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

COVID-19 vaccine

Advocates for seniors say rollout is difficult to navigate

By Debra A. Aleksinas

The good news is that on Jan. 18 Connecticut residents over age 75 became eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines under the second phase of the state's vaccination program.

The bad news, for many senior citizens in this age group, is that the process of scheduling an appointment to get their shot can be extremely difficult.

Social services agents in the Northwest Corner said they are inundated with calls from frustrated and discouraged seniors who are unable to navigate the web-based, self-scheduling portal or to reach someone on the phone at Connecticut's COVID Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line due to high call volume.

"This is a unique challenge to

residents age 75 and older who do not communicate via electronic devices and email. It's created quite a problem. Very few can actually do it on their own," said Miriam Jones, Sharon's social services agent, referring to the complicated and confusing registration system.

"These are people who are going to need a lot of hand-holding. A lot of them are calling me saying they don't know what to do," said Jones, who created her own database of Sharon residents age 75 and older and has been making phone calls to see if family or friends can help seniors with registration.

"So far I've registered 30 residents," she reported just days after the rollout.

"It's a huge burden on social services agents," said Jones, who added that it would be "a huge help if local doctors' offices, or someone at

the VNA, can make appointments for them, or at least get them registered, and just have them go to Sharon Hospital" for the shot.

Answering calls for help

Across the Northwest Corner, advocates for seniors said their phones have been ringing off the hook since last week when Gov. Ned Lamont announced that an estimated 277,000 state residents age 75 and older are now eligible to receive vaccines. It is estimated that 1.3 million state residents, including frontline essential workers (325,000 individuals) and residents and staff of congregate settings (50,000 individuals) are also eligible for Phase 1B.

Some social services workers fear that the state's elders — many

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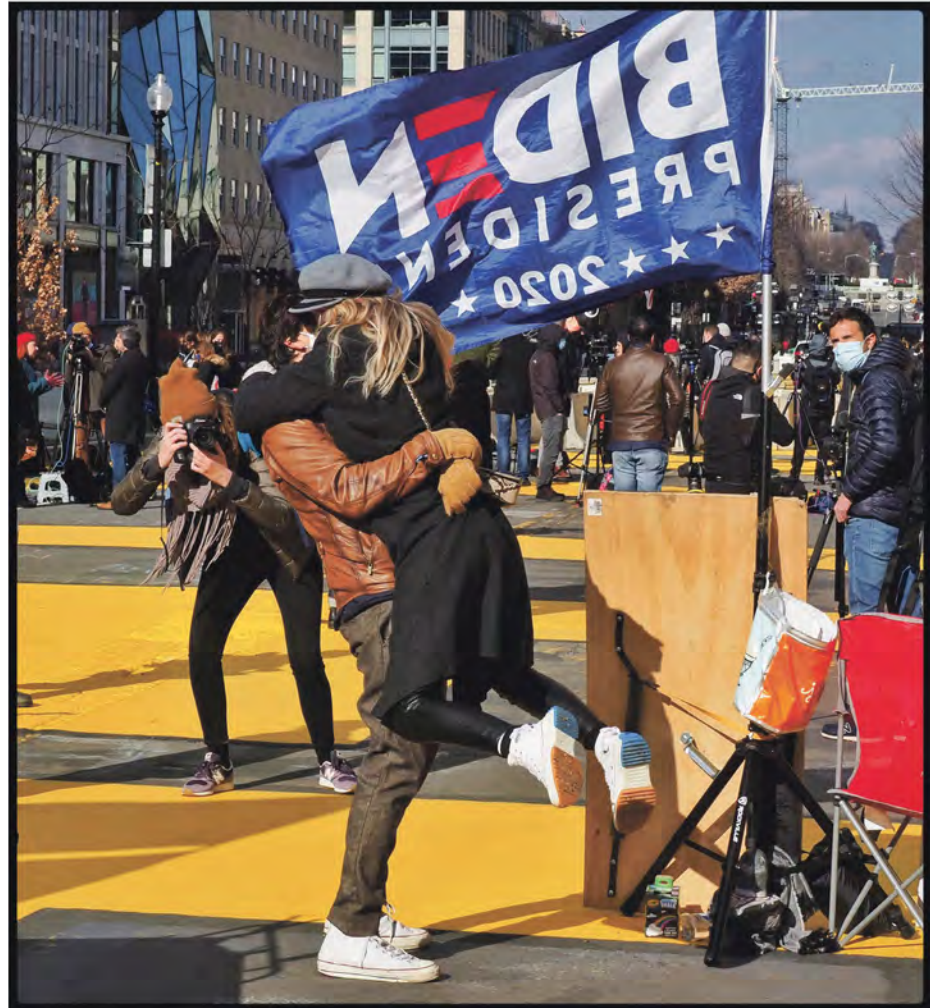


PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

For many Americans, Jan. 20 was a day of celebration and high spirits. This young pair embraced in Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day.

A photojournalist observes 'the quiet inauguration'

By Anne Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. — What if they gave an inauguration and nobody came? Or, what if they gave an inauguration and the number of spectators was fewer than the 25,000 National Guard troops, hundreds of Secret Service agents, the entire Metropolitan DC police force, U.S. Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Border Patrol, FBI, police officers from states as far away as Texas,

Minnesota, Illinois, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania and neighboring states like Maryland, Virginia, New York. They all came to ensure that our democracy could proceed. Makes one realize how significant this event was.

This inauguration of the 46th president, Joe Biden, was my seventh, this time with no credentials. I went as a tourist. I know Washington very well, and I have never seen the city so quiet.

After passing my early Tuesday morning rapid COVID-19 test in Torrington, I drove to D.C. and, that afternoon, I cruised around the city to determine where I would park the following day. The city was shut down. Most of the bridges were closed. All entrances to the Capitol, the Mall and the White House were blocked by huge concrete slabs, chain link fences topped with barbed wire. Police cars with flashing lights and camo-painted jeeps and trucks parked horizontally across the streets.

Undaunted, I set out the following morning walking on nearly empty streets except for police and National Guard. (I met one guardsman from Connecticut whose father

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PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

A new North Canaan café

The Berkshire Country Café has opened in North Canaan, owned by Ryan Craig (in photo with server Christine Claydon), who also owns a popular café of the same name in Norfolk. For a full story, turn to Page A4.

Biogeochemistry and climate change

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY— The long-term effects of carbon dioxide on the planet's past and future were explored and explained during a Zoom talk sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library and the Salisbury Association on Saturday, Jan. 23.

More than 80 viewers tuned in to hear William H. Schlesinger, president emeritus of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, speak on the significant effects of carbon dioxide on the Tri-state region and the world at large.

The title of the talk was "From New England to Global Climate Change: Impacts and Responses."

"It all revolves around carbon dioxide," Schlesinger began, discussing regional impacts of documented climate change in the eastern U.S. One of his accomplishments was to have been among the first to measure the amount of carbon retained in soil's organic matter around the world. The ability to quantify led to an ability to predict the effect of those soil

conditions and attendant human interference on climate worldwide.

Dramatic change, worthy of attention

Scientists have measured the amount of carbon dioxide trapped in air bubbles within the Arctic ice pack. The Industrial revolution brought a significant uptick.

"We've had a benign history," Schlesinger noted. "For the period we have a record of, the climate has been relatively stable."

Over the past 20 years, however, the Earth has seen a significant rise in temperatures. Northern latitudes have gotten warmer, he reported. The Northeast is seeing change projected at 1 degree Celsius, which translates to about 2 degrees Fahrenheit. In the northeastern states, a future climate would align with present-day Virginia, with warmer temperatures and less snowfall.

More melting of the Greenland icepack would bring rising oceans

and higher tides. Globally, higher tides are measuring about 3.2 millimeters each year recently.

Three affected elements being researched to define the real effects of climate change are: health of forests, crops and people.

In the northern U.S., Schlesinger noted, forest tree populations include, notably, beech and maple, the health of both driven by tempera-

Search for alien intelligence reminds us of our humanity

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Scientists are taking advantage of improved technology to continue the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, according to Jill Tarter, the chair emerita of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). Tarter spoke to 70-plus people on Thursday, Jan. 21, on a Zoom talk sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library.

Tarter started by putting the Earth in context via a series of slides, beginning with satellite photos of her location in California, moving through

the famous "Earthrise" photo taken from the moon, and winding up with galactic images that have the Earth represented as one little dot among millions.

To give the audience some idea of the scope of the task of finding extraterrestrial intelligence, she noted that "we have to admit we have observed about 4% of the cosmos." She later compared it to examining a 12-ounce glass of water out of the volume of the world's oceans.

The search isn't just about trying to find signs of intelligent life, either. Because of the time it takes for light

to travel to Earth from distant stars, scientists are aware that they are looking at "far away places and long-ago times."

Tarter said scientists are tracing human lineage back billions of years, to a "huge cloud of dust and gas," referring to the "Big Bang" that scientists believe created the universe.

She said "all the elements that make you what you are" stem from this event.

"That is the star dust you are made of."

Recent developments in astronomy have been "game-changers," Tarter

continued.

One is the discovery of extremophile life forms — signs of life in environments thought to be incapable of supporting life.

Scientists are looking for biosignatures — signs of atmospheric disequilibrium, similar to the highly reactive combination of oxygen and methane gas that is the biosignature of the Earth.

And they are searching for technosignatures — signs of far-off civilizations using technologies we may

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Three-day forecast

Friday.....Cloudy, high 12°/low 5°
Saturday.....Cloudy, 21°/9°
Sunday.....Snow, 28°/21°

Help with registering for your vaccines

SALISBURY — Salisbury residents over 75 years of age who need assistance registering for a COVID-19 vaccine can contact the town's director of Senior Services, Lisa McAuliffe, at lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us or 860-435-5186.

Residents of other towns can check at their town hall to see who is available to help with vaccine registration.

Walgreens in North Canaan and Torrington are now offering vaccinations to individuals 75 years of age or older. Appointments must be made online at www.walgreens.com/topic/covid19vac/CT.jsp.

For more places offering shots and for general information on registering, see the article this week on Page A1 of The Lakeville Journal.

Learn about the history of Black America in three classes, Feb. 11

SALISBURY — Hamish Lutris will offer a three-part series of talks on the history and achievements of Black Americans over the last several centuries.

The course is hosted by Noble Horizons and begins on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. and meets weekly through Feb. 25.

The talk on Feb. 11 is "Partus Sequitur Ventrum: The History of Slavery in America." Connecticut's African-American Soldiers is the topic for Feb. 18 and will center on the 29th and

30th Connecticut regiments of African-American soldiers. The final class, on Feb. 25, is "An American Dilemma: African America after Freedom, 1865 to the Present." This talk will examine limitations to full equality that Black Americans faced as a result of slavery, as well as its ongoing after-effects within the United States and beyond.

Registration and a Zoom link for this free course is at www.noblehorizons.org on the events page.

North Canaan honor roll

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan Elementary School announces the list of academic honors from the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.

Fifth grade Honors

Alisa Christiansen Madsen, Philip Fontaine

High honors

Luca Bascetta, Sadie Chappell, Camdyn Tallon, Payton Wagner

Highest honors

Caitlin Devino

Sixth grade Honors

Gustavo Portillo, Rivers Richard

High Honors

Adelyn Diorio, Lydia Fleming, Sydney Howe

Highest honors

Natasha Dennis, Emeline Krauz

Seventh Grade Honors

Cohen Cecchinato, Christopher Crane, Ryan Mullen, Daphne Paine

High honors

Richard Crane Anthony Labbadia Alexa Meach Cole Simonds Lauren Sorrell

Highest honors

Katherine Crane, Shanaya Duprey, Hannah Johnson, Madelyn Johnson

Eighth Grade Honors

Jake Bosio, Jacob Green

High honors

Madison Dewitt, Amelia Dodge, Leah Drislane, Abigail Hogan, Harper Howe, Ellanor Karcheski

Highest honors

Daniela Brennan, Kylie Leonard, Abigail White

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Healing Community grants for NW Corner

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation announced the distribution of over \$48,000 through its Bridging Divides, Healing Communities grant program, a new initiative to support community-building activities aimed at strengthening relationships and trust at the local level, especially among people who hold different

points of view or come from different backgrounds. Twenty-one organizations in four counties received grants of up to \$2,500 for projects that seek to bring people together for the purposes of exploring shared interests, addressing a problem through dialogue and action, or considering an issue through a range of perspectives.

