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

## Sharon Hospital board president on impending changes

### 'We all want the hospital here'

By Cynthia Hochswender

SHARON — Rick Cantele grew up in the Northwest Corner, went to school here, has worked here since he graduated from college. He's been a basketball coach at both the local elementary school and high school. He's coached youth hockey and soccer and has been a member of many local boards over the years. Everybody knows Rick. And he is now head of the community board for Sharon Hospital.

The hospital announced on Sept. 29 that it would be closing its obstetrics department, and convening workgroups

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*Rick Cantele, Sharon Hospital Board President*

of Sharon Hospital staff to evaluate both the current surgical schedule and inpatient services with the goal of serving the community more efficiently. Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko called out Cantele as head of the 12-person community board when he announced the changes during the Sept. 29 Zoom, saying that the board had endorsed the decisions made by

the hospital's nonprofit owner, Nuvance Health. Cantele doesn't dispute that, and he isn't walking back the endorsement in the face of the disappointment of community members at cuts that are deep and hard at a beloved local hospital. "The community board's role is to represent the community and be stewards of the hospital," Cantele said. "To a person, the board is extremely

dedicated to and focused on doing what we believe is best for the long term. Except for Dr. Hirko, the board is comprised exclusively of members of the communities served by the hospital. The board's members include three doctors and a former nurse at Sharon, the head of a local breast cancer foundation, the town clerk of Dover, along with local business people." "And as we educated ourselves about some of the issues facing the hospital, it became evident that the historical model was not sustainable." Cantele is a banker, but he

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

In what is being called a historic event, Rabbi Jon Haddon, left in photo, of Amenia's Congregation Beth David, was welcomed by the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge to preach the Oct. 10 service at Smithfield Presbyterian Church.

## A rabbi and a minister meet at the pulpit

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — Although it had never been done before in the 279-year history of The Smithfield Church in Amenia, there was no reason not to imagine that in the 21st century it could be done — and even that it should be done.

And so, in part be-

cause both buildings (the Smithfield Church and the Congregation Beth David temple) have been designated as landmarks by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the elders at Smithfield voted to invite Rabbi Jon Haddon to visit their pulpit and preach the

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## Enrollment at regional schools remains steady

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The official enrollment figures for Region One were presented by Superintendent Lisa Carter at the Oct. 4 regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education.

There are no drastic

changes in enrollment at the six town K-8 schools and Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS). For all of Region One, there are 1,373 students for the 2021-22 school year (including tuition students and children

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Region One Enrollment Figures			
	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Cornwall Consolidated	107	103	88
Lee H. Kellogg School (Falls Village)	74	69	71
Kent Center School	213	212	208
North Canaan Elementary School	234	247	251
Salisbury Central School	303	316	281
Sharon Center School	96	109	106
Housatonic Valley Regional High School	346	323	352
<b>Total students</b>	<b>1373</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,357</b>

## Volunteering at Audubon in all seasons

By Cynthia Hochswender

There are infinite ways to get involved in the community by volunteering. Many volunteer opportunities are geared toward helping our friends and neighbors, during the good times in their lives (child care, ski jumping) and the hard times (food pantries, medical assistance).

And there are many opportunities related to protecting our natural environment, whether it's trail clearing or fundraising for easements or caring for wildlife.

The Sharon Audubon Center is hosting a volunteer event on Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist Bethany Sheffer will host, and will explain ways that volunteers can help with, for example, rehabilitation efforts for birds that have been injured or abandoned.

One recent seasonal volunteer activity was the rearing of Chimney Swifts over the summer. The birds began their winter migration in late August,

but from late spring until end of summer, there were a number of birds who needed care and hand feeding at the center.

Chimney Swifts are actually in decline right now, Sheffer said, because modern chimneys aren't lined with brick.

"Chimney Swifts are unable to grasp the metal liners of more modern chimneys," she explained. "Only a single pair of Swifts occupies a brick chimney, regardless of size, so the fewer of these chimneys are available, the fewer young are reared."

Chimney Swifts are usually seen in our region between June and August, she said. Sharon Audubon rescues enough of the birds (20 to 75 each summer, on average) that the rehabilitation center now has a little faux chimney made from wood slats that the birds can grip with their feet.

"The most common reason Chimney Swifts are admitted into rehabilitation," Sunny Kellner, Sharon Audubon Wildlife Rehabilitation and Outreach Coordinator, said, "is that individual babies or entire nests fall from the chimney and get stuck in the fireplace.



PHOTO COURTESY SHARON AUDUBON

Volunteers at Sharon Audubon help in myriad ways, including helping care for the Chimney Swifts, above.

This can happen as a result of high heat and humidity, or from a buildup of creosote on the chimney walls."

Sheffer shared some tips for protecting Chimney Swifts next spring and summer:

- Take the cap off your chimney but keep the damper closed from May to August, to keep the birds from falling down into the fireplace
- Don't use pesticides in your yard (one more reason

to love Chimney Swifts: They eat as many as 10,000 insects a day)

• Call Sharon Audubon if you find any nestlings in your fireplace. Leave a voicemail at 860-492-0106 or email sunny.kellner@audubon.org.

And email Sheffer at bethany.sheffer@audubon.org to either take part in the Oct. 14 volunteer Zoom presentation, or to discuss opportunities with her directly.

**"You can look but you better not touch,  
Poison ivy, poison ivy,  
Late at night when you're sleeping  
Poison ivy comes a-creepin' around."  
"Poison Ivy" by the Coasters**

## Leaves of three, let it be, or 'you're gonna need an ocean of calamine lotion'

One of many memorable pop novelty songs from the 1950s, "Poison Ivy" was particularly memorable for those with first-hand experience with this plant's insufferable itch.

Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) and its cousins poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) and poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*) are found throughout the lower 48 states. In North America, exposure to these three plants causes more cases of allergic contact dermatitis than all other plant families com-

## NATURE'S NOTEBOOK

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binced, affecting as many as 50 million Americans each year according to some estimates. People of all ages, ethnicities and skin types are vulnerable. The rash typically lasts one to three weeks.

An unremarkable looking vine, poison ivy is sometimes confused with Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*).

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### Three-day forecast

Friday..... Cloudy high 73°/low 55°  
 Saturday..... Rain, 72°/57°  
 Sunday..... Cloudy, 63°/48°

## 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.

### Struck a guardrail

On Oct. 4 at approximately 7 a.m. on Lawrence Avenue in North Canaan a 2000 Mazda Protege driven by Angel Vicente Cambisaca Salinas, 48, of Danbury, Conn., exited the roadway and struck a metal beam guardrail. He was issued a verbal warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

### Struck a tree

On Oct. 4 at approximately 4 p.m. on Wildcat Hollow Road in Salisbury a 2007 Subaru Impala driven by Christopher David Gagne, 31, of North Canaan lost control and struck a tree. The report stated that the Subaru swerved to avoid a deer. No injuries were reported. Gagne was issued a verbal warning for failure to drive in a proper lane.

### Stolen fishing flies

Troop B is investigating a larceny that took place on Oct. 5 at Housatonic River Outfitters in Cornwall. At approximately 12:30 p.m. the store security camera recorded a blue Volvo wagon pulling into the parking lot and a white male taking a bin of fishing flies from outside the store. The Volvo's license plate was not picked up on the camera. Anyone with information is asked to contact Troop B.

### Struck a guardrail

On Oct. 6 at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall a 2016 Chrysler Town and Country driven by Paul Joseph Maher, 29, of Torrington struck a guardrail on the right side of the road and then exited the roadway and struck a rock. Maher was transported to Sharon Hospital and then to Hartford Hospital. The accident remains under investigation.

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.

## FAMILY & FRIENDS



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Lime Rock Park donates to Lakeville's food pantry

Skip Barber presented Mary Taylor of the Corner Food Pantry at St. Mary Church in Lakeville with a donation of \$3,290 on Monday, Oct. 11. The money was from the proceeds from Lime Rock Park's car parade on Labor Day weekend. The Corner Food Pantry provides food for some 73 families a week on average, Taylor said.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

### Cornwall

May 12, 17 Brook Road from Mary C. Grusauski to Stephen O'Neil for \$23,000

May 18, 51 Cream Hill Road from Anna Foletar Est. and Donald C. Ogonowski to Deborah A. Leak and Donald C. Ogonowski for \$18,000

May 24, 6 Rug Road from Robin Vogel to Joseph Naftali for \$345,000

May 26, 390 Town St. from Mark R. Jones to Michael E. Smith and Dorian R. Hansen for \$1,750,000

June 1, Cogswell Road from John Joseph O'Donnell and O'Donnell Family Trust to Keryn E. O'Donnell for \$330,000.

June 17, 62 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Ellen Ingrid

Trust and Asmund Boyum et al to Katya Meyer for \$575,000

June 30, 19 Railroad St. from Kevin L. and Kevin J. Reinhardt to Marci J. Vincitorio and Daniel T. Patulak for \$630,000

July 1, 432 Cream Hill Road from Victoria E. Jadow and Neil Estern et al to Paul J. and April Stewart Klausner for \$1,100,000

July 12, 51 Cream Hill Road from Deborah A. Leak and Donald C. Ogonowski to Virginia Kindred and Markus J. Kraebber for \$22,500

July 12, 14 Mansonville Road from David Farrell to Albert Loverro for \$95,000

July 22, 250 Kent Road from Blaine E. Matthews Jr. to Sandra Filipucci for \$400,000

July 27, 16 Soltis Lane from Alison Mosimann to Cody Giotto and Brittany Mosimann for \$300,000

More property transfers appear on pages A5 & A6.

## BIRD WATCH

## Osprey spotted

Photographer and former Lakeville Journal Co. Classified Ad Manager Mark Niedhammer snapped this photo of an osprey last week. "He's eating a fresh fish dinner caught on Indian Lake," Niedhammer reported; look carefully at the bird's talons to see what that dinner looked like.



