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

Mount Riga New Yoakum Preserve has 250 acres

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association Land Trust acquired roughly 250 acres of undeveloped forest from Alice Yoakum of Lakeville earlier this month, for \$1 million.

John Landon of the trust said Monday, Nov. 23, that the land is on the southwestern slope of Mount Riga.

Tim Abbott of the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) said in a phone interview Tuesday, Nov. 24, that the acreage is “roughly” 250 acres because different surveys have produced slightly different results.

In any event, the land’s boundaries are the Lakeville reservoir to the west, Mount Riga to the north and private land to the south.

Abbott said the land is ecologically significant. It contains two cold water brooks with dependent species; ledgy outcrop; and it adds to an already significant chunk of mostly undeveloped forest stretching from New York state up into Massachusetts.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said the acquisition establishes “a gateway to the Berkshires.”

Landon said a 4.5 mile trail has been mostly established there already. The trail forms a loop, so hikers will be able to return to their cars on Reservoir Road. The trail is not quite ready for hikers yet; signs and blazes have not been

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Parade of Lights participants lined up behind Stop & Shop in North Canaan on Sunday evening, Nov. 29, and prepared to make their way through town.

COVID-19

Where we’ve come from, and where we stand now

By Debra A. Aleksinas

The Northwest Corner, though less impacted by the pandemic than some of the state’s more urban areas, has weathered its share of ups and downs this year. Lives and jobs were lost. Lockdowns and closures hurt businesses, towns and schools. Events were canceled, illness and isolation separated friends and families.

A vaccine, and a new year, are on the horizon. Still, the positive test rates continue to rise. About 1,000 residents spent Thanksgiving hospitalized statewide suffering from the novel coronavirus.

Although the controversial COVID-19 recovery center that was set up in the spring at Sharon Health Care Center will not be reopening despite this latest wave of the virus, the state has ordered four other facilities, including ones in Torrington, to begin accepting COVID-19 patients.

There are some bright spots: A major manufacturer in the Northwest Corner has emerged as a key contributor to the war on COVID-19.

“We are grateful that this week we have met the guidelines to be cleared of our COVID-19 outbreak at the Lodge, according to the State of Connecticut epidemiologist.”

— Geer Village Administration

Becton Dickinson and Company (BD), a global provider of medical devices with a manufacturing plant in North Canaan, was granted approval in April for a new rapid test that enabled U.S. hospitals to screen for the virus — and get results in under three hours.

In August, BD announced its contribution to the U.S. government’s COVID-19 vaccination campaign, known as Operation Warp Speed, by making available hundreds of millions of syringes to be used to distribute a vaccine to Americans as soon as it becomes available.

Tumultuous 2020 not over yet

On March 22, the first reported coronavirus case in The Lakeville Journal coverage area involved a 57-year-old woman who was a long-term care resident of Sharon Health Care Cen-

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Schools remain cautiously open

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter said on Monday morning, Nov. 30, that families that traveled or had close contact with people outside their “pod” or core family group over Thanksgiving should check the state’s guidelines and, if necessary, fill out the state travel form.

These suggestions and more were issued in a letter to Region One families by email on Sunday, Nov. 29.

While schools opened as planned Nov. 30, Salisbury Central School opened with a 3-hour delay.

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Record crowd at Parade of Lights

By Hunter O. Lyle

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan held its annual Parade of Lights on Sunday, Nov. 29, and attracted a record number of spectators from around the area.

The parade was one of the only traditional holiday season events to be scheduled in the Tri-state area this year due to concerns about COVID-19, which has spiked locally and around the world in recent weeks.

As nearly 150 cars filled the St. Joseph’s Church parking lot, participants in the parade finished stringing their lights and fastening on their inflatable decorations at the Stop & Shop parking lot.

At 6 p.m., colorful bulbs shining, the 40-vehicle-line pulled out from behind the store and set off on its parade route. The convoy — which was the largest ever according

to Brian Allyn, chief of the Canaan Fire Company — crept through downtown North Canaan before turning onto Route 7 and circling back, finishing the evening by passing near Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and coming back to Route 7.

The vehicles ranged from vintage fire trucks to tractors to a few ATVs, and represented many towns from across Connecticut, with participants from as far away as Bethlehem, Conn. (This is the third consecutive year their volunteer fire department has participated).

“I think a lot of people are depressed [because of COVID-19 and quarantine],” Chief of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department Ken LeClerc said. “This gives them a chance to be happy and see other people and be out doing something. It’s kind of normal for a change.”



CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION. GIFT OF DAVID MADSEN, 2009.283.0.104 AND 2009.382.0.105
Woman Suffrage parade in Hartford, about 1913. These photos were taken by a member of the Hahn family while they were vacationing across the United States.

The muscular struggle for and against women’s right to vote

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Marking the 100th anniversary of women finally earning the right to vote, an attentive Zoom audience heard the dramatic details of the struggle, as told by Ilene Frank, who serves as the chief curator of the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS).

The well-illustrated program was presented on Saturday, Nov. 21, co-sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library and the Salisbury Association Historical Society.

Items from the collections of the CHS highlighted the lecture. They included letters, photos, pamphlets and newspaper coverage of events surrounding the march toward the right to vote.

It was not always ladylike,

Frank said of the highly political struggle.

The flame lit in Seneca Falls

Historians generally agree that the dawn of the movement occurred during an 1848 convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., with 200 people in attendance. With slow progress but reasonably steady momentum, it took until 1920 for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to be ratified. Women had at last won the right to vote in all matters, Frank noted.

The early voices were abolitionists, who were often barred from speaking publicly at meetings. They were spurred on by having observed the Native American culture, where women served in respected

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PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Serendipitous stag

Photographer Lans Christensen was out with a camera last week looking for hawks. What he found instead was a statuesque buck, with newly emerging antlers.



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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Rain, high 45°/low 30°
 Saturday..... Snow, 43°/28°
 Sunday..... Snow, 43°/28°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Side-swiped vehicle

On Nov. 19 at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Route 41 in Salisbury a 2002 Ford Ranger driven by Arthur Volinski, 78, of Sharon sideswiped a parked 2017 Volkswagen Passat owned by Jay Thornhill of Sharon. Minor damage was caused to the Volkswagen due to the Ford's unsecured load in the truck bed. Volinski was issued a written warning for operating a vehicle with an unsecured load.

Swerved to avoid deer

On Nov. 19 at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Millerton Road in Sharon a 2015 Subaru Forrester driven by Lesley Moran, 74, of

Copake, N.Y., swerved off the road and struck a tree. Moran stated she swerved to avoid a deer in the road. She was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries.

Warrant for breach of peace

On Nov. 23 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Marc Mones, 30, of Cornwall was arrested following a traffic stop on East Main Street in North Canaan and charged with breach of peace in the 2nd degree based on an active warrant. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Jan. 6, 2021.

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

Finding a local COVID-19 test

There was high demand for COVID-19 tests in advance of the Thanksgiving weekend and many area residents were unsure of where they could find a test.

The state has a website that allows you to type in your ZIP code and find a nearby testing site; go to www.portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus.

The state website is full of helpful information,

and notes that if you have COVID-19 symptoms, you do not have to pay for your test. At the website, look for "Find a Testing Site Near You" and click the link there that says "Learn More."

You can also find data on COVID-19 in area towns at the portal website.

CVS pharmacy in Millerton also offers tests, with an appointment (which eliminates waiting in long lines).

A holiday jigsaw puzzle for our readers

The Lakeville Journal published a holiday poster in 1958 created by Sharon resident and artist Marianna Van Rossen Hoogendyke. The poster has always been a prized piece of decor in the offices of our newspaper, and this year we decided to make it into a jigsaw puzzle.

To help us in our quest to raise funds for the continuing publication of our community newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, we are now selling the puzzle online at www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/marketplace/lakeville-journal-mvrh-500.html.

We added a color wash to the original image, which was black and white and red (like the old children's riddle: What's black and white and read all

over? A newspaper!).

The colors are intended to make the puzzle a little easier to complete.

We have three different puzzle options: 500 pieces and 1,000 pieces in cardboard; and 500 pieces in wood.

The prices vary for each of the three styles; The Lakeville Journal Company earns a small percentage of each sale.