Taconic's nearly \$2 million, multi-year investment in its community engagement focus area, in partnership with other funders. This includes the Arts Build Community initiative, and training and networking for area board members through the Board Leadership Forum and seminars.

Grants include:

•David M. Hunt Library: \$2,100 for "Small Town, Big Talk," a documentary photography installation by Rebecca Bloomfield that will share stories and portraits of dozens of residents with diverse experience and identities, to be exhibited on the library's popular Art Wall gallery and online.

•Salisbury School: \$2,500 to create a day of celebration and a permanent witness stone honoring James Mars, the last slave bought and sold in Connecticut, in a partnership of the junior and senior history classes at Salisbury School, the social justice team of the Church of Christ Congregational, Norfolk and the Norfolk Historical Society.

•Scoville Memorial Library: \$1,000 for a series of online community discussions tackling subjects such as societal polarization, bias, the climate crisis and strengthening the social fabric, with prompts from pre-assigned articles, podcasts and videos as a starting point for exploration.

Sharon Center honor roll

SHARON — Sharon Center School has released their list of academic honors for the fall trimester of the 20-2021 school year.

Fifth Grade High Honors

Jackson Brammer, Celestia Galvin, Shiva Marti, Mira Norbet, Tallulah Petkov

Sixth Grade High Honors

Finian Malone

High Honors

Griffin Ducey

Seventh Grade High Honors

Leonardo Cajilima, Chase Kilian, Jack Smith, Mason Wilkinson

Eighth Grade High Honors

Tyler Anderson, Neela Gilbert-Alfar, Nicole Haxo, Haley Hosier, Maya Lee, Olivia Peterson, Charlotte Smith

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Our Towns

State proposes a triangle traffic pattern for Cornwall

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The existing traffic pattern around the triangle in Cornwall Bridge has been studied by the State of Connecticut. A plan that has been developed to reconfigure it was discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, conducted on Zoom.

The proposed reconfiguration, prepared by Fitzgerald

and Halliday of Hartford, was to be posted on the town's website (www.cornwallct.org) the following day, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said. At the website, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and look under "Town News."

The selectmen expressed concern about the potential for traffic problems. Selectman Marina Kotchoubey said that she would like to seek more creative solutions, and is hoping to hear

from area residents and business owners.

Once the annual budget season has passed, Kotchoubey said, perhaps town residents will have had time to develop alternative ideas.

"It seems like the plan raised more issues than it solved," she said.

Proposed pedestrian crosswalks drew comment by Selectman Priscilla Pavel, who felt that they were unnecessary. She said

that the area sees more vehicular traffic than foot traffic.

Ridgway said that residents' comments on the posted plan will be welcomed by the town.

Pavel commented favorably on the town's recently redesigned website and recommended that town residents take a look at it whether or not they wish to see the traffic plan. She said that she has learned many new things of interest about the town that she had not known previously.

Speed bumps favored by Hilltop Road residents

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Responding to a petition signed by most of the residents who live along Hilltop Road, the Board of Selectmen discussed their request for speed bumps at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12. The selectmen met at Town Hall; the public attended by Zoom.

Of the 14 properties situated on Hilltop Road, 12 property owners signed the petition asking that speed bumps be installed to slow traffic. Vehicles tend to use the road as a way to bypass the town center. Discussion included whether

bumps or humps would be appropriate, the latter seen as a more gentle, broader design, the former being more jarring.

First Selectman Brent Colley said that the proposal will be sent to various town offices who need to comment, including the town's Highway Department for input on safety considerations, drainage and plowing; the fire department and ambulance personnel; and the school. He felt that gathering advice from those who would be affected is a proper exercise of due diligence before reaching a decision.

"It's been done at least three times in my memory," resident

Barbara Prindle commented, referring to past speed control proposals.

Once the comments are assembled, the proposal would need to be considered at a public hearing, Colley said. Such a hearing would need to be in person, not by Zoom. Following the hearing, the selectmen would make the decision.

Selectman Dale Jones asked who would design and build the bumps or humps.

Schools continue to provide meals to students at home

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — In April 2020, as Region One schools closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school district was providing thousands of meals to Region One families.

They still are. Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick provided a daily count of meals coming from schools as of the first week of January.

The Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village provided 33 lunches. Kent Center School, 25 breakfasts and 55 lunches. North Canaan Elementary School, 75 breakfasts and 125 lunches. Salisbury Central School, 75 breakfasts and 120

lunches. Sharon Center School, 20 breakfasts and 50 lunches. Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 15 breakfasts and 44 lunches. (Cornwall Consolidated School has no school lunch program.)

That is a daily total of 210 breakfasts and 427 lunches.

Herrick said the meals from the high school and Kellogg are being delivered. (Both schools are in the distance learning mode until Jan. 19.)

The other schools have families come to pick up the meals.

Herrick said the number of meals served "has remained fairly consistent during the school year."

Expenditures approved at annual town meeting

By Leila Hawken

KENT — With nearly 50 people attending on Zoom, the annual town meeting approved expenditures and adopted ordinance changes, all by unanimous vote, on Thursday, Jan. 21.

No comments were offered in connection with the items up for vote. A well-attended public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 12, had included explanation and discussion.

The Board of Finance had met to approve the proposed expenditures at their meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The result was a smooth, efficient annual meeting.

Approved expenditures included appropriating up to \$55,000 to reimburse the fire department for EMS staffing needs when they need to cover shifts that cannot be covered by volunteers.

Also receiving approval was an appropriation of \$140,000 to cover Kent Center School's Entryway Security construction project.

An ordinance governing sewers and sewage disposal was modified, and another regulating solid waste and recycling was updated to align with state guidelines.

In other action at the town meeting, appointments were made to the Park and Recreation Commission.

The annual town report and financial statements were also approved, as is customary at the annual town meeting.

Revised plan for Salisbury apartments

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission, at a special meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19 (on Zoom), got an initial look at the Salisbury Housing Committee's (SHC) proposal for an affordable housing apartment building in Lakeville. The SHC has not formally submitted the application yet. The group was scheduled to present the proposal at a special meeting of the Affordable Housing Commission on Wednesday, Jan. 27, after this issue went to press.

The committee submitted an application last fall for a 13-unit apartment building at a site now occupied by a small park and a parking lot, at the intersection of Holley Street and Main Street (Route 44) in Lakeville.

The application was the subject of intense public interest and comment.

The SHC withdrew the application on Nov. 9, prior to the third session of a public hearing.

On Jan. 19, Jocelyn Ayer, representing the SHC, said the new proposal is smaller and has an entirely different

architectural style (Federal style).

Architect Rocco Pettito said the square footage of the new proposal is 15,300 square feet (down from 16,400 square feet in the original).

The new proposal calls for one (and possibly two) fewer indoor parking spaces.

The original proposal had 13 apartments — eight one-bedroom, two two-bedroom and three three-bedroom — on three floors.

The new proposal is for 12 apartments: seven one-bedroom, four two-bedroom, one three-bedroom, on three floors.

Planning and Zoning Chairman Michael Klemens canvassed the commissioners, who raised concerns that came up during last fall's public hearing.

These included:

- A request for views of the building from different vantage points

- A plan for how garbage will be stored and collected

- Wastewater capacity

- School bus pickup

- Garage lighting

There was also some discussion of the financial feasibility of the building.



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Community farming at The Hotchkiss School

LAKEVILLE — The notable farm on Route 41 between Sharon and Lakeville has in recent years become part of The Hotchkiss School.

Not only does it offer education for students, it also grows 40,000 pounds of produce a year, is a major supplier to Lakeville's Corner Food Pantry, provides pastures for cattle belonging to Allen and Robin Cockerline of Salisbury's Whippoorwill Farm and is a major source of fresh food for the school's dining hall.

On Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. Amy Sidran, Education Coordinator of The Hotchkiss School's 287-acre Fairfield Farm, will give a free Zoom presentation on "Education, Outreach and Sustainability."

Sidran will discuss ways in which the school is implementing sustainable farming techniques, providing healthy, nutrient-dense food to its community, and plans to increase learning opportunities available at the farm. She is expanding the school's substantive farm-based leadership by encouraging hands-on experience in organic, sustainable agriculture.

Sidran, a farmer before she became an educator, served two years as an agriculture extension volunteer in Peace Corps Bolivia

Register at www.noblehorizons.org to receive a Zoom link.

New Falls Village housing group


By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a special meeting Thursday, Jan. 21 (on Zoom), the Falls Village Board of Selectmen appointed 12 people to an affordable housing committee.

They are: Greg Marlowe (representing the selectmen),


Adam Sher (Board of Education), Felicia Jones (Economic Development), Alice Macchi (Planning and Zoning) and Eric Carlson (business).

From the community at large: Emily Bronson, Abigail Horace, Dinny Light, Colter Rule, Kathleen Clark, Julia Olff and Daly Reville (alternate).



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- "The Little Mermaid"
- The common gibbon
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44. A medieval citizen of Hungary

45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

46. Abba __, Israeli politician

47. Sew

48. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits

51. Swiss river

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53. A way to illustrate

54. College basketball superpower

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Jan. 21 Solution

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New café in downtown North Canaan

By Hunter O. Lyle

NORTH CANAAN — After successfully starting the Berkshire Country Store in Norfolk, Ryan Craig has opened the Berkshire Country Café in downtown North Canaan.

The restaurant opened on Saturday, Jan. 2, in the building that used to be home to Pop's Diner. Craig, 37, said the café has been busy from the start, even reaching the 50% maximum capacity restriction occasionally.

"At lunchtime it's about as busy as we can take it, and that's just right off the jump," Craig said. "That's under COVID, in the middle of January before we get to the height of summer. We're just working right now to get people trained so that we can keep up with the demand."

The new café, which is at 85 Main St., was fully renovated to

include a more open entrance and dining area, as well as a completely new kitchen.

It also features an old-time logo that alludes to some local history, showing John o' the Woods, a mysterious 19th-century wanderer of the Northwest Corner.

As the owner of the original Berkshire Country Store in Cornwall, which opened in January 2014, Craig was eventually recruited by the town of Norfolk to open a store there after his Cornwall location closed in 2016.

At the café in North Canaan, Ryan is serving classic diner food, with breakfast sandwiches and an array cold and hot lunches at affordable prices.

Craig said the North Canaan location is "focused solely on food service," whereas in Norfolk, "we are the only deli in town — but we're also the only



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Part of the uniqueness of the Berkshire Country Café is its logo, which features the face of John o' the Woods, a 19th-century wanderer who, legend says, passed through the Northwest Corner.

grocery store or convenience store."

The Berkshire Country Café is open Thursday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. but Craig hopes to expand the days

and hours of operation soon.

Patrons can dine in or order take-out from the Berkshire Country Café. The menu and hours are online at www.berkshirecountry.com.

For now, a seamstress is available locally

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Nena Carberry of Sharon is heading out on her own in the custom window treatment business.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School graduate (class of 2008) said in a phone interview Monday, Jan. 4, that she attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., after high school but returned to the Northwest Corner and started an apprenticeship with a custom curtain and drape business in Massachusetts.

Carberry also worked for Gudrun Duntz in Lakeville, who recently retired from the sewing trade.

Carberry came to this reporter's attention because she is willing to do minor clothing alterations, such as taking up the sleeves of sports jackets or hemming pants, as she develops her primary business.

In light of COVID-19 precautions, Carberry comes to the client to pick up items, and will deliver them on completion. Our business was conducted in my driveway, with masks on. Efficient and personable, she pinned the sleeves of two jackets up to the desired length, took the garments, and left, saying she'd be in touch the following week.

She can be reached at neenmode@yahoo.com or at 860-318-1602.

Seeking mentors for independent study at HVRHS

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever plans to present an idea for a required project for all seniors at the regular February Region One Board of Education meeting.

In a phone interview on Jan. 22, Strever provided a preview of the proposal.

Strever said students will choose a subject of personal interest and develop a project that allows them to explore it in depth.