PHOTO BY MARK NIEDHAMMER

## Shred day at Salisbury Bank

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Bank will offer a Community Shred "Drive-thru" Day, open to anyone, on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Lakeville Branch, 5 Bissell St., from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Identity theft continues to be a concern for individuals and businesses," said Amy Raymond, Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer at Salisbury Bank.

"One way you can ensure that thieves don't gain access to information that could be confidential is shredding documents with personal information."

The limit is four bags or boxes per car (paper only; no binders). If you are vaccinated, a face mask is optional; if you are NOT, wear a mask when within 6 feet of another person. You will be guided to drop off your boxes at the designated area by bank staff; stay in your car until you reach the drop-off point.

Bring a non-perishable food donation as well: local pantries need a variety of donations including canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard and tomato sauce. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo, and soap are also appreciated.

## SVNA flu shots in area towns

SALISBURY — Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association will hold flu shot clinics throughout the region on the following dates for area residents 18 and older.

The Centers for Disease Control now says that people can get flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time; previous guidance had said there should be a two-week wait time between vaccinations.

- Thursday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Falls Village Senior Center, 107 Main St.

- Friday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cornwall Town Hall

- Tuesday, Oct. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center at the town Grove in Lakeville.

The clinic is open to residents of all area towns.

Appointments are required; to schedule an appointment, call Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

- Thursday, Oct. 21, at Sharon Pharmacy from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Salisbury VNA, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The following insurances will be accepted and billed: Aetna, Connecticut, Medicare and UHC Medicare, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and Harvard Pilgrim.

Shots are also available for \$30 for the quadrivalent dose or \$75 for high dose, payable by cash or check made payable to Foothills VNA.

Wear a mask and a short-sleeved shirt; stay home if you are sick. For information, call 860-379-8561.

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

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

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 clarify 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 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 to schedule an appointment.

## Meet with police to discuss crime and speeding in Sharon Oct. 15

SHARON — There will be a public information meeting with a representative from State Police Troop B, who will report on speeding, parking, noise and criminal activity concerns in Sharon, including on Hilltop, Sharon Station and Williams Road.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15, at the Veterans' Field Pavilion, starting at 3 p.m.

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# Our Towns

## Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2

Absentee ballots are now available for the Nov. 2 municipal elections in all area towns. Contact your town hall for information, or go online to the secretary of the state website at <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>.

This year, again, concerns about COVID-19 are a valid reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

The ballots are included below and they show the total number of candidates for the upcoming elections in the six area towns.

Polls will be open for in-person voting from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The Lakeville Journal will publish introductions to the candidates for selectmen in Kent and Cornwall, the only two towns where the seats are contested.

### CANAAN/FALLS VILLAGE CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
<b>First Selectman</b>	Henry Todd	Henry Todd
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	David R. Barger	Greg D. Marlowe
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda S. Paviol	Linda S. Paviol
<b>Board of Finance</b>	Amy Wynn Richard C. Heinz	Eric T. Carlson Richard C. Heinz
<b>Board of Finance, Alternate</b>	David C. Wilburn	Karl L. Munson
<b>Board of Education</b>	Adam L. Sher Patricia Allyn Mechare	Theresa Snyder Graney Patricia Allyn Mechare
<b>Board of Education</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		Maria Bulson
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	Joel W. Jones	Tami Lois Reid
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	John P. Holland	John P. Holland Stephen J. Dean
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b>	G. Warren Whitaker	Lee K. Baldwin
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		
<b>Constables</b>	David R. Barger George F. Elling John P. Holland Jandi Hanna	Louis G. Timolat Timothy R. Downs Daniel M. Shaw
<b>Region One Board of Education</b>	Patricia Allyn Mechare	Patricia Allyn Mechare

### CORNWALL CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
<b>First Selectman</b>	Gordon M. Ridgway		
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Janet Carlson	Nicholas Daifotis	Priscilla Waterman Pavel
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Vera Dinneen	Vera Dinneen	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Richard Bramley		
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Jean Bouteiller	Jean Bouteiller	
<b>Board of Finance</b>	Simon Hewett Lisa Lansing Simont	John F. Brown	
<b>Board of Finance, Alternate</b>	Rocco Botto	John F. Brown	
<b>Board of Education</b>	Dean Saccardi Martha Bruehl	Emilie M. Pryor Christi Bodwell	
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	Richard Wolkowitz	Carl Zejke Hermann	
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b>	James LaPorta	Keith Bodwell	
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 4 years</i>	Phill West		
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	Anna Christine Gray		
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	Betty Spence George Wolfe	Daniel Hedden	

### KENT CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
<b>First Selectman</b>	Jean Speck	Edward Matson	Rufus P. DeRham James E. Rundall
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Glenn Sanchez		
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Darlene F. Brady	Darlene F. Brady	
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Deborah J. Devaux	Deborah J. Devaux	
<b>Board of Finance</b>	Jason Wright	Tegan Gawel	
<b>Board of Education Full term</b>	Naomi Joseph	John Grant	
<b>Board of Education</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	Bethany Keck		
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	Gary Ford		
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b>	Alice B. Hicks David Birnbaum	Michael Gawel	Matthew A. Winter
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	Stephen Pene Daniel F. Murray John Johnson	Anthony F. DiPentima	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b>	Justin Potter		
<b>Sewer Commission</b>	Stephen Robery Barry Enis	Jack Nelson	
<b>Sewer Commission, Alternate</b>	Vincent Roberti		
<b>Sewer Commission, Alternate</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 4 years</i>			

### NORTH CANAAN CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
<b>First Selectman</b>		Charles P. Perotti
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Christian Allyn	Craig S. Whiting
<b>Town Clerk</b>		Jean A. Jacquier
<b>Treasurer</b>		Emily Minacci
<b>Tax Collector</b>		Jennifer J. Jacquier
<b>Board of Finance</b>	Susan Clayton	Bryan R. Johnson
<b>Board of Education</b>	Christopher A. Jacques Rebecca M. Cahill	Kristine Simmons Amy Dodge
<b>Board of Education</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		Maribeth Marchi
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>		David W. Jacquier
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b>	Steven P. Allyn	Dalton Jacquier Douglas E. Humes Jr.
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	Edward Capowich	Jesse Bunce
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	Brian D. Allyn Matthew Freund	Scott Zinke
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b>	Joseph P. Cieslowski	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		
<b>Region One Board of Education</b>		

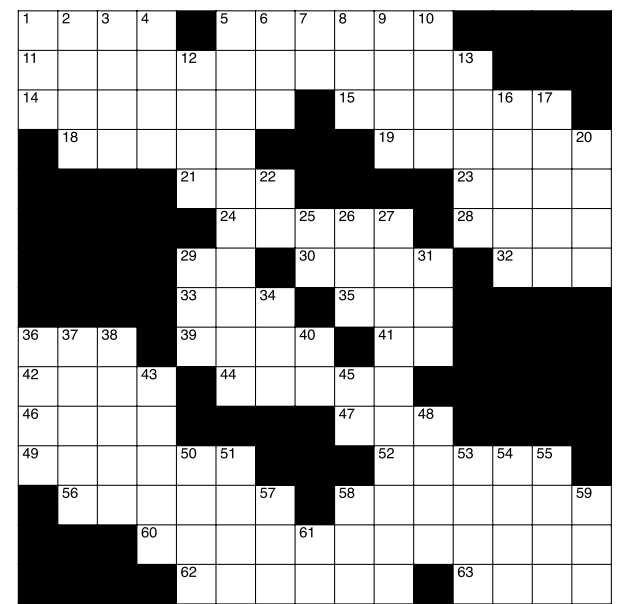
## Brain Teasers

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Flat-topped hill
- Move upward
- Admiration
- It's useful for serving food
- Kidnap
- One of the Greek Muses
- A type of media
- Sunscreen rating
- Former Michigan coach Brady
- German town devastated in WW2
- Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- Leave
- Forearm bone
- Very fast airplane
- Helps little firms
- Defunct economic organization
- Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- Feels ill
- Indicates position
- Beverage containers
- Assists
- Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
- Purpose
- Group of elected officials
- Hebrew prophet
- They help you drink
- Lawmaker
- Charitable
- Doctrines
- Footwear

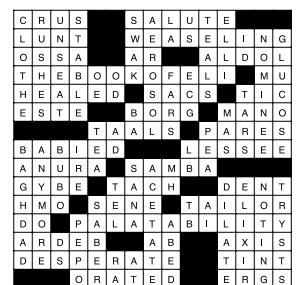
#### CLUES DOWN

- Where wrestlers work
- Dueling sword
- Practice fight
- Genus of clams
- Fear of heights
- What some tell their dog
- The Golden State
- When you expect to get there
- Pointed ends
- Extinct flightless bird
- Feeds
- Nape of neck
- Descendant
- Small boats found in Turkey
- To avoid the risk of
- Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

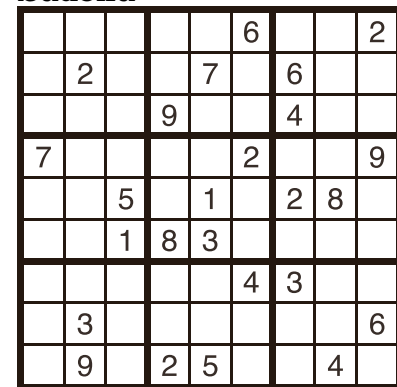


- Brew
- Feeling of anxiety
- Young girls group
- Perform on stage
- White clerical vestment
- Popular musical awards show
- Bumpkins
- One who acts on another's behalf
- Direction
- Look at with fixed eyes
- One who helps professors (abbr.)
- A large number of
- Type of powder
- Large jug
- Christian Anderson, children's author
- American state
- Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- Witness
- Landscapers lay it
- Type of bread
- Of I