If enough people order the puzzle, we will continue to create new puzzles periodically, including some that will feature advertisements from old issues, which are both charming and an interesting snapshot of what life was like in our towns in past eras.

If you have questions or ideas, send them to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Lakeville Journal Company has created a jigsaw puzzle featuring a 1958 holiday poster by Marianna Van Rossen Hoogendyke. It can be purchased as a fundraiser for our newspaper company.

Salisbury holiday contests

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance and Salisbury Recreation Commission are sponsoring a virtual gingerbread house and a light-up Salisbury holiday house decorating/yard display contest. Gift certificates to local restaurants will be awarded for the first through third place finishers in both events.

For details and further information, go to www.salisburyct.us, email recreationdirector@salisburyct.us or call 860-435-5186. The deadline

to register is Dec. 18; the competition is open to Salisbury residents.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2020-0114 by Schwartz/Leo to construct a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 472 Undermountain Road Salisbury, Map 22, Lot 20 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 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.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday December 11, 2020, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.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
 12-03-20
 12-10-20

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2020-0117 by O'Leary/Singh for a Certificate of Approval for Location of Automobile Dealer/Repairer, Salisbury Map 51, Lot 10 per Sections 913.3 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 after the regularly scheduled meeting or at 5:30 PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Monday December 14, 2020, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
 Stacie Weiner, Secretary
 12-03-20
 12-10-20

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Adopt A Tree program this year. Your generosity continues to make this event possible. This tradition will make the days seem a little brighter when we all need it most.

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We would also like to give a shout out to all of our amazing volunteers

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A special thank you to Berkshire Electric for their tireless work in lighting all of these trees!

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn 'Lyn' Hart

SHARON — Marilyn "Lyn" Hart of Sharon passed away from natural causes on Nov. 27, 2020, at the age of 90.

She is survived by her sister, Phyllis Molle; her children, Lisa, Steve and Jim Hart; her stepchildren, Betsy Tierney Buffkin and Bill Hart; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Lyn had a long and fulfilling career as a RN at Sharon Hospital, Indian Mountain School and Salisbury School. She also volunteered extensively for Habitat for Humanity, the Northwest Corner Mental Health Association, Sharon Hospital Auxiliary and Noble Horizons.

As well, Lyn was a long-time member of the Sharon Women's Club.

She was a well-known and liked contributing member of the northwest Connecticut community and with her ever-cheery disposition, was friend to all she met.

Lyn had a passion for singing and was a member of the Berkshire Choral Institute for many years. She was also an avid shell collector and displayed her finds throughout her home.

Lyn was an avid skier and tennis player, and caught many fish off of Martha's Vineyard, which became her second home.

It is there her ashes will be buried and scattered on the Vineyard waters next year, in a small family ceremony.

Jay Alexander Leone

LAKEVILLE — Jay Alexander Leone passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 15, 2020.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1940. He was predeceased by his parents in New York state; and his wife of 57 years, Shirley Braze Leone. He was predeceased by his son, Christopher Jay Leone.

Jay was an active member of the Lakeville Hose Company for most of his adult life. He retired from the company and was an honorary member.

He drove long-distance tractor trailers for more than 40 years and was awarded for driving 1 million miles.

He leaves behind three children, Lisa Stevens of North Canaan, Anthony Jay Leone of Salisbury and Michelle Leone of North Canaan; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held on Nov. 27 at Salisbury Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance or the Lakeville Hose Company.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Caroline Russell Vreeland

LAKEVILLE — Caroline Russell Vreeland, 31, of Lakeville, passed away suddenly on Nov. 19, 2020.

Caroline was born on June 28, 1989, daughter of Richard S. and Susan (Gomez) Vreeland of Lakeville. Caroline was a graduate of Salisbury Central School, Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield and Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va., where she studied communications. During her adult life, Caroline went on to take many different roles in a variety of fields. She interned for Pittsfield Community Television, where she was described by colleagues as a "true standout" who "sought frequent opportunities to continue volunteering beyond her initial assignment." Caroline worked at two different schools — Indian Mountain and Emma Willard — and she considered this work especially important to her because she knew that these were formative years for those students in which she was poised to make a substantial positive impact. Caroline also loved supporting people in their work, serving as an executive assistant at two firms: at Environmental Recovery Corporation, a sustainable recycling company in Pennsylvania, and later at Compliance Solution Strategies here in Salisbury.

people whose lives she touched during her time here has been overwhelming, and the family appreciates all those who have reached out in one way or another.

Caroline was a lifelong member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Susan; her brother, Matthew, and his wife, Larissa, along with their daughter, Addison; her sister and brother-in-law, Chandra and Sean Guerard of Litchfield; her maternal grandmother, Patricia P. Gomez of Lakeville; her paternal grandmother, Marjorie A. Vreeland of Salisbury; and her aunts and uncles, Sandra and Peter Oliver, Mark and Linda Gomez, Patti and Michael Majesky, Anne and Edgar "Bud" Upson, Steven and Robbin Gomez and Nancy and Jim Rutledge. Caroline is also survived by 13 first cousins with whom she was very close, along with all of their children.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date when all can gather.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Caroline's name to Miss Hall's School Scholarship Fund, 492 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201, or The Corner Food Pantry, P.O. Box 705, Lakeville, CT 06039.

LAKEVILLE — Melvin Edwin Brez passed away on Nov. 18, 2020, at the age of 84 from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was born Sept. 19, 1936.

He was the beloved husband of Eddy, the loving father of Alexandra Brez and Zachary Brez, the dear father-in-law of Matthew Wickware and Jen Kangas, and the adoring Pops of Evan and Scarlett Brez and William Wickware.

He was predeceased by his parents, Sidney and Anna Brez; and his brother, Norman Brez.

Mel was a graduate of Bryant High School and Queens College, and the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to Paris, to study film.

His award-winning films included "The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire." He received a Daytime Emmy and numerous Writers' Guild Awards for his work on soap operas.

Mel was a photography collector, a subscriber to the N.Y.

Philharmonic and a jazz buff. He had a head-thrown-back laugh that drew others to laugh with him.

Mel was a long-time resident of Lakeville and New York City, and he spent his time between the two places. Mel loved spending time with his family at the town Grove in the summers, and he loved eating at the old Tap Room dining room at The White Hart, before it was renovated.

It was especially nice for Mel to be able to spend time with his grandchildren both in the city and in the beautiful Lakeville setting, as each place provided nourishment in different ways. Mel's grandchildren and children fondly remember many Sundays spent in Lakeville at a sunny table, with fresh pastries bought from the old coffee shop, which was connected to the Salisbury

pharmacy, and warm oatmeal!

Mel's kind spirit uplifted and steadied all those around him. He was a witty, interesting and charming man. He was also funny and had a biting and tongue-in-cheek sense of humor. He could, after all, be quite sarcastic. Mel would strike up conversations with anybody, and he loved to talk and listen to what other people had to say.

Mel was outspoken yet contemplative. He listened intently but was not at all afraid to

speak his mind.

Mel doted over his grandchildren and has been instrumental in their upbringing. He has been a loving and guiding force in their lives and in the lives of his children and their spouses — and in the lives of his extended family. Mel positively impacted the many, many people he met and knew, throughout his life.

He was a kind and gentle soul who will be sorely missed — by his loved ones and the people he met along the way.

Arrangements are under the care of the Riverside Memorial Chapel in New York City.

Melvin Edwin Brez



For more obituaries, see pages A4 & A5

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on November 24, 2020:

Variance Application #2020-0110 for relief of rear yard setback requirements for construction of a 10'x20' shed. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 41 as Lot 5 and is known as 60 Chatfield Drive, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owner of the property is Paula Rogers.

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

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
12-03-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ABEL W. LEE, JR Late of North Canaan (20-00430)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, November 17, 2020, 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:
John B. Lee
380 Millerton Road
Lakeville, CT 06039
Beth L. McGuire
Clerk
12-03-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOAN W. KILLAWEE Late of Canaan (20-00440)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, November 19, 2020, 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:
Karen J. Casey
20 Davis Road
South Kent, CT 06785
Gerayln J. Kenniston
12 Clark Hill Road
West Cornwall, CT 06796
Megan Williams
Assistant Clerk
12-03-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DIANA BOHANE Late of North Canaan (20-00431)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, November 19, 2020, 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:
Fiona Bohane
c/o Michael J. Reardon
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Beth L. McGuire
Clerk
12-03-20

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Hotchkiss Summer Portals Virtual Open House

Session 1 - December 8 from 7 - 8 p.m EST
Session 2 - December 15 from 8 - 9 p.m EST

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<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon - with Eucharist www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>

OBITUARIES

Philip B. Thompson

AMENIA — Philip B. Thompson, 71, passed away at home on Nov. 23, 2020, surrounded by his loving family and friends.