This will be done under the guidance of a mentor, ideally someone from outside the school.

"Think about the things you might have explored," Strever said (to a reporter who graduated from high school in 1980). "Think about if you'd been given permission to take a deep dive."

As an example, he said a student might have an interest in motocross. With the mentor, the student could develop a marketing strategy for the sport.

Or a student working on an

academic interest could be required to produce a paper for publication.

The proposal requires a student to not only identify an area of interest and work up a proposal, but to approach a potential mentor.

Strever said an important part of the project is for students to develop confidence and the ability to self-advocate.

He said he was going public prior to the Region One February meeting in order to (he hopes) spark some interest among potential mentors. Contact him at istrever@hvrhs.org.

Art by Kimmel at Douglas Library through February

NORTH CANAAN — Norma Kimmel of Lakeville will display her paintings at the Douglas Library in North Canaan for the months of January and February 2021.

Norma is a retired journalist who has reported on the fields of architecture, interior design and decoration for many years. Her past positions include Home Editor of the New York Times Sunday Magazine and executive editor of House Beautiful Magazine. She is also the author of five books on the subject of design.

Today, she devotes her leisure time to exploring the realms of nature and the New England country side in oil and acrylic. Kimmel studied at the Art Students League in



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New York City, before her retirement.

The paintings are for sale with 20% of the sales benefiting the Douglas Library. Go to www.douglaslibrarycanaan.org for hours or call 860-824-7863 for further information.

An art exhibit at the Douglas Library in North Canaan features work by Norma Kimmel.

How to organize your home, your life

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Professional organizer Ronni Eisenberg offered practical suggestions for getting organized during a Zoom talk Saturday, Jan. 9, sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library.

Eisenberg said she has been a professional organizer for over 40 years, and began her career in the 1970s, when "professional organizer" was a new concept.

Over that time, a typical to-do list has grown from perhaps 10 items to 25, which Eisenberg attributed, at least in part, to the increased use of computers and cell phones.

"Things have changed," she said. In the past, with regular mail or land-line telephones, people did not expect an instant response.

Today they do.

"The problem is the sense of urgency that technology delivers." For someone who is already feeling overwhelmed, the constant flow of incoming messages makes the problem worse.

Eisenberg offered the audience some general tips on getting organized.

1. The first problem is not knowing how to get organized. This requires admitting to being disorganized.

2. Once the problem has been identified, it is hard to get started. Eisenberg said this is always the toughest part of the process, and people find themselves looking for distractions to avoid it.

But once the individual sets up a system for getting organized, everything gets easier.

3. Eisenberg said that while everyone is "wired differently," being organized is not a knack that people may or may not have, but a set of skills that can be learned.

4. People think they have to clean up before they get organized. Eisenberg said this is a mistake. It's better to put organizing systems in place while cleaning up.

5. People think they don't have the right tools for getting organized. Eisenberg said it's better to get a system in place and then figure out what tools

are necessary — for instance, different colored folders for different papers (green for financial documents, blue for medical, red for items requiring an immediate response).

6. People often decide they don't want to get organized. "When it comes to getting organized, motivation is not enough; you need discipline too."

7. People often anticipate the difficulty of getting organized. "The honest truth is it will be hard at first but it shouldn't stop you from trying," because once a system is in place, everything gets easier.

8. Eisenberg said a fear of failure often derails clients. She emphasized that getting organized is a process, and that the pursuit of perfection is not helpful. "Perfection is for airline pilots and surgeons."

9. It is necessary to find the right strategy for getting organized, and this in turn requires some effort and some experimentation. "Your system is not someone else's."

10. It is also necessary to overcome any recurring resistance to getting organized.

Eisenberg said it's helpful to think in terms of being free from disorganization, and what that state will be like.

"It doesn't have to be perfect," she said.

She urged the group to keep a record of how they used their time for at least three days, and to include interruptions and distractions.

"You will learn so much."

Getting down to the nitty-gritty, she said the top priority is to, well, prioritize.

"What's most important right now, and what can wait?"

She suggested making a list of priorities for a manageable period, such as the next three months.

Her second tip was to break down projects into manageable parts and lengths of time to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Once things are organized, stick to it. "Glasses go here, keys go there, and it never changes."

Eisenberg said it's important to set boundaries and to say "no."

"If you don't guard your time, nobody else will."

It's also OK to ask for help. "We're not Mary Poppins."



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OBITUARIES

Maynard Cleveland Bartram Jr.

SHARON — Maynard Cleveland Bartram Jr., 94, of Seabury in Bloomfield, Conn., passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2021.

He was born Aug. 9, 1926, in Sharon, the son of Nina (Juckett) and Maynard Bartram.

He attended Indian Mountain School (Class of 1941) and was a member of the Class of 1945 at Hotchkiss, graduating early, in 1944, to enlist in the Navy during World War II.

He served in the Pacific Theater as Seaman 1st Class QM on LCI 343. He was in Leyte Gulf readying for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

He attended Yale University on the GI Bill, graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Economics. Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, 1978-79. After Yale, he joined Connecticut General (now CIGNA) in national real estate investment. He was President, Connecticut General Mortgage and Realty Investments, and President, CONGEN Realty Advisory Company.

After selling the REIT to Prudential, he was principal at Bartram & Company real estate investment advisors, later Bartram & Cochran. He was President, National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT), 1972-73.

He served as Chairman, Yale's Real Estate Investment Committee from 1979-1983, and on Yale's Development Committee from 1978-1982. For more than 50 years, he served as President, Chairman, Director and Co-Founder of nonprofit Church Homes, Inc.,

a pioneer in senior life care communities in Connecticut, including Avery Heights and Noble Horizons.

He was a founder, director and president of Interfaith Homes in Bloomfield.

He was a member of the Bloomfield Congregational Church for over 60 years, where he

served as President, Board of Trustees; Treasurer; and on the Finance Committee; and enjoyed singing in the choir.

He was elected to the Bloomfield Board of Education, and served as Vice Chairman from 1967-71, helping to further integration in the schools.

He was married to Jeannette Gardner Norton ("Jay") for 60 happy years until her death in 2013.

An avid sportsman and outdoorsman, he and Jay traveled the world, and especially enjoyed hiking in the Alps and White Mountains and summers on Seneca Lake.

He is survived by his sister, Barbara Bartram; his children Carey Meltzer and her husband, Harland, Peter Bartram, Sarah Noyes and her husband, Jon, and Amy Bartram; his grandchildren, Amory and her husband, Jarra, and Nathaniel Meltzer and Jacob and Abigail Noyes; his great-grandson Jesse Meltzer; and extended family.

Private burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Sharon. Memorial gifts may be made to the First Congregational Church, 10 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT, 06002; and the Appalachian Mountain Club, 10 City Square, Suite 2, Boston, MA 02129.



Leah (Martyn) Euvrard

AMENIA UNION — Leah (Martyn) Euvrard, 92, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully in the comfort of her home in Amenia on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Euvrard worked as a waitress and cook at the Waldorf Restaurant in Sharon for nearly 15 years and was also a caretaker, housekeeper and cook for Ruth and Teddy Ryan in Sharon for many years. The Euvrards also operated a farm in the Amenia Union area from 1951 until 1963.

Born Feb. 11, 1928, in Springfield, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Ida (Duser) and Montague Martyn.

Following her graduation from high school she attended art school in New York City for a short period of time.

On June 29, 1946, at the Sharon United Methodist Church, she married Walter Ernest Euvrard. The Euvrards happily shared 50 years of marriage. Mr. Euvrard died in 1995.

Mrs. Euvrard was a longtime member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and was very active in the parish for many years.

She was a member of the Takonic-Ellsworth Grange, served as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and enjoyed bowling in Great Barrington and Torrington for many years. She was an excellent cook and baker and an avid painter in her spare time. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many friends.

Mrs. Euvrard is survived by five children, Wayne Euvrard and his wife, Cami, of Amenia, Valerie Euvrard of Amenia, Jeffrey Euvrard of West Haven, Conn., Dara Simmons and her husband, Bob, of Amenia and David Euvrard and his wife, Nora, of Sharon; three grandchildren, Sean Russell of Millerton, Renee Wright

of Hellertown, Pa., and Ashley Speed of Torrington; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Dawkins Wright of Hellertown, Pa.; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Ali.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Euvrard was predeceased by a son, Glen Euvrard of Amenia; her brother, John "Jack" Martyn, United State Marine, who was killed in action in World War II; and two sisters, Madelyn Euvrard of Florida and Anna Gaul of New Jersey.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Graveside services and burial will take place in the spring of 2021 at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon and will be announced on the funeral home web page. The Rev. Carl Franson will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wassaic Fire Company, P.O. Box 287, Wassaic, NY 12592. To send an online condolence, plant a tree or send flowers to the Euvrard family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



NORTH CANAAN — Henry G. Carley Jr., 87, passed away on Jan. 23, 2021, at the Exeter Hospital in Exeter, N.H.

He was born April 20, 1933, in North Canaan, son of the late Henry G. Carley Sr. and Lura Elizabeth (Hart) Carley.

Henry (Hank to many) grew up and lived the majority of his life in North Canaan. He was the oldest child of five sons in his family. Henry graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. After graduation, Henry served

honorably from 1953-1955 stateside on the West Coast as a signalman in the United States Army.

On June 30, 1956, Henry married the love of his life, Marion Sutherland, and together they raised one son.

After the Army, Henry worked as a tree surgeon with Zetterstrom Expert Tree Service in North Canaan before transitioning to his

long career as a lineman with the Hartford Electric Light Company (aka Ever-source).

Henry and Marion built their home in North Canaan and resided there all their lives. On summer weekends they often could be found at their small cabin in Woodford, Vt. As retirement approached,

they traveled the country together in an RV, visiting friends they had not seen in a while or lost touch with over the years. Henry valued friendships and was proud of the many lifelong friends he was blessed with growing up and living his life in the same community for so many years.

Along with the family and friendships he cherished, Henry also believed in being an active member of the community and over the years was involved as a member of the East Canaan Congregational Church and in the town's Little League program. Henry also served terms as a town constable, on

the Wetlands Committee and Board of Finance followed by several terms on the Board of Selectman. Even after leaving office he was often asked and found assisting with many projects around the town.

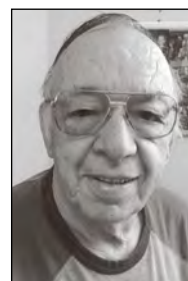
Henry was predeceased by his loving wife, Marion Carley on June 3, 2019; and his four brothers, Leroy, Clifford, Carl and Robert.

He is survived by his son, Edward Carley; three grandchildren, Alexander Carley, Sarah Carley and Coreen Carley of Brentwood, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held through the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, and burial will be held in the Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Co., P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Brewitt Funeral Home in Epping, N.H., is handling New Hampshire arrangements. For more information, go to www.brewittfuneralhome.com.



Anna M. Calabrese

NORTH CANAAN — Anna M. Calabrese, 101, was born in Orange, N.J., on Jan. 7, 1920. She grew up in West Orange, N.J., with her

parents, Ermelinda and Andrea Fea, and five older siblings.

Anna worked for the Prudential Insurance Company as a claims adjuster before marrying Gerard "Jerry" R. Calabrese in 1946.

She and her husband lived in Haledon, N.J., for 31 years, where they owned and operated Haledon Distributing Co. In 1988, Anna and Jerry moved to Manchester, N.J., where they lived together for more than 20 years. After the death of her husband in 2010, Anna lived at the Seabrook Seniors Community in Tinton Falls, N.J., before moving to Geer Village in North Canaan in 2019.

Born the year women received the right to vote, and almost a decade before commercial air travel, Anna and her husband enjoyed a long and happy retirement, traveling extensively, abroad and in the U.S. They especially enjoyed cross-country camping

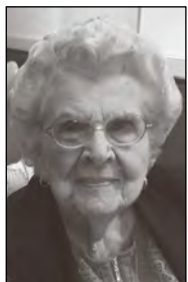
trips in their RV, and visits with family in California, Maryland and Italy.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Anna died last Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, and is survived by her three children, Gerard S. and his wife, Jean, of Cornwall Bridge, Grace and her husband, William Dombrowski, of Monkton, Md., and Joseph and Margot, of Los Angeles. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Anna Lucille, Andrew Joseph and Justin Rogers Calabrese, as well as two grandchildren by marriage and two great-grandchildren.