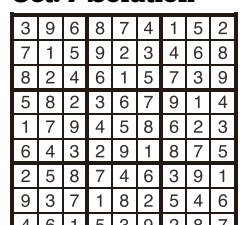
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#### Sudoku



#### Oct. 7 Solution



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## SALISBURY CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
First Selectman	Curtis Rand		
Board of Selectmen	Christian E. Williams	Don Mayland	
Board of Finance	Joseph Woodard Janet Graaff		
Board of Finance <i>To fill a vacancy for 4 years</i>			Richard J. Cantele
Board of Finance <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	Michael Voldstad		
Board of Education	Thomas Carter Elizabeth Dittmer		Jacqueline Rice
Board of Assessment Appeals	William Tedder		
Planning and Zoning Commission	Allen Cockerline Martin Whalen Cathy Shyer	Jonathan Higgins	
Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate	Debra Allee Danella Schiffer		
Zoning Board of Appeals	Roxanne Belter M.E. Freeman		Jeffrey A. Lloyd
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate	Lee Greenhouse		
Region One Board of Education	Keith Moon		Stacie Weiner

## SHARON CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
First Selectman		Brent M. Colley
Board of Selectmen	Casey T. Flanagan	Dale C. Jones
Town Clerk	Linda R. Amerighi	Linda R. Amerighi
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Zoning Board of Appeals	Zelina Blagden	Alphonse J. Tortorella
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternates	Suzanne E. Smith	
Region One Board of Education	Sara Ellen Cousins	

More ballots appear on Page A3

### 45th annual Pumpkin Run in Kent will be on Sunday, Oct. 31

KENT — Register now for the 45th annual Kent Pumpkin Run, which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31, at noon from the Kent Green.

Runners often wear costumes; this is particularly encouraged this year as race day is on Halloween.

Prizes are given not only to top finishers in the 5-mile race but also to runners sporting the most creative costumes.

For more information, to register online, or for a mail-in registration form, go to [www.kentpumpkinrun.com](http://www.kentpumpkinrun.com). Registration fees are \$27 until Oct. 22 and \$32 on race day.

### Little Guild Run and Wag Oct. 16

CORNWALL — The Little Guild Animal Rescues Run & Wag 5K, also known as the Connecticut Doggie Cup will be on Saturday, Oct. 16, at noon, taking off from the town Green.

For rules, details, registration information and the course map, go to [www.little-guild.org/runandwag5k](http://www.little-guild.org/runandwag5k).



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### Even without the festival, it's still fall in New England

This year, merchants and churches decided not to hold the annual Fall Festival in Salisbury, but some traditional events continued, including the artisan fair in the center of town on Saturday, Oct. 9; and the Brew-Ski Festival (above) hosted by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association at Satre Hill on Sunday, Oct. 10.

## Affordable housing forum, Oct. 20

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The annual Cornwall town meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom. To request Zoom details for the meeting, residents should email [cwselectmen@optonline.net](mailto:cwselectmen@optonline.net).

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5, the selectmen also reminded residents of the upcoming Housing Forum, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The draft of the plan to be discussed is posted on the town website, Ridgway noted.

The agenda for the forum includes brief presentations to outline the plan, followed by comments and questions from residents.

"We look forward to the housing forum," Ridgway said, noting that the process of developing a plan began two years ago.

Once comments and suggestions are considered for incorporation into the plan, a public hearing on the amended plan will be held in December.

"Then it's up to the selectmen to sign off on the plan," Ridgway said, adding that housing affordability affects a number of town responsibilities.

"Having affordable housing is key, and the lack of it has wider repercussions," Ridgway explained. He said that Cornwall has increased its population by 10%, not difficult to achieve when total population is small. The increase is largely due to weekend residents shifting to full-time status.

Because the Northwest Hills Council of Governments has altered its program of assisting its member towns with preparation of state-mandated housing plans, town planning consultant Janell Mullen will continue services to the town

on an independent basis.

The selectmen agreed to continue support of Mullen's contract until 2023.

"With all the activity going on in the area, there is now a scarcity of planners," Ridgway said, adding that there are other planning issues coming up that will benefit from the continuity.

During the public comment segment, resident Caroline Nastro expressed concern that following the December public hearing on the housing plan, there would be insufficient opportunity for residents to continue with submitting input before the selectmen reach their decision on the plan.

Ridgway replied that there has already been a May 2021 forum, and there will be another forum coming up this month, leading up to the public hearing in December. He noted that the selectmen have not yet scheduled their ultimate decision meeting date.

## Whalen retires from water plant

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 4, the Board of Selectmen congratulated John Whalen on his retirement after 48 years at the helm of the town's wastewater plant.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said Whalen "is one of the most dedicated people I've ever seen."

Selectman Don Mayland, who is head of the town's Water Pollution Control Authority, said the job of superintendent of the wastewater facility is very demanding and involves long, erratic hours.

"He's often spent the night

there."

Current Assistant Superintendent Charlie Humes is taking over for Whalen, and Chris Ohmen is the new assistant superintendent.

Rand reported that a \$53,840 bid was received from Progressive Paving to install a sidewalk from the Scoville Memorial Library along Main Street to Salmon Kill Road.

Rand said the town has received about \$500,000 in federal pandemic relief funds and suggested uses for the money, including: giving some to non-profit organizations, improving information technology at Town Hall (in light of recent legislation from the General

Assembly), heating, cooling and mold issues at Town Hall, ongoing wastewater management concerns, predevelopment for affordable housing and/or recreation uses for the Pope property, and sidewalks.

Selectman Chris Williams noted that the federal money isn't a blank check. "It comes with strings attached."

Rand said he is working on the charge for the Pope property design committee and said he believes that the committee's role should ultimately be advisory, with the selectmen making the final decision on what to do with the property. Mayland and Williams agreed. "The buck stops with us," Williams said.

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# OBITUARIES

## Lucille M. Carlson

SHEFFIELD — Lucille M. Carlson, 96, of Sheffield died Sept. 29, 2021, at Fairview Hospital after a brief illness.

Lucille was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Feb. 15, 1925, daughter to Theresa (Karl) and Harry Nessler.

Lucille worked with her husband, Norman, running Carlson's Berkshire Nursery from 1959 to 2006 in Ashley Falls and as a CNA at Fairview Commons Nursing Home in Great Barrington.

She was an accomplished amateur artist in watercolor.

Lucille's husband, Norman V. Carlson, predeceased her in June 2006.

Lucille is survived by her

two sons, Eric J. Carlson and his wife, Pat, and Gary C. Carlson and his wife, Susan; five grandchildren, Daniel Carlson and his wife, Christina, Andrew Carlson and his wife, Ashleigh, Amanda Goewey and her husband, Bill, Christopher Carlson and his wife, Jennifer, and Ryan Carlson; as well as four great-grandchildren.

In keeping with Lucille's wishes there are no services; the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to Birches-Roy Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made through [www.birchesroyfuneralservices.com](http://www.birchesroyfuneralservices.com).

## John H. Decker

SHARON — John H. Decker, 75, of Sharon died Oct 2, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Hospital after a brief illness.



John was born in Sharon on Oct. 14, 1945, the son of the late Henry "Hank" Decker and the late Dorothy Mason Decker.

The first few years of life were spent in Millerton before moving to Sharon. His father, Hank, was the very first caretaker of the Sharon Audubon Society and worked closely with the founders. John attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where he met his future wife, the late Linda Farley.

John was drafted into the Army to represent his country in the Vietnam War. After completing his basic training, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart before deployment. John served as a mechanic in Vietnam and completed many successful covert missions to deliver supplies to operators in the field. Although his missions were perilous, his dedication to supporting his fellow soldiers was paramount.

Once he was discharged, he returned to Connecticut to begin his career and start his family.

John served as the grounds superintendent at The Hotchkiss School and during his time there he was instrumental in the multiple changes in both the structure and design of the existing golf course. He earned his certification in turf grass management from the

University of Massachusetts. Following his tenure at Hotchkiss, he completed his career at the Sharon Country Club, serving as their superintendent until his retirement.

Once retired, John dedicated much of his time to supporting local charitable organizations by cooking for their events and helping to deliver meals during the holiday season. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

John is survived by his son, Thomas, and his wife, Linda; his daughter, Tammy and her life partner, Dylan; his three grandchildren, Nathan John, Tyler John and Chloe Mae; his step-grandchild, Christopher; his brothers, Alan and James Decker; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Decker; and his sister, Jeanette Routhier.

John's celebration of life will be held at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate.

Burial with standard military honors will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Squad, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

To send flowers, plant a tree in John's memory or to leave an online condolence for the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com); arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

## Nancy M. Trotta

MILLERTON — Nancy M. Trotta passed away peacefully at her home in Millerton, surrounded by her loving family.



She grew up on a farm in Chatham, N.Y.

She was a sports writer for the Chatham Courier. While attending Hobart William Smith College, she met the love of her life, Bob Trotta.

She earned her PHT from Syracuse University. Fifty-five years ago they moved to her home in Millerton, where she started a horse farm, Mares Nest. She was passionate about breeding, raising, training and racing Thoroughbred horses. She had winners at all three race tracks in New York State. She was an active member of the New York Breeders Association.

She worked side by side with her husband at Davis and Trotta Attorneys at Law.

She organized many fundraising events that helped start and fund the Millerton Library.

She loved picking fruits on the farm and making pies and jellies with her friends, Marilyn

Kay, Gail Schroeder and Sylvia Clark.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Bob Trotta; her children, Rob Trotta, Katie Kane and her husband, Sean, and Betsy Trotta and her husband, Alex Duncan; seven grandchildren, Chelsea Kane, Joe Trotta, David Trotta, Connor Kane, Wesley Trotta, Braeden Duncan and Tony Saunders; and her sister, Barbra Sullivan.