Phil was born at Sharon Hospital on July 20, 1949, the son of Dorothy (Phillips) and Paul Thompson.

Phil attended the Amenia Elementary School and graduated from Webutuck High School in 1967, followed by Potsdam State University in 1972 with a degree in Education.

Phil was a Math Teacher throughout most of his 20s and 30s, teaching many years at Dover Junior/Senior High School. In 1985, he became a 911 Dispatcher for the Dutchess County Bureau of Emergency Services. He served as dispatcher 14-7 until his retirement in 2011.

Phil was honored in 2009 with the New York State Communications Specialist of the Year Award, the highest award a dispatcher can earn in New York State. He cherished his fellow dispatchers and loved making a difference as a front line worker at the 911 Center.

Phil's true passion was to serve his community. He joined the Amenia Fire Company in 1967 alongside his father, Paul, and his brother, Don. Phil served faithfully for 53 years in the Amenia Fire Company, where he served as a firefighter, EMT, treasurer, fire prevention officer, parade chairman, and company historian.

He became an Emergency Medical Technician in 1972, serving on the Amenia Rescue

Squad, where he held the title of EMS Captain from 1996-2011.

He also worked for Northern Dutchess Paramedics from 1998 right up until his passing. Phil loved serving his community, and loved the many people who served with him.

Phil also loved to play golf. He will fondly be remembered teeing up his "yellow" ball at the start of every round. He enjoyed the 30 years of "Golf Week" during the summer with his brother Don, son Cory and life-long friend Tom Foley. Phil enjoyed traveling with his wife, Christine, especially cruising throughout the Caribbean. He also loved spending time with his grandkids.

Phil Thompson will be remembered as a man who put others ahead of himself. His service and sacrifice to his hometown of Amenia will never be forgotten.

The family wishes to thank all of his brothers and sisters in fire and EMS who served alongside him, keeping him safe and giving him a sense of purpose and pride within his community.

The family also wishes to thank the many wonderful nurses and doctors at Sharon Hospital who cared for him in his final days, and especially the Amenia Fire Company &

Rescue Squad for bringing him home for his "last ride."

Phil is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Christine (Kelly) Thompson; his brother, Gary Thompson of Albuquerque, N.M.; his brother, Donald Thompson from Canton, N.Y.; his daughter, Kelly-Jo and her husband, Nate Benzel, from East Otto, N.Y.; his son, Cory Thompson and his wife, Alice, from Champlain, N.Y.; his daughters, Nikomi Thompson from Dunedin, Fla., and Samantha Culligan and her husband, JP, of Amenia; his granddaughter, Samantha Benzel; his grandson, Matthew Benzel; his granddaughter, Kadie Benzel; his grandson, Colton Culligan; his granddaughter, Everly Culligan; a great-granddaughter, Aubree Finlayson; several nieces and cousins; and his faithful dog, Cali.

Phil was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Dorothy.

The Amenia Fire Company will conduct firematic services at 7 p.m. at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains on Friday, Nov. 27.

Graveside services and interment were held on Nov. 28 at Amenia Island Cemetery, the Rev. Zora Ficarra-Cheatham officiating.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Amenia Fire Company, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcut-funeralhome.com.

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Needed internet access in Cornwall

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — A funding request from the Cornwall Internet Committee, a citizens' group studying the town's needs for improved internet capability and options to meet those needs, drew considerable discussion at the Tuesday, Nov. 17, meeting of the Cornwall Board of Selectmen. No decision was reached at the meeting.

"Reliable internet is an essential service, a requisite for attracting young families to town," said Gary Steinkohl, representing the committee in making a request for funding to conduct a town-wide survey of internet needs.

"There is presently no viable plan," Steinkohl said, indicating that if existing large internet companies do not come up with a plan, then his committee is seeking to develop one.

The survey, he said, would gather information to help with that planning. He added that the committee of 12 "dedicated Cornwallians" invites all residents to provide comments

and suggestions to help with the work.

Committee member Johan Winsser reported that the internet committee has developed a 15-question survey to identify service shortfalls and to identify locations where there are gaps in coverage. The survey will be distributed in January 2021.

The committee requested \$500 from the town to fund inclusion of the survey as an insert in the Cornwall Chronicle. The survey could also be posted online, Winsser said. A townwide mailing would run \$700. The survey results could be reported out in early March, Winsser projected.

Selectman Marina Kotchoubey suggested that cell phone coverage be included in the survey, an idea supported by Selectman Priscilla Pavel.

Pavel said that she had done a personal townwide drive-around survey with cell phone in hand, to map cell phone coverage. She

had determined that the town had 25% coverage. Recently, she said that she had repeated the effort with Simon Hewett and they had found 40% coverage.

Steinkohl responded that the committee could agree to include an additional question about cell phone coverage.

"If you are going to use public funding, then the committee's meetings would need to be open to the public," Kotchoubey pointed out.

Caroline Nastro cautioned against competing with existing cable providers and she asked for more informational forums on the subject.

Anna Timell, a member of the committee, said that the work is only in its earliest stages, and that once information is gathered and a proposal is drafted, then the public would comment at that point.

Steinkohl said the committee encourages anyone to submit thoughts.

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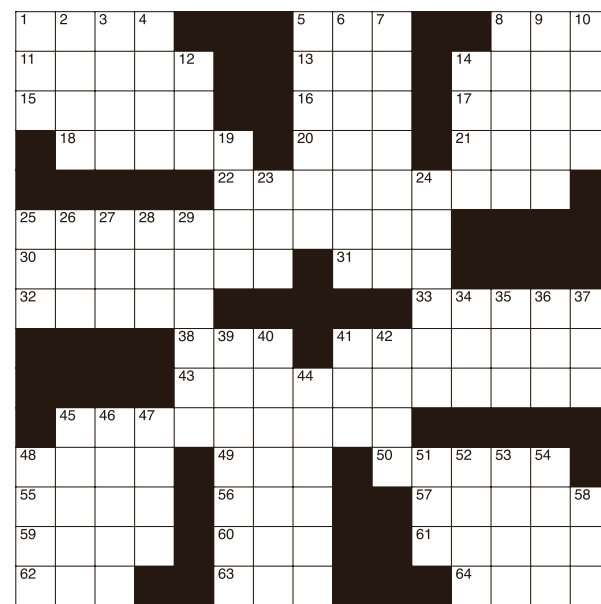
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- Opposite of west
- Caesar, comedian
- Helps little firms
- A way to censor
- Expresses atomic and molecular weights
- Chalcedony
- Type of sword
- A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- Attired
- A sequence of winding turns
- Pal
- Expresses pleasure
- Amendable
- Clear
- A way to cut off
- Indigenous Thai person
- Pale brownish yellow color
- Aquatic plants genus
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Merchants
- Fix a chair
- Throws into disorganization
- Famed German composer
- Keyboard key
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Partner to pain
- Where golfers start
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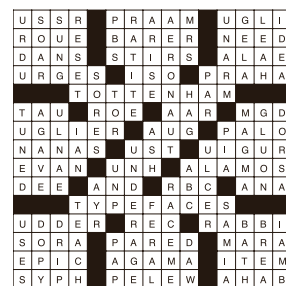
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- Wings
- One point south of southeast
- The shirts on our backs
- One who works on the seas
- Select jury
- Small intestines parts
- Plant of the heath family
- Extrasolar planet
- Creates more of
- Before
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- Runs down
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- Residue

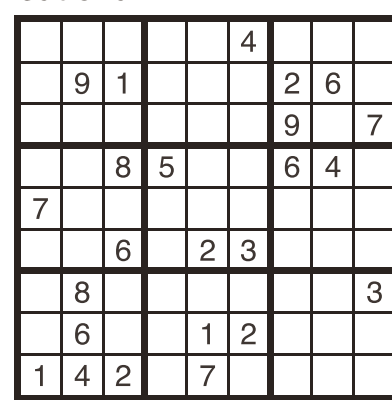


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- Rugged mountain range
- Commercials
- NY footballer
- They ___
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Poked holes in the ground
- Pitchers
- Your
- Diana ___, singer
- Important document for inventors
- Bangladesh capital
- Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
- Famed daguerreotype photographer
- Where military personnel work
- Play a role
- La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Unstressed-stressed
- Type of palm tree
- Judo garments

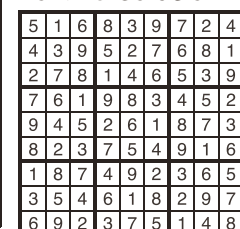
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COVID-19

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ter, a nursing home operated by Athena Health Care Systems. Three days later, three people in Kent, Sharon and Salisbury tested positive for COVID-19.