Out of respect for current COVID-19 conditions, burial services will be private, with a memorial for family and friends to be announced later this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Gerard R. and Anna M. Calabrese Scholarship Fund at Cornell Law School, G28 Hughes Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Arrangements are under the care of the Oliverie Funeral Home in Manchester Township, N.J.



Christine M. Deneen

MILLERTON — Christine M. Deneen, 86, a 64-year resident of Millerton, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at Danbury Hospital following a brief illness.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Deneen worked as a sales associate for Peter Allen Jewelers in Millerton for more than 20 years.

She also was a volunteer at the North East-Millerton Library for many years.

Born March 23, 1934, in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Martha (Muschiol) and Herbert Piechula.

Her first husband, Henry Murphy, passed away Nov. 3, 1966.

On Aug. 5, 1972, at St. Patrick's Church in Millerton, she married Richard M. Deneen. Mr. Deneen died March 4, 2013.

Mrs. Deneen had a quiet, warm spirit and enjoyed spending time with her loving family. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mrs. Deneen is survived by five children, Valerie DeCelle and her husband, Richard, of Springfield, Mass., Patrick Deneen of Millerton, Ann

Grabowski and her husband, Richard, of Manchester, Conn., Ann Deneen of Millerton and Debra Mordecai and her husband, Daniel, of Winsted; her sister, Elizabeth Emberlin of Phenix City, Ala.; a half-brother and sister, George Piechula and Bridgette Petzenhammer; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, and husbands, she was also predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Murphy Wheeler, in 1982; and three siblings, Bernard and Joseph Piechula and Johanna Gordon.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Friday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. The Rev. M. David Dawson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton American Legion Post #178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

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OBITUARIES

Franklin Feldman

LAKEVILLE — Franklin Feldman, 93, of New York and Lakeville died peacefully at home on Jan. 15, 2021.

Franklin was born in 1927 in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. He attended the High School of Music and Art, where he developed a passion for drawing and painting.

In his spare time he provided cover illustrations for basketball games at Madison Square Garden.

He went to college at New York University's uptown campus in the Bronx, and then Columbia Law School, where he was editor of the Law Review.

After law school, he joined the Air Force as a Pentagon lawyer, eventually rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. After leaving the Air Force he worked as a lawyer in the office of New York Gov. Thomas Dewey.

In 1955 he joined the law firm Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, where he practiced corporate law until his retirement in 1989.

In the 1970s he merged his interest in art with his expertise in the law, and in 1974 (with Stephen Weil) published the landmark volume "Art Law," which became a standard reference in the field; a revised edition was awarded the Scribes award for best law book of 1987.

William J. Schrenk Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — William J. Schrenk Jr., a former resident of Falls Village, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 97.

Bill, as he was known, and his wife, Kay, owned a farm on Cobble Road for over 50 years. Bill was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on Oct. 23, 1923, the son of Amanda (Biebricher) and William Schrenk.

He earned a BS from the Case School of Applied Engineering (now known as Case Western University) in 1943 and joined the Navy as an ensign, Lieutenant J.G. He served in the Philippines and at the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.

Following the war, Bill earned a J.D. from Michigan Law School, where he served as editor of the Law Review and graduated first in his class.

He was hired for a clerkship with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, but on his first day of work, Justice Murphy died.

Bill was then recruited to work as a lawyer on the staff of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, administering the Marshall Plan and drafting the treaty between the U.S. and its allies and the Federal Republic of Germany, then under its Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Returning to the States, Bill joined the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore in New York City. In 1961 he was offered a partnership, and was the first in the history of Cravath to re-

For many years he taught courses at Columbia Law School on the law and visual arts.

After his retirement, he took up art full-time and produced numerous works in an endless variety of media, including paintings, etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and sculpture.

For several decades he ran the Indian Mountain Press out of his summer home in Lakeville.

Several of his artworks are housed in the collections of major museums and libraries, including the Beinecke Library at Yale, the Victoria & Albert Museum and the British Museum.

He and his wife, Naomi (née Goldstein), were married for 64 years, and shared a lifelong devotion to each other, their family and their passion for art and creativity.

He will be remembered for his warmth, wisdom and lively sense of humor, which left a deep impression on everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi; his children, Sarah, Eve, and Jacob Feldman; his son-in-law, David Scharfstein; his daughter-in-law, Karin Stromswold; and his grandchildren, Rebecca, Ben and Eliza Scharfstein and Hannah and Sophie Feldman.

spond to the offer with, "I need to discuss it with my wife before I say yes." She agreed, and Bill stayed with Cravath until his retirement in 1987. During that time he served as the resident partner in Paris and in London.

Bill was married in 1961 to Katherine Logan ("Kay") of Savannah, Ga. They had two children: Will, married to Martha, with children William ("Teddy"), Pamela and Emily; and Marguerite ("Meta"), married to Michael Carr, with children Logan and Seamus.

Although Bill and Kay established their home in New York City, they bought an abandoned dairy farm on Cobble Road in 1965, where the family spent weekends, vacations and eventually lived full-time. The eden they created there was the great love of their lives; they poured heart and soul into making it a beautiful tapestry of gardens, fields, animals, forest and vibrant wetlands. They adored the community as well, and had many friends throughout the Northwest Corner. The Schrenks placed much of their Cobble Road property under conservation easement, but the farm itself, known as "Beavertides Farm," is now run by family members Dan Carr and Marleen Van Gulick.

Condolences may be sent to Meta and Will at 1718 15th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009. Donations may be made to the Connecticut chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

For more obituaries, see page A5



These digitized photos of the ski jumps from 1971 and 1985 are just a few of the images we will eventually have.



Faces old and new of SWSA's Jumpfest

By Cynthia Hochswender

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the ski jumping in Salisbury on Satre Hill hosted by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA).

Back in the early 20th century, there was more snow and there were more ski jumps in the area. But the one that has stayed and grown is the ski jump festival in Salisbury, which routinely attracts Olympic and Junior Olympic contenders.

This year's Jumpfest will bow to COVID-19 safety regulations, with special protocols including a limit of 400 spectators at any one time.

Information on this year's plans is below. But first a word about the photographs on this page, which have been made available thanks to the volunteer work of Kathy Phillips and Perry Gardner. Both have been doing a spectacular job of scanning the thousands of photo negatives shot for The Lakeville Journal between 1975 and 2005.

The photos on this page are only a fraction of the images that will eventually be digitized by Phillips and Gardner and perhaps, eventually, by a professional scanning company. When we are able to find the right organization to take on what could be as many as 55,000 negatives, we will announce a fundraising campaign to help us pay for the work.

In the meantime, enjoy these history photos, reminding us of what the old jump tower looked like before it was replaced several years ago by one that meets modern competition standards. Photos for the jumps usually come to us from a variety of photographers, many of whom were not typically employed by the newspa-

Grief support group weekly on Zoom

A free grief support group on Zoom is available on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and every Friday morning 9:30 to 11 a.m.

This group is a gift for the community from The Friends of Hospice Litchfield, Conn., and offers companionship in a challenging time.

To register, call Catherine Vlasto at 860-309-3250 or Eileen Epperson at 860-605-6576.

per. Some of these photos were published in the Lakeville Journal, some were not. But you can find the coverage of the jumps in these years if you go to The Lakeville Journal archive at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, at <http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>.

2021 Jumpfest

This year, Jumpfest will be from Feb. 12 to 14 with a roster of top-level ski jumpers expected to attend from Lake Placid, N.Y.

Attendance each day will be limited to the first 400 tickets sold. Additional people will be admitted as spectators leave.

Friday night will again feature target jumping under the lights. Because of the pandemic, the Human Dog Sled Race has been canceled. For this reason, for Friday night only, there will be no admission fee.

Saturday's Salisbury Invitational
Starting at 9 a.m. on Satur-

day, junior jumpers from both the Salisbury Winter Sports Association training program and Lake Placid will show what they have learned as they compete on the 20 and 30 meter hills. Medals will be awarded on the hill.

Starting with practice at 11 a.m., the Development Team, an elite group of jumpers from around the country that has been training in Lake Placid, will compete for trophies at the Salisbury Invitational on the 70 meter jump. Competition begins at 1 p.m.

The Snow Ball has been canceled for this year.

Sunday's Eastern championship

On Sunday the same talented jumpers compete at the Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships and vie for a spot on the Junior National team. Again, practice jumping runs from 11 a.m. to noon and competition begins at 1 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice Request for Proposals

The Town of Canaan (Falls Village) is requesting proposals to assist with an application for funding from the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH), Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and if said application is successful, to provide grant administration services. The Town seeks funds for needed infrastructure work.

The selected contractor will work with the Town to ensure compliance with CDBG program requirements. The work to be performed under this contract will be subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The full Request for Proposals is available at Town Hall at: PO Box 47, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031 and the Town's website www.canaanfallsvillage.org. Proposals must be submitted no later than February 25th, 2021 at 12 noon.

Proposals should be submitted to ATTN: CDBG RFP, Town of Canaan, PO Box 47, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031.

Questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to Community@canaanfallsvillage.org
01-28-21

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0120 by Matthew Asinari to construct a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 110 Sharon Road Lakeville, Map 47, Lot 09 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:45 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.salisburycct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday February 5, 2021,

Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
01-28-21
02-04-21

Legal Notice

The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2019 is due and payable January 1, 2021. The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2019 will become delinquent on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of one and a half percent per month from the time such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid.

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

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and there is a drop box at the front door of the town hall. Payment is also welcome through the mail at P.O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757. Credit cards are not accepted at the office but you may pay online by going to www.officialpayments.com.

Deborah Devaux, CCMC
Tax Collector
12-17-20
01-14-21
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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on January 19, 2021:

Special Permit Application #2020-0119 for a detached apartment on a single-family

residential lot. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 23 as Lot 51 and is known as 260 Taconic Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owner of the property is Selig Sacks.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
01-28-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JULIA MARY SCOTT Late of West Cornwall (20-00516)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 14, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are:
Alexander Scott and Catherine Resor
c/o Steven Daniel Smith, Lovejoy and Rimer, PC
65 East Ave, PO Box 390
Norwalk, CT 06852

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
01-28-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PATRICIA E. KELSEY Late of Sharon (20-00518)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 12, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
William S. Kelsey
c/o Mark Capecelatro
Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC
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ROLLOUT

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of whom lack computer skills, internet access or email addresses needed to register online — will be left behind, especially as additional vaccination roll-outs for younger, more tech-savvy residents take place in the coming weeks. Even seniors who routinely use computers find the process daunting, they said. Kent's social worker, Leah Pullaro, said town officials have been "getting hit" with calls from residents seeking registration help. On Tuesday morning after the Martin Luther King holiday, nine phone messages were waiting for her, Pullaro said, and she heard from another half dozen residents before noon. "There is more to it than giving them a phone number," said Pullaro.

"There are a lot of questions; it's just so new. Transportation issues are going to start cropping up. Some people have reached a point where it's unsafe for them to drive; what are we going to do about them? Or the homebound? There has got to be some really out-of-the-box thinking going on with that type of planning," Pullaro noted. "There are quite a few things we have to bridge to get it out fairly to everybody."

Email and phone help lines

Individuals with internet access, a computer and email can enroll online through the web-based Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS). A form to schedule an appointment can be found at www.ct.gov/covidvaccine/ access. Numerous health-care providers are also participating in the vaccination program and will contact some patients to set up appointments. Those without access to a computer can call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224.

To complicate matters, only one online registration can be made for each email address, and user names and passwords must also be created. Pullaro said last week she was in the process of sending out "a giant mailing here in Kent to all seniors who are registered voters," with detailed instructions.

MaryBeth Wabrek, North Canaan's social services agent, said she spent an entire morning on the phone last week with various town officials as well as representatives of the local pharmacy discussing problems with the vaccine rollout.

"Walgreens has been inundated with calls, and they are referring North Canaan residents to me," said Wabrek, who said she spent a good chunk of last week helping seniors schedule their shots.

Walgreens is offering vaccines at their North Canaan and Torrington locations; registration must be done online at www.walgreens.com/topic/covid19vac/CT.jsp.

"Although I can't register anyone, I can walk them through putting their info into the VAMS system," she explained. One caller who was not yet 75 years old couldn't understand why she kept getting kicked out of the system,

Wabrek said. "It's crazy, and I suspect it is going to get more so, especially with this population."

Some people want to wait and see

Social services agents in Cornwall, Falls Village and Salisbury recounted similar experiences.

"A mixed bag" is how Theresa Snyder Graney, social services director for Falls Village, described the array of concerns and questions among the town's senior citizens regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. She has offered to help residents create email accounts in order to register for the vaccine, but several have refused. Some seniors are reluctant to get the shot and prefer to wait "to see how it goes with others," and some want to talk it over with their children, or wait for a clinic closer to home, said Graney.

The Falls Village official said her primary vehicle for disseminating information is by calling people. She noted that a recent grant allowed for the purchase of several iPads once the pandemic struck, so that senior center members could stay in touch via texting and Facetime "but I was disappointed that many went unused."

People start to panic

Those who lack skills with computers have only one other way to set up a vaccine appointment: by phone. But the phone system, said Lisa McAuliffe, director of recreation and senior services in Salisbury, has been overloaded, and even though there is an option to leave a call-back number, "It's taking more than 24 hours to get a call back, and people start to panic."

Heather Dinneen, Cornwall's social services director, said seniors should not hesitate to contact her if they are having difficulty booking a vaccination appointment, getting a ride or have questions. "We don't know they need help if they don't ask."

Dinneen and other advocates said they are advising residents to be patient as the new vaccination roll out works through its kinks, and are encouraging family members and friends to help seniors with online registration whenever possible.

More difficult in rural areas

Although Connecticut ranks number five nationally in the percentage of population that have been vaccinated so far, state and local officials said COVID-19 has put a spotlight on the many challenges that older adults — including those homebound or with serious mobility or health issues — face when it comes to access to health care. Virtual medicine has been helpful during the pandemic, but it cannot deliver vaccines.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said she is aware of the vaccination disarray as it affects the state's most vulnerable residents. The online registration process, she said, "is punishingly confusing to people. It doesn't make sense, for instance, in distinguishing between validation and registration. It's a real problem."

Making sure that all res-

idents, including the homebound, are able to get to their appointments, she said, is another concern. "In the rural areas, it's always difficult, as it was with testing. This is no different."

Horn noted that all state and municipal leaders and seniors' advocates need to make sure that the most vulnerable residents are signed up "before the flood-gates open to the next tranche, of 65-plus residents" and appointments get snatched up. "We should be setting aside some appointments and availability for this group."

The state representative said she is seeking answers and a "more synchronized" approach to the problems.

"We need more mobile vaccinations," said Horn, referring to the need for hyper-local clinics similar to the system used to bring mobile COVID-19 testing to residents.

"We have gone through this battle with testing," she said.

Advance registration, no drop-ins

Currently, the closest vaccine clinics for Northwest Corner residents are Sharon Hospital, the two Walgreens stores, the Torrington Area Health District and at a vaccination site operated by the High Watch Recovery Center in downtown Kent in space donated by Kent Barns.

All require advance registration.

Numerous health-care providers are also participating in the vaccination program; a list is available online at www.ct.gov/covidvaccine/.

High Watch Recovery Center announced last week its plan to open the vaccination site at donated space in Kent Barns in the center of the village. To schedule appointments, individuals must register online at <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>. Those without online access can call 877-918-2224.

The clinic is operated by High Watch employees and volunteers, according to Jason Perillo, vice president for communications. "As we worked to get our own health-care providers registered for vaccinations, we realized there weren't a lot of options in the Northwest Corner," he said in a press release. "This gives folks who live and work in the area a more convenient option."

Sharon Hospital is urging those eligible for a vaccine not to contact the hospital or medical practices directly, but to visit the state website or call the Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nuance Health locations will be listed in the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) and are only available for those who schedule an appointment.

Vaccines for part-time residents

In the Northwest Corner, of course, many over-75 residents live part of the year in New York City and part in Connecticut. So far, even those who have been living here full-time but still have New York City identification, have been told by

Walgreens that they can't get the vaccine here, because it's reserved for Connecticut residents.

Meanwhile, some part-time residents have been able to get shots here while others, even though they seem to be full-time Connecticut residents, got their shots in New York City (which at press time had run out of vaccine).

One town official said it's unclear why some part-time residents are able to get their shots here while others aren't; he said it's possible that it's related to voter registration, but he hasn't been able to get an answer. Calls were made to state officials and health-care officials and no one seemed to know the answer.

Eventually, as with so many things in COVID-19, it's likely that there will be enough for everyone. But the waiting is difficult, frightening and extremely frustrating.

Kent's Leah Pullaro said patience and a positive attitude will eventually pay off.

"Technology surely will be a hindrance for some folks, but we will be able to get everybody a vaccination. 2021 is going to be all about the vaccine."

SETI

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or may not recognize as such.

Which brings up the question of how to build "a detector for something we don't know about."

Tarter took the audience on a worldwide tour of increasingly large and sophisticated telescopes and observatories.

Tarter said the work of SETI is "like holding up a mirror." "You're all the same to something alien."

"It has the effect of trivializing the differences we fight over," she continued.

"We're facing all kinds of challenges that don't respect national boundaries and have to be solved globally."

INAUGURATION

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PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Vehicles and barriers cut off most visitors from the Capitol building during the Jan. 20 inauguration.

manages a Cumberland Farms in Torrington.)

Stores were boarded up and the atmosphere was cold and gray and strange.

Eventually, I was able to find some pockets of people in free speech zones. Next to John Marshall Park, which was zoned for free speech, there was a bar with all of the doors and windows open, a television inside and a few hundred quiet, mask-wearing people gathered outside, to watch the president's speech.

Mostly the area was filled with journalists, guardsmen, neighbors and police but there were some people from Texas with crosses, and signs that said, "Jesus Saves," loitering about.

The small crowd watched in awe as Lady Gaga sang the national anthem and we stood quietly listening to the new president's speech. We all sang our mask-muffled last verse of "Amazing Grace" along with Garth Brooks. The sun came out and the television got hard to see and except for one woman who said that Trump is the true president (she said that he is Jesus' president) the crowd seemed to whoosh a collective sigh of relief as it sunk in: Biden is President.

After that, I wandered over to Black Lives Matter Plaza, which is a two-block stretch of 16th Street renamed by D.C.

Mayor Muriel Bowser after last summer's protests.

Though the plaza is directly across from the White House there were plenty of barricades between us and the actual White House.

Not much was happening there. Large speakers were blaring Tracy Chapman singing "Talkin' 'Bout a Revolution," a pretty blonde shimmied through the crowd on an expensive-looking electric skateboard, journalists seemed to be interviewing each other on their smartphones, lots of Black Lives Matter flags and posters decorated the plaza but it was a calm cheerful crowd of a few hundred people milling about. Through the barricades and the barbed wire and up in the sky on the White House roof I spotted marksmen mixed in with cameramen.

Maybe this was the smallest inauguration in history, but it was one to ponder and remember.

Photographer Anne Day, formerly editor of *The Lakeville Journal Co.'s Compass arts and entertainment*, has been an official photographer for four presidential inaugurations, including the two inaugurations of Barack Obama, in 2009 and 2013.

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CLIMATE

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ture. Where they do not thrive, they leave. The pine forests of the south would migrate westward.

"The fact that the changes are so dramatic is worthy of attention," he said.

The end of local maple syrup

Study of maple sap flow in liters per tap is instructive. Presently the flow per tap can be expected to range between 80 to 100 liters, but later in the century the maple syrup industry will have disappeared, having moved farther north to Canada.

"It's not that there won't be forests; it's that the nature of the forests will change," Schlesinger said.

Crops and the food supply will also change. Pests that are prevalent in the south now will

follow the crops northward, taking advantage of the warmer conditions.

For example, the southern corn earworm will become more prevalent in the northern states. The same would apply to most other crop pests, he predicted, negatively affecting farmers and, for the rest of us, bringing higher food prices.

Concerns for human health include tick-borne diseases, as ticks will over-winter successfully and thrive. Malaria also takes hold in warmer, wet climates.

Heightened levels of carbon dioxide interact with the ocean waters, making them more acidic, lowering the pH alkaline levels. With that change, sea life, including mussels, oysters and the like, become unable to build their shells, for which they need carbonate materials.

A North Carolina study, in which Schlesinger participated, indicated that trees grow faster, gaining girth, when carbon dioxide increases, but so do invasive vines observed to be marching northward.

Because vines are laden with leaves, they grow and spread faster these days. Poison ivy and invasive bittersweet were cited as examples by Schlesinger, familiar to most area residents.

One promising antidote to rising carbon dioxide, according to Schlesinger, is the promise of solar energy as a power source for homes. He spoke of the cost benefits to the homeowner over time.

Schlesinger is presently serving as a trustee for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in New York. His blog is at <http://blogs.nicholas.duke.edu/citizenscientist>.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN BUSINESS

1891 - 2021 AND BEYOND

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Milestones in Business

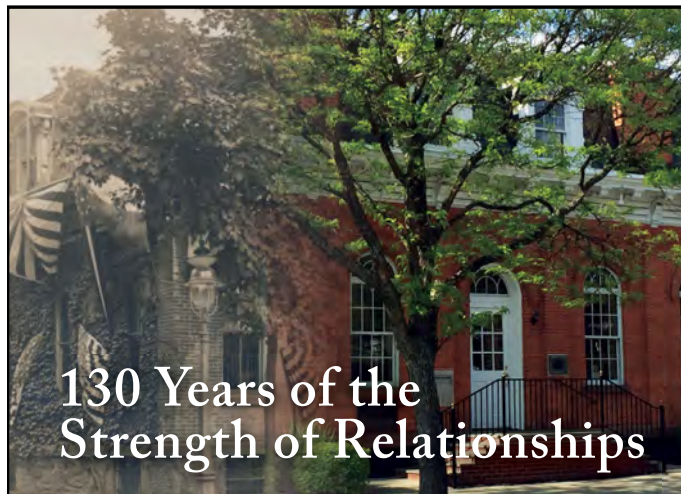
January is traditionally the month during which business owners reflect on the year that is past, and the year that is to come, trying to get a good handle on the economic future. This year, extraordinary in so many ways, has been one of unique challenges for all businesses, but especially small businesses, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. Yet, small businesses are an extremely important part of what makes the economy in the Tri-state region work. So, we are focusing this month, as we have for years at this time, on the businesses in our area

that would like our readers to know when they were founded, or some other milestone they feel is significant.

They are mainly what the U.S. Small Business Administration defines as "small" – but together they have real and very meaningful influence on the region's fiscal health. We salute all those who have maintained their businesses and organizations through the pandemic, and only hope for their continued success beyond.

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History

The exciting work of digitizing our photo archives

By Cynthia Hochswender

A few weeks ago, The Lakeville Journal put out a call to our readership asking for help in saving our archive of photo negatives from newspaper coverage in the Tri-state area between 1975 and 2005.

The negatives had been stored in our office on Bissell Street but when we moved to our new headquarters on Route 7 in Falls Village, we had to find a new home for the file cabinets holding those old images.

For several years now, Lou Timolat and the Falls Village Saw Mill have hosted the archive, but because it's an unheated space (no air conditioning either) with lots of sawdust, it's not an ideal location. And the saw mill, which has been doing robust business, needed the space back.

So we put out a call to our readers, hoping someone would take over stewardship of the collection. We had never dreamed that someone would step up and help us to digitize those negatives, an enormous job. Once the negatives have been electronically scanned the original negatives (which not only take up space, they also deteriorate over time), there is no longer a need to store them.

Kathy Phillips in Sharon, our white knight, not only volunteered to start scanning the images, she's actually followed through and has been swiftly moving through the dozen or so files that we first delivered to her home.

Perry Gardner has also been scanning our old photos, for two local historical societies.

The progress they have made, and the excitement we have felt as we look at the images they have rescued, inspired

us to look into the cost of having a professional firm take on the enormous job of digitizing the approximately 60,000 negative strips in the collection.

We are waiting for cost estimates and hope to start a GoFundMe or Kickstarter campaign to raise the money to do the work.

In the meantime, they continue to scan negatives — and unearth treasures in the process.

One omen that we are doing a very special job: On Jan. 19 of this year, Phillips sent us images she had scanned of a thoughtful-looking man with a handsome beard. On the same roll of film were images of paintings and sketches, and an art studio. We looked at the signature on the sketches and realized that the images showed Arthur Getz, the famed New Yorker magazine cover artist and Sharon resident. We contacted his daughter, Sarah, and shared the newly scanned images — and she told us that Jan. 19, the day we got in touch with her, was the 25th anniversary of her father's death.

We will run those photos of Getz in a future issue.

We are now mainly working on film rolls from 1984 and 1985. From time to time, as space in the newspaper allows, we will continue to share images. In addition to the photos on this page, look for historic photos of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association ski jumps on Page A6.

There is a photo on this page of a famous fire that destroyed a downtown building in Great Barrington (historian Bernie Drew and Berkshire Edge Editor Terry Cowgill helped us identify what was happening in the photos).

And a photo of one of the fundraising suppers, from 1985, that are such an important part of life in the Northwest Corner.

There are many photos that we can't identify, and we ask

any of our readers who know for certain the people and places and events in these images to send an email to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com to share the information, which we will load into the notes on the im-

ages.

We hope soon to also make these images available online. You can also search our newspaper archives online at <http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>. We have not

digitized every single photo on the negative strips in our collection, there are just too many of them. But we have tried at minimum to include the photos used in each issue, as well as a few extras.



PHOTO BY BRIGITTE RUTHMAN

Fundraising dinner

This kind of fundraising supper (left, perhaps with a spaghetti main course) is held several times every year in our area towns, usually at an elementary school or firehouse.

This particular meal was at Sharon Center School, to raise funds for the Sharon Day Care Center, which had not yet opened. The gentleman in the patterned shirt and entertaining apron is described in the Feb. 14, 1985, issue as "Master spaghetti cook Fred Amerighi."

We aren't sure who the other volunteer chefs and kitchen workers are. If anyone recognizes some faces, send a note to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

There are additional photos from this fundraiser now in our digital files for anyone who wants to remember a happy spaghetti dinner.

The Farshaw fire

The Lakeville Journal occasionally covers stories outside of its six major towns, such as Norfolk and Great Barrington. This fire in January 1985 (right) was on Main Street in Great Barrington. Historian and Lakeville Journal editor emeritus Bernard Drew identified the images for us (the photos were taken by North Canaan historian Kathryn Boughton, also an emeritus editor of The Lakeville Journal). Drew said "the infamous Farshaw fire" was a multi-alarm blaze that destroyed retail buildings on Main Street.



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This is a masterclass in a book. In "A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: In Which Four Russian Writers Give a Master Class on Writing, Reading, and Life," George Saunders, fiction author extraordinaire and professor of creative writing at Syracuse, takes us through a close reading of seven short-story masterpieces, all by Russian writers. Those of us who remember diagramming sentences in grade school will be knocked over by Saunders' diagramming plots and narrative turns and syntax and word order, and damn if 420 pages later we don't emerge as better writers. It's a must-have, must-read book.

If you've ever taken a good online course, this is better. Saunders talks to you in direct address, like a lecturer; and it's as interactive, believe it or not, as a seminar. There are exercises, quizzes, brain teasers, diagrams, and charts. If more professors turned in books like this, education would be revolutionized. Get this book. It's going to snow soon. Get this book.

First of all, it's about big questions. As Saunders lists them, and discusses them: How are we supposed to be living? What were we put here to accomplish? What should we value? What is truth? How can we be at peace when some people have everything and others

In his newest book, George Saunders turns to nonfiction and makes the study of Russian literature and the short story form accessible and entertaining.

have nothing? "You know," he writes, "those cheerful Russian kinds of big questions."

The stories, provided in their entirety, annotated, dissected, are from 1836, 1852, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1905. Three by Anton Chekhov. Two by Leo Tolstoy. One each by Nikolai Gogol and Mikhail Lermontov. "Resistance literature," as Saunders calls it, written by progressives in a repressive culture. They are timeless, and, for us who are weathering insurrections, pandemics and revolution-worthy financial crises, fairly timely.

Get this book. Has anyone had the experience of going to an action movie — when we went to movies — and leaving the theater ready to take on giant monsters in the dark, on the way to the car? You close each chapter ready to roll here, too. OK, to maybe ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sing in a tavern, receive a deadening telegram or flirt with a chambermaid. And these stories are made timely by the way



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Saunders engages. He's funny. He enlists our experiences watching films and television. He yells at the characters in the stories ("Kukin, you pig!"). And for all his talents, he's modest, so he doesn't scare you. "A writer," he quotes Donald Barthelme, "is one who, embarking upon a task, does not know what to do."

How do stories — fiction, after all, pure invention — change us? Saunders talks about how they change him. "I am reminded," he says, "that my mind is not the only mind." "I feel an increased confidence in my ability to imagine the experiences of other people and accept these as valid." "I feel luckier to be here and more aware that someday I won't be." (Hmm. Is he ...

Russian?) "My capacity for language is reenergized." Useful effects, after the assaults we've suffered in 2020, and maybe those we have suffered longer. Helpful, too, as we rebuild, revisit empathy, atomized these days, unable to worship, even to congregate, even to meet as freely as we want in society.

The greatest story in this book is — I won't tell you. But it's about a snowstorm. It's a story that achieves, as Saunders puts it, "cinematic propulsion." Together the forces of these stories remind you how forceful storytelling is. Saunders takes us to that place with a lamp or a candle, the desk, maybe, where, as another Russian master, Isaac Babel, put it, "no iron spike can pierce a human heart as icily as ... a period in the right place." So, go.

Check it out.

Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT Open Learning and runs Read Russia, a nonprofit that promotes Russian literature in translation. His new book, "The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge," publishes in February.

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Knitting, And Pearls of Literary Wisdom

Here's a perfect indoor winter challenge to set for yourself: See who can come up with the most examples of famous books in which characters knit.

Rule one: Yes, we know that all writers are "knitting a story together" so no, you can't claim every tale every written and thus win the prize.

Rule two: Spoiler alert here, but there are two examples of literary knitters that are so famous, you'll need to decide if you want to eliminate them. One of course is the murderous Mme. Defarge in Dickens "A Tale of Two Cities" and the other is that most famous resident of St. Mary Mead, Agatha Christie's Miss Marple.

The literary knitting challenge is my own invention, but it isn't original; it was inspired by a competition announced this week by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn. Knitters are invited to share images of literature-inspired knitwear for a competition that will end on March 31.

"Maybe you made a Harry Potter Scarf, a Jane Austen shawl, a Daisy Buchanan hat, a pair of Anna Karenina gloves, a knitted

Edward Tulane or Velveteen Rabbit, or designed something original based on a favorite book, poem, or character," the library invites. "It could be something you wear or something purely decorative. Let your literary imagination run free."

Although since we've already brought up Mme. Defarge I'll say it might be best not to knit the names of your enemies into a scarf.

If you decide to participate, post a photo of your handmade knit on Facebook and/or Instagram, and use the hashtag #librarylitknits.

"Please include your name, what inspired your creation, and the name of your local library," the library requests.

Anyone who still isn't sure how to use a hashtag and anyone who doesn't have social media accounts can email programs@hotchkisslibrary.org for support.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry submitted by an adult and by a child (14 and under). The submission deadline is Wednesday, March 31.

— Cynthia Hochswender

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT'S BLACK CHURCHES

Preservation Connecticut will host a Zoom talk about preserving Black churches in Connecticut, on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at noon.

The talk is presented by Jathan Martin, curator of the exhibit "I'm Buildin' Me a Home" that was featured at Yale's Divinity School from September to December 2020.

The exhibition uses photos, text, artifacts and a variety of seminal books to tell the story of church traditions that have been an essential source of community, resilience and dignity for African Americans.

Martin is a 2017 graduate of Florida A&M University hailing from the seaport town of Apalachicola, Fla. While at FAMU, Martin garnered a passion

for educating Black and Brown youth. Upon graduation, he became a fifth- and sixth-grade reading teacher at Brownsville Collegiate, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Martin believes education and spirituality are the most effective spaces for social change. The combination of these deeply held beliefs was the catalyst for his matriculation to the Master of Divinity program at Yale University. Martin's studies lie at the intersection of African American Religious History and Public Humanities with interests covering the Great Migration, social movements in Black interfaith communities and Black Pentecostalism.

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It's been a year since the quarantine began and perhaps your children are distance learning at home and it's winter and the windows are closed and there are no fresh fragrant flowers from the garden, no pine-scented holiday decorations.

Perhaps your home is beginning to smell a little too much like teen spirit for your tastes. Perhaps it's time to bring some new fragrances into your home.

Scent is tricky, though. It's hard to find products that smell as nice as they look. And you don't want a scent that overwhelms you and gives you a headache, cautions Carolyn Piccirelli, owner of Honeychurch Home. She understands.

The design shop is in downtown Salisbury, Conn., in a space on Academy Street just off Main that was for many years a variety of small café and bistro restaurants.

"People still come in and tell me about their favorite meals here when it was a restaurant," Piccirelli says. "They show me where they used to sit."

The tables and counter and kitchen are gone now, and it requires a little effort to recall that this was once an eatery. The scent of Honeychurch Home, of course, is also very different from the scent of the Country Bistro restaurant. The air no longer smells of



Honeychurch Home, named for Lucy Honeychurch from E.M. Forster's "A Room With a View," has settled comfortably into a space in Salisbury, Conn., that was for many, many years a café or bistro.

bacon and coffee; the Honeychurch ambience leans more toward the floral.

That's in part because Piccirelli is also a floral designer and not only designs voluptuous arrangements for the shop, she also does custom "bouquets" for clients, most of whom, she said, come in every week.

But it's really the scented products that capture your attention as you walk in. This store smells the way you'd like your home to smell. Subtle. Delicate. Not like gym clothes.

Honeychurch is a home

design store, but has more than just things to put on tables.

"I try to carry products for all five senses," Piccirelli says. The eyes are important. Touch is important. The nose is very important.

The scented products at Honeychurch Home are in a perfect Three Bears quantity: There are just enough so you have a wide array of choices, in a reasonable range of price points; but there aren't so many to choose from that you throw up your hands in despair.



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

In the dead of winter, houses can become musty and stale — especially when parents and children are all at home doing distance learning and remote work. Give your nose a gift of scented products from Honeychurch Home, such as these affordable Japanese incense sticks.

Piccirelli is happy to help sort things out for you, but she feels confident that most people can figure out which scents will work best for them.

It's not like art, where you can't trust your instincts. If you like the way it smells in the shop, you'll probably like the way it smells at home.

And, she promises, unlike a department-style store, the products here have already been curated. She only sells things she likes.

She will also patiently explain how diffusers (which became ubiquitous about five years ago) actually work. There are

reeds and there is oil, and Piccirelli will have to explain the rest to you, but she has them in prices that range from mid \$40 to high \$70. Some are from France; the most popular ones are from California; one comes in an attractive blue-patterned ceramic diffuser that you can use as a bud vase when the scented oil gives out.

She has lots of candles, and warns/promises that

candles can scent a room even when they're not lit.

If you don't mind burning a scented product, she also has small incense sticks from Japan that smell wonderful, not like the acrid incenses used in religious ceremonies. Made by a company in Japan called Hibi, they burn for about 10 minutes and have straightforward tags such as lavender, lemongrass and geranium (as opposed to some of the diffusers and candles, which are more conceptual and have names such as "Cashmere" and "The Roofs of Paris").

The Hibi incense sticks are \$12 for a box of eight or \$36 for a box of 30. They are so popular that they are right at the entrance to the store.

But don't stop there; take a look around. Breathe deep. Relax. Enjoy.

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Sonnet 65
William Shakespeare

*Since brass, nor stone,
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*But sad mortality o'er-
sways their power,*

*How with this rage shall
beauty hold a plea,*

*Whose action is no
stronger than a flower?*

*O! how shall summer's
honey breath hold out,*

*Against the wrackful
siege of battering days,*

*When rocks impregna-
ble are not so stout,*

*Nor gates of steel so
strong but Time decays?*

*O fearful meditation!
where, alack,*

*Shall Time's best jewel
from Time's chest lie hid?*

*Or what strong hand
can hold his swift foot
back?*

*Or who his spoil of
beauty can forbid?*

*O! none, unless this
miracle have might,*

*That in black ink my
love may still shine bright.*

Whether the sonnet to the left seems impenetrable and confusing or crystal clear and soothing, Parker Reed's online class explaining the sonnets of William Shakespeare could be just the class for you.

Shakespeare is recognized as one of the world's most celebrated playwrights, but he also wrote 154 sonnets — one stanza poems of 14 lines — exploring love, infidelity, lust, mortality, desire, beauty and other themes that reflect the human condition.

Hotchkiss School Shakespeare instructor Parker Reed will lead an exploration of the sonnets and reveal some of the techniques he used to develop his facility with language. The three free classes will be held on Tuesdays Feb. 2, 9 and 16 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Sonnets likely to be

covered include, "Why didst thou promise such a beauteous day ..." (Sonnet 34), "Since brass, nor stone, nor earth, nor boundless sea ..." (Sonnet 65) and "The little Love-god, lying once asleep ..." (Sonnet 154).

The COVID-19 quarantine has encouraged many readers to return to the Shakespeare plays and read them again, finding new lessons in them at a later stage of life. The plays can be daunting enough on their own, but the sonnets add in the challenges inherent in reading poetry. What is, after all, a sonnet or a stanza or iambic pentameter?

Reed said he'll adapt the class to suit the level of knowledge of the participants. If everyone knows what a quatrain is, the class will proceed to other matters.

"I'd like to shape the

experience to meet interest," Reed said. "Because we'll meet three times, perhaps I'll offer a brief historical context for the sonnets, followed by an exploration of one or two. Then we can discuss or address questions or pursue whatever course feels fertile."

Even though the plays are written in verse, they are different from sonnets. Reed feels that the shorter-form poems help readers to understand and appreciate the plays.

"I think they provide an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's use of language."

Introduction is the key word. Reed wants to entice readers to approach the Bard with more joy and less trepidation.

"His reputation as a literary genius has intimidated some and bored others," Reed said, "but he wrote words to be said and savored. I've committed to giving Will back to the people. Anyone with any level of curiosity or appreciation for Shakespeare is welcome."

To register and get the Zoom link, go to www.noblehorizons.org.

A RARE ASTON MAGNA WINTER CONCERT

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center and Aston Magna Music Festival in Great Barrington, Mass., will present "Musical Offerings: Chamber Music of J.S. Bach," a free virtual concert on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m.

Recorded on the Mahaiwe stage, the performance will premiere on www.mahaive.org and the theater's YouTube channel.

The program will be performed by four musicians, Daniel Stepner, baroque violin; Laura Jeppesen, viola de gamba; Andrea LeBlanc, baroque flute; and Peter Sykes, harpsichord. The program features a so-

nata for violin and continuo, a duo sonata for flute and harpsichord, and excerpts from one of Bach's late contrapuntal masterpieces.

Now in its 49th year, the Aston Magna Music Festival is the longest-running annual summer festival in America devoted to music performed on period instruments. Aston Magna aims to interpret the music of the past as the composer imagined it. Founded in 1972 by Lee Elman and the late Albert Fuller, it has forged a unique place in American cultural life.

To learn more, go to www.astonmagna.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Despite concerns about COVID-19, some cultural venues are opening again and some events are being scheduled — but then some events are being canceled as infections rise again. It's a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering Don Connery

Anyone who read Donald Connery's obituary in last week's newspaper, whether they knew him or not, would have quickly understood what an extraordinary man he was. From the time he was born in New York City to the time he died in Kent, Don showed again and again how tremendously curious and engaged with life he was at every turn.

After a long career as a foreign correspondent for Time Inc., living and traveling in dozens of nations across the globe, he landed in 1968 in Kent. It was the coincidence of his daughter's being at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1973 with 18-year-old Peter Reilly, whose mother was murdered while he was out with friends, that brought Don to the cause of false confessions.

Reilly confessed to the murder under police interrogation and was sent to jail. Then, after advocates arose from all corners including the late editor, publisher and owner of The Lakeville Journal, Robert Estabrook, and Don, Reilly was exonerated. Connery went on to write the book, "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," about the case, and to become an activist in overturning false confession and wrongful conviction cases across the country.

Don's example as a passionate advocate for justice and a consummate journalist was inspirational to many in the field, including here at The Lakeville Journal. He was always supportive of this publication, and generous with his time and knowledge when we invited him in to meet with interns and other colleagues over the years.

Here are some memories of Connery from Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender:

"We just adored Don Connery here at The Lakeville Journal. He was always a friend and mentor to us, and not only to our reporters but also to our summer interns.

"A few years ago we had a particularly interesting trio of friends interning with us; one had a dream of working in government intelligence (which he has been successfully pursuing). So I packed the three of them into my car and we drove down to Don's house, where he and his wife, Leslie, were outstandingly hospitable and told the three college students wonderful and enthralling tales of life in Russia.

"We spent a great deal of time with Don on the Peter Reilly case, of course, which he so passionately pursued. I even had the good fortune to spend a day in Hartford with him and Bob Estabrook, a close friend of his.

"But one of my favorite outings with Don was when several parcels of land were conserved around his house. Standing out there in the field, he told me the most hilarious story about how he'd helped one of the land conservation workers write up the press release: "And she said to me, 'Wow, you're really good at this, did you ever think about writing professionally?'" The expression on his face as he told that story was so priceless."

Don Connery's brand of journalism was one that set a high standard for all who take up the profession. Here's hoping his legacy continues to inspire young people to see the benefits of life as a journalist and writer.

Meeting her Trooper

In late December 2020, I spied our Salisbury Resident State Trooper sitting in his car. I asked him if we could meet and talk about what he does. His name is Kenneth Pelletier, and he has been in his new role since November 2020. Trooper Chris Sorrell had retired after nine years serving our community.

Kenneth ushered me through the back door of Salisbury Town Hall, down the hall and up the stairs to his office. We talked about 40 minutes about the life and times of a policeman, which he used to be in Waterbury, and the work

of a state trooper.

We talked about police interactions with people of color. He showed me, when I asked, all of the equipment he wears; I don't know how he walks so easily.

It was a wonderful conversation that enriched my experience of being a resident in this village. Troop B is headquartered in North Canaan and protects 13 towns in our area.

Thank you, Kenneth, for being approachable and willing to engage with me about my concerns.

Eileen Epperson

Salisbury

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. for that week's publication. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. More letters on Pages B6 and B7.

New answers needed on affordable housing

Much of Connecticut, certainly our Northwest Corner, is rural, comprising small towns charming for their quirky and historic characteristics. The state has now developed a planning tool, the Affordable Housing Plan and Process Guidebook (AHPP), designed to integrate affordable housing into its small towns in a manner that is both fair to those needing affordable housing and designed to preserve essential small-town character. The cost for use of this new planning tool is paid for by a State grant; there is no downside to taking advantage of this new oppor-

tunity.

When the Lime Rock Station "River Road" IHZ was proposed 10 years ago, we were told that the construction was to be funded by state grants. As First Selectman Todd says often, that would cost Falls Village nothing. But those grants are no longer available. So, the economic viability of the project will need to be determined before soliciting the needed remaining funds, debt funding. It is standard financial practice to require this information. Justifying this project will be a challenge. Affordable housing means that income from rents



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Main Street Kent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Responding to land-use letters

I share Messieurs Keenan and Abbott's disappointment with my Lakeville Journal interview — it was heavily edited, qualifying statements were struck, making me sound definitive and accusatory. The LJ attempted to correct these deficiencies; it was too little too late sparking a vitriolic letter to the editor.

In response, it is an elected official's decision, in consultation with colleagues and legal counsel, when to recuse. Weaponizing refusal to intimidate and bully local officials is unacceptable. Is conflict requesting that land-use plans be supported by various and diverse scientific opinions? Is the only science that matters the studies commissioned by Mr. Keenan? Is calling for transparency, respect and inclusion a bias?

The Twin Lakes Management plan is undated, sampling ended in 2015, and recommendations for 2017 were prospective. This report has six citations concerning the Taconic Road dam's clogged outflow. This report was never mentioned until I brought it up and was difficult to find — having disappeared from various web sites.

The problem plaguing this "big idea" is these Zoom meetings are conducted by an individual with a distinct point of view (= bias). They are well-orchestrated PR events. Mr. Keenan is angered that over 70 people have signed a petition requesting an open public dialogue on this matter, as is customary in Salisbury. He penned offensive letters to town officials and to certain petitioners demanding public apologies, referring to them as pitchfork-wielding blue bloods and complaining to their employers.

Mr. Keenan has a group of friends and neigh-

bors supporting him. He seems oblivious that there exists an entire town of Salisbury caring about all our lakes and natural resources, not to mention affordable housing, traffic, open space, historic preservation, food pantries and a whole host of community issues. He should not be surprised when it comes to light that a major land use plan has been ongoing for more than two years, with the knowledge of but a select few, the public response would be swift and forceful, advocating for the interests of the entire town. That's called free speech, a strong New England tradition, protected by the First Amendment.

Twice in his letters Mr. Keenan has accused those differing with him as Trumpian. Mr. Keenan is not an elector in Salisbury, voting elsewhere, so his party affiliation remains unknown. He should look into the mirror as regards bullying, disregarding regulations, ridiculing and belittling those who disagree or even question him.

Editorial license creates problems — "may" was removed — as in "MAY find the view." Mr. Keenan was clear (check the tape) at the Zoom meeting that boats were zooming by his property. The closing statement of his letter says it all: "those who live on and/or use Twin Lake deserve an honest and constructive dialogue." That dialogue needs to be far more inclusive than a select group of individuals living around West Twin. It's not your lake, it's owned in public trust by Connecticut for its ecological values, and the prudent use and enjoyment of all its citizens.

Michael W. Klemens, PhD

Lakeville

Defending Mary Alice White's legacy

Editor's note: This letter (a slightly longer version) was sent by the signatories to Sarah Pellegrino, land protection and strategies manager at The Nature Conservancy in New Haven, on Jan. 22:

We are the children of Mary Alice White, whose conservation easement on a causeway and surrounding land on Taconic Road is the subject of some dispute in Salisbury, Conn., because the current owner wishes to remove 400 feet of the causeway. We are writing to you because we are concerned that continued silence of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) not only casts our mother's easement in doubt, but private easements everywhere.

You are quoted saying it's premature for TNC to take a position because you have not received a specific proposal. Yet the landowner told The Lakeville Journal that he had been in discussions with you for some time, which is troubling when the facts clearly do not support such an easement amendment.

In Dec., 1990, our mother signed the conservation easement protecting 17 acres including the causeway, but allowing a 2-acre building envelope, naming TNC as the grantee. About four years ago, the current owner purchased the property and recently claimed that reducing the

causeway "was my sole purpose for buying the property." In other words, the current owner purchased the property with the intention to defeat the easement.

This is not a difficult question for a grantee. There is no change of use. Eliminating half the causeway scoops land out of the easement and would undermine the very purposes for which the easement was put in place. The easement specifically states: "There shall be no... excavating, dredging... removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock minerals or other materials... or change in the topography of the land in any manner excepting the maintenance of the existing road along the abandoned railroad bed." No removal of any portion of the causeway was contemplated. In fact, it was explicitly prohibited. As grantee, TNC was not given the authority to balance whatever it judges to be broader environmental goals by eliminating lands protected under the easement.

TNC's silence opens the door to subsequent landowners everywhere who want to rid themselves of conservation easements. The situation in Salisbury is not a fact pattern for compromise. It is a fact pattern of a landowner with the means to undermine the very concept of a conservation easement on private land.

Our mother had one legacy:

a conservation easement. It was the accomplishment she most referred to before she died. It was not only a source of pride, but of hope, for the land she so dearly loved.

Is TNC going to abandon her legacy because a subsequent wealthy landowner has the means to put up a lengthy fight? That's how it looks to us. At a time when we hoped TNC would provide leadership protecting our mother's easement, we see strategic silence and prevarication. This is more than disappointing. It is disheartening for all conservation easements on private lands.

If you find the position of grantee under these circumstances too uncomfortable, we respectfully suggest that you consider transferring your grantee rights to an organization that will defend our mother's legacy and the causeway that is home to so many species.

Chris Kimball

Cambridge, Mass.

Kate Kimball

Olga, Wash.

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Alexei Navalny: a man of great Slavic courage

The Russian dissident leader has just landed in Moscow. If you are just catching up, he had been poisoned by Putin's Pootches (George W called him Pootie Poot, GW giving nicknames, a la Trump who called Michael Moore "Sloppy Mike", Moore jocularly saying that was the rare time DJT spoke the truth.) Navalny, whose courage matches Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who was in the Siberian Gulag for decades, before being released and winding up in Vermont, the countryside reminding him of his homeland, Navalny whose courage is something I could never match. How do people like him do it? Pootie Poot will murder him, sure as the sour cream will melt in your borscht. How does he do it? Have you ever wondered how some people will just not be stopped?

Navalny, who was saved in a German hospital, has recovered from the literally poisonous attempt to silence him and what does he do? He goes back to Moscow and says NYET to the Trump BFF snake-eyed Pootie. And arrested even as he is kissing his wife and leaving his plane seat.

Where does the courage come from? There are count-

less examples. Impossibly so.

The chess master, Gary Kasparov, the youngest Grandmaster at 22, an avid never-Pooter, with a bull's eye on his throat, has an organization to overthrow Vlad the Impaler. (That's an insult to Romanians, but I won't apologize to Ceausescu.) His English impeccable, Kasparov is relentless. As is Navalny. As were Solzhenitsyn and Vaclav Havel.

Havel, the President of Czechoslovakia, then the Prez of the Czech Republic, a playwright in an earlier life and later a denizen of NYC's rock he(a)ven CBGB's, defying the Communists, jailed, then exiled to the hinterlands where he worked rolling barrels of pivo (that's "beer" for you Slav-challenged, and you haven't had a "This Bud's for You" until you've had one in Central Europe) wrote a terrific play about it.

His masterpiece is "Memorandum", which posits not one but two entirely new languages to simplify how we communicate. At play's end, everyone

is so exhausted from trying to understand what in the world anyone is saying, they quit and go to lunch.

Yes, where does the courage come from? And did these Slavs ever go to lunch?

Na zdrowie. Bless you if you have it.

And please, even at your peril, have a little water, as vodka is known, eat some pierogis, to jest pisne, and continue.

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SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER



New auto safety report demands Biden strengthen federal programs now

Recently the New York Times rediscovered its previous auto safety news beat that blossomed in the 1960s after my book, *Unsafe at Any Speed* (1965) caused an uproar in Detroit. Reporter Christopher Jensen told New York Times readers

about a new report by a coalition of six automotive safety groups demanding that the new Biden Administration recharge the moribund, industry-dominated National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with strong leadership, adequate budget, and long-overdue, proven vehicle safety standards.

Since its creation by Congress in 1966, NHTSA has had some bright moments, which made motor vehicles more crash-worthy and operationally safer, with less pollution and more fuel efficiency. Since then, over four million lives have been saved and many more injuries prevented. Property damage was diminished and insurance premiums were lower than they would have been had the "Wild West" non-regulation, "style over safety" manias been allowed to continue. Laissez-faire runs amok.

In recent decades, however, under both Democratic and Republican Administrations, NHTSA was degraded into more of a sporadic, meek consultant to the auto giants, instead of a strong law enforcement agency. Its administrators wafted sleepily in their few years at the helm and then retired to lucrative positions in the industry they failed to regulate.

To the extent that NHTSA did anything significant, it was due to a small band of gritty citizen safety advocates such as Joan Claybrook, the prime author of this report, Clarence Ditlow of the Center for Auto Safety, and the insurance-industry-funded Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety led until recently by Jackie Gillan and now Cathy Chase. These advocates used the tools of litigation and lobbying to protect all of us, receiving little recognition for their unsung and life-saving endeavors.

Alas, for the most part, at NHTSA, the routine was official inaction, not considered "news" by the mass media. Standards not issued nor strengthened, recalls not or-

dered, penalties not applied, data not compiled by make and model, safety research vehicles not funded and chronic secrecy by the auto companies and gov-

ernment not qualifying as "newsworthy." A few high-profile auto defect scandals, often exposed when manufacturers

were sued by tort lawyers, were widely reported, but the news coverage rarely included NHTSA's inaction and institutional abandonment by Congress and the White House.

The revival of the federal government's motor vehicle safety/pollution/fuel efficiency missions must start with congressional hearings for updated, stronger laws, including criminal penalties for refusal by auto companies to recall defective or noncompliant vehicles, legislatively mandated safety advances, and more capacity and funding for NHTSA's tiny budget, now far less than what is spent on military bands!

The media, for its part, should not be distracted by the hype around a premature autonomous vehicle and super smart highways. Every day, people are dying in the old-fashioned ways that could be prevented by long-ready, better-handling and crash-protective vehicles.

Imagine the benefits of safer vehicles with far more environmentally benign engines and adequate funding for cost-effective public investment in new forms of public transit and upgrading existing mass transit. Getting around on the ground should include many diverse forms of arriving at one's destination in a timely, safe and environmentally preferable manner.

The Claybrook report titled, "Safer Vehicles and Highways: 4.2 million U.S. Lives Spared Since 1966," is very specific about what needs to be done. New technical talent is needed

at NHTSA in this era of electric cars, autonomous safety assists and the computerization of motor vehicles vulnerable to hacking.

A tougher position on recalls is essential. "Automakers continue efforts to minimize expensive recall costs by delaying the recall, narrowing the scope of a recall, or denying the defect," declares the report.

Moreover, many of the safety features and performance levels in your vehicle have not been updated for years in practical, cost-effective ways long urged by the more innovative automotive suppliers. These include child-safety safeguards.

It is time for the Biden people, under new Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, to catch up and end the soporific record of their predecessors, including that of those from the Obama/Biden administration.

The French have a saying that "the more things change the more they remain the same." That applies to the auto company executive-suite culture. In their comfortable atriums, they arrange for deniability while they press for immunity from criminal and tort laws. They still preside over obscure financing and advertising deceptions. They still dangle before buyers of their less expensive vehicles, overpriced options for long-amortized safety improvements that are standard equipment on higher-priced vehicles so as to pressure them to upgrade.

Biden promises a New Day from Trumpism. Let's see if he and his team can provide America with a New Day of Public Safety from callous corporatism on the nation's roadways.

Consumer advocate 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

Our Home, Our Future

Voices from the Salisbury Community about the housing needed for a healthy, economically vibrant future

Now is the time for progress

We all love the beauty of our town and hope to preserve its cultural and natural character. For many years the average age of our full-time residents has been increasing as young people leave for better jobs and more affordable housing elsewhere. For decades household size has been shrinking across the country increasing the demand for housing geared towards single adults and smaller families. We need to adapt to these changes if our town is to have a successful, thriving future.

Recognizing this need, AKRF, Inc., a planning, environmental, and engineering consulting firm, was retained by the Town of Salisbury to draft the zoning text and map changes in downtown Lakeville and Salisbury which were adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) in 2019. Ashley Ley, AICP, a Senior Technical Director at AKRF who worked on the Town's zoning, says that "In adopting the new zoning, the P&Z took a hard look at density, community character, and design guidelines. The

resulting regulations balance the community's need for additional apartments with the desire to preserve the historic character of the Villages of Lakeville and Salisbury. Increasing residential density within walkable downtown areas is important to the vibrancy and long-term viability of a community, and is widely recognized by planning organizations as good practice. New residences within walking distance to village centers can bring new customers and potential employees to local businesses, and minimizes sprawl".

Housing opportunity — a variety of housing choices for people with a variety of incomes and backgrounds — is a fundamental part of a thriving economy and a healthy community. With this in mind, the Holley Block and Pope properties were seen as ideal locations for the densest multifamily housing in the effort to meet our desper-

ately needed housing goals. The number of apartments in the revised Holley Place proposal (12) from the non-profit Salisbury Housing Committee is considerably smaller than the number allowed by our zoning regulations (18) and deserves our full support.

Mary Close Oppenheimer is a local artist who has been part of the Lakeville/Salisbury community for 30 years.

SERIES ON HOUSING MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prescient as ever: a 2019 letter from Tony Piel

I was going through the very many articles my late husband, Tony Piel, sent out for publication and found this one, a letter he sent to the Treasure Coast Palm newspaper and which published in June of 2019. It is amazingly on point for today.

"The War on Democracy in America: When President Woodrow Wilson famously said we must 'Make the world safe for democracy,' most Americans assumed that he meant the threat to democracy would come from outside the USA, from foreign sources, not from within our own country. Not so.

Today the danger comes from a home-grown, well-funded, network of plutocratic donors (such as the Kochs, Mercers, Bradleys and Wynns) using dark money and think tanks to sway elections and attempt to change how people think about our constitutional democracy.

These extremists maintain that the role of government is to defend the 'freedom' to accumulate (largely untaxed) wealth, and not 'coddle' the less wealthy who 'fail to work, take risks, or invest.'

Hence, their opposition to taxation, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Food Stamps.

The cabalists ignore the very Preamble purpose of the US Constitution: 'To promote the General Welfare.' The formerly admirable Republican Party has been thoroughly invaded and taken over by unstable 'Trumpism,' at the expense of our environment, foreign policy and human rights.

Our only hope now resides in the 'Blue Wave' voting booth in November 2018 and 2020. It's the only way to save democracy and 'Make America Great Again.' Let's make it happen."

Tony Piel, Stuart, Fla.

It seems to anticipate what has now happened.

Sharon

Liz Piel

More letters on pages B5 and B7.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Isn't democracy now threatened in these ways?

I believe most of us have been stunned by recent events in our country. Between Trump haters advocating impeachment for the second time and a new president anxious to drive up our debt load, what does the future hold? Let's examine the track record so far.

At a time of high unemployment, businesses hanging on by a thread, not to mention COVID issues, where is the focus? Is this really the time to bog Congress down with an impeachment trial? I can only speak for myself in this matter, although I suspect many others may feel the same. The man has willingly left office, what is to be accomplished?

Then again a lot of things don't make sense today. Why is there a need for a 5,000-page stimulus bill? Obviously to cover the hidden agenda, half of which is fat to satisfy special interests. Driving our nation further in debt does little to help, perhaps leading to hyperinflation. When will it dawn on people, our government continues to make more of us dependent on them? This, of course, leads to greater control.

My, how our elected officials love to pat themselves on their back. Governor Cuomo — nice job with your efforts at distribution of the vaccine. I could fly to Florida and get a shot with far

less difficulty. I have a friend who did just that. Others I know (Connecticut residents) have scheduled vaccine visits at the Sharon Hospital. Not available to us folks in New York, where it's extremely difficult to make any headway establishing a place in line. What line?

The National Guard remains in D.C., possibly into March. Riots continue in Portland unabated, so much for unity. On his first day in office, our new president put thousands out of work by shutting down wall construction and the Keystone Pipeline. Thanks to our less than stellar media, millions have been frightened into not taking the vaccine. We have corporations dictating items or people we should or shouldn't support based on their liberal political agenda. For example, Kohl's is no longer going to carry MyPillow?

I have tried though this media to encourage others to educate themselves regarding their all-important right to vote. Even that has become controversial and contested. Is there any wonder why I feel our democracy is threatened?

John Walters

Millerton, N.Y.

More letters on pages B5 and B6.

Dark days are over

Waking up after a bad dream
a glimmer of light or just a gleam
A new horizon now awaits
Improving all of our fates
The day is new
Improving our view
The future bright
With a great light
Now we look to tomorrow
And all our hopes can grow
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Michael Kahler

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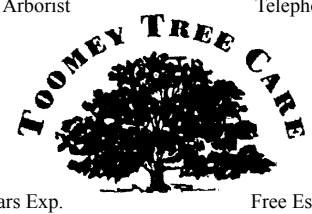
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