She was preceded in death by her son, David Trotta.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Congregational Church of Salisbury; the Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson officiated. Burial followed in the family plot at Salisbury Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

# SPORTS



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

## Housy overtakes Gilbert

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity girls soccer team took on The Gilbert Sachool on Friday, Oct. 8, at home, and won, 8-3.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

### Falls Village

June 2, 36 Kellogg Road from Christopher J. Wood and Dana Cardillo to Dexter Mungler for \$350,000; and 197 Route 7 South, from John W. Wardell and Linda M. Erwin to Martha Ann Keller, \$193,000

June 17, 151 Undermountain Road from M + L Properties I LLC to Alexis Hetherington for \$1,250,000

June 30, 41 Stein Lane, from Wade A. and Rebecca L. Curtis to Jeffrey Messer for \$340,000

July 29, 231 Route 63 from Neil Weicker (estate) to Joseph J. Power Jr. and Herminia Power for \$421,050

### Kent

Nov. 5, Main St. North from Raymonde and Terence Burke to Wayne C. Giles for \$250,000; and Stone Fences Lane from Judith A. and Michael Tashji to Holly Ceane for \$95,000

Nov. 6, Cobble Road from Whitney Bria to Allison Kuharski for \$275,000; and Camps Road from Susan B. and Robert G. Camp to Khirma Elizav and Gaetan Rousseau for \$189,200

Nov. 9, Railroad Street from Daniel J. and Daniel O'Neill to Josephine G. Montella Trust for \$283,000; and Gorham Road from Erika I. and Scott R. Finucane to Katherine Seib Keenan and Eoghan P. Keenan for \$895,000

Nov. 16, Lane Street from Mary C. Williams, Richard H. Wyman and Margaret C. Austell to Sarah M. Marshall and Glenn A. Sanchez for \$315,000

Nov. 19, Studio Hill Road from Bruce K. Adams to Kaj Allan Johnson and Elizabeth Ann Lipscomb for \$650,000

Nov. 24, Stone Fences Lane from Leslie J. and Daniel Kelly to Angela M. Yim and Stephen Alan Shank for \$650,000

Nov. 30, Gorham Road from Flagpole Holdings, LLC to William C. Gawel Jr. for \$35,000; and Kent Cornwall Road from DTL Holdings, LLC and David Alan Lesniak et al to Matthew Bailey and Christina Guerin McClain for \$385,000; and Kenmont Road from Kathleen A. Lally to Michael Martin for \$75,000

Dec. 2, Macedonia Road from Frank B. Way to Hollie Singer and Rainer Magik for \$385,000; and Segar Mountain Road from Martha W. Ley to Jo Ellen M. Lampe for \$355,000

Dec. 4, Segar Mountain Road from Hugh M. R. Mitchell to Abigail L. and Matthew P. Bangser for \$325,000

Dec. 7, Kent Hollow Road from Cooper Botway to Daniel R. Pereira and Andrew Matthew Parlen for \$300,000

Dec. 9, Muller Road from Linda K. Drumheller Trust to

Gloria Fazo for \$410,000

Dec. 10, Kent Cornwall Road from Susanne Ederger to Jane Cooper for \$225,000

Dec. 15, South Kent Road from Estate of Eric J. Fenyess and Kayla L. Kelly to Tyler Setaro and Clara Burlinson for \$279,000

Dec. 15, Spectacle Ridge Road from Lee R. and Stephanie Spiegel to Alexandra Helen R. Briggs and Jacob Andrew Kling for \$2,200,000; and Woodin Road from Kevin R. Alger to Elaine Kallam and Charles Brandon Cooke for \$1,592,000

Dec. 18, Mountain Road from Marisa and Yvon Dumas to 50 Mountain Road LLC for \$220,000; and Camps Road from Kristen and Kenneth Atlas to Ryan C. and Ashley Key Williams for \$749,900

Dec. 23, Spectacle Ridge Road from Lee R. and Stephanie Spiegel to Eliza Schnitzer Gairard for \$375,000

Dec. 29, Mount Mauwee Lane from Elise B. and Eric J. Cieplik to Yan Ching Chu for \$888,888; and Chase Hill Road from Nicholas Paul Paproski to Mark M. and Jayne E. Morrell for \$240,000

Jan. 4, Birch Hill Lane from Kira Lynn Agard and Kira and Connor J. McCarthy to Eric Devizio for \$225,000

Jan. 5, Kent Cornwall Road from Molly Sprong to Ruth Liebmman and Gary I. Cohen for \$270,000

Jan. 6, Carter Road from Sandra L. Groves to Delio Araujo for \$290,500; and Botsford Road from Mary K. Cortese to Elise B. and Eric J. Cieplik for \$509,000

Jan. 12, Maple Street from Julie L. Butler to Paul Rajeckas and Julianne Dow for \$513,000

Jan. 19, Main Street North from Leslie W. Spence to Daniel P. and Margarita S. Emerson for \$225,000; and Gorham Road from Cynthia S. and Anthony B. Cahill to Christopher N. Keane for \$205,000; and Mount Mauwee Lane from Anthony B. Cahill to Christopher N. Keane for \$95,000

Jan. 20, Mount Mauwee from Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to JTM Financial Services for \$25,000

Jan. 25, Bald Hill Road from Peter Fitzpatrick to Renee and Adam Parris for \$450,000

Jan. 29, South Kent Road from Braulio Pascasio to Hosanna A. Fox and David P. Makowski for \$433,000

Feb. 2, Mauwee Brook Road from Jeffrey Parkin to Ian Jackman and Kara Elizabeth Welsh for \$860,000

Feb. 4, Cobble Road from Natalia Zunino to Arjun N. Patel and Avani Kadakia for \$795,000



## Worship Services

Week of October 17, 2021

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## HOSPITAL

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isn't just thinking about the bottom line. He lives and works here. His doctors are here. He and his wife had both their children at Sharon Hospital. It was a fantastic experience both times, and he understands that this new hospital model may

deprive future mothers of that opportunity.

But from both a medical and a financial point of view, the community board agreed with Nuvance that changes have to be made.

It was the board's decision,

he said, to ask for an independent study. In partnership with the Foundation for Community Health in Sharon, which helped fund the purchase of the hospital by Health Quest (which later became Nuvance), a decision was made to hire Stroudwater Associates to do the study.

They were chosen, Cantele said, because "Stroudwater is in the business of helping rural community hospitals create models that are sustainable.

"The study they did identified the challenges with labor and delivery, and the impact of that lack of volume on sustaining all that goes with labor and delivery."

### The labor and delivery decision

Nuvance Health COO Kerry Eaton had said in the Sept. 29 presentation that only 60% of women living in the hospital's Connecticut coverage area choose to deliver their babies at Sharon. The ob gyn doctors declined to comment.

Back in 2018, when Nuvance was still called Health Quest, the company had also announced it would close the labor and delivery unit. There was a community outcry at the time and the decision was rescinded.

Cantele said that the company has promised to work with internal "stakeholders," such as Sharon Hospital surgeons, physicians and nurses, on how to move forward with plans such as evaluating the number of hours in each day that the surgical rooms are available.

He acknowledged, though, that community members and stakeholders might never be satisfied with decisions that are being made now that will dramatically change the availability of health care in the region.

Cantele remains optimistic that better days are ahead and that the cuts will help restore health.

"It is not just about cutting back services, as Nuvance intends to recruit more primary care physicians to our area. The board will proactively work with Nuvance management to help recruit more primary care physicians. Over time Nuvance plans to expand services that are consistent with the needs of our community."

### Finance, medicine, community

The needs of the three interest groups are not, at this time, overlapping. Cantele hopes that at some point there will be a way to align the needs of the doctors, the desires of the community members and the financial realities of running a small rural hospital.

At the moment, that isn't happening, and it's hard and, for many, it's frightening.

"I use the hospital for all my medical care. We all want the hospital here," Cantele

emphasized. "The board will continue to work hard, be thoughtful, and focus on what our community needs. We will hold Nuvance accountable for achieving its plan, so we can have a vibrant, thriving Sharon Hospital. I'm optimistic we will get there. But we all have to come together to make that work."

One thing everyone can do: "Use the hospital's services and support the local medical community whenever we can."

And, he asked of the community: "Be open minded and recognize that change in health care, like many other businesses and industries, is inevitable. We can accomplish more by working together constructively to ensure we have a local hospital for years to come."

### The Stroudwater report

Nancy Heaton, who is CEO of the Foundation for Community Health (FCH), also commented on the Nuvance plan, and confirmed Cantele's explanation of how Stroudwater was chosen.

"FCH's primary role in this current planning process has been as a funder," she explained.

"The Sharon Hospital Board asked FCH to consider funding an outside rural healthcare delivery expert to review the current state of Sharon Hospital and to provide recommendations based on that review.

"All of that was predicated on Nuvance agreeing to the process, which they did and which they also decided to co-fund.

"Stroudwater Associates was identified and mutually agreed upon as the consultant. As a funder we also have been, and will continue to be, open to discussions about supporting the exploration of new and effective methods of delivering healthcare in our rural environment. We do this through our ability to convene stakeholders and provide support for relevant research and expertise required for this process."

Eaton feels that more community input would be helpful and appropriate as Sharon Hospital moves forward.

"FCH has always been interested in strengthening the relationship of the community with Sharon Hospital, especially after financially supporting the transition of the hospital from a for-profit to a not-for-profit (providing \$3 million of the \$5 million).

"To this end we have advocated for an increased role of the Community Board in guiding the future of Sharon Hospital, supported and advocated for increased transparency and communication from the hospital to the community, and our continued participation on the Sharon Hospital Community Need Assessment committee."

# Transfer station improvements move ahead

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — With a view toward having the work completed in November, the Board of Selectmen awarded the contract for improvements to be made to the transfer station at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5. The existing office building will be replaced with another of a larger footprint.