By the middle of October, new COVID-19 “clusters” began to emerge in the region. Geer Village in North Canaan, which had gone through spring and summer without a single case on campus, was the hardest hit. The virus sickened 35 residents and 15 staff, and six residents died.

Also in October, cases among students, teachers and within the school community were reported by the private Hotchkiss School in Lakeville and in the Region One School District (where two new cases were reported this week, see story on Page A1).

By early November, North Canaan became a “red alert” community on the state’s tracking map of towns and cities with high COVID-19 infections, due mostly to the outbreak at Geer Village. Within weeks, six area towns were among the 150 communities statewide designated as red zones, including, in addition to North Canaan, Kent, Salisbury, Goshen, Torrington and Winsted.

As of Nov. 19, about 96% of residents in Connecticut were under red alert. Connecticut has now topped 100,000 cases.

Geer Village ‘cleared’; one case at Noble

The COVID-19 outbreak that hit Geer Village in October has subsided. The day after Thanksgiving the North Canaan senior community sent this announcement: “We are grateful that this week we have met the guidelines to be cleared of our COVID-19 outbreak at the Lodge, according to the State of Connecticut epidemiologist. We have successfully tested negative for greater than 14 days within our resident population.”

Geer administration further noted that as the virus is “still very prevalent in our communities, we remain hyper-vigilant in our screening of all staff and use of personal protective equipment. It would not be un-

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On Nov. 29, Carter also sent letters regarding two new COVID-19 positive test results: One case identified at Housatonic Valley Regional High School is associated with an earlier case at Salisbury Central School; another is a family member of a student at North Canaan Elementary School. Neither case resulted in a shutdown.

Carter said she expected that the K-8 schools would get some calls from parents on Monday about possible COVID-19 exposure, although she had no way to guess how many.

She said parents have been vigilant about following guidelines. “Nobody’s coming to school with even a runny nose.”

“It is clear that communities with a higher prevalence of COVID-19 will have a higher prevalence in their local nursing home.”

Tim Brown, Athena Health Care

expected to periodically have staff test positive. The goal is to make sure our screening and PPE use inhibit future resident cases. We will continue to test both residents and staff weekly.”

One day later, on Saturday, Nov. 28, Bill Pond, administrator at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, reported that one staff member was recovering from the coronavirus after receiving a positive test result nine days prior.

“No residents have been affected, either at the nursing home or the residential care home,” said Pond. He noted that despite seven employees testing positive for the virus “early on” in the pandemic, because they had been kept off the property, Noble residents were never exposed to the virus and the campus remained COVID-free.

‘Decline in public’s resolve’

Heading into flu season and the winter months, state and county public health officials said it was a likelihood that the tail end of 2020, into early 2021, could be a difficult time, particularly with increased socialization around the holidays and ensuing spread.

The danger of “COVID fatigue,” along with eased restrictions and school openings, said health experts, has led to a spike in cases.

Dr. James Shepherd, an infectious disease consultant at Yale-New Haven Hospital who lives in Sharon, said in late October that he was worried about a decline in the public’s resolve to social distance, wear masks and avoid indoor congregate gatherings. Unless there was a reversal in behavior, the infectious disease expert predicted at the time, “This will be a painful fall and winter.”

“In Connecticut we are seeing increased transmission in people’s homes as they relax mask wearing and return to more close interactions with small groups of people they trust,” said Shepherd.

Officials at Sharon Hospital and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington reported a “concerning” uptick in COVID-19-related admissions, as well as infections among staff, which they attribute to the community spread. Hospitalizations due to the second wave of the viral outbreak now top 1,000 statewide. At the height of the pandemic in early spring, hospitalizations peaked at around 2,000.

Beefed-up testing in region

Meanwhile, state and town officials mobilized in an effort to beef up COVID-19 testing sites in the Northwest Corner, particularly in the communities with high infection rates, in an effort to identify residents both asymptomatic and showing signs of illness.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) has been on the forefront

in the effort to halt the progression of COVID-19 cases in the Northwest Corner and keep her constituents informed. In late November she announced that with the overall rise in confirmed infections, the state has worked with local organizations to make testing more accessible throughout the area.

Several new “pop-up” testing sites are being provided through Community Health & Wellness Center in Torrington, which will be providing testing in Goshen, North Canaan and at its office in Torrington.

Recovery centers re-open — but not in Sharon

Earlier this year, Sharon Health Care Center had been set aside by the state as a COVID-19 recovery center, but the facility is no longer under consideration for such purpose, said Tim Brown, spokesman for Athena Health Care, in early November. He noted at that time that pop-up sites operated by Athena in Torrington and Meriden are among four statewide designated as recovery centers.

The COVID-19 Recovery Center in Meriden at Westfield Specialty Care Center opened on Nov. 11, and on Nov. 23, 41 patients were recovering there. “These patients have been admitted from various hospitals, nursing homes and group homes throughout Connecticut,” said Brown.

“We have exceeded the admissions for phase one [30 beds] and have now opened phase two, the second wing of the center, to accommodate up to an additional 30 patients,” for a total of 60 patients, according to the Athena spokesman. The center’s overall licensure is for up to 90 patients.

In addition, Torrington Specialty Care Center, a former nursing home, is expected to start accepting coronavirus patients in early December, said Brown. Total capacity will be 120.

Meanwhile, Sharon Health Care Center, also managed by Athena, has “one facility-acquired COVID-19 positive resident in their center, who we anticipate to be recovered over the next few days,” Brown reported on Nov. 23. Recovered, he said, means no more signs and symptoms and no longer infectious, 10 days after symptoms first appeared.

Athena, said Brown, is “ready and able” to meet the growing demand to treat patients released from the hospital until they can safely be returned to nursing homes or other community settings. However, he encouraged everyone to do their part to limit the community spread that affects the frail population in nursing homes.

“It is clear that communities with a higher prevalence of COVID-19,” he said, “will have a higher prevalence in their local nursing home.”

SUFFRAGE

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roles of influence and importance, Frank explained.

That Seneca Falls convention was “the first flame of the fire,” according to Frank, but it took until 1867 for the idea to catch on in Connecticut. By then, Susan B. Anthony was an influencing factor in the movement, and a petition was delivered to the state Legislature. To their credit, the male-only body voted to support the petition and its intent.

By 1869, Isabella Beecher Hooker had formed a women’s suffrage association.

“Women are citizens, and as citizens we have the right to vote,” was the message of the movement, Frank said. By 1871, the association was invited to a hearing before the U.S. Congress.

By 1872, women were being arrested and assaulted for attempting to vote, and the movement changed to a state-by-state approach.

Not everyone was on board, Frank said.

Women opposing the vote

Catherine Beecher in Connecticut opposed the idea of the vote, promoting women’s issues but not their right to vote.

“The cult of domesticity” was one of the guiding principles of the opposition. Men were suited for public life; women worked in the home.

Arguments leaned toward the idea that most women did not really want the right to vote — if they got the vote, they would cave under the burden. And women’s greatest power and influence should be in the private realm, where they could discuss their thoughts with their husbands.

By the late 1800s in Connecticut, women were given limited voting rights, such as a voting voice in school matters or, by 1909, library issues.

The substantial role of African-American women in the fight for voting equality is now coming to light, Frank reported.

Women were beginning



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Postcards were mass-produced with blank spaces that could be filled in with information about where lectures would take place.

to enter the workforce. By the late 1800s, the suffragists’ movement had splintered into smaller groups surrounding specific viewpoints. The advent of the automobile brought widespread rallies around the country and more sophisticated public relations efforts, including women’s marches.

Frank said that the women’s march on Washington, D.C., held on March 3, 1913, in advance of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, was particularly effective. The movement had returned to the notion of a national effort.

The Votes for Women parade was organized in Connecticut by Katharine Houghton Hepburn, the activist mother of film icon Katharine Hepburn.

When women finally earned the right to vote in 1920, Frank said, only about 20% came out to vote at their first opportunity. There were literacy testing requirements and all sorts of other locally imposed obstacles and restrictions.

It was not until 1980 that statistics show more women voting than men, Frank noted.

Frank said a special exhibit celebrating women’s voting rights is on display until March at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford.

YOAKUM

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completed, and some means of crossing a streambed needs to be added.

There will be no hunting or motorized vehicles allowed, Landon added.

Abbott said he has been working on the acquisition with Yoakum and other interested parties for 10 years.

On two previous attempts, the project ran into problems with grant money (or lack thereof).

Landon said this time around, the state of Connecticut kicked in \$650,000, which in turn made it possible to apply for (and get) another \$250,000 from a federal program.

HVA provided another \$50,000, and the balance came from the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation.

Landon said there are ongoing costs as well — trail maintenance, legal bills, and surveying

— that will require fundraising.

Abbott said the acquisition was a testament to the perseverance and patience of everyone involved, especially Yoakum.

“It’s a beautiful thing,” Rand said on Nov. 24 (by phone). “There’s so much value for conservation.”

Yoakum, reached by phone Nov. 24, said there was no truth to the story that she won the property in a poker game.

She did note that when she bought the land in the mid-1960s that it was relatively inexpensive, and that when her children were small they explored the area and found a small pond that they could never locate on a map.

She said she was grateful for the efforts of the land trust in finally putting the deal together.

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Pro Tips for Your 2020 Sing-Along Messiah

As soon as the Thanksgiving table is cleared, I feel liberated to start singing along to Handel's epic oratorio, "The Messiah," and to practice for the annual sing-alongs in Great Barrington, Mass., and Kent, Conn.

It seems unlikely that this year's public sing-alongs will be held. To fill the void, there will be an online "sing-along Messiah" hosted by the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.

It features excerpts from the 2019 performance of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and Cappella Festiva. Lyrics will be streamed on the screen.

I'm not sure how all this will work, and I don't know which sections of "The Messiah" will be included. It should be fun, however, and it's free so there's nothing to lose.

SING-ALONG ESSENTIALS

Even though I will not actually be inflicting my voice on other people for



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Georg Friedrich Handel hopes you'll sing along to his masterpiece, "The Messiah," this holiday season — and he hopes these tips from singers in the Tri-state region will help you sound your best ever.

this sing-along, this is the year I decided to reach out to several area singing pros to ask for tips. If you want to sound great (at least to yourself) try these out.

My first and favorite tip came from my friend Mary Sullivan, who has suffered through several sing-alongs with my friend Jody and I. Mary is an experienced and lovely choral singer and an active participant in the region's extraordinary Crescendo program.

At a Messiah sing-along a year or two ago, Mary politely but firmly suggested that Jody and I cleanly break off our syllables instead of letting them

trail along and deflate like pricked balloons. It's a wonderful tip and definitely made us sound better.

These kinds of simple but essential tips, such as the ones that follow, should make your sing-along experience more fun — for yourself, and for anyone else in the room while you sing (and of course these tips can be applied when you're singing by yourself in the kitchen while you cook).

Alice Maggio is a board member with the Berkshire Children's Chorus. Her beginner-to-pro suggestions:

First, she said, "Find a comfortable room in your

house where you don't feel self-conscious making a lot of noise.

"Set up your computer so that the screen is at a comfortable height for you to look at while standing.

"Wear shoes, not slippers — and make sure you don't lock your knees when you're singing."

FOLLOWING THE SCORE

Randy Orzano (who lives in Sharon, Conn., and bakes wonderful pastries at Sweet William's in Salisbury, Conn.) is also a sometime singer with Crescendo. When asked for sing-along advice, he said, "I find that the prepared I am, the more fun choral singing can be."

There are three steps to preparation that he recommends. First, get a copy of the score (which is the lyrics and the music). He suggested this one: [scores.ccarh.org/handel/messiah/messiah-fullscore.pdf](https://www.ccarh.org/handel/messiah/messiah-fullscore.pdf).

For those of us who can't read music (and Handel's music is very layered and complicated), there is a midi file you can download that will help you learn how to put the music and the words together.

"This website that has Midi files for all the choral parts: www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm," Orzano said.

Listen to it first, if you like, but, "Before you start singing, warm up your voice. Here's a warm up I found on YouTube that I liked with a conductor named Katherine FitzGibbon: youtu.be/Narti8eO-7Ho.

"Once your voice is warmed up, go to the CyberBass website and choose your vocal part for one of the Messiah movements."

The CyberBass website is the one with the midi files.

"Sing along while reading the score. If the midi file is too fast, the website allows you to slow it down.

"Once your part is learned, try singing your part against a different part. For instance, if you're a soprano, play the midi file for, say, the bass part and try singing your soprano line.

"You'll find that there are sections that need more practice. Mark these sections and go back to practicing while listening to the soprano part.

"If you have a keyboard, go over your part, especially the challenging sections.

"If you want another challenge, find a YouTube video of a performance conducted by John Elliot



PHOTO BY PM REED

Along with handmade carry-alls (many made with leather from the iconic Horween Leather tannery in Chicago, Ill.), P.M. Reed makes chef's knife rolls, which are on sale during the COVID-19 season for between \$250 and \$285.

ARTISAN GOODS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Handmade Gifts from the Hudson Valley, Online

There is a wonderful earnestness about artisan products made in the Hudson Valley. It's not just that they're lovingly handmade and environmentally conscious; it's also that they tend to promote self-care, which is something we could all use a little bit of after a bruising year.

Because of COVID-19, this year there aren't the usual artisan fairs preceding the holiday gift season. Although it's not as much fun to shop for knit goods and handmade elixirs online as it is to wander around an old-timey market space, it is still possible to go to the web and find handmade candles and soaps and fermented foods to gift to your beloved(s).

This is the 10th anniversary of the Hudson, N.Y., Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market, which is usually not virtual and which is usually held at this time of year in the cavernous Basilica. The website describes the site as "a spectacular solar-powered reclaimed 1880s industrial factory on the waterfront of the historic City of Hudson."

It's a wonderful experience to wander the tight maze of tables in the Basilica, and to touch hand-sewn and hand-knit and hand-mixed little indulgences, but that just can't happen this year. Shopping online is second best but still not bad.

There are about 65 vendors on the Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market website, including well-known Hudson Valley brands such as Hillrock Distillery, Jacuterie (maker of artisanal charcuterie) and

Hosta Hill, source of fermented deliciousness and hot sauces in many flavors.

There is quirky sweetness, with toys and clothes for youngsters from Petit Pilou and Petit Felt, the company owned by Jocelyn Krodman, a beloved regional felt artist whose extraordinarily lifelike felt animals have been a draw for shoppers to many artisan fairs in recent years (www.petitpilou.com).

Far more rugged are the gorgeous leather goods from P.M. Reed, whose photos show him to be a cowboy type you'd expect to see more in the vast reaches of Montana than in the relatively tame Southern Berkshires (Reed lives in Windsor, Mass.; his website is www.pmreedcarrygoods.com).

So that's one advantage of shopping at the virtual flea market: You can read the bios of the vendors. And in Reed's case, you can follow a link to see his photography work, which is exquisite and sophisticated, with many of his images shot in Italy in the 1970s.

Another advantage: It's always fairly chilly in Hudson in winter, with cold winds blowing off the river. Shopping at home is warmer.

Best of all, though, is the chance to find enticing little treasures of all shapes, sizes and prices. You have to pay for shipping, but you don't have to pay for gas or lunch.

Shop through the holiday season for Hudson Valley artisan goods online at the Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market, www.basilicahudson.org/farmandflea/vendors.

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BIRDING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Trixie Strauss Bird Count is Dec. 20

The annual Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (CBC) hosted by the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn., will be held this year on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. This year's count is completely online.

While most participants in the count are experienced birders, the count is also an excellent time to start learning about bird identification.

Most of the birding takes place from sunrise to sunset. The count area is a 15-mile circle (with its center at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.), which encompasses some excellent birding areas in Connecticut as well as Amenia and North East/Millerton in New York.

Teams and individuals from all over the state and all over the country (and even Canada) take part in the CBC, and all of the numbers are compiled and reported to help better understand what birds are doing in the winter. This year, social distancing and face masks are required because of COVID-19.

Although most participants in the bird count are experienced birders, anyone can participate in and enjoy the CBC. This year, more than ever, Audubon

has asked for volunteers to help. Watching and counting birds at a backyard feeder is an excellent way to help take part in the CBC without leaving home and braving the chilly weather. Simply give your count numbers to compiler Zach Adams at the end of the count day and they will be included in Audubon's overall CBC report.

At approximately 6 p.m., the Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count teams will gather for a virtual count-up, where birders turn in their data and share stories from a great day of birding. Even those who can't join the count out in the field are welcome to join online to hear what people have seen.

Email Zach Adams at za4250@hotmail.com to receive a bird feeder count form and the Zoom link for the virtual post-birding count-up, or with questions about participating in the Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (he can connect you with one of the area "captains").

For more information on Audubon and the annual Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight, go to www.sharon.audubon.org/events/trixie-strauss-christmas-bird-count-2020.



Everyone with a bird feeder or a pair of binoculars and an interest in birds is encouraged to help Sharon Audubon with the annual Trixie Strauss Bird Count on Dec. 20. Some sightings you might record include a wild turkey such as the one, above, at Housatonic State Forest in Sharon; or the Eastern Bluebird, at right, spotted at the Kent Land Trust preserve.



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FREE ENTRY TO THE CLARK

The Clark Art Institute's popular First Sundays Free program continues on Sunday, Dec. 6, with a day celebrating music. Admission to the galleries is free all day.

In addition to the Clark's permanent collection, the outdoor exhibition Ground/work, located throughout the Clark's 120-acre at the Williamstown, Mass., campus, is also on view.

December is the last month to see Lines from Life, featuring works by 19th-century French artists, including Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Eugène Delacroix, Edgar Degas, Jean-Léon Gérôme and Odilon Redon. Lines from Life is on view through Dec. 13. Ground/work is on view through October 2021.

Pre-registration is required. Go to www.clarkart.edu for more information.

... Sing-Along Messiah

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Gardner (one of Christine's favorites). Practice your part with their tempos and always check your intonation, phrasing, pronunciation (English is challenging)."

ABOVE ALL, ENJOY YOURSELF

The Christine of whom Randy speaks is Christine Gevert, founder and artistic director of Crescendo, which makes its home at Trinity Church in Lime Rock, Conn. She had some tips of her own to share, although she modestly said she felt that Randy hit the high notes, so to speak.

She agreed that, "Listening to recordings beforehand is really important."

For those of us who have sung along before but are flummoxed by trying to follow the sheet music,

Christine suggests that, "A big part of being able to follow the score is highlighting your lines! It seems so obvious, but a big part of 'reading' the score is knowing where to read!"

"If you are not a trained musician," she added, "even looking at notes going up or down, and following with your voice is a big part of being able to sing."

Here's a pro tip: "A very helpful general rule: The more black you see, the faster the music goes (note heads and beams). White notes generally are slower."

Above all, she counseled, have fun.

"Most of all: Go with your heart, your feelings! It is just wonderful to be part of a Messiah performance, and the music will lead you to a happy place — and your voice will follow that."

The free live stream sing-along Messiah performed by Hudson Valley Philharmonic and Cappella Festiva (and you!) will be on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. For more information on this and other Bardavon Opera House streamed performances, go to www.bardavon.org.

MAKE AN ARTISAN HOLIDAY CARD

This might be a great year to rediscover the fun of making holiday cards. For inspiration, try the online art classes from the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y. The newest lesson is by Maryland mixed media artist Jamea Richmond-Edwards, who teaches how to make a collage portrait. Her instructions (good for adults and children) are in text form and in a video. Go to www.wassaicproject.org and click on "Education," then choose a lesson from the "Learn from home" list.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Look for a new calendar of events at our website, www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar. We will also include the calendar in our print edition as space allows.



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A new twist on the classic holiday tale: Performers in the 2020 'Christmas Carol' at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, N.Y., will wear transparent face masks.

A DRIVE-IN, MUSICAL VERSION OF 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Performances of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" — as a musical theater performance — will continue at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, N.Y., until Dec. 20.

This is a drive-in theater experience that is held no matter what the weather. Performances are on the balcony of the theater outdoors and are watching from the audience members' vehicles. In keeping

with the COVID-19 holiday theme, all performers will wear transparent face masks.

Shows are Thursday through Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20; call the box office at 845-876-3080

or go online to www.centerforperformingarts.org.

The show is directed and adapted by Lou Trapani with musical direction by Paul and JoAnne Schubert. Performances are by Andy Crispell, Emily

DePew, Ellie DeMan, Joe Felece, Harriet Luongo, Lisa Lynds, Duane Olson and Lou Trapani as Scrooge.

This show is appropriate for all audiences.

Thanks-Giving

In mid-July of 2020, our home burned down. The immediate response of the North East community, our friends near and far and our families was astonishing and humbling in its generosity and support. The Millerton, Copake, Ancram, Lakeville and Wassaic fire companies came to help that hot day to suppress a raging fire. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the five fire companies and all the remarkable volunteers. Our neighbors came down the road to offer help. Our friends took us and our kitty Scout in while we arranged a place to live. Our community stepped in with funds, clothing, housing and unconditional love.

Today we are resettled and have begun to rebuild our home on the property we love. To say that we are fortunate people is a significant understatement. We have been so greatly blessed in this unexpected process by so many in unending ways. Thank you. To each of you, thank you. May you be equally blessed in your lives. And may these challenging times continue to reveal what community truly means.

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EDITORIAL

Let's remember how we did it in March, April and May

As more Northwest Corner towns have become red zones in the past weeks for cases of COVID-19, the sense of urgency surrounding control of the coronavirus here has escalated palpably. During the just-passed Thanksgiving holiday, many families who traditionally give thanks and share turkey together in the same room did so virtually, through other creative means.

Some groups were glad to share special dishes among themselves, so if they lived close enough to each other to do it, they left portions of turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pies and more for their loved ones to enjoy. Just the outreach and the caring of making enough to go around surely made everyone feel part of something bigger than themselves.

And, to the great credit of volunteers who cared enough to make it happen, there were still holiday dinners distributed from food banks and churches throughout the region, so those in need were not forgotten in the fog of the pandemic. There are more of those who need support to feed themselves and their families during the economic challenges created by the coronavirus. Whether families and individuals are affected by unemployment, the slowing of the economy leading to fewer work hours, illness from the virus itself, or some combination of all these, they are in a very different place than they were at this time last year.

There is some good news from Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, which reports no new cases for 14 days, after a surge of cases. Noble Horizons in Salisbury has now reported a case among its staff, but none so far for any residents. For these communities, though, and other senior and medical facilities, there should be no blame placed on them when, after months and months of keeping the extremely contagious virus at bay, some finally creeps in. Their workers are extremely cautious, and have learned to be careful with contact from anyone in the community at large with their patients or residents.

What we should all remember is how grateful all of us were in March, April and May for the courage of front-line workers, those in medical jobs, delivery jobs, grocery stores and more. Their work is as essential as ever, but keeping at it is harder than it was even in the beginning. They have experienced everything from burnout to verbal abuse from customers to contending with the illness not only in patients, but in themselves. Some have left their jobs due to stress or illness, or needing to care for their children or other relatives at home, leaving those still working overwhelmed.

Let's remember that feeling of gratitude to these essential workers, and let them know again now how much their efforts mean to their communities. And as we look forward to the next round of the holidays at the end of the month, let's all try to practice responsible distancing, hand washing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing in public, to keep the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum.

That is what will help those workers the most: Everyone working together to try to be as careful as possible while continuing to live as normally as possible. Thanks to all of those workers for keeping society going during one of the most difficult times in memory.

Connecting the dots, all the way from Region One to Tigray, Ethiopia

Sometimes global events remind us of how small the world is. The recent civil war in the Tigray region of Ethiopia is one of those events. Thirteen years ago, artworks from hundreds of Tigrayan middle school students hung in the hallways and gyms of all the Region One schools. These tenderly drawn works were done in the form of triptychs, a common format used in Ethiopian Orthodox art. I carried them back from Mekele, Tigray, in two large suitcases after a three-week-long art ambassadorship there (Thank you, Project Troubador). The works were entitled, "Welcome to My Life." Before I left for Ethiopia, I guided all Region One seventh-graders in the creation of their own triptychs, packed them

The reason?

Regarding the affordable housing efforts and pushback in Salisbury and Lakeville, it is my experience that, whenever opponents offer several successive reasons why something would not be a good idea, it is usually the case that the real reason for their objection is the only one they are not including.

Molly S. Fitzmaurice

Sharon

into the two oversized bags, and carried them with me to Tigray. The Tigrayan children marveled at them! Our children's triptychs often featured photos and drawings of houses and cars and ski trips, and pets, and yards with tire swings. I was struck by how strange the images were to the Tigrayan children. The memory of the challenge of describing snow, and skiing, to these wide-eyed bright sparks will stay with me forever.

The Tigrayan children's triptychs showed drawings only, since there are no photographs or magazines to cut-up there. Thoughtfully drawn were their prized possessions: a clay coffee pot, a goat, a camel, a thatched hut. I remember being moved by their artistry, their ability to "see" these simple objects, and render them with accuracy and sensitivity.

"Impoverished" is a word that comes to mind when I think of Tigray and of Mekele. I have been there eight more times since that first trip in 2006. I founded a non-profit, www.mekeleblindschool.org, to support the children of the Mekele Blind School there, and to bolster The Blind Mothers' Union and their sighted children. The grass-roots organization is called Friends of Mekele

Blind School. Many wonderful, caring people here in the Northwest Corner have played key roles in helping me to kick this can down the road all these years. I was there in Tigray last year. There was no sign of what is happening now. No struggle, no whispered messages of discontent or potential strife.

What a difference a year can make. I have not been able to contact any of my dear friends and associates there who help with our efforts, as Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has shut off all telecommunications and blocked all the roads going in and out of the province of Tigray. I try not to spend too much time thinking about our beloved blind students and our courageous blind mothers.

If you were in seventh grade in 2006, I hope you can remember these greetings and messages drawn by Tigrayan children just for you. There was a lot of love put into them. I saw it with my own eyes.

Find more at www.mekeleblindschool.org.

Christina Hanley
Art Teacher, CCS and
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Norfolk

Letters deadline is
Monday at 10 a.m.
More letters next page.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obey the law for a stopped school bus

A young mother, who is a colleague of mine on our local board of education, stunned all members of the board into silence when she reported she routinely witnessed vehicles passing the stopped school bus as her children got on or off the bus. Astoundingly, she has observed this even when the bus lights are flashing and the stop signs on the bus are fully extended and visible.

This news left us incredulous. The negligence and lack of responsibility on the part of the drivers of those vehicles is difficult to ignore, and hard to understand. It left me wondering what would possibly compel anyone to think it was a reasonable, rational choice to take such a risk. Clearly, the gain of less than a minute in their commute by illegally passing a school bus holds absolutely no merit.

As school boards tend to do when confronted with any risk to the children under their care, they discuss and explore reasonable solutions.

Our board is in communication with the bus company that transports our students. The company will look into the installation of high speed, high resolution video cameras with the capability of recording the license plate of the vehicle and the physical appearance of the driver.

The second solution is more fundamental to addressing this problem, and at no cost. Embedded in this letter is a hard poke at our collective conscience as drivers, and an appeal of reason. Please consider that taking an unwarranted risk to pass a school bus illegally carries with it an enormous consequence from which there is no redemption. It has the extraordinary cost of a lifetime of loss and grief for a family whose child is killed by a driver's negligence.

Hugh Cheney

Member, Board of Education,
Cornwall Consolidated School

Cornwall

Why affordable housing is important

Kudos to Pat Hackett for the professional and thoughtful analysis of the parking situation in Lakeville that he submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission early in November. And double thanks for his letter in last week's Lakeville Journal, defending his work and debunking several other specious obstacles to affordable housing championed by the "Concerned Neighbors in the Salisbury/Lakeville Community".

In 1986 I came to Salisbury as a temporary resident, a refugee from a gentrifying housing market in Boston. Housesitting for friends in Amesville, I had no trouble finding work in the building trades while I figured out where to go next. Then I stumbled on an affordable rental in Salisbury. When tragedy derailed my life six months later I was astonished by the kindness and unsolicited aid offered from both my employer and my landlord. I returned to Salisbury seven months later, my rental and my job waiting for me. I had found my community.

Trying to give back to this community in as many ways as I could, I gravitated to affordable housing, and so jumped at the invitation by the late Anna Whitbeck to join the Salisbury Housing Committee. Over the last 34 years I have worked with the most generous and remarkable people one could ever imagine: Sally Ellsworth donated land, practically in her front yard, to Habitat to Humanity; George Vincent maintained a house, also practically in his front yard, that he rented below market rates to young families so they could save for a down payment to eventually buy a house. Those are just two of many examples. I also witnessed countless hours of volunteer work, by blue and white collared people alike, to provide rental housing for those less fortunate.

But the times they are a changing and we can't keep up. The ever-increasing volume and intensity of NIMBYism in Salisbury is most disturbing. The above-mentioned group of concerned citizens stated in a recent full-page ad in the Lakeville Journal: "We embrace making Lakeville/Salisbury a more affordable place to live, and welcome the addition of affordable housing to our area, including to Holley Block." (Underlines are mine).

Sadly, this cannot be true because instead of offering help to address their concerns, they list at least eight reasons, almost all baseless, affordable housing essentially cannot be built anywhere in Lakeville. The same statement and list was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission in an 18-page letter, including seven pages of signatures. Some do not surprise me and some do. I have never encountered any of them supporting the cause of affordable housing.

Whatever they are spending in time and treasure could be used cooperatively for a mutually beneficial outcome. Come on people, do the right thing, join us in the hard work. You'll feel better and be remembered with kind thoughts and smiles.

Al Ginouves

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1920

LIME ROCK — Charles Brasie had the misfortune to fracture his right wrist while cranking his car last Friday.

LAKEVILLE — Mrs. George Belcher the type setting machine operator at the Journal Office has been in Sharon Hospital this week to be treated for localized poison caused by the dye in a pair of new woolen hose which she was wearing. She is now doing nicely and expects soon to return to her work in the Journal Office.

ORE HILL — John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherman and family went to Becket, Mass. to spend the holiday with relatives. In that section there is deep snow and fishermen are fishing through the ice.

LIME ROCK — Hilene Eggleston is home for awhile.

50 years ago — 1970

SALISBURY — Well-known writer and Salisbury resident Hal Borland announced his resignation from Project CEVAL in a recent letter to CEVAL president Mrs. Bernard H. Flood. Noting the reasons for his resignation, which he termed "effective at once," Borland stated "I have been disappointed and disillusioned by the almost total lack of accomplishment and the absence of what I would consider an effective program for the future."

SHARON — Lucinda Milne Monell, daughter of Mrs. Joan M. Monell of Sharon, has been cited as one of the outstanding high school students of English in the country. The National Council of Teachers of English has named her a 1970 national runner-up in its annual Achievement Award competition.

25 years ago — 1995

KENT — The Department of Public Utilities Control will convene a hearing next Monday at 1 p.m. in New Britain on a petition submitted by Bruce Adams of Kent asking that calls between all six towns feeding into Housatonic Valley Regional High School be toll free. Adams last year collected the required 300 petition signatures representing 15 percent of Kent's telephone subscribers.

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Bridge Post Office was damaged last Friday when a motorist crashed her vehicle into the building. The driver's foot slipped, hit the accelerator, and the van smashed into the ramp and railing and plate glass that fronted the modest building on Route 7. The only injury evidently was to Gordon Cavanaugh, who was checking through his mail when the van hit a desk that smashed into his leg, leaving him "black and blue," he said later.

These items were taken from Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

Our Towns/Viewpoint

A flower market of holiday greens offers a bright spot

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The expansive porch at RT Facts in the Kent Barns hosted a wintertime

Flower Market on Saturday, Nov. 28, as “a cheerful, good-time, community event,” in the words of store owners Natalie and Greg Randall.

The Randalls offered a previous — and successful — market in May and felt it was time to do another. Nurseries, farms and grow-

ers from around the region brought seasonal greenery of every kind: wreaths, garlands, swags, centerpieces. Joining them on the porch were other merchants from town including House Of Books, with a table devoted to-

tally to gardening publications; and Christopher Spitzmiller with his decorative pottery. A very welcome and popular shopper, Martha Stewart, took her time looking at the offerings both outside and inside RT Fact, with its massive-scaled design

embellishments for inside and outside the home. The Market became part of the “Small Business Saturday” tradition — and Kent reveled in a well-deserved day of community enjoyment after a long, hard year.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN
Martha Stewart, left, always a welcome visitor to Kent, visited the RT Facts wintertime Flower Market, while shoppers, right, browsed the displays.

Understanding liberal ideals in a topsy-turvy world

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Adam Gopnick, a staff writer at The New Yorker magazine and author of the book “A Thousand Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism,” described the post-election state of play during a Salisbury Forum online webinar on Friday, Nov. 20.

Gopnick said liberal democracy has undergone a stress test over the last four years, decrying what he sees as an authoritarian trend in President Donald J. Trump and his administration.

He took a stab at defining “liberalism,” noting that the word means different things to different people.

“My sense of liberalism is different than that of the media or academia,” he said. “I don’t mean the politics of the Dem-

ocratic Party.”

Instead, Gopnick sees liberal politics as a process of building consensus, similar to how people conduct their social lives.

He said there is a kinship between notions of sportsmanship and parliamentary procedure as practiced in liberal democracies.

Which means sometimes one side wins and sometimes the other side wins.

“The test of us as a people is not just acceptance but of endurance.”

Gopnick said liberalism is concerned with two goals, “sometimes presented as contradictory.”

They are the pursuit of individual liberty and the “idea of ever-broader social equality.”

The “moral victory” of liberalism is striking a balance between the two.

He said the notion of liberalism is under attack from both sides of the political spectrum.

“There is an enormous gulf” between American liberals and

American leftists, he continued.

He said radicals attack liberalism’s “faith in reform, not in revolution” and see liberals as “fatally weak.”

Gopnick said attacks on liberalism from the right are not on “the liberal belief in reform, but on liberal reason.”

In the post-election landscape, Gopnick said he sees both positives and negatives.

On the positive side, he said the election of Joe Biden as president signifies that “pluralism is always better than purism,” contrasting Biden’s “centrist” approach to the “ideological purity” demanded by supporters of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

On the down side, Gopnick said he is troubled by things like resistance to the wearing of masks. “Symbols of authority are more important than the sanity of health.”

And he is similarly troubled by “the irrational allegiance” to Trump, and “the continuing power of irrational politics.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make affordable housing a reality in Salisbury

In the spirit of gratitude on Thanksgiving weekend, I would like to offer my profound thanks to the men and women of the Salisbury Housing Committee, who have been working to address one of our town’s biggest issues, it’s lack of affordable housing. I was saddened to see their proposal for the Holley Place development withdrawn and I hope that they will bring it back in a new, even better version. But they have called all of our attention to Salisbury’s pressing need for homes that people can afford.

The opponents of the plan say that they believe it will “change the nature” of Salisbury. But they are ignoring the ways in which the town has already changed over the years.

The population has gotten older: According to the website TownCharts.com, the median age is now 57.7 years, compared to 40.8 years statewide. The proportion of people who don’t live here full time has gone up (until this year when many second home owners took refuge from Covid-19 in the Northwest Corner). The number of children in the local schools has been on a steady decline (again, until this year). And, most significantly, the price of housing has skyrocketed. Mary Close Oppenheimer in a recent column in this newspaper cited a truly stunning statistic: Between Oct. 1, 2018, and Oct. 1, 2020, the average sale price of a home in Salisbury was \$778,750. Meanwhile,

the median income per worker according to TownCharts is a little more than \$54,000.

Someone making \$54,000 cannot afford a \$700,000 home, never mind that many people in our area make far less than that. For Salisbury to stay vibrant, people of all incomes need to be able to live here, and young people (not to mention people of varying ethnicities and races) need to be able to live here. They need to be able to raise their families here. The Salisbury Housing Committee has stepped up and addressed those issues with the Sarum Place and Faith House developments, and with the proposal for Holley Place.

The plan’s opponents have taken pains to express their

support for affordable housing in Salisbury, though they spent quite a lot of effort and money (including a full page ad in this paper) fighting it. I have a modest proposal: To show your support, make a donation equal to what was spent fighting the Holley Place plan to the affordable housing group of your choice, whether it’s the Salisbury Housing Committee, Habitat for Humanity or the Salisbury Housing Trust. Those of us who support the project should do the same, and together we can help make affordable housing a reality in our town.

Amy Virshup

Salisbury



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Pat Merrill, Joey Brennan and John Moran (from left to right in photo) have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Three Boy Scouts attain the Eagle Scout rank

NORTH CANAAN — Three Boy Scouts in North Canaan’s Troop 22 attained the rank of Eagle Scout during Thanksgiving week by passing a Board of Review.

Pat Merrill, Joey Brennan, and John Moran earned the required 21 merit badges, and designed and led other Scouts in the troop in a special Eagle Scout project.

Pat Merrill’s project included the design and construction of a series of bat/bird houses that when finished were placed in several locations around North Canaan.

Joey Brennan’s project included the design, construction and installation of a rural

camp-style outhouse for a church camp in New York.

John Moran’s project included the identification of all of the veterans’ graves in three of the cemeteries in Norfolk. He and the other troop members and leaders attached American flags and metal grave markers that identified each veteran’s branch of service and conflict served in.

Because of COVID-19 the actual Eagle Scout Court of Honors will have to be held at a later date. Scout Troop 22 is under the leadership of Scoutmaster David Moran and is sponsored by the Couch Pipa VFW.

— Sandy Rhoades

Please pay attention to safety and cleanliness

I have noticed for quite some time a number of people walking, jogging, bike riding on the sides of the roads either wearing black, or dark clothing.

Please be safe and wear the brightest, most obnoxious colors you can if doing any of these activities. If you don’t have any bright clothing, any hardware store can sell you a bright yellow/green safety vest for around \$10.

If you are not concerned with your own safety, think about how terrible a driver would feel if he or she were to hit you.

On another note, if you plan on visiting loved ones at the cem-

eteries this holiday season, please do not discard your summertime plastic flower pots in the surrounding woods. Cemeteries are not garbage dumps.

If you absolutely cannot put a flower pot in your vehicle, leave it on the side of the cemetery driveway and either myself, or someone else who cares will pick it up.

Keep America beautiful!

Bruce Valentine

Millerton

More letters previous page.

Fighting Bittersweet, the relentless tree strangler

A big Black Walnut tree grows on our property. Some evenings in fall a few hundred grackles and blackbirds find it a convenient stopover to hold their noisy crackling and cackling end of day meeting before dropping into the reeds where they roost for the night. But not before they relieved themselves of undigested seeds of bittersweet berries.

Once they must have had a real feast, because one spring, under said walnut tree, the ground was covered by a blan-

ket of bittersweet seedling, all about one inch tall. Probably 1000s of them, I could grab them by the handful. Even years later I still pull some, but with a little more effort. Ten years on — I would need heavy equipment.

Not too long ago the orange berry masses of mature bittersweet plants, visible in fall from far away, were appreciated as a Thanksgiving décor and for giving color to a drab landscape. Now, for anyone who loves our native trees, they

are a depressing sight. Mature bittersweet can be huge. I have sawed stems with 4in diameters. At that stage the tree it has strangled and overtopped has already collapsed and is probably doomed to die as a cripple. In winter these broken-down tree ruins are a sad sight, especially those isolated rows of trees which often separate meadows and fields.

It is unlikely that mature bittersweet survives long in a private garden. Who likes his favorite tree wrecked? The damage is on unintended public lands, roadsides, on agricultural lands with hedge and tree rows and forest edges. Apples fall close to the tree, but bittersweet seeds in bird stomachs travel many miles and can end up under anyone’s tree or in an as yet unspoiled neighborhood.

With ownership comes responsