bogdonoff and Jeffrey A. Horwitz for \$195,000

May 4, Yuza Mini Lane from Corrine and Richard A. Margulies to Ami and Andrew Talkow for \$100,000

May 6, Segar Mountain Road from James F. and Jared A. Smith to Jared Smith for \$135,000

May 11, Kent Cornwall Road from Michelle Beck to Joan L. Hayes Davis for \$220,000

May 14, Main Street North from Bethany M. Keck to Christina and Roger Garren for \$250,000

May 19, Gorham Road from Roger Peet and Tanya L. Horgan atty. in fact to 200 Kenmont LLC for \$395,000; and Kent Cornwall Road from Suzanne Donner to Carol A. and Stephen P. Allison for \$252,000

May 25, Meadow Street from Patricia J. Zenk to Maryann and Michael Donaghey for \$380,000

May 25, Muller Road from Sabina T. and James E. Breece to Robert M. Pulford for \$1,780,000

June 1, South Kent Road from Michael T. Ward to Christopher Skinner for \$975,000

June 8, Homestead Lane from Jerome F. Donovan et al to Adam Richichi for \$92,500

June 15, Howland Drive from Carlton Rochell Jr. to Lauren and Alexander Tracy for \$3,275,000

## A call for bridging divides, Nov. 3

FALLS VILLAGE — On Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host a Zoom book talk with Sabeeha Rehman and Walter Ruby, the authors of "We Refuse to Be Enemies: How Muslims and Jews can Make Peace, One Friendship at a Time." Concerned with the rise of intolerance and bigotry in America, along with resurgent white nationalism, Rehman and Ruby, both U.S. citizens, have spent decades doing interfaith work and nurturing cooperation among commu-

nities. They have learned that, through face-to-face encounters, people of all backgrounds can come to know the other as a fellow human being and become a trusted friend. To register for this event, go to [www.HuntLibrary.org](http://www.HuntLibrary.org), the Hunt Library Facebook page, or call the library at 860-824-7424.

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## Correction

Marietta Whittlesey contacted us with two corrections to the article about her in the Oct. 7 Lakeville Journal: "I was trained in hypnosis at the Milton Erickson Foundation — NOT EMDR. The EMDR training is totally separate. "The business is called Partners in Performance."

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

# Substance abuse prevention grant awarded to HYSB

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) received an annual \$125,000 federal Drug Free Communities Grant to support the substance abuse prevention work of the Northwest Corner Prevention Network (NCPN), a group of local organizations working to promote healthy communities. The funds, which will be awarded each year for five years, will allow HYSB and its partner, the McCall Center for Behavioral Health, to expand community outreach and engagement on the critical issues of youth substance abuse and prevention.

The DFC grant will also support training for mental health professionals in the area, with access to comprehensive training programs.

"This grant award allows McCall and HYSB to continue to expand and build upon the incredible youth substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, and mental health promotion work being done

through NCPN," said Andrew Lyon, Director of Prevention Services at the McCall Center for Behavioral Health. "This funding was awarded because NCPN has demonstrated that it has the people, processes, and collaborative drive necessary to ensure that every dollar is used thoughtfully, efficiently, and effectively."

HYSB reported that in the past 30 days, 29% of students reported heightened rates of sadness and symptoms related to depression, which may be compounded by substance abuse. Alcohol use remains the number one concern among youth in the region, with 23% of students reporting alcohol use in the past 30 days—compared to the national average of 18.5%—and one in five students reporting getting into a car during 2021 with a driver who has consumed alcohol.

For more information on how to support HYSB or get involved, please visit [www.HYSB.org](http://www.HYSB.org)

Send Family & Friends announcements to [editor@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:editor@lakevillejournal.com)

## The West is on fire; here's why

SALISBURY — Tim Egan's name is familiar as the longtime New York Times correspondent covering the American West. Still a resident of Seattle, Wash., he will be the featured speaker in a Zoom talk hosted by the Scoville Memorial Library, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. about the massive and dangerous wildfires in the West.


Today through a combination of climate change and resultant drought, various missteps have elevated the dangers of wildfires. Fire suppression and habitation in wild lands threatens human and natural

communities alike, including some of the largest trees in the world.

The human toll has already been high and will likely grow, creating an underlying fear and uncertainty in many residents of fire prone areas.

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

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ1oc-uhqjgqNeaniOwJHqPY-Jp5eL3Z1pqa>.



Here's how to get the inside scoop on changes coming to the **Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**

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 Thursday, October 28

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# Our Towns



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State Police Trooper Roy Dungan, at left, and Lt. Alain Bisson, commanding officer for Troop B, participated in an informational forum on Friday, Oct. 15, at Veterans' Field.

## Sharon homeowners discuss hiring a resident state trooper

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Sharon selectmen heard from residents once again about their concerns with parking, speeding and crime — but this time they did it with two State Police troopers in attendance to listen to and respond to community concerns.

The forum attracted about 50 town residents to the pavilion at Veterans' Field on Friday afternoon, Oct. 15.

Another forum had been held on Wednesday, June 23.

The residents offered a list of safety concerns that they feel could be lessened by greater presence of law enforcement. The list included speeding, illegal parking, noise, criminal activity and backyard target practice.

Representing the State Police at Troop B were Lt. Alain Bisson (who is the troop's commanding officer) and Trooper Roy Dungan who currently serves the three towns of Sharon, Cornwall and Goshen. Dungan has 17 years of experience in local law enforcement.

"We all know why we're here," First Selectman Brent Colley said as he opened the meeting. "The situations are not new."

To start off the conversation, Bisson and Dungan explained how, why, where and when they can operate, and the challenges.

Addressing concerns voiced by Hilltop Road residents about speeding, Bisson noted that a greater-than-average number of tickets has been issued to speeders along the road, which connects Route 4 with the shopping plaza in town. Sharon Center School is also on Hilltop.

"Speeding is a statewide problem," Bisson noted. Discussion included the wisdom of deploying speed humps along Hilltop Road, a strategy with a

number of drawbacks.

### Possibility of a resident state trooper

Conversation turned to the hiring of a full-time resident state trooper for the town, a solution that has worked well in other towns. The total annual cost to the town for a senior-level trooper would be \$177,000, Bisson said.

The town's share of that figure includes benefits, insurance and extra costs, described as 85% of the total cost. The balance, or 15%, is paid by the state of Connecticut.

By a show of hands, Colley determined that half of those present would be willing to consider hiring a resident state trooper for the town.

Colley urged residents to continue to share opinions and concerns with the selectmen. "Remember that nothing gets accomplished without your help when it comes to town decisions. It is at a town meeting when decisions are made."

Bisson spoke of the advantages of having a resident state trooper in a town. Familiarity is a top advantage. The trooper, he said, asks to be assigned to a particular town because he or she wants to be there. There is connection.

Bisson advised looking at more than the cost. The value to be gained is of equal importance.

Questions concerned details of the duties and hours of a resident trooper and how shifts and irregular hours are arranged.

### Increase in thefts, noise

Turning attention to the current incidences of theft, Dungan said, "If we would just lock our doors and our cars" the problems would be greatly reduced.

Many Northwest Corner towns are currently plagued

by groups of thieves coming to the area in a single vehicle, and then setting off on foot, roaming neighborhoods to identify vulnerable targets such as unlocked cars with keys inside. They then drive those cars back to their city in a convoy. There can be as many as seven cars in a convoy, Dungan said.

Nighttime noise was also of interest to residents, whether from truck or motorcycle traffic or neighbors.

Parking along River Road was another serious issue to be dealt with (see story in this issue on Page A1).

Dungan suggested one solution for Hilltop Road could be to convert it to a one-way street. That idea faded after residents began to name other streets with speeding problems that they'd like to convert to one-way.

Other problems being faced by area towns stem from domestic violence incidents, which Bisson said seem to have increased during the pandemic.

Both officers urged residents who have a question or issue to feel welcome to contact them. Dungan pointed out, "We are all on the same team. Your input is valuable."

Following the troopers' participation, Sgt. Tate Begley — who has a background in state environmental law enforcement — continued the discussion, speaking in favor of the hiring of a resident state trooper.

Next steps, according to Colley, are to continue compiling local statistics about speeding, incidences, locations and time of day.

Colley said that the coming months bring the town budget process, when residents will be invited to air views on including the position of resident state trooper for the town.

couldn't weave, talk and chew gum simultaneously).

Along the way the viewer learns a bit of the background of the participants — how Gerstel's parents began Undermountain Weavers across the street from her studio some 40 years ago, or how Pyle and French met in a glass shop.

The video opens with Jane Ellen Canfield reminiscing about growing up in Falls Village.

Born in 1938, Canfield recalls the day the news came over the radio about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"There was pure silence. It seemed to permeate everything."

And she remembered the day that peace returned.

All the churches rang their bells. "The world had bells. It was wonderful."

And master wildlife conservationist Ginny Apple, speaking via Zoom to the Friends of the D.M. Hunt Library, wraps Episode 25 with an entertaining and informative presentation on beavers.

Anyone living in northwest Connecticut shouldn't have any trouble finding evidence of beaver activity, she says.

"Just take a little drive. I guarantee within five miles you'll run across a beaver marsh."

Episode 25 is available at the Hunt Library in Falls Village; or email Veden at ericveden-video@gmail.com.

## Rand & Williams



### Curtis Rand First Selectman

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### Chris Williams Board of Selectmen

Resident for 30+ years, he worked for State DOT, has served on many town boards and commissions. Chris served in the Marine Corps. He is running for his third term.

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### Janet Graaff Board of Finance

After Janet settled fulltime in Lakeville in 2017, she joined the boards of SOAR and Music Mountain; and recently has been appointed to Salisbury Economic Development Committee. Elected to fill the two remaining years of Maria Horn's term, she wishes to serve a full term. Janet raised her two children in Boulder, CO, was on the faculty at the University's Leeds School of Business and served on various city & county boards.



### Michael Voldstad Board of Finance

Michael and his wife, Kathy, have lived in Salisbury part-time since the 1990s and are now residents full time. A retired lawyer specializing in municipal finance, he has much to contribute to the BOF. He is a trustee for the Chore Service and is on the Salisbury Congregational Church Investment Committee.



### Joseph Woodard Board of Finance

A retired union Regional Director and organizer, Joe was responsible for developing budgets and campaign strategies. Now a hand weaver on a 72" Scottish Fly Shuttle loom, he and his wife, Karin Gerstel, own Under Mountain Weavers. Joe has been a calm and competent presence on the SDTC, the Board of Assessment Appeals, and other organizations in Salisbury.



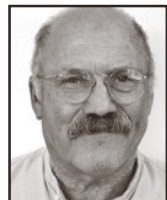
### Thomas Carter Board of Education

Tom and his wife, Alexandra, came here in November 2019 and decided to make it their home. They have three children in SCS and one at HVRHS. He is head of Human Capital at TigerRisk Partners, a global firm based in Stamford. He has a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard and was a high school teacher for several years.



### Elizabeth Dittmer Board of Education

Liz has lived here for over twenty years, having moved with her parents while she was in college. She started her teaching career at Indian Mountain in 2005, and has just begun her fourteenth year of teaching Mathematics at The Hotchkiss School. Liz and her husband, Marc, have four children between the ages of three and ten.



### Allen Cockerline Planning & Zoning Commission

After twenty-eight years in Falls Village where he was chair of the Region 1 Board of Education, Allen and wife, Robin, purchased part of Whipoorwill Farm in 2003 where they raise grass-fed livestock. Starting as an alternate, he has been a regular member since 2012, helping develop new and recently revised regulations.



### Cathy Shyer Planning & Zoning Commission

A native of New Zealand, Cathy resigned from her position as Managing Director of AC Nielsen (NZ), and moved to the United States in 1993. She and her late husband, Robert, bought a home in Salisbury in 1998. Cathy has been actively involved in the Lake Waconopomuc Association throughout this time and has been a vital member of Planning and Zoning Commission since 2012.



### Marty Whalen Planning & Zoning Commission

A life-long resident of Salisbury, Marty was Lakeville's Postmaster for twenty-five years. He has served on P&Z for twenty-four years, where his deep knowledge of the area has been invaluable. Marty is a member of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance squad and a former member of the Lakeville Hose Company.



### Debra Allee Planning & Zoning Commission, Alternate

Debra has brought much to the town and P&Z over five decades with her extensive urban and municipal planning experience. She is a professional urban planner and, until she retired a few years ago, was a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Debra received a BA from Radcliffe College and did graduate work in design at Yale.



### Danella Schiffer Planning & Zoning Commission, Alternate

Danella has lived in Salisbury for forty years. She is an organizational psychologist, and author of *Career Wise: Proven Strategies for Thriving at Work*. She has been an alternate Commissioner on P&Z since 2014, during which time she made many valuable contributions. She is also president of the Amesville Association and the Sharon Garden Club.



### Keith Moon Region 1 Bd of Education Representative

Longtime member of the SDTC, Keith and his wife, Bridget, have lived in Lakeville since 1989. Keith teaches both English and history at The Hotchkiss School, and has taught Russian literature courses at Noble Horizons, and at Harvard during summers. He also serves on the board of Special Olympics CT. After two terms on the Salisbury Board of Education, Keith is now a candidate for the Region 1 Board of Education.



### Roxanne Belter Zoning Board of Appeals

Roxanne grew up in Lakeville. After graduating from University of New Haven and Roger Williams University School of Law, she interned with CT Family Services Judicial Branch. She has worked in sales and marketing at Lime Rock Park since 2014 and is currently a real estate agent for William Pitt Sotheby's. Roxanne was appointed to the ZBA as an Alternate in 2016, and as a full member in 2018.



### M.E. Freeman Zoning Board of Appeals

M.E. has lived in Lakeville for more than thirty-five years, first as a part-time resident and now full time. A graduate of Smith College and Columbia Law School, she has practiced law for more than thirty-five years. M.E. moved her law office to downtown Lakeville in 2017. She has been an alternate for the last two years and is running for the seat previously held by Steve Victory.



### Lee Greenhouse Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate

Lee and his wife, Flora, moved to Salisbury after living in Chicago and New York. He is a retired management consultant specializing in information technology companies who has served on a number of corporate boards. "I hope my skills as a fair-minded listener, thorough gatherer of information, and thoughtful policy-maker will prove useful to the Salisbury community."



### William Tedder Board of Assessment Appeals

"Scooter" is known in the area as a skilled and hard-working carpenter and building contractor. He has been volunteering and contributing to the town for many years, especially as a director on the Board of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association. He was an Alternate on the BAA before replacing Charlie Kelley in 2020.

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# Our Towns

## Rising cost of materials adds urgency to Community Hall restoration project

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Escalating materials costs led the Board of Selectmen to agree to move ahead on getting estimates for renovating the interior of the Community Hall.

A review of the proposal and discussion of the cost of delay were discussed at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Parks and Recreation Director Matt Andrulis-Mette reported that plans call for interior renovation, estimated now to cost \$400,000, up by \$100,000 over earlier figures, largely due to increases in cost of materials.

While formal architectural drawings have not yet been done, Andrulis-Mette outlined the plans calling for gutting the interior, updating windows and lighting, and improvements to the modest kitchen area as well as the restrooms.

"The outside is in pretty good shape," Andrulis-Mette said, so the project does not include the building's exterior. Nor is the upstairs area being considered for renovation because an elevator would be needed to provide public access.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

COVID-19 and other challenges to the supply chain are increasing the cost of building supplies. Sharon hopes to move ahead with building repairs before costs get even higher.

"We would love to see it move ahead toward doing some of the work this winter," Andrulis-Mette said.

Of concern to the selectmen were the project's price tag when only the interior will be

renovated. They also worried about the effect that ongoing supply chain disruptions will have on the availability of materials.

Following discussion, the selectmen agreed to proceed

with sending the itemized project out for bid. Once the bids are available, the town will decide whether to delay or whether to send the project on to consideration by the Board of Finance.

## Cyber security tales that will keep you up at night

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — New York Times cybersecurity reporter Nicole Perloth provided an alarming assessment of the vulnerability of American infrastructure to cyber attacks in a Salisbury Forum talk held online on Friday, Oct. 15.

Perloth has written a book on the subject, "This is How They Tell Me the World Ends," published in February 2021.

She traced the current state of play in the cybersecurity world to the Stuxnet computer virus, which was used to wreak havoc on Iran's nuclear program and which was identified in 2010.

### A virus that destroys

She said Stuxnet was developed during the Bush administration, when the U.S., reluctant to provide Israel with "bunker-buster" weapons, instead helped develop the virus.

Stuxnet achieved the primary goal of disrupting Iran's uranium enrichment program.

But the virus got loose in 2010, and raced around the world, hitting hundreds of thousands of networks (including Chevron).

What made Stuxnet new was the code could be used "for destruction, not espionage," she said.

And it could be deployed without fear of much, if anything, in the way of consequences.

So countries began developing stockpiles of offensive cyber weapons.

Perloth polled the audience on their familiarity with the term "zero day." Most (84%) had not heard the phrase.

A zero day is when a "hole" or vulnerability in computer software is discovered, and the maker of the software learns about it, and sets about fixing it.

But what happens if a bad cyber actor discovers a flaw and doesn't inform Apple or Microsoft etc.?

They sell it.

Perloth said the going rate for such a discovery, openly advertised by what she described as a "broker" operating in the Washington, D.C. area, is \$2.5 million.

"The one condition is you never tell anyone."

She said rumors of a zero day market had been floating around for years, but it is now out in the open, insofar as anything involving secrets is common knowledge.

She also heard rumors that the U.S. government is the biggest customer for zero day vulnerabilities, acquiring the information for counterterrorism and counterintelligence purposes.

### Compatibility leads to vulnerability

Twenty years ago, systems worldwide were less vulnerable to such attacks, she said, largely because different countries used different software.

Now, with Microsoft software so widely used, the vulnerability factor has increased greatly, worldwide.

Prior to the February 2021 Super Bowl in Tampa, an engineer at the primary water treatment facility for the area noticed his cursor moving around the monitor screen by itself.

It turned out a hacker had breached the system and was adding dangerous amounts

of lye to the drinking water supply. Only an alert engineer's prompt action prevented a major catastrophe.

The system was vulnerable because it did not use multi-factor identification for authorized system users.

The Colonial pipeline attack in May exploited similar security deficiencies: lack of multi-factor sign-in and the account of an old employee that was never deactivated.

Perloth said these events were a blessing in disguise, as the images of gas lines provided a visual element for a threat most Americans were unaware of.

### Secrets are widely for sale

She raised several questions about the U.S. government buying zero day information. Which hackers does the government pay, and how do we know the sellers aren't selling the information multiple times?

And what happens if someone gets into the government's stockpile of zero days?

The latter scenario is not the stuff of a contemporary thriller. It happened in August 2016, when a still-unknown outfit calling itself The Shadow Brokers hacked the National Security Agency, and in 2017 "dropped the mother lode of zero day exploits" where anyone could get it.

Including North Korea and Russia.

Russia used the information to attack Ukraine's power grid.

Perloth said official thinking in this country centers on "offense vs. defense," with a continued emphasis on the former.

But she questioned the deterrent value of a zero day stockpile, noting that the bad actors are often only loosely affiliated with governments, making it difficult for the U.S. to respond as a nation under attack by another nation.

During the question period she developed this theme. Asked about the possibility of the U.S. undertaking a "devastating attack," similar in scope to the use of the atomic bomb on Japan at the end of World War II, she said that during the Trump administration, America cyberwarriors were given more leeway on what actions they could take on their own without a direct authorization by the president.

She said they set about hacking the Russian power grid, and they weren't subtle about it.

In fact, when Perloth and other Times reporters got in touch with the National Security Council about a story they were writing about the matter, they expected the usual reluctance to provide information or even to acknowledge such an effort existed.

Instead, the intelligence people were happy for the publicity.

"They wanted Russia to know."

Perloth warned that 85% of American infrastructure is owned by private companies. Historically, when given a choice between spending money on new goods or services or on cyber security, they opt for the former.

This leaves the U.S. in the uncomfortable position of being "the most targeted and the most vulnerable."

## Schwaikert will be new head of Pupil Services, Gaschel-Clark will head special education

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Martha Schwaikert is the new director of Pupil Services, which includes special education, for Region One.

Schwaikert was appointed by the Region One Board of Education at a special meeting on Sept. 21 to replace Carl Gross, who has retired.

Schwaikert has been a teacher in Region One for 33 years, starting at Kent Center School (KCS) in 1988. She was a special education teacher at KCS, Salisbury Central School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) through 2009, when she became supervisor of special education for all of Region One.

At the next regional board meeting, on Monday, Oct. 4, Rebecca Gaschel-Clark was named the new supervisor of special education. Gaschel-Clark has been a Region One teacher for 27 years, spending the entirety of her teaching career at Salisbury Central School.

In an interview Monday, Oct. 18, Schwaikert said the total number of students handled now by Pupil Services is 210 (204 eligible and six pending).

Asked about the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on special education services, she said that last year, with the K-8 schools in the six Region One towns open, instruction had to take place within "layers of mitigation."

For instance, a speech therapist had to work with students with a Plexiglas barrier between them, or with see-through plastic masks.

For pre-schoolers, teachers used videos of people making speech sounds, an activity that cannot be done with a mask on.

And even though the school buildings were open, there was still a lot of screen time.

Schwaikert said for this year, things have returned to something approaching normal, with teachers and students meeting one on one and in small groups while still observing safety protocols.

### Pumpkin Run

KENT — Register now for the Kent Pumpkin Run on Sunday, Oct. 31, at noon from the Kent Green. For more information, to register online go to [www.kentpumpkinrun.com](http://www.kentpumpkinrun.com). Registration fees are \$27 until Oct. 22 and \$32 on race day.

serving safety protocols.

Asked if she was planning any major changes, Schwaikert noted that she and Gaschel-Clark had only been on the job for 10 days or so.

But one thing she's decided on is to abandon the former practice of dividing the workload between the two administrators by schools, with one taking three schools and the other four.

"We're going to undo that," she said, saying the new approach will be more efficient.

Schwaikert said she is working on some long-range plans that will be presented in due course to the regional school board. But one initiative that is ready to go is a program that utilizes juniors and seniors at HVRHS to go to the K-8 schools to help students in academics and/or social and

emotional concerns.

"We have a lot of great kids" at the high school, she said, and sometimes what younger students need is just someone to talk to, not necessarily a teacher or paraprofessional.

This program will start at Salisbury Central School.

The six Region One towns are Cornwall, Canaan/Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

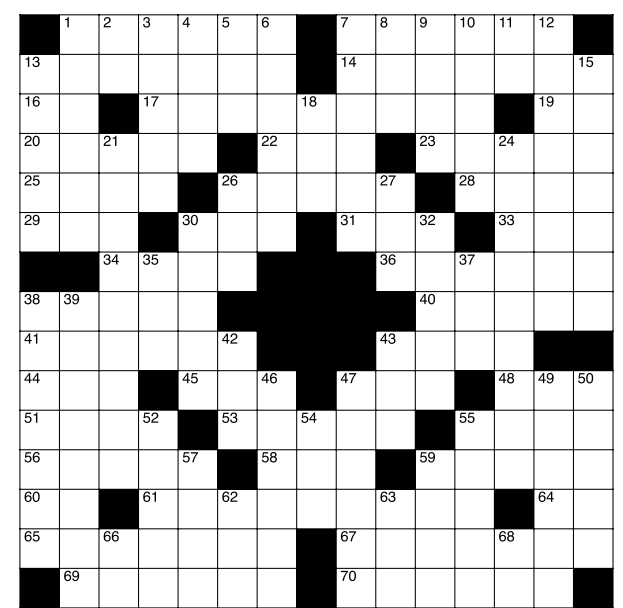
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Break
7. Ruled Russia
13. Having several lobes
14. Walked around proudly
16. Atomic #77
17. Largest living land animals
19. The Great Lakes State
20. A type of toast
22. Partner to feather
23. Bristlelike
25. Bowfin
26. Distributes
28. Hairlike structure
29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
30. Where wrestlers work
31. Blood relation
33. A great deal
34. Round Dutch cheese
36. Move further away from
38. Type of wrap
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Young salmon
44. Feline
45. Skin decor
47. Disfigure
48. They —
51. Formal term for "on"
53. Weight of precious stones
55. Traveled rapidly
56. Long-winged aquatic bird
58. Prickly husk
59. Expressed pleasure
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most irritable
64. Virginia
65. Optimistic
67. Humorous works
69. Arranged systematically
70. Emerges

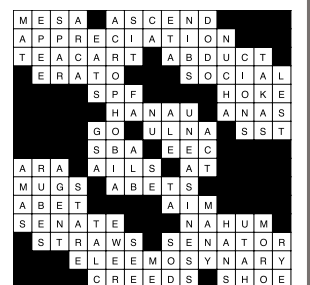
### CLUES DOWN

1. Wives of a polygamous man
2. Where hurt ballplayers land
3. Single-celled animal
4. Rhythmic pattern
5. One from Utah
6. A group of seven
7. Refrains from inflicting
8. Light brown
9. Humanistic discipline
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. It says who you are
12. Roundworm
13. Group of Native Americans
15. Makes wider
18. Headgear
21. One who sets others free

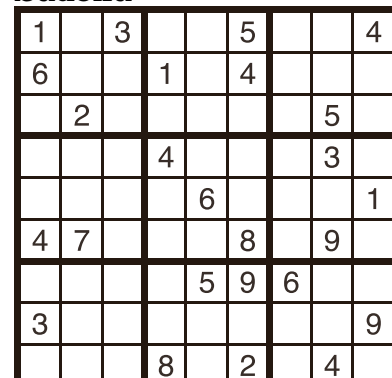


24. Form of communication
26. A Brit's mother
27. Title of respect
30. Famed modernist painter
32. One-time province of British India
35. Prosecutors
37. Motor vehicle
38. Non-religious
39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
42. Pouch
43. Touch gently
46. Chose
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former Broncos coach Dan
50. Icelandic poems
52. More decent
54. Grillmasters use it
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. Rupee

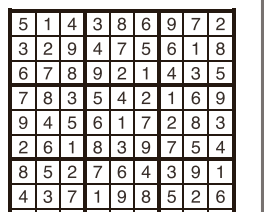
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## OBITUARIES

### Harold Lee Decker Jr.

MILLERTON — Harold Lee Decker Jr., 84, a lifelong resident of Millerton, passed away peacefully on Oct. 16, 2021, at his home.

Harold was born June 5, 1937, in New York City to Harold and Elaine Decker of Ancramdale, N.Y. He married the love of his life, Carol Hoyt, on Dec. 31, 1957, in Hudson, N.Y., and they were fortunate to enjoy 64 years together.

Harold and his wife operated the Sears Catalog Store in Millerton for 10 years. After that they opened the Millerton Appliance Store for six years prior to their retirement. In their retirement they traveled extensively and spent winters in Florida.

Harold was an avid outdoorsman throughout his life. He enjoyed hiking, camping, hunting and especially fishing. He was skilled at archery and entered many competitions.

In addition to his wife,

Carol, Harold is survived by his son, David Decker of Millerton; his daughter, Diana and her husband, Carlos Tanon, of Parkland, Fla.; a brother, Robert Decker and his wife, Barbara, of Gallatin, N.Y.; and an uncle, Alton Hoysradt of Germantown, N.Y.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 12:30 p.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. A reception in Harold's honor will follow at the Millerton American Legion Post 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North East-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, NY 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence to the family, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).



### Heather Kahler

SALISBURY — In loving memory of Heather Kahler, wife of Michael Kahler, youngest daughter of Ann and Stewart Hoskins and sister of Lee (Hoskins) DiCesare. Heather passed away peacefully in her home on Oct. 15, 2021, surrounded by her family. She leaves behind her loving husband, Michael; daughters Michelle, Robin and Sharon; son-in-law Bob; and grand-daughter Kayden.

Heather was born in Bronxville, N.Y., moved to Lakeville at 4 years old and grew up in Lakeville, while her parents Ann and Stewart Hoskins purchased and ran The Lakeville Journal. She enjoyed living on Lake Wononscopomuc with her family and her dog, Thor. At age 21 she married Michael Kahler, who at the time had just opened Stagecoach Hill Inn in Sheffield, Mass., where they had their three daughters.

At age 35 Heather and family moved to England and raised their family in various locations in the U.K. before returning to the United States.

Heather had several careers including innkeeper, restaurant manager and teacher.

After retirement Heather and Michael traveled the world, living in the USA, Canada, Switzerland, China, Spain and France and then returned to Lakeville, her roots. She loved Lakeville, and always considered it her home with fond memories of growing up swimming and canoeing across the lake.

Heather was persistent and completed her bachelor's degree later in life. She worked as both a substitute teacher and taught English as a second language to students internationally. She was a devoted mother, wife and grandmother, incredible hostess and enjoyed playing checkers and gin rummy.

In her last years, she was cared for by her family, close friends and incredible aides. You will be missed Heather, mum, mom, mummy, granny and Aunt Hedy. May you find incredible peace on your journey.

Heather will be cremated, and her ashes buried in the family plot at Salisbury Cemetery. There will be a celebration of life on Nov. 14. Please email [kahlercelebration@gmail.com](mailto:kahlercelebration@gmail.com) for time and location.



### Memorial service:

#### Edward R. 'Ted' Davis

LAKEVILLE — A celebration of the life of Edward R. "Ted" Davis will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Town Grove in Lakeville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The family requests remembrances (photos, written memories or tributes) of Ted to be

sent to [Aimee@connectandbalance@gmail.com](mailto:Aimee@connectandbalance@gmail.com) to share at the celebration.

Ted died on Dec. 27, 2020, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, N.H., following complications from a major stroke. He was 77 years young.

#### Lora (Miller) Pelton

LAKEVILLE — Lora (Miller) Pelton, age 66, of Wells Hill Road, died Oct. 14, 2021, at Hartford Hospital.

Lora was born Nov. 9, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of the late Jean Hughes Miller and the late Norman Clark Miller.

Lora graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dallas, Texas, and subsequently graduated from University of Texas in Arlington, Texas, with a degree in graphic arts. She lived in Texas for many years and moved to Lakeville in 2000. She worked in Dallas, Texas; Houston, Texas; and Pough-

keepsie, N.Y., in public relations and advertising sales.

Lora is survived by her beloved children, daughter Jennifer Leigh Pelton and son Joe Lee Pelton; her sisters, Marla (Miller) Brintnell and Valerie (Miller) Levy; her brother, Erik Clark Miller; and Barbara Chatfield Reynolds, with whom Lora had a very special relationship.

All services are private. The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon is taking care of arrangements. Lora will be interred at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home and Mausoleum in Dallas, Texas.



### Maureen E. Prentice

CORNWALL — Devoted wife, mother, grandmother and volunteer Maureen E. Prentice passed away on Oct. 8, 2021, surrounded by her loving family at Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation.

Maureen was born on July 29, 1933, in New York to the late Hetty (Carley) and Frank Cole. She was predeceased by her loving husband, José Antonio "Toni" Machado Prentice.

Maureen graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1951 and went on to graduate from Green Mountain College in 1953 with an associate degree in Retail Management. She put her degree to good use at G. Fox in Hartford and as floor manager at G. Fox in Enfield, Conn. She married Toni in 1955.

Soon after, three incredible, active and unique children arrived.

Between being a hands-on mom, working, numerous pets, running kids from one activity to another and summers at the camp in Otis, Mass., she found time to volunteer at Milton Hall, the Historical Society and the Cornwall Women's Society annual Rummage Sale, where she ended up cleaning in the sink and working the Tiffany

Table. She had a great love of history and spent many years archiving photos of Cornwall for the Historical Society as well as countless hours on "The History of Cornwall" book. Ever the advocate for voting she was a pollster at election time in Cornwall.

Brought up Catholic, she had a great devotion to her beloved St. Bridget Church of Cornwall Bridge. She read at Mass, took care of the altar linens, helped at many potlucks and their annual rummage sale.

She leaves behind her son James Prentice and his wife, Jane; a daughter, Sara Prentice; her son Michael Prentice and his wife, Shailla; a granddaughter, Helen Prentice; a grandson Kale Prentice; a brother, Jim Cole and his wife, Peggy; a brother-in-law; and two nieces.

The Prentice Family would like to thank the wonderful staff on Cardinal Court at Geer for the love and care of Maureen for the last two years.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Alzheimer's Research, the Cornwall Historical Society or your local animal shelter.

A Mass service was held at St. Bridget's Church in Cornwall on Oct. 13.



### Jill (Blodgett) Polito

FALLS VILLAGE — Jill (Blodgett) Polito, age 69, beloved Wife, Mother, Gram, Daughter, Sister, Auntie, Friend, Teacher, and Mentor went to Heaven on Oct. 10, 2021.

She was born in Great Barrington to James and Aurelia (Graham) Blodgett. She grew up in a small town, Falls Village, in the heart of the beautiful Berkshires of Connecticut. She graduated from Vermont College with a degree in Medical Technology. Her laboratory career spanned more than four decades teaching Medical Technology students, Residents and Fellows in Microscopy and Hematologic Morphology.

She was predeceased by her father, James H. Blodgett. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Frank; her mother Aurelia Blodgett; her daughter, Kate Pierce and her husband, Steven; her grandchildren, David and Adeline Pierce; her sisters, Laurie Parmelee and her husband, David, Allison Blodgett and Susan Kelsey and her husband, Berkeley; her in-laws, Concetta Polito, Maria Polito, Diane Chenkus and her husband, Bob, and Tony Polito and his wife, Nancy; and an extended Italian family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Anyone who met Jill loved her like family. She was funny and bright and was regarded by all as a great cook. She was also an exceptional baker, known for her famous cakes, pies and Christmas cookies.

She had a deep appreciation for beautiful flowers. Her vegetable and flower gardens, particularly her peonies, were always the envy of the neighborhood.

Please honor her memory by performing small acts of kindness. Do chores for an elderly neighbor, invite someone over for a hot meal, or bring someone fresh baked goods. Share funny stories about Jill. Now is not the time to mourn, but to celebrate her life.

Calling hours will be Thursday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Newkirk - Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. at the Falls Village Congregational Church.

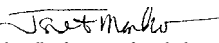


## Worship Services

Week of October 24, 2021

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

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and On You-Tube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jojiauloi@gmail.com">jojiauloi@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mmgates125@gmail.com">mmgates125@gmail.com</a> For an invitation to the Zoom service if you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday &amp; First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Wednesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanumc@gmail.com">canaanumc@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 315 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:50 A.M. Rev. John Kresta 860-824-1340 <a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>

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## Hearing on Longpond Cellars is continued to Dec. 13

By Cynthia Hochswender

SALISBURY — An application to the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission for a nonprofit use of a large property on Long Pond Road has sparked a strong response from neighboring property owners.

A public hearing on the application by Park and Linda Smith for their adjoining properties at 119 and 121 Long Pond Road brought many letters to the commission and several comments at the hearing, which was held on Zoom on Monday night, Oct. 18.

Because of the virtual format of the meeting, it wasn't possible to count how many people signed in for the portion of the hearing that addressed the application for what is being called Longpond Cellars and Farms. That portion of the hearing began at 8:30 p.m. and ran until shortly after 10 p.m. In that time, Linda Smith and her daughter, Jennifer Carlin, spoke in support of their application; and about 15 nearby property owners spoke up in opposition to the plan. Zoning

Enforcement Officer Abby Conroy also said there were many letters received by both the zoning office and by commission members. Planning and Zoning Chairman Michael Klemens said that letters should never be sent "ex parte" to individual commission members, especially himself. The letters will be posted online at the Salisbury town website, under Land Use > Planning and Zoning.

One objection to the application that was expressed at the hearing by both commission members and members of the public is that the application is very vague and it's unclear what exactly the applicants plan to do with the property.

There is also a philanthropic foundation associated with the property and the application, but Smith was unable to clarify at the hearing what the foundation has to do with the application.

Smith and Carlin sketched out ideas that included tapping maple trees for syrup, inviting the public in to play with the goats and workshops

on how to make honey. Two veterinarians on the Zoom call expressed concern about the spread of rabies and salmonella unless the animals are very closely monitored by animal care professionals.

Several neighbors expressed concern that the Longpond Cellars website promotes the property as a wedding venue. ZEO Conroy also referred to several conversations she'd had with Smith indicating that she'd like to have a bed and breakfast on the property and perhaps a Sunday dinner club. Smith said she has changed her mind and no longer plans to do weddings and has reconsidered the idea of opening a bed and breakfast. Several neighbors said they feel the rural residential character of the neighborhood is already threatened by noise from the racetrack at Lime Rock Park and by weddings and events with loud music at nearby Lion Rock Farm in Sharon. There were also concerns about increased traffic.

The commission continued the hearing until Monday, Dec. 13, at 5:45 p.m.

## FIRE TAX

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fitness center, improved bathrooms with showers and an updated kitchen.

"The monies raised now will be used to create the environment needed to accommodate a paid staff as well as other capital improvement projects that fall along those lines."

The commission felt that it would be better to begin planning and fundraising now — with a 58% increase — rather than to wait until the decision is made to move to having paid professionals, and hitting taxpayers with what could be a 100% to 150% increase in fees.

No date has been set yet for the change to hiring professional firefighters.

It's possible, in fact, that the town will never make that move.

"It really depends on how

well we are able to maintain and hopefully grow our volunteer base that continuously is able to respond to emergencies in our community," Schultz said.

### A need for volunteers

All the fire and ambulance companies in the Tristate region are faced with the same challenge. It's getting harder and harder to find volunteers who will do the many hours of training and who can be available around the clock to help in emergencies.

In North East, according to James Schultz, there are about 59 fire company members but only somewhere between 16 and 27 are "truly active."

And many of those volunteers are aging out. The average age is 44. One dedicated volun-

teer with the company is Bernie Silvernail: He's 89 and has been active with the fire company for 72 years.

At the same time, especially with new full-time residents in the area because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are more demands on the volunteers. "We have a staff that's burned out by an increasing call volume," said Joshua Schultz. "North East is experiencing more calls."

"I would say there's between a 20 to 25% increase in calls," Chairman Stephen Valyou agreed.

The influx of new full-time residents could be a blessing for volunteer fire and ambulance squads, of course. It's entirely possible that new (and potentially younger) homeowners will be inspired to step up and

do some of the essential emergency services jobs. Not all of them involve rushing into burning buildings or going on ambulance calls. Another essential skill: Being able to write grants.

The 58% budget increase for North East includes a salary for a grant writer.

"In the past we tried to do it ourselves, but grant writing is very competitive," said Joshua Schultz. "For someone like us to work a normal job and also to write grants is tough; so we placed a line in the budget for a grant writer."

At this point, the future of this and other area fire companies remains unwritten. Part of what will determine the future is whether the community is able to support its volunteer emergency service teams.

## HOSPITAL

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young families into the area.

Horn noted that the report by independent consultant Stroudwater Associates, which was used by the hospital in forming its plans, specifically does not address demographic shifts.

Henry Todd (first selectman of Falls Village) said he understood that a hospital must make money to survive.

But he said he would like to see more information on the hospital's finances.

"I have more questions than answers, and I find that disconcerting."

### Save Sharon Hospital

During the lengthy public comment period that started the meeting, Lydia Moore of Save Sharon Hospital said it seemed to her that Nuvance, the nonprofit health-care company that operates Sharon Hospital, is deliberately implementing policies that reduce the need for labor and delivery services.

Dr. Howard Mortman, an obstetrician in Sharon, noted that the medical staff at the hospital voted 25-1 against the plan when it was presented. (His Zoom feed cut out before he could finish his comments.)

Joshua Hahn of The Hotchkiss School said closing the labor and delivery unit would have a negative effect on the school's ability to recruit and retain faculty and staff.

Nick Moore of Sharon said the hospital "is not a bank branch, and we don't have other options."

Victor Germack of Salisbury questioned the assertion by Nuvance and Sharon Hospital president Dr. Mark Hirko that the hospital has lost around \$40

million in the last three years.

There were far more people who wished to speak than could be accommodated in the time allotted. Their comments were entered in the Zoom chat box and will be included in the meeting minutes.

### Hospital response, on Zoom

Hirko presented a slide show detailing the hospital's decision-making process. He said the hospital has lost \$39.8 million in the last three years and this year's loss is projected to be \$21 million. The labor and delivery unit, he continued, loses \$5.1 million per year, largely because of the cost of maintaining a 24-hour-a-day staff for "less than three babies per week."

Hirko stressed larger shifts in health-care practices, in particular outpatient and ambulatory care and telemedicine. He said the hospital plans on adding services in the areas of primary and ambulatory care, cancer, heart and vascular and neuroscience, geriatric behavioral care, and autism.

(The presentation is available online at [www.nuvance-health.org/locations/sharon-hospital/sharon-hospital-transformation](http://www.nuvance-health.org/locations/sharon-hospital/sharon-hospital-transformation).)

Asked by Speck, the Kent first selectman, what would happen if a woman in labor showed up at the hospital, Hirko said the emergency room staff are trained to deliver babies.

Horn noted that there is a meeting set up for Nov. 5 in Sharon between elected officials and Nuvance, and another, similar meeting planned for Nov. 9.

## PLANE CRASH

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naan, near West Main Street and the town's transfer station.

Jonathan Barbagallo, who is a fire volunteer for Norfolk and acts as public information officer for several area fire companies, was at the scene and posted this message on Twitter that evening: "Single engine, single occupant plane crash in North Canaan at 535 West Main Street off the end of the grass runway at North Canaan Airport. Male occupant taken to Sharon Hospital by North Canaan EMS. FD awaiting CT DEEP and FAA."

He said in an email Monday morning that the crash "occurred in the woods off the southern end of the approximately 3,000-foot grass runway.

The plane ended up nose down in a small creek of water on the west side of West Main Street."

He said the North Canaan fire and ambulance volunteers were called to the scene at 5:22 p.m.

In an interview with Fox 61 at the crash site, Barbagallo said it is believed the small plane was built from a kit. There was no information at the time on what caused the crash.

Barbagallo said that a neighbor heard the crash and rushed over to help the pilot out of the plane, which was standing in about two feet of water.

The identity of the pilot was not released. He was reportedly to be in serious condition,

with "facial injuries" but he was "conscious and alert," Barbagallo said.

He was taken to Sharon Hospital by North Canaan emergency volunteers.

The Federal Aviation Administration released this statement on Friday, Oct. 15: "A single-engine Kitfox IV crashed in North Canaan, Conn., around 5:22 p.m. local time Thursday. Only the pilot was on board."

"The FAA will release the tail number of the aircraft after investigators verify it at the accident site. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board will investigate. The NTSB will be in charge of the investigation and will provide additional up-

dates. Neither agency identifies people involved in aircraft accidents."

The airport is privately owned, and was sold to a new owner at the end of August for \$1,300,000. Realtor John Harney, who was the listing agent for the sale, said the airport's new owner was not the pilot in the crash, but that it was a local person.

According to the MLS real estate listing website, the runway runs parallel to the Housatonic River. It is on 65.5 acres in Connecticut, with an adjoining acre and a half in Massachusetts. There are 11 cold storage hangars on the property; there is no control tower.

## RIVER ROAD

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what appears to be a fairly placid waterfall there; almost every year there is one or more drownings and usually several water rescues in Kent and Falls Village at or near the falls.

### New problems in Sharon

There has also been an overflow of visitors to other spots along the river, including a secluded section of Sharon on River Road. The river is easily seen from the concrete bridge on Route 4 that divides Sharon from Cornwall. In the past year, this scenic and bucolic one-lane road has also become swollen with parked cars of visitors who have come to enjoy the river and the Appalachian Trail (AT) entry point there.

The cars are not only an irritant for property owners who live on the road, which fronts the river; the visitors also frequently block driveways and, sometimes, access in and out of River Road. The cars also narrow the road to the point where it's hard for emergency vehicles to safely navigate it.

Although unhappy with the situation, River Road residents did not lodge any formal complaints.

Until now.

### Petition asks for input and information

Residents of both River and Dawn Hill Roads have signed a petition with their concerns about plans by the Sharon Land Trust to purchase a privately owned property on Dawn Hill Road. The state of Connecticut is expected to fund the purchase, requiring that the new conservation area also be accessible for public recreation.

At a meeting of the selectmen at Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 12, the petitioners said they fear that the new public access and recreational area will exacerbate an already-bad situation, caused by an existing public recreational area at the base of Dawn Hill Road that runs along the Housatonic River and connects with the Appalachian Trail.

They claim that on any given weekend, as many as 20 cars park in and around the existing public recreational area, often blocking the road and driveways. Unable to get relief



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**Property owners on River and Dawn Hill Roads in Sharon are already concerned about an excess of cars as visitors come to enjoy the Appalachian Trail and the Housatonic River. A new trail being planned for Dawn Hill is raising concerns about an increase in parking problems.**

from the current conditions, residents are concerned that the addition of a second public access recreational area, so close to the AT and the river, will make the situation worse.

### Residents want details of plan

The petition stresses that the road residents "support efforts to preserve open and green space."

But, it says, "We strongly feel that before this new proposed recreational area is confirmed, a formal feasibility study of its environmental impact and traffic implications for the 25 homes and more than

60 Sharon residents that live on River and Dawn Hill Roads needs to be conducted." They claim that the Land Trust has not shared any information on plans for the property.

The selectmen expressed sympathy with the concerns of the property owners, while noting that they have no jurisdiction over a state-funded plan. However, they said they would speak to the Land Trust and ask their representatives to meet with the River Road residents.

The Land Trust has been invited to respond in detail in our issue of Oct. 28.

## HOUSING

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(later in the meeting) that he spoke with housing consultant David Berto, who confirmed that state grants were directed toward cities with affordable housing in disrepair, rather than to small towns.

Hanna said despite the disappointing news, the River Road Homes development is still a "robust" proposition. She noted that a test well was successfully drilled, and that the design of the development recently won an award for outstanding multi-family design from the Home Building Industry.

The Community Development Block Grant has been a hot-button issue recently, with questions raised about wheth-

er or not the town would be liable for the amount of the grant if the housing was never built.

The Board of Finance created a committee to examine that issue, consisting of board Chair Dick Heinz and Dan Silverman. They met Sept. 28 and Silverman reported to the board Monday that he and Heinz had set certain inquiries in motion.

Heinz then announced he was resigning from the committee for private reasons. Joel Jones was nominated and appointed to replace him.

Look for a full report on the Oct. 18 finance and selectmen's meetings in the Oct. 28 edition of The Lakeville Journal.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

FIREPLACES: JOHN TORSIELLO

## Winter Is Coming, Time to Get Your Chimney Checked

It's getting chilly and Tristate homeowners are starting to think about "firing up" their woodstoves and fireplaces. In addition to getting a supply of wood or pellets, it's also important to call a reputable company to check over the chimney lining and exterior to be sure they're in good shape for winter use.

"One of the most difficult times to get your chimney cleaned is the start of heating season," said Robert Zaleski, owner of 3G Chimney Services in Torrington, Conn. — but that doesn't mean you shouldn't at least call and get on the schedule.

Homeowners who have fireplaces or woodburning stoves should have their chimneys cleaned on a regular basis — but maintenance may not always be on the mind of homeowners with chimneys that vent fumes from oil or natural gas furnaces.

"It's important for these



Most modern chimney care companies won't give you a song and a dance, as Dick Van Dyke did in the classic film version of "Mary Poppins."

homeowners to also have their chimneys inspected because over time, although fuels such as natural gas burn 'cleaner,' deposits can build up and sometimes break down the interior of the chimney," Zaleski said.

Samuel Lopez, owner of Master Sweep of the Hudson Valley in Elizaville, N.Y., said homeowners who burn "two, three or four cords of wood a season should have the chimney cleaned annually."

Those who burn a cord or less of wood a year can usually wait two years before the chimney needs to be cleaned.

Lopez conducts an inspection of the chimney, takes photos to identify any damage, assesses the overall condition of the chimney and talks to the homeowner about any repairs that need to be made.

If a chimney has been ignored or is damaged through constant use over many years, for example, a new liner may be needed, to ensure proper venting of gases and fumes and to secure the interior safety of the structure.

"A new glass liner can cost upwards of several thousand dollars," Lopez warned, "so if you want to avoid that cost, have

a regular inspection and cleaning of your chimney."

Chimney maintenance work goes on all year long. "I would say the only down time we have is from February until mid-April," Lopez said.

But again, don't wait; Call up a chimney care company in your area and get on the schedule.

## 'COUNTRY COME TO TOWN' AT STANDARD SPACE

Courtney Childress has curated a show at the Standard Space gallery on the Green in Sharon, Conn., that celebrates country life and its intersection with city life.

Childress is from the South, and recalls that when she moved to New York City, "I immediately toned down my accent, wore less color, and tried to assimilate."

"At this moment, I want to embrace localism and where many of us come from, letting our

country-fried flag fly. For this show at Standard Space, I wanted to bring together a group of artists making work highlighting this attitude."

The artists are Natalie Baxter, Todd Bienvenu, Poppy DelataDawn, Kady Grant, Michael Hambouz, Roxanne Jackson, Rebecca Morgan and Deja Patterson.

The show remains at Standard Space until Nov. 14, with visits by appointment only. Call or email to 917-627-3261 and info@standardspace.net.

## BAROQUE SOLO CONCERTOS BY CRESCENDO

Members of the Crescendo Period Instrument Orchestra will perform an orchestral concert of famous Baroque solo concertos on Oct. 29 and 30, with soloists Jeremy Rhizor, violin, Chris Belluscio, natural trumpet, Hideki Yamaya, mandolino, and Crescendo's founding artistic director Christine Gevert, organ and direction.

Performances will be Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Saint James Place in

Great Barrington, Mass., and Saturday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lime Rock, Conn. Tickets at \$35 general seating, \$60 premium (preferred seating) and \$10 youth, can be purchased online at www.Crescendomusic.org or at the door.

Admission to the concert is possible only with proof of full vaccination at the door. Masks are required indoors at all times. Both venues will operate at reduced capacity.



William Parker Newton moved to Norfolk, Conn., after a career as a commercial artist. This painting shows the Blackberry River.

## A HISTORY OF OUR WORLD THROUGH ARTWORKS, LARGE AND SMALL

A retrospective showing of works by artists associated with the Northwest Corner is being displayed at the Canaan History Center in North Canaan, Conn.

Some of the works, loaned by an anonymous owner, were created by such well-known 20th-century artists as Dines Carlsen and Fidelia Bridges, while others were done by lesser-known, but talented local artists such as North Canaan's John Godburn.

Sixteen paintings are included in the show.

An opening reception will be held at the center, 115 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. The works will continue to be exhibited through the end of the year on Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

These works are by artists who were both well-known and amateur enthusiasts, said history center Director Kathryn Boughton. "They demonstrate the breadth and depth of the artistic community that flourished here in the 20th century."

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# '50 Shades of Blue' in Sharon

The art shows at the town hall in Sharon, Conn., curated by Zelina Blagden, have returned.

The new show, now on display, features photographs by Pamela Peeters, who describes herself as "an environmental economist and sustainability strategist, also writer, producer and artist. My main mantra is to 'inspire the World to do good to Mother Earth' — and she needs it more than ever."

The show in Sharon is called "50 Shades of Blue" and features work created while Peeters was on an Ice Safari in Ilulissat, Greenland, in June 2021.

The show will remain up at Town Hall until Jan. 6. Peeters has also written a graphic novel for chil-



PHOTO BY PAMELA PEETERS

**A new show of work by Pamela Peeters, with images from her voyage last summer to Greenland, is on display at Sharon Town Hall.**

dren called "Eco Hero & Dr. Narwhal," which is for sale at the Sharon Pharmacy.

Learn more at [www.myelementsdeck.com](http://www.myelementsdeck.com) and [www.pamelapeeters.com](http://www.pamelapeeters.com).

## FORAGING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# A Very Good Year for Wild Mushrooms

We get monthly articles on gardening and nature from the University of Connecticut, and this month's missive is about wild mushrooms, and was written by Pamm Cooper.

"This year was an excellent one environmentally for mushrooms," she reports. "Many species have recently shown up on lawns, in gardens, in the woods and many other places."

It's so very tempting to want to hunt for them and eat them. It is a fun and delicious adventure — but potentially fatal or, at best, sickening and unpleasant.

Don't just take my word for it; Cooper also warns

that, "While many are edible, many mushrooms are not, and some are poisonous. It is not a good idea to eat any mushrooms if you are not able to identify them correctly. There are many look-alikes, so this is a job for an expert."

From time to time, there are workshops with mushroom experts such as David Paton. He and other mycologists can safely steer you toward mushrooms you can eat. And of course many local farmstands and markets have wonderful mushrooms that you can buy.

But it's always fun to be out in the woods, either purposefully seeking fungi or stumbling upon some interesting specimen nestled under some leaf debris.

Pamm Cooper has an idea: If you find an interesting mushroom and you feel strongly that you want to take it home and do something with it (as opposed to photographing it and posting the image on social media), try making a mushroom spore print. The short version of how to do this is to get a fresh mushroom, take off the stem, and put the cap, gill side down, on a sheet of paper. The spores will come out and make an image.

Cooper recommends that you use the "Peterson Field Guide to Mushrooms" if you want to try and identify some of the mushrooms you find on your lawn or in the woods. But she offers a few descriptions of species you might find at this time of year.

Puffballs, for example,



PHOTO BY PAMM COOPER

**The agaric mushroom (this particular one is an Eastern yellow fly agaric) looks like the classic illustration from a fairy tale.**

"appear in late summer and early fall. Most start off as white, gray or light brown and may be lumpy, round, smooth or slightly spiny. Most have no stalk. Often these are familiar to people who encounter the familiar *Langermannia giganteum*, which appear as white balls on their lawns. "The gem-studded puffball *Lycoperdon perlatum* is white and has small warts and spines on the capsule that give it a gem-like appearance.

"The most recognizable mushroom in the world is the fly agaric. The red cap studded with white warts makes this mushroom easy to recognize.

"The Eastern yellow fly agaric has a bright yellow cap and white scales that may fall off with age. This agaric is usually found under pines, spruce, hemlocks, birch, oaks and poplars.

"Both of these agarics

start off as a rounded cap studded with white that will eventually flatten out, reaching 6 or more inches across. Both are from the Amanita family and are poisonous."

Have fun but remember: Even if you have a Peterson field guide, you should never eat anything unless an experienced mushroom hunter shares it with you. And some mushrooms might be toxic to the touch, so it might be a good idea to wear gloves if you handle a mushroom you're not familiar with.

## IONESCO'S 'THE CHAIRS' AT SHAKESPEARE & CO.

Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass., presents Eugene Ionesco's "The Chairs," directed by James Warwick at the Tina Packer Playhouse, until Oct. 31.

One of the first plays by the master of absurd theater, "The Chairs" is a "tragic farce" about an elderly couple who collect

chairs and tell tales that are refracted through their failing memories.

Tickets in a range of prices are available at [www.shakespeare.org](http://www.shakespeare.org). The show stars Malcolm Ingram and Barbara Sims. Performances are indoors; proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test are required.

# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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## ART

**Carol Corey Fine Art**, 12 Old Barn Road, Kent, Conn. [www.carolcoreyfineart.com](http://www.carolcoreyfineart.com)  
Elise Ansel: The Women, through Oct. 31.

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
Living with Les Lalanne: A Conversation with Brian McCarthy and Edith Dicconson, Oct. 23, 2 to 3 p.m.

## BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
Fall Discussion Series with Mark Scarbrough, Oct. 21, 10 to 11 a.m. (online)

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)  
Alan Cumming in Conversation, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

## KIDS

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)  
Garden Sprouts: Pumpkin Play!, Oct. 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**Scoville Memorial Library**, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Online Teen Writing Club, Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

## MOVIES

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)  
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**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Openig Oct. 22: Dune, Bergman Island. Opening Oct. 29: Lamb.

## MUSIC

**Crescendo**, Lakeville, Conn. [www.worldclassmusic.org](http://www.worldclassmusic.org)  
Chamber Orchestra Concert "Italian Concerti", Oct. 29 and 30.

**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)  
ELI KESZLER, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

**Warner Theatre**, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org)  
Terence Blanchard's FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES, Oct. 23, 12:55 p.m.

## THEATER

**Barrington Stage Company**, 122 North St., Pittsfield, Mass. [www.barringtonstageco.org](http://www.barringtonstageco.org)  
Mr. Saturday Night, Oct. 22 to 30.

**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)  
Cocktails and Comedy: Adult (21+), Oct. 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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## HOW A MEMOIR COMES TO LIFE

Beloved area literature expert Mark Scarbrough joins the editor of his new memoir, "How the Great Works of Western Literature F\*\*ked up My Life," in a Zoom talk sponsored by the library in Norfolk, Conn., on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m.

Genevieve Gagne-Hawes is the in-house editor at literary agency Writers House. She worked with Scarbrough for more than four years as rough drafts evolved into a finished book. In the Oct. 24 Zoom, they will talk about the writing/editing process and how a memoir gets shaped over (many) years of work.

Register for this event at [www.norfolklibrary.org/events/author-talk-mark-scarbrough-in-conversation-with-genevieve-gagne-hawes-about-his-newly-released-memoir-book-marked/](http://www.norfolklibrary.org/events/author-talk-mark-scarbrough-in-conversation-with-genevieve-gagne-hawes-about-his-newly-released-memoir-book-marked/).



### EDITORIAL

## Safe driving needs to be a goal for all

This is a moment when there is lots of anger and frustration floating around. These can be seen as residuals from the pandemic and the problems associated with its direct and indirect effects on our mental and physical health. We really didn't know what those effects would be when societies across the globe were shut down or changed almost beyond recognition in March of 2020. We could only watch, learn and respond as humanly possible.

Now, the aftereffects of reopening society are just as opaque in many ways. But one thing that's become clear is, what used to be benign activities (like going to restaurants) or at least manageable ones (air travel, road trips) can now be fraught and even melodramatic or violent.

Have you recently seen someone driving erratically or speeding in places that really don't allow much margin for error? Or have you yourself done that without thinking hard enough about the possible consequences? Odds are many of us would answer "yes" to one or both of those questions.

Imagine being a teenager or young adult learning to drive in this moment. It's hard enough for people who have been driving for years to adjust to post-COVID roads, which are populated by more drivers and many new ones of all ages. For teens, it has got to be overwhelming at times to face the open road and other drivers who may be overcome with some emotion those around them cannot know about: grief, rage, confusion, frustration, all being expressed through their driving.

This is National Teen Driver Safety Week, Oct. 17 through 23, giving an opportunity to focus on the needs of teens as they are learning the rules of the road. To understand the dangers for those who are new to driving, go to [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov), at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where there is good advice for all drivers, really, but especially those just starting out. It says the greatest dangers for teen drivers are alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding, and number of passengers. The website also has data pointing to motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death for teens (15 to 18 years old) in the United States. In 2019, there were 2,042 people killed in crashes involving a teen driver, of which 628 deaths were the teen driver.

The site also emphasizes the vital role of parents speaking with their children about how they need to handle their new responsibilities as drivers. After all, most are not driving their own cars but one their parents have designated for them, so there is still some measure of control as to driving privileges.

To be credible as mentors, of course, adults need to be responsible and careful drivers themselves, so that is something we all need to aspire to and share with the kids.

See the column by traffic safety expert Bob Green this week for more.

## Salisbury has great candidates

I hope everyone will go to the polls and vote on Tuesday, November 2nd. I'm happy to see that the Democrats have excellent candidates running for virtually every board and commission, which is something to celebrate.

So is the new talent on the slate, first-time candidates Liz Dittmer and Tom Carter, Salisbury Central Board of Education; Lee Greenhouse, Zoning

Board of Appeals Alternate; and Joe Woodard and Michael Voldstad, Board of Finance.

We are very lucky to have so many capable people willing to volunteer their time and energy to help our town. Volunteerism is a reflection of the community spirit that makes Salisbury such a great place to live.

**Mary Close Oppenheimer**  
Lakeville

## Re-elect board of ed rep

It is a truism that the best predictor of future performance is past performance. Stacie Weiner's candidacy for Salisbury's representative to the Region One Board of Education speaks perfectly to this truism. As Salisbury's current representative for the past two years, she has exhibited an exceptional level of competency and dedication that have earned the respect of the Region One Board of Education and Region One educational leadership.

Throughout the pandemic, Stacie has worked tirelessly in fulfilling her responsibilities; participating in frequent meetings to discuss Region One educational issues and the budget. As a member of the Board's Finance Committee, Stacie was integral in producing an educational budget that is 1.58% over the previous budget with no sacrifice to the quality of education, and so acceptable to the taxpayers that it passed on the first ballot. Clearly, Stacie's

background as a public-school teacher and presently as a financial professional has given her the appropriate skill set for the role.

Very importantly, Stacie will never "rubber stamp" a proposition and simply go along with party view that may be flawed. Paramount to her decision-making is consideration of what is best for Salisbury's educational system and residents; as well as what is in the best interest of Region One. Given her track record and proven effectiveness, qualifications and commitment to the role, Stacie, who is running as a petitioning candidate, is the clear choice for Salisbury's representative to the Region One Board of Education.

**Danella Schiffer**  
Salisbury

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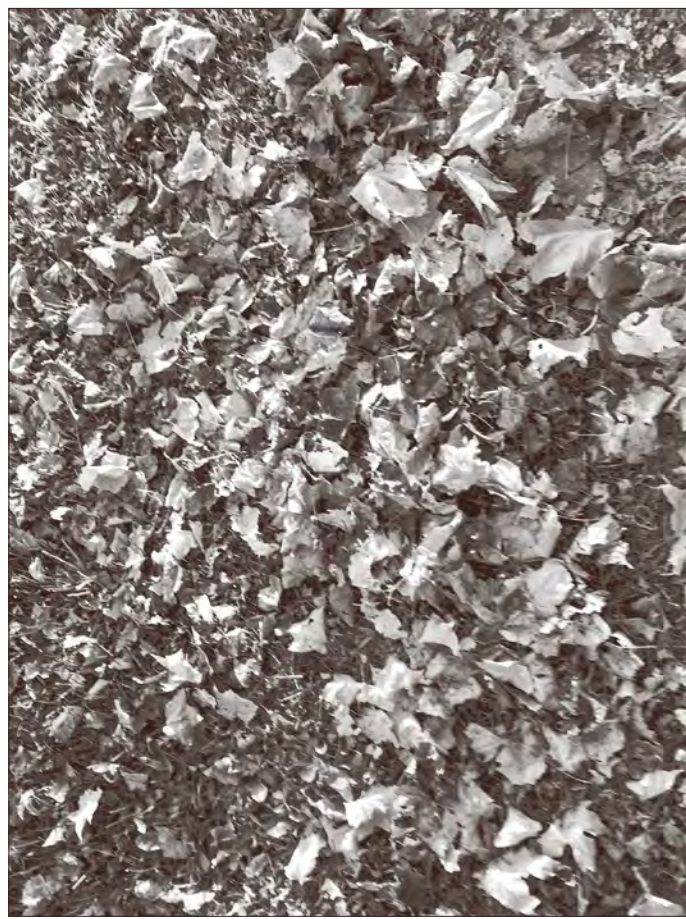


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### A sea of color underfoot

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Changes at the hospital are not viable

I have been associated with Sharon Hospital for 55 years, first as a general surgeon and since 2011 as one of the wound care doctors. It has been disconcerting to see what the administrators associated with Nuvance Health System are doing.

They claim to have a plan, such as adding services of specialists coming into Sharon once a week or every other week. They want to discontinue services such as maternity, the intensive care unit and stop all surgery after 3 p.m. each day. These are vital core services

necessary for a vibrant small community hospital, which Sharon has been for over a century.

In addition, they are not recruiting primary medical physicians for such places as Kent, Canaan and Dover Plains. In addition, we have had two neurologists and a urologist retire, and they have served the hospital well. Pediatrics coverage has diminished as well.

It's like cutting the heart out of a patient and expecting them to live. Women will have to travel 45 minutes east, west, north or south to deliver babies

and this is especially difficult in the middle of winter. The core of doctors remaining at Sharon Hospital have voted their displeasure with the plan recently. We need to rally the surrounding community to halt corporate Nuvance and its destructive ways if Sharon Hospital is to remain a functioning small community hospital and not a walk-in clinic.

Why would people retire here or want to move here?

**W. Peter Reyelt**  
Salisbury

*More letters next page.*

### These candidates deserve your support

On November 2nd, Salisbury residents will elect officials to fill our various town offices, boards and commissions. We hope that you will cast your vote for all four of our endorsed candidates - two of whom are running on the Republican line and two of whom are running as "Petitioning" candidates. All four are well-known and widely respected members of the community.

Don Mayland - Selectman. In 2017, after serving four terms on the Board of Finance, Don was elected to the Board of Selectmen. He was re-elected in 2019 and is now running for a third term.

Jon Higgins - Planning & Zoning Commission. Jon has

served on the PZC since 1983, including stints as Chair and Vice Chair. Now an Alternate member, with the encouragement and support of Chair Michael Klemens Jon is running for a regular seat on the Commission.

Jacque Rice - Board of Education (Petitioning). Jacque is a current member of the BOE and is running for another four-year term. She teaches mathematics at HVRHS and is Chief of the SVAS.

Rick Cantele - Board of Finance (Petitioning). Rick has served as President and CEO of Salisbury Bank and Trust since 2009 and is currently on the board of Sharon Hospital.

We also support the re-election of four Democratic candidates:

First Selectman Curtis Rand, Selectman Chris Williams, BOF member Janet Graaff and Regional BOE candidate Keith Moon. While we offered to cross-endorse these candidates, the Democratic Town Committee refused to allow any of its candidates to accept our endorsement. This is most unfortunate, as we believe local government benefits from the work of good people from both parties and that, on local matters, there is no such thing as "Republican" or "Democratic" solutions.

**Tom Morrison**  
Chair, Salisbury  
Republican Town Committee  
Salisbury

### Put Kent in these capable hands

In small towns like those of northwestern Connecticut, you get to see government up close and find that problems aren't always where you expect. When I served on the nominating committee of the Kent Democratic Town Committee, the problem was finding people willing and able to fill town positions. We scanned the lists for people with experience and abilities that matched openings, but most declined right off. Others agreed to meet but realized taking on the job wouldn't work for them.

It came as a welcome surprise when this year's Nominating Committee proudly introduced an unusually diverse group of exceptionally qualified people. Some candidates, like Naomi Joseph (Board of Education) are relatively new in town; several, like Jason Wright (Finance) are new to town government, together they bring valuable experience to Kent, like Glenn Sanchez (Selectman), Director of Advancement for the Marvelwood School.

At the top of the list is the position of First Selectman, and the person running for that office is not new to town or to the job. She has lived in Kent for 20 years and is running for her second term. She was elected just in time to steer Kent through the COVID pandemic, an example of the right person in the

right job at the right time. For the previous nine-and-a-half years Jean Speck, the current First Selectman, was Region 5 EMS Coordinator, covering 43 towns on the western side of Connecticut. Her duties included regulatory guidance, system planning, and EMS policy development. Additionally, from 2012 to 2015 she assumed duties and responsibilities of managing statewide EMS and Trauma data.

Her previous experience was put to good use when she brought to Gov. Lamont's attention, at one of his weekly COVID-related Zoom meetings, the fact that the Northwest Corner had no major COVID testing site. Shortly thereafter, an efficiently run testing site opened at the Kent recycling center. She also had weekly meetings with representatives from all the schools in Kent to go over prevention practices and problems. Her previous experience also helped her bring the Office of Emergency Management into alignment with correct current practices.

Of course, the COVID-related parts of her job were in addition to ongoing issues facing the town, new issues that arose and other emergencies such as tornadoes and power failures. It was a tough time to be starting out in government.

Two years is barely enough time to figure out the geog-

raphy of Town Hall, but with the experience Jean Speck has acquired during two difficult years, and supported by the excellent new Democratic slate, Kent will be in good hands.

**Betty Krasne**  
Kent

Dr. Skiff's many friends in Lime Rock extend their sympathy to him in the death of his mother, which occurred in Ellsworth Sunday morning.

**60 years ago — October 1961**

On Wednesday of this week, Chas. Pfizer & Co. Inc. completed acquisition of the New England Lime Company organization and outlined plans to "substantially increase" productive capacity. In a transaction completed at Pittsfield, Pfizer acquired the business, assets and good will of New England Lime in exchange for approximately 313,000 shares of Pfizer stock. The acquisition included the stock of Nelco Metals Inc. in Canaan, which produces high purity metallic calcium and magnesium in addition to limestone products.

On Monday of this week ground was broken at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School by the Bonvicini Building Co. of Torrington, for the erection of a new wing which will contain classrooms, science laboratories and a lecture hall.

Martin J. Whalen of Porter Street, Lakeville, has entered the Academy of Aeronautics at LaGuardia Airport in New York where he will pursue an intensive technical program in aircraft technology.

The North Canaan Board of Education elected Mrs. Edwin Pratt of Railroad Street Chairman by secret ballot last Thursday evening at its regular meeting held at North Canaan Elementary School. As nearly as could be ascertained, Mrs. Pratt is the first woman to serve North Canaan in this capacity.

**25 years ago — October 1996**

SHARON — An effort by Sprint Spectrum LP to blanket the country with wireless communications is catching the attention of local zoning officials. Wireless means towers. And towers mean trouble. But the issue now is not keeping communications towers out, planner Tom McGowan told Sharon zoning members last week. "The FCC says this is an important technology. You can't forbid this in your regulations." All local officials can hope for now is a say in where the 80- to 150-foot communications towers go. Or don't go. That's about it, Mr. McGowan said.

That warm and sunny Friday afternoon in Canaan, 29-year-old Steve Blass thought at the time, topped everything he'd ever experienced. "They could put me in a box tomorrow," he told the 3,000 people gathered at Canaan Depot to honor him, "and I wouldn't feel that I'd been cut short." That

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## Viewpoint

## From Brooklyn to Boston, a baseball odyssey

As the baseball postseason was providing some unexpected joy for us Red Sox fans, it suddenly occurred to me that this 2021 season marked a milestone in my baseball watching.

I became a fan exactly 80 seasons ago when I decided to follow my grandfather's lifetime devotion to the always colorful, though sometimes inept, Brooklyn Dodgers.

Prior to the 1940s, the Dodger teams were known for outfielders getting hit on the head by fly balls and batters doubling into double plays. (A popular Dodger story of the day had a cab driver telling a fare, "the Dodgers have three men on base" and the fare asking, "which base?")

But those Dodgers quickly taught me the pleasures of the game that 1941 season when they won the first pennant

of my young life. The Pennant joy would be quickly extinguished by Series sorrow when Dodger catcher Mickey Owen dropped what would have been a third out, third strike that led directly to the team's Series loss to the hated Yankees.

That loss also introduced me to the Dodgers' article of faith, "wait 'til next year," which was repeated the next and the next and the next years all the way to 1947.

Forty-seven was the year Jackie Robinson, PeeWee Reese, Gil Hodges, Duke Snyder, Preacher Roe and so many other stars began winning National League pennants — in 1947, '49, '52 and '53 — only to lose the World Series in each and every one of those years to — of course — the Yankees.

Then came the two great changes in my and so many other baseball lives. First, the Dodgers won the pennant again in 1955, faced the Yankees again — for the fifth time in eight seasons — but this time, they actually won it all.

Naturally, that couldn't last.

The Brooklyn Dodgers would only live for three more years, moving to California in 1958 along with the Giants, and leaving New York baseball in the exclusive hands of the Yankees until the Mets came along.

That traumatic event actually made me stop caring about baseball for a time. I pretty much ignored the game for nearly a decade until I had sons of my own and felt the need — no, the responsibility as an American — to teach them to love the national pastime.

Living in Connecticut, I could have looked to New York for a new team but the Mets could never really replace the Dodgers in my baseball affections and switching to the Yankees would have been unthinkable.

The Red Sox, however, were a natural, an American League equivalent to Brooklyn, but with wait 'til next century a more appropriate description of life as a Red Sox fan than merely waiting 'til next year. And then there was the great rivalry and ardent dislike for the Yankees.

It was around 1978 — the perfect year as it turned out — when 10-year-old Mark and 8-year-old Charlie first took an interest. And they couldn't have timed it better.

The Red Sox and — who else — New York ended the season in a tie and the infamous one-game playoff ensued with the

winning homer launched by the Yankees' number nine hitter, forevermore to be known throughout New England as Bucky "Bleeping" Dent. (On the eve of this season's one game playoff, a Times sportswriter felt obliged to report Mr. Dent was given a different middle name at birth. Earl.)

The Sox's long World Series drought, said to be punishment for the then-owner's sale of Babe Ruth to the Yankees in order to finance the production of the Broadway musical "No, No, Nanette," spanned two centuries, from 1918 to 2004, but my kids had to wait "just" 26 years to see their team win.

Late in the drought, the team was managed from 1988-91 by Joe Morgan, a baseball journeyman who drove a snow plow in the offseason. In 1990, Morgan was introduced to the recently widowed wife of Ray Goulding, a member of the brilliant Boston-born comedy team of Bob and Ray.

Mrs. Goulding told Morgan that Ray often said he believed the Red Sox would finally win a World Series right after he died. "Well," said Morgan, "he did his part; now it's up to us."

After hearing that, I knew I had found the best successor for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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

## Auto safety can be taught, to all of us

Suppose that the COVID pandemic never happened and, tallying the toll in the United States, those many hundreds of thousands of people didn't succumb . . . and those millions of others did not get a severe disease with potential long-term effects, all within the time of a year and a half. If it had only been preventable! The national attention is on efforts for the prevention and cure of this infectious disease, medical and social.

But, for years the U.S. has experienced an epidemic that has been and is preventable.

A car cannot crash itself, there has to be an error or series of errors to cause a moving collision. Everyone who ever crashed will come up with an excuse and if your car is hit by another, you'll hear it from them. "It was an accident," "not my fault," and many others. The standard in the U.S. is to accept these failures as the inevitable result of our personal, convenient mobility.

Not so in a dozen other developed countries that have engaged safety programs to stem these consequences. Statistics from World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations (U.N.) show the U.S. to be the worst in traffic safety among these countries.

Our youngest, least experienced drivers take the brunt of it. Licensing in the U.S. is a cursory process that has no crash deterrence, may actually improve the kid's chances of crashing, putting them on the road unprepared. By the time the youthful drivers get to 21, when most of the damage has been done, we register an improvement. Many don't make it to 21.

Following the report from the WHO and U.N. worldwide statistics, car crashes are the leading cause of violence, injury and death on the planet. Each crash may be inadvertent or unintentional, but violent nonetheless. The watermelon head dropped from a second

story roof hits the concrete at 23 miles per hour. Can't fool Isaac Newton.

There's more: Using some U.S. averages (which I hate to do because these are individual people, but such is the nature of statistics), within the year of COVID, our U.S. car crash fatality rate climbed to 42,000, the population of a small city, 115 fatalities per day.

My most recent figures show that since 2007, 14 years passed,

in the U.S. we've totaled over 8,400,000 reported crashes at a cumulative cost of \$870 billion a year, topping \$12 trillion. Averaged, that would cost

every driver \$900 a year, even if you didn't crash. The human cost: 490,000 violently killed, far more if we go further back in time.

The emergency services injury rate stays at about two million people per year who require ambulance transport to a hospital. Injuries can range in severity, superficial to life threatening. Sobering statistics: enough said.

Those folks who say that these things happen to others or that "it won't happen to me" are denying their own vulnerability. If the car is moving, it can do damage. It reminds me of the guy who backed out of his garage over his kid's tricycle — very glad the kid wasn't on it.

So, if there is a single car crash, the driver did it, few doubts. Rear end crash, following too close, no doubt. Multiple car events, someone else may have erred in that situation. "Fault, Blame and Liability" are enforcement and legal challenges, but crashes can be so much worse than bent metal.

Bring your attention and judgment to the task whenever you take to the road.

*Bob Green is the director of Survive the Drive, a nonprofit he founded in 2002 to promote driver safety, reaching more than 130,000 teens in more than 1,500 presentations. He is also a master instructor at Lime Rock Park. He lives in Lime Rock.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Wants answers on 2018 election in Norfolk

With town elections looming, local officials and news media must do a better job of reporting any problems.

One big problem that was never fully explained occurred in the 2018 race for State Representative in the 64th district between Brian Ohler (R-North Canaan) and Maria Horn (D-Salisbury). That race was so close after Election Day that an automatic recount was triggered.

Within hours of the recount announcement, the town of Norfolk added 12 extra votes for Horn, which was just enough to get the recount called off.

But the state decided to recount anyway, and it turned out that 11 of those hastily added extra votes did not actually exist and had to be retracted, although Horn still won.

The Lakeville Journal and the Republican American both reported the above, but neither paper ever told the public whether those non-existent extra votes were the result of cheating or error.

Nor did the press tell us how it was done, why it was done, or even who did it.

Both papers told me they lacked the

resources to follow up. I don't accept that. They follow up other stories. Why not this one?

Searching for answers, I spoke several times with Norfolk's first selectman Matthew T. Riiska, who is standing for reelection. He repeatedly told me he knew nothing about his town's non-existent votes, which I find almost impossible to believe. He just kept assuring me that the final recount turned out fine. (The final recount was not in question.)

One of Norfolk's two registrars from 2018 also professed to not know what happened, but also assured me everything had been fine.

The other Norfolk registrar from 2018 told me it was not on the up and up. This registrar said the state found that the Norfolk moderator had changed vote totals approximately four times after the election.

The Norfolk moderator was no longer in that job after the recount. This wasn't reported either. Was he fired? Quit? Anyone else involved? The public still doesn't know.

The Journal also initially reported problems with two other towns' votes in 2018,

but didn't name the towns or their problems, and again never followed up. The executive editor later told me the towns were Salisbury and Sharon, but said she couldn't recall any more.

If town funds were missing, and the treasurer was gone, and officials claimed ignorance, and the press didn't follow up, no one would accept that.

Why vote for town officials or support newspapers that don't provide complete accounting of such basic issues?

**Mark Godburn**

Norfolk

## This right is universal

The right to vote should be universally available. Registration and voting should be convenient and not onerous. All Americans should be able to vote.

**C. Archer Woodward**

Winsted

## Whose job is it to find help for those in need?

Seeing ads on TV for 211.org or to call 2-1-1 for help in a crisis or for help with housing, childcare, medical or less pressing needs, one might think "we're all set" even for those without computer skills. However, that's not the case. Some cannot get in the system and get a case worker.

Maybe a social worker at a hospital or in a town, a minister or other advocate could guide someone to the door of getting more services whether a youth or elder. But still one can often need family, friends

or other advocates to answer basic questions and follow through with paperwork or online forms. Someone being paid to work however cannot generally handle the finances of their employer so clear guidance is needed even about many basics.

If someone has managed to stay in their home and set up routines that work for them that are safe, more help could be given to maintain that situation. Some people may not be able to see the big picture and all of the options that would

be reasonable to secure long-term regular help even if that is clearly needed and there are ways to get that.

No one should be faced with needing to go into a nursing home even locally if they have a home to live in or a community that could map out clear options complete with a ready-to-go care team for short term and even longer term needs if there are funds to pay for some or all of that.

A game to explore the many kinds of challenges that can arise for one person or a pair

of people living together in a village or farther afield would be helpful to get more people thinking of the What Ifs that many people face due to a temporary or longer setback of mobility, transportation, housing or financial changes and an array of physical or mental health challenges.

We plan for a car to break down but not so much for a two-legged person to get help with moving (wheelchairs and walkers along with assistants to help with those or even with standing or transferring to use a commode or bedpan or wear adult diapers.)

Caregiving teams could accommodate many needs for full-time cases if there is room in the home or a place not too far away. Perhaps trailers could be allowed to house helpers and funds raised to provide a basic wage and cover extra costs month to month if a reverse mortgage or other loan is not available. But getting more people to tune into the clear needs and requests for help is urgent.

Thanks to all working in the field and planning to help others in their circles and community. I would like to network in a serious way to help a few I know who need help and I'm sure others would come forward as well if we put out an "all call" to assess our local needs.

**Catherine Palmer Paton**  
Falls Village

the Housatonic, was the first non-Rotary member to receive the award locally.

State workers, private contractors, rail employees and town crew members joined in an effort to repair the rail crossing at North Elm Street in Canaan this week. The joint effort made possible repairs long in advance of when the state expected to do the work.

*These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.*

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES


NORMA BOSWORTH

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was 25 years ago this week — Oct. 22, 1971 — and a quarter century later 54-year-old Steve Blass still recalls that day — Steve Blass Day in Canaan — and those that led up to it with fondness. "I was so caught up in it all," he said in a recent phone interview from Pittsburgh where he broadcasts the Pirates baseball games. "It was a picture postcard day. It was so spectacular I almost became part of the audience." Blass, a right-handed pitcher then 11 long up-and-down years out of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, had just hurled his Pirates to victory in the sev-


enth game of a classic World Series against the Baltimore Orioles. That win, coming five days after he'd beaten the Birds 5-1 on a three-hitter in game number 3, catapulted the modest Canaan-Falls Village native to the status of American hero. And Northwest Connecticut was ready and raring to claim him as its own.

Lee Collins received a Rotary Club of Salisbury Paul Harris Fellow award Tuesday from club member Dr. Steve Owens. Mr. Collins, honored for such efforts as his work with the Salisbury Band and



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The Northwest Hills Council of Government hosted a zoom meeting recently on the topic of "Protecting Lakes and Water Quality in NW Ct". The presenters were local experts on this subject and the meeting was recorded. To watch this presentation, please go to: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=beScuDnQAKc&t=219s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beScuDnQAKc&t=219s). In addition, a flyer on how to protect water quality was handed out listing all the resources a community could access for help and advice. Happy to email a copy if interested!



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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0153 by 9 Sharon Road, LLC for parking flexibility and satellite parking associated with a change of use from low turnover restaurant/retail/office to low turnover restaurant and apartment at 9 & 9A Sharon Road, Lakeville Map 49, Lot 27-2 per Sections 703.7 & 703.8 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburycyct.us](http://www.salisburycyct.us). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [aconroy@salisburycyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburycyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of

9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.  
Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
10-14-21  
10-21-21

## Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 12, 2021:

Approved—Application 2021-IW-029 by owners Toneisha & Troy Ramcharran for addition to single family residence, sewer line, and associated site improvements. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 49 as lot 116 and is known as 24 Cleaveland Street, Salisbury.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

10-21-21

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON, CT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 3:30 PM SHARON TOWN HALL IN PERON AND VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8727483273>

Meeting ID: 872 748 3273  
ATTENDEES MUST FOLLOW CURRENT CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut, on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 3:30PM to consider the following question:

1. Shall the Town approve the request of the Board of Selectmen to change the Payee on a promissory note authorized by Town Meeting on December 13, 2019 and July 16, 2020 for the Sharon Housing Authority HVAC project at Sharon Ridge, from

Eversource to Salisbury Bank and Trust, as approved by the Board of Finance. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut, this 12th day of October 2021.

Brent M. Colley  
Dale C. Jones  
Casey T. Flanagan  
Selectmen  
10-21-21

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PATRICK COLIN REDMOND Late of Canaan (21-00421)

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

The fiduciary is:  
Shelley Stedman  
21A Heritage Crest Dr.  
Southbury, CT 06488  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
10-21-21

## TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 is due and payable on October 1, 2021. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2021. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2021, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

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Please check the Town website [salisburycyct.us](http://salisburycyct.us) for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 15th day of September, 2021.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC  
Tax Collector  
09-23-21  
10-07-21  
10-21-21

## Notice of Application

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

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BRANDON SCIMECA  
10-21-21  
10-28-21

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