Local contractor Jim Carroll submitted the only bid for the work, in the amount of \$98,169. Discussing details of the project, the selectmen agreed that the total could be reduced if the metal roof were changed to asphalt shingles and the windows were changed to a less expensive design. With the changes, the selectmen felt that the cost could be reduced by \$15,000, making them more

comfortable with the bid.

Other cost savings will be explored with the contractor and the architect, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said.

"We look forward to having a thoroughly renovated facility at the transfer station," Ridgway added.

The selectmen also approved up to \$14,000 for partial replacement of the siding shingles at the town offices. That amount will repair the worst sections, Ridgway said.

Reviewing the 5-year capital spending plan, Ridgway said he was pleased that the town's major equipment is lasting longer. The town is now looking toward purchasing a large plow truck to replace one that joined the fleet in 2001. In the next two years, a new mowing tractor will be added, according to the plan.

## POISON IVY

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Part of the sneakiness of poison ivy is that it's hard to recognize, even though (of course) there are always three leaves. This small patch was photographed in August; the leaves were green not red (as sometimes happens).

The mnemonic rhyme "Leaves of three, let it be" describes the characteristic appearance of poison ivy in its warning. And as most nature guides remind us, it is worth taking a little extra time to study pictures of poison ivy before venturing into its habitat. It has become so widespread in the Eastern United States and Canada that one may run into it most anywhere (a West coast variety is also toxic).

### An oily substance that causes a rash

All three plants exude an oily substance when touched: Urushiol causes an allergic reaction in four out of five people. Urushiol is in the leaves, stems, and roots of these plants. This oil can be found in many other plants such as mango skins and ginkgo fruit, but only poison ivy, oak and sumac seem to cause a serious problem for people.

Experts are agreed that one's best defense against poison ivy is to learn what it looks like and avoid it. Since it tends to commingle with other weeds, gardeners should be especially careful when weeding it, doing so with disposable gloves; clothes that touch the plant should be thoroughly washed. Urushiol, even from dead plants, may remain toxic for years. Poison ivy weeds should be carefully disposed of separately, not composted.

People are warned not to eat the fruit, berries or leaves of poison ivy. However, it appears to provide a satisfying meal for many animals including deer, raccoons and rabbits. Many species of birds eat the seeds/fruit including robins, bluebirds and sparrows.

Poison ivy gives an itchy rash to people and to apes, but not to other types of animals (although hardly any other animals expose a significant amount of bare skin, and this may be the reason that they are not affected).

### It is everywhere

Poison ivy spreads by suckering from its long root system at the surface of, or just below, the ground. Birds eat the seeds and expel them later in their droppings, thereby facilitating the erratic yet widespread distribution of the plant.

Poison ivy grows most everywhere; it thrives in nearly any type of soil both wet or dry and is happy in full sun or shade. It is often found in disturbed ground where it's usually an early colonizer.

Eradication of a large area of poison ivy is generally a job best left to professionals. The most popular herbicide, sold by Monsanto/Bayer and

containing glyphosate, may be one of the less dangerous, but the company is still defending itself against many multi-million dollar lawsuits challenging its product's safety. As with any pesticide, users should follow manufacturers' instructions and be very careful. Remember, even a slight wind is apt to carry pesticide spray to unwanted locations.

### It's getting worse

Destruction of poison ivy by burning is not a good idea; inhaling the smoke may cause internal reactions worse than that from skin contact. The massive western wildfires, worse this season than ever, are producing even more toxic smoke as large quantities of poison ivy burn.

Higher temperatures and more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are stimulating the growth of poison ivy and its cousins. Not only are poison ivy plants growing larger than before but also the urushinol inside the plants seems to be becoming even more toxic.

The greater supply of CO2 and the increased global temperatures have combined to help create giant poison ivy vines which, more and more, are beginning to dominate their surroundings. Even now the larger vines are often climbing to the top of forest canopies. Big trees are choking on these huge, supercharged vines.

While calamine lotion, the old standby over-the-counter medicine cited by The Coasters in their song, remains a popular remedy to help relieve the itch, many other topical creams and lotions are available. In severe cases consultation with a pharmacist or doctor is advisable.

**Editor's note:** The Lakeville Journal's Patrick L. Sullivan, who spends many hours climbing around in the woods while seeking trout, recommends Fels-Naptha soap. He breaks the long bar in half and puts one half in a resealable plastic bag and takes it with him when he's out in the woods. If he feels there is any chance he's brushed up against some poison ivy or other toxic plant, he immediately rubs the soap and some water on his skin, and then bathes with the Fels-Naptha or with another excellent product called Teknu when he gets home.

He warns not to get any Fels-Naptha in your eyes ("It is not pleasant," he stressed). And he warns not to use calamine lotion, which doesn't do anything to stop the spread.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

### Falls Village

Oct. 5, 113 Belden St. from Carole Purdy to Allan Schwaikert and Erin Kinsella for \$350,000

Oct. 7, 41 Prospect St. from John David and Katherine T. Feldman to Dane T. Graham and Lauren Graham for \$395,000

Oct. 8, 46 Johnson Road, from Alice E. Soencksen to Afshin Taylor for \$223,750

Oct. 20, 21 Beebe Hill Road from Mark E. Scarinzi to Peter A. and Krystyna A. Jensen for \$240,000

Nov. 12, 5 Route 7 North from Michael D. Trapp to 5 Route 7 N LLC for \$420,000

Nov. 16, 300 Music Mountain Road and property at 0 Music Mountain Road from Susan J. Kelsey to BPF Canaan Conservation Lands LLC for \$1,395,000

Nov. 19, 22 Route 63, from Andrea and Timothy Downs to Frank Haldon for \$100,000

Nov. 25, 119 Undermountain Road from Loek C. Neimeth to 406-407 WCCR LLC for \$823,000

Dec. 1, 55 Prospect St. from David J. Jacobs to Cheryl Dupont for \$199,000

Dec. 14, 392 Route 7 North from Martin Berglas to Jonathan Arango-Bonett for \$55,000; and 57 Warren Turnpike Road from Lester C. and Audrey E. Robson to Scott Asen for \$246,000; and 151 Undermountain Road from Joy Pulver to M + L Properties

I LLC for \$302,000

Dec. 21, 17 Barnes Road from Darin J. Dodge to Micheal Buccino, \$255,000

Jan. 11, 163 Dublin Road, from LA Spaulding McCabe Jr. and Nancy McCabe to David A. Feld Jr. for \$530,000

Jan. 25, 12 Facchin St. from Charles H. Finan III to Catherine Bauer for \$145,000

Jan. 26, 196 Route 63 from Geoffrey Stern (trustee) to John Sifton for \$625,000

Feb. 24, 90 Sand Road from Charissa M. Blouch to John W. and Linda Coughlin for \$265,000

March 17, 52 Lime Rock Station Road from Jeff Bauman and LB Downs and JL Bauman to Jeffrey R. Bauman for \$80,000

April 28, 310 Music Mountain Road from Kirk and Cynthia Harrington to Endre Molnar for \$425,000

April 29, 12 Main St. and 79 Beebe Hill Road and 194 Route 7 South from the Town of Canaan to Aqarion Water Company of CT for \$345,000

May 5, 16 Arnott Drive, from Teruko Edmonds to Irina Mayakova and Eugeni Smirnov for \$350,000

May 19, 316 Route 7 North, from Brian A. Crump and Megan K. Van Deusen to Kyle Ellis for \$170,000; and 93 Main St. from Thomas E. and Collen D. Vigeant to Simon L. and Nancy E. Kirkby for \$355,800

May 25, 14 Main St. from Donald J. and Karen T. Lindquist to Edward A. Moy and Emily L. Bronson for \$249,000

More property transfers appear on pages A2 and A5.

## PULPIT

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sermon on Sunday, Oct. 10.

The experience went so well that Rabbi Haddon has invited the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge of Smithfield to preach a sermon in return at the Beth David temple in the coming weeks and even join a Bible study component.

Beth David temple first gathered in 1929 to serve Amenia and the neighboring

Connecticut region, and they will soon celebrate their first century.

Both look forward to future opportunities to come together, fostered by their mutual belief that the 21st-century worship experience must connect the modern mind and spirit, offering guidance to people who look for answers in today's polarized world.

## STUDENTS

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of staff members), compared to 1,378 in 2020-2021 and 1,357 in 2019-2020.

The board approved the hiring of Mary O'Reilly as Spanish teacher at HVRHS at \$91,716.

O'Reilly replaces Gillian Fox, who resigned at the beginning of the school year.

The board approved an expenditure of \$13,888 to Environmental Systems Corporation to replace the pub-

lic address system speakers at HVRHS, at the request of Principal Ian Strever.

The board approved a contract extension for Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick through the 2024-25 school year. Herrick's salary for 2022-23 will be \$149,680; the last two years' salaries will be negotiated later.

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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CINEMA HISTORY: KATE HOCHSWENDER

## From Cradle to Crypt, A History of Horror Films

If you are looking to get into the Halloween spirit and learn about the history of horror film, this is your year to hit up big-screen October showings in the Tristate region. Between these four events, you can get the full range of horror film history and genres.

### IT'S ALIVE: THE HORROR FILM IS BORN

Horror got its start in the silent era. The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is hosting a screening on Oct. 29 of what some call the very first (and in my opinion, still scariest) horror film: "Nosferatu," released in Germany in 1922 and the U.S. in 1929.

This first film version of the Dracula mythos was an unofficial and unauthorized adaptation of the 1897 novel by Bram Stoker; the names of the characters had to be changed for the film.

Although truly terrifying, "Nosferatu" is also beautiful. It uses shadow and light to create an atmosphere of mystery



and foreboding. It was one of the first films to use special effects to create an impossible monster, one that can only exist on the screen. This movie shows

where it all started with horror movies and is a must-see for anyone interested in not just horror but film in general. "Nosferatu," directed by

F.W. Murnau and released in 1922, will be shown on Friday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. at Ulster Performing Arts Center, on Broadway in Kingston, N.Y., with live organ accompaniment by John Baratta.

All seats are \$6, Bardavon members are free. There will be costume contests, photo booths and more. Go to [www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org) for information.

### ROMANCE AND GOTHIC TERROR

Moving forward chronologically through film history, the Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., is offering weekly showings of "vintage horror" on an outdoor screen this month.

Featuring movies from the 1930s and early 1940s, the library's film choices (curated by Ben Rybeck from House of Books) offer a Gothic and atmospheric lineup of black-and-white classics. These films may be less gory and shocking than modern horror — and are therefore good for all ages.

But they are also important moments in film history; and they offer a



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### PUMPKINS INVITED TO JOIN THE AUDUBON TRAIL

The Sharon Audubon Center on Route 4 in Sharon, Conn., is hosting a Pumpkin Trail, open daily from dawn until dusk from Thursday, Oct. 28, through Thursday, Nov. 11, with special night time viewing events on Friday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (BYO flashlight).

Area residents are invited to submit as many jack-o'-lanterns as they would like for the Pumpkin Trail. They may either be carved (freehand or stenciled) or decorated (painted, using recycled materials, etc.). Audubon will also accept gourds that are decorated as ani-

mals. No inappropriate or gory entries will be accepted.

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Entries may be dropped off at the Audubon Center on the front lawn area from Oct. 25 through Oct. 27 at noon. Participants can receive \$2 off one pumpkin for the trail by taking the coupon to Paley's Farm Market in Sharon.

Entry forms can be found on the Sharon Audubon Center Facebook page and [www.Sharon.audubon.org](http://www.Sharon.audubon.org). For more information, email [wendy.miller@audubon.org](mailto:wendy.miller@audubon.org).

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A new show of work by painter Chris Pouler of Salisbury, Conn., opens at the Warren Family Gallery at the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., with a reception on Friday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The show runs through Dec. 18.

Pouler's new work explores the topic of the migrant/refugee crisis both here in the U.S. and globally, and attempts to bring a human face to the issue.

Students at the school are invited to become engaged with this issue through interactive and three-dimensional elements of the show.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make an appointment by emailing [pbanevicius@berkshireschool.org](mailto:pbanevicius@berkshireschool.org).



IMAGE FROM CHRIS POULER

**Chris Pouler's portraits of refugees put a human face on a global crisis. This 10-year-old Syrian girl was killed by a Russian bomb after the photo was taken that Pouler used for the portrait.**

**...history of horror films**

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different type of horror than the modern viewer is used to: the slower build of terror, a reliance on an atmosphere of creepiness full of cobwebbed and candle-lit castles dancing with shadows and foggy, moonlit nights — rather than kill counts and jump scares.

There is also the romance of the Gothic monsters. Unlike the modern horror slashers who are stoic, silent juggernauts of strength who kill single mindedly, the Gothic villain is psychologically complex — and often even sympathetic.

"Dracula" was shown on Oct. 7. Next in the series is "The Old Dark House" on Oct. 14. This 1932 release is a lesser known black-and-white horror film by James Whale — best known for directing "Frankenstein" and "Bride of Frankenstein."

This film was recently featured on the Criterion Channel's collection called Queersighted Horror (Queer Fear). Whale's own sexuality has caused many of his films, including "The Old Dark House," to be re-analyzed through the lens of queer subtextual themes in pre-code Hollywood.

Whale's films set a precedent for the horror film as a place for the outsider, "the othered," to find comfort — which is why horror films are often so closely entangled with queer sensibility. After that is "Cat People" on Oct. 21; and another Whale film, "Bride of Frankenstein"

Oct. 28. The free outdoor movies at the library begin at 7 p.m. Blankets, chairs and cozy apparel are encouraged. Registration is not required but is helpful, [kla-bmcallister@biblio.org](mailto:kla-bmcallister@biblio.org).

**THREE DECADES OF HORROR**

The Millerton Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., has an October lineup that covers the history of modern horror through the decades. Manager Casey Lehman has curated a list that spans three different decades, starting in the 1960s and ending in 1990. Each film is one that was influential on horror as we know it today — both their story themes as well as their cinematic techniques used to instill fear.

The series started on Oct. 6 with Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film, "Psycho." The feature on Oct. 13 and 16 was "The Bird with the Crystal Plumage," representing the "giallo" genre from Italy in the 1970s that, while lesser known in the States, has been hugely influential on the aesthetics of modern horror worldwide.

The two remaining films this month are both based on Stephen King novels.

Representing the 1980s is Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining," which remains one of the most beautifully shot and psychologically complex and terrifying horror films, with legendary acting from Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall. Don't miss the chance to see it on a big screen on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 23, at 9 p.m.

Finishing the Moviehouse lineup is "Misery" from 1990. Kathy Bates won an Oscar for her performance as a crazed fan of the novelist main character, whom she traps in her isolated home during a snowstorm. The COVID-19 isolation of the past two years will add to your appreciation of this film's claustrophobic suspense.

See "Misery" on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 30, at 9 p.m. For more information and to order tickets go to [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net).

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modern day at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, N.Y., with a double feature: the brand-new "Halloween Kills" and "Halloween" from 2018. The two most recent installments in the long-running Halloween franchise, started by John Carpenter in the 1970s, these two films are slick and modern but with plenty of homages to their horror history — and Jamie Lee Curtis reprising her role as the Final Girl.

There are other activities that evening as well. For information, go to <https://playeatdrink.com> and [www.blackholemonoplex.com/HOLEAWEEN](http://www.blackholemonoplex.com/HOLEAWEEN).

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Award-winning history teacher Peter Vermilyea from Housatonic Valley Regional High School will talk about his seasonally appropriate book, "Witches in Litchfield County," on a Zoom presentation through the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury, Conn., on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 5.30 p.m. There is no charge for this program, but registration is required at [www.minormemoriallibrary.org](http://www.minormemoriallibrary.org). Whether or not

they were right, it is indisputable that our Litchfield County ancestors believed that witches lived among them. Vermilyea will discuss the lives of four 18th-century women who were accused of witchcraft — in most cases, he believes, because these were women who took a path other than was expected of them by society. Vermilyea is also the author of "Hidden History of Litchfield County" and "Wicked Litchfield County."



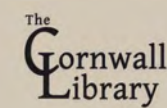
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EDITORIAL

Knowing when more help is needed to make it through

One of the repercussions of dealing with a worldwide pandemic has been a loss of general personal stability, a feeling of insecurity, and that affects all of us: children, teens, adults, seniors. Now, even with good vaccination rates in the Northwest Corner, that sense of monumental change that is completely outside our control hasn't really abated.

As has been reported widely, this instability has led to higher rates of domestic violence in the country over the past two years. Some of us may think that this ongoing challenge doesn't need as much attention as it did at the start of the spread of COVID-19, but the cumulative effect of the coronavirus may not be so easily defined or understood. After all, we are still in the middle of it, which makes perspective difficult. The first step to decreasing incidents of abuse is better understanding its many different forms.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so a good time to become better educated about options if one is living in an abusive environment, or knows someone who is dealing with abuse. Domestic violence is defined in different ways, and is sometimes insidious. According to Sharon's Women's Support Services website, www.wssdv.org, domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions, or threats of actions, that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone.

The fabric of this bucolic region can be hard to see clearly and fully at first glance. This is the season when small New England towns like those this newspaper covers present welcoming and iconic beauty in their fall colors and traditions. These are a comfort to many of us who felt their normal lives slip away during the pandemic. But for those who may feel threatened in their own homes, rather than feeling safe and protected there, more help is needed to guide them through these difficult times.

There are resources that offer such support in the area. Call Women's Support Services at 860-364-1080 or go to their website, or call the Susan B. Anthony Project at 860-489-3798, or go to their website at www.sbaproject.org. The annual Candlelight Vigil to mourn those who have lost their lives to abuse, and to celebrate those who survive, will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, this year at the Town Pavilion on East Main Street, at the intersection of routes 44 and 7 in North Canaan.

So take in the joys of the season, and help others in your life to do the same. As for the challenges all of us face: With support and understanding, life can seem better. Let's all be aware that many of our problems are shared by our neighbors. To make it through this time, we will all benefit from reaching out a hand to help those around us as we try to make sense of the best ways to deal with the next stage of this pandemic.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1921

**SALISBURY** — Master William VanDeusen has so far recovered as to be able to get about with the aid of crutches.

**LAKEVILLE** — M.G. Fenn has greatly enjoyed his wireless telephone outfit this week. Each day he received the daily baseball news and very generously hooked up with the Journal telephone and thus afforded a great deal of pleasure to many of his friends who were able to follow the game play for play as it happened.

Bert Scott is moving his household goods to Torrington where he has secured employment.

60 years ago — October 1961

One of the regional area's newest educational assets will have its formal dedication this Saturday when the Sharon Audubon Center on the former Ford Estate on Route 4 will make its first public bow.

At the request of the selectmen of Salisbury and on instigation of the Lime Rock Protective Association, the Lakeville volunteer firemen took on an extensive survey of the entire town to ascertain water availability for fire fighting. This week, appropriately, they have submitted their near-

ly completed report as a pertinent observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

John Fitch of Lime Rock leaves tomorrow on a business and pleasure trip to California. While there he will attend the Times-Mirror Grand Prix Race in Riverside and the Laguna Seca races.

The family pet cat of Miss Mary Ellin Currie has been missing over a week and it is believed that the beautiful tiger Persian may have been stolen. The cat is seven years old and has never been any further away from home than to go down near the Cornwall Water Co. spring which is on Route 4 near his home. He has a collar with his name, "Tiger," and the name of his owner. The sister of "Tiger" is heartbroken, and Mrs. Currie reports that she has refused to eat since the loss of "Tiger."

**CORNWALL** — Mrs. J. Henry O'Donnell is in Scotland caring for her grandchildren while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKitis, are on a vacation.

**SHARON** — Miss Charlotte VanCortlandt and Mrs. Malcolm VanZandt have volunteered to arrange for the cleaning and repairing of the Town Clock Tower at their own



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Mossy mushrooms

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The logic behind Connecticut's 'minority representation' law

With our local elections approaching, I encourage a fresh look at CGS § 9-167a, a state law requiring minority political party participation in certain governmental bodies of the state, its towns, and other political subdivisions.

Why, in 1959, did our legislators mandate that of every three selectmen, one must be from a different party? A look at the development of the law shows a collective desire to improve the democratic process in our towns by encouraging political diversity, which on the local level means diversity of thought, of approach, of vision.

It seems to me, having spoken with both current and former minority members of our town boards, that too often, the minority member is treated as a "token," either ignored

or discouraged from voicing alternative strategies, till they wind up, in many instances, passively approving all majority decisions. I've spoken to minority selectmen who quit their selectman positions because of "morale fatigue."

The purpose of our "minority representation" law was not just minority participation, but vigorous and challenging participation. The hope was of ensuring the syntheses of ideas to better reflect the needs and visions of as many of the town's citizens as possible. In other words, healthy democracy demands dissent.

Argument within our town boards and commissions can only strengthen the decisions they make in our names and reinforce our confidence in them. If that makes for some

discomfort, or "slows down the process," that's the price of a better democracy.

I write this as a lifelong voter for the majority party of a town whose minority party has been practically silenced. What I'm suggesting is that we citizens of Northwest Connecticut be more aware of our local government's dynamics. I'd like to see us more supportive of our minority board members, and candidates, while simultaneously being prepared to admonish our majority officials if and when they are dismissive of alternative and minority voices.

Extinction of well-intentioned minority participation is not a sign of strength, but of decay.

Jaime Longhi

West Cornwall

Vibrant, where art thou hiding?

"I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant." — Oscar de la Renta

Vibrant — things use to be vibrant. The New York City Ballet season was vibrant, as was its "The Nutcracker." Meryl Streep was vibrant — 21 Academy Award nominations, roles of beauties and a

few beasts. Bernstein was vibrant, his music, his conducting. A tennis racket swung by Roger Federer was vibrant, as was his mark on the sport. October was vibrant with New England splendor, the vibrancy of colors, trees of dramatic hues, announcing the close of a growing season, commencing

a minimalistic winter of naked trees, exposed topography, the splendor of white. The United States was vibrant with its energies, innovations and seeming unitedness.

Heat, a bulge in the jet stream, climate change has retarded autumn splendor in New England, the Atlantic coast, the Midwest. Will this shift continue or be a blip? Twenty thousand species have been proclaimed extinct this year. Extinction is predictable yet the rates have soared — a

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Is this some sort of cruel joke?

I have just received a fund-raising letter from Nu-vance, a week after they announced they were phasing out labor and delivery, ending 24/7 surgery, and curtailing the ICU, at Sharon Hospital.

Nu-vance, listen to our doctors. Restore our vital services. Treat our hospital as if it were Vassar.

Then, dare ask for our help. Georgianne Ensign Kent Kent

Looking for hope

We are a nation divided No end in sight provided Elected officials not signing the bills

Designed to end our ills The future is not plain to see As the repubs subvert with glee

I cannot fathom why They insist on being sly They act like an enemy Maybe cause of jealousy Let's hope the elections turn out well

So we can escape this hell Michael Kahler

Lakeville

Section captured Salisbury's charm

Congratulations on a wonderful "Discover Salisbury" supplement published last week with The Lakeville Journal! It captures in many ways what makes Salisbury so special to those who live here and those who visit our town.

The Salisbury Association has played a role in our community for almost 120 years. We were thrilled to see the wonderful article about Lou Bucceri, our Executive Assistant, by Patrick Sullivan. We hope your readers enjoyed the three articles written by our Trustees — Rich Reifsnnyder on Salisbury's churches, Dick Paddock on the iron industry, and Chris Brennan on local architecture. We invite you to learn more about Salisbury by visiting our website or stopping in the Academy Building.

Salisbury is blessed by natural beauty, fascinating history, many cultural and community events, and strong support for our nonprofit organizations. Your "Discover Salisbury" described the special appeal of our wonderful New England town. Thank you!

Jeanette Weber, President Salisbury Association

More letters next page.

## Working together against the public interest

Polarization is the word most associated with the positions of the Republicans and Democrats in Congress. The mass media and the commentators never tire of this focus, in part because such clashes create the flashes conducive to daily coverage.

The quiet harmony between the two parties created by the omnipresent power of Big Business and other powerful single-issue lobbyists is often the status quo. That's why there are so few changes in this country's politics.

In many cases, the similarities of both major parties are tied to the fundamental concentration of power by the few over the many. In short, the two parties regularly agree on anti-democratic abuses of power. Granted, there are always a few exceptions among the rank & file. Here are some areas of Republican and Democrat concurrence:

1. The Duopoly shares the same stage on a militaristic, imperial foreign policy and massive unaudited military

budgets. Just a couple of weeks ago, the Pentagon budget was voted out of a House committee by the Democrats and the GOP with \$24 billion MORE

than what President Biden asked for from Congress. Neither party does much of anything to curtail the

huge waste, fraud and abuse of corporate military contractors, or the Pentagon's violation of federal law since 1992 requiring annual auditable data on DOD spending be provided to Congress, the president and the public.

2. Both Parties allow unconstitutional wars violating federal laws and international treaties that we signed onto long ago, including restrictions on the use of force under the United Nations Charter.

3. Both Parties ignore the burgeoning corporate welfare subsidies, handouts, giveaways, and bailouts turning oceans of

inefficient, mismanaged, and coddled profit-glutted companies into tenured corporate welfare Kings.

4. Both Parties decline to crack down on the nationwide corporate crime spree. They don't even like to use the phrase "corporate crime" or "corporate crime wave." They prefer to delicately allude to "white-collar crime."

In some instances, there is no criminal penalty at all for willful and knowing violations of safety regulatory laws (e.g., the auto safety and aviation safety laws). Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) is trying to find just one Republican senator to co-sponsor the "Hide No Harm Act" that would make it a crime for a corporate officer to knowingly conceal information about a corporate action or product that poses the danger of death or serious physical injury to consumers

or workers.

5. Both Parties allow Wall Street's inexhaustibly greedy CEOs to prey on innocents, including small investors. They also do nothing to curb hundreds of billions of dollars in computerized billing fraud, especially in the health care industry.

6. The third leading cause of death in the U.S. is fatalities from preventable problems in hospitals and clinics. According to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine study in 2015, a conservative estimate is that 250,000 people yearly are dying from preventable conditions. Neither Congress nor the Executive Branch has an effort remotely up to the scale required to reduce this staggering level of mortality and morbidity. Nor is the American Medical Association (AMA) engaging with this avoidable epidemic.

7. Both Parties sped bailout of over \$50 billion to the airline industry during COVID-19, after the companies had spent about \$45 billion on unproductive stock buybacks over the last few years to raise the metrics used to boost executive pay.

8. Both Parties starve corporate law enforcement budgets in the Justice Department, the regulatory agencies, and such departments as Labor, Agriculture, Interior, Transportation and Health and Human Services. The Duopoly's view is that there be no additional federal cops on the corporate crime beat.

9. Both Parties prostrate themselves before the bank-funded Federal Reserve. There are no congressional audits, no congressional oversight of the Fed's secret, murky operations, and massive printing of money to juice up Wall Street, while keeping interest rates near zero for trillions of dollars held by over one hundred million small to midsize savers in America.

10. Both Parties are wedded to constant and huge bailouts of the risky declining, uncompetitive (with solar and wind energy) nuclear power industry. This is corporate socialism at its worst. Without your taxpayer and ratepayer dollars, nuclear plants would be closing down faster than is now the case. Bipartisan proposals for more nukes come with large

subsidies and guarantees by Uncle Sam.

11. Both Parties hate Third Parties and engage in the political bigotry of obstructing their ballot access, with hurdles, harassing lawsuits, and exclusions from public debates. The goal of both parties is to stop a competitive democracy.

12. Both Parties overwhelmingly rubber-stamp whatever the Israeli government wants in the latest U.S. military weaponry, the suppression of Palestinians and illegal occupation of the remaining Palestinian lands, and the periodic slaughter of Gazans with U.S. weapons. The Duopoly also supports the use of the U.S. veto in the UN Security Council to insulate Israel from UN sanctions.

13. Continuing Republican Speaker Newt Gingrich's debilitating internal deforms of congressional infrastructures, the Democrats have gone along with the GOP's shrinking of committee and staff budgets, abolition of the crucial Office of Technology Assessment's (OTA) budget, and concentration of excessive power in the hands of the Speaker and Senate leader. This little noticed immolation reduces further the legislature's ability to oversee the huge sprawling Executive Branch. The erosion of congressional power is furthered by the three-day work week Congress has reserved for itself.

14. Even on what might seem to be healthy partisan

differences, the Democrats and the GOP agree not to replace or ease out Trump's Director of the Internal Revenue Service, a former corporate loophole tax lawyer, or the head of the U.S. Postal Service, a former profiteer off the Post Office who will shortly curtail service even more than he did in 2020.

Right now, both Parties are readying to give over \$50 billion of your tax money to the very profitable under-taxed computer chip industry companies like Intel and Nvidia, so they can make more profit-building plants in the U.S. These companies are loaded with cash. They should invest their own money and stop the stock buyback craze. Isn't that what capitalism is all about?

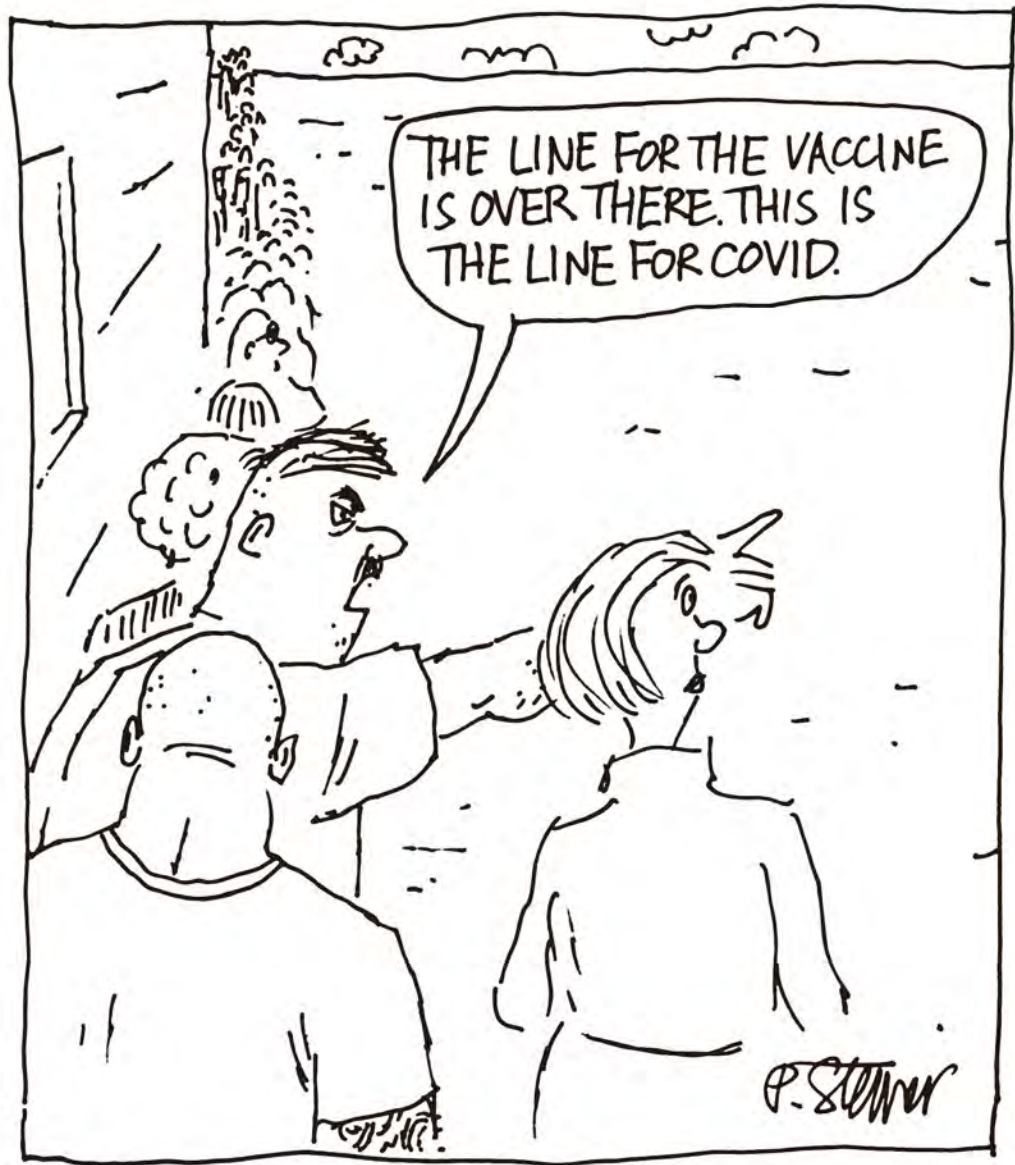
Both Parties vote as if the American middle-class taxpayer is a sleeping sucker. Politicians from both parties exploit voters who don't do their homework on voting records and let the lawmakers use the people's sovereign power (remember the Constitution's "We the People") against them on behalf of the big corporate bosses

Sleep on America, you have nothing to lose but your dreams.

Consumer advocate and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader grew up in Winsted and is a graduate of The Gilbert School. He is the founder of the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted.

### IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

RALPH NADER



### The problem with no problem

Houston, we have a problem." Running out of oxygen 200,000 miles from earth? That's a problem. Refilling your water glass at a restaurant? Not so much. So what's the problem? Unless they ran out of water the problem is there is no problem. Our language has devolved to such an extent that we respond "no problem" to any mundane request that comes our way.

Maybe "you're welcome" is out of date as a response to "thank you". But "no problem"? Not a good answer. "No worries?" Even worse. I understand that language grows and changes over time which is probably why "thou" is not a part of my everyday vocabulary. But "no problem" is just plain lazy.

Should we "unpack that"? Not unless it's a suitcase. Unpack has been appropriated, mostly by the media, as a poor substitute for "explain". NPR, cable, and talking heads everywhere endlessly unpack issues for us when what we really need is an explanation.

And it doesn't end there. Science and technology has contributed its fair share of words and expressions that we mindlessly repeat in our everyday chatter. "I'm not wired that way." "I don't have the bandwidth." "It's not in my DNA". Are you telling me you're uncomfortable with this; you're not interested and you don't

have the time anyway? And while we're on the subject, do you know anyone who can accurately list their genetic makeup? Like lambs to the slaughter we have blindly adopted metonymies that are further and further away from the intended target. The "White House" for the President?

"Hollywood" for the film industry? Probably ok. "Suits" for business executives? A little shaky. The suit is in danger of going the way of spats and a bowler hat.

Our culture has an almost unlimited tolerance for repurposing a word or phrase no matter how odious its origins. Hence, "scoring" drugs has given way to "scoring" tickets to a Broadway show.

I'm told I shouldn't get worked up about this stuff. Exactly the wrong way to get me to back off. I've conceded that a virus can infect the digital world and that modern "trolls" don't necessarily live under bridges, although I suspect some do. But "bad optics" is overused and don't get me started on "woke".

Say what you mean and mean what you say. Is that too much to ask?

"No problem". Apparently it is.

M.A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes, narrowly focused on everyday life.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Vibrant, where art thou hiding?

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blip, a trend?

The COVID pandemic darkened the New York theater, 2020 a year without the magic of Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," the charm of child dancers, a tree soaring, spectacular ballerinas and danseurs. I attended every year since 1980, my daughter since she was three. This year "The Nutcracker" is back. Yes! But with no dancers below 12 years of age — no audience oohs and aahs as wee angels gavotte in Act II. "West Side Story" is being re-filmed: why? Streep and Federer are still in the game. They made the game, yet they are less present, as is vibrancy on the screen and on the court.

No one, anywhere, with awe and admiration, describes the U.S. as vibrant. The Chinese are seemingly emboldened to finally snatch Taiwan, as their military strengthens and their regard for American might wanes. Peoples of the world watching four years of grift, grotesque power struts, lies and autocracy-envy, no longer see admirable Stars and Stripes, a helping hand, a model of nationhood when viewing the USA. More likely their image of America is an inflated orange-tufted, diapered blowup high in the sky — ungrounded, uncouth, untrustworthy — as was the man it depicted in the people's house, on the world stage.

Vibrancy is ensnared in McConnell's web of resistance to legislate — to pay for debt amassed under his support of 45's reactions — not policies, but wild acts of self-indulgence, mean spirit, legislative revenge. Vibrancy stalls, as infrastructure and restorative policies fail in the Congress, impacting everyday life for Americans. Vibrancy diseased and extinguished, the economy retarded, the spirit of citizenry shattered as misinformation, deceit, conspiracy is spread regarding COVID prevention and protection.

I wish a return of vibrancy: here is to Joe and Nancy, here is to millions who steadfastly hold to democracy and progress. "It takes a lot of effort to be vibrant."

—Tom Stoppard

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

Sharon

## Experience and track record on the ballot

As Salisbury's present Region 1 Board of Education representative, I am running for a second term.

Two years ago, I volunteered for the role at a Salisbury Democratic Town Committee meeting when no one else wanted the responsibility. This election, the Democrats decided to put a long-time member of their committee on the ballot. With my commitment to the role being unwavering, I am therefore running as a Petitioning candidate.

My experience and qualifications include the following:

- Being in the role for the past two years, I have gained invaluable experience working on the Region 1 Board and with the educational leadership.

- I have first-hand experience regarding the challenges of public education; having attended public schools and teaching in them for a number of years.


- As a financial professional, I can readily work on school budgets. As a member of the high school's budget committee, I contributed to producing a sound educational budget that was kept to an increase of 1.58% despite additional Covid costs. It passed on the first ballot.

- Serving on the high school's landscape and arboretum committee, I work closely with the agricultural program to help ensure that the landscaping enhances the architectural beauty of the high school.

The job of being Salisbury's Region 1 Board of Education representative requires a considerable commitment of time and energy; in addition to sound judgment and the ability to examine issues from a broad perspective rather than simply "rubber stamp" others' views. In voting, I hope you will consider my experience and track record in the role, as well as my proven commitment to helping students become productive citizens and achieve their life goals in the 21st century.


Stacie Weiner

Salisbury



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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2021-0147 by Red Mountain Properties, LLC for a 4-Lot residential subdivision at 14 Red Mountain Road Lakeville, Map 3, Lot 5-2 per the Salisbury Subdivision Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 18, 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.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.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@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

residential subdivision at 64 Hammertown Road Salisbury, Map 23, Lot 37-9 per the Salisbury Subdivision Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 18, 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.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.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@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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Jennifer Dubray  
Assessor  
Town of Kent  
(860) 927-3160  
10-14-21

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2021-0148 by McBride Builders, LLC for a 2-Lot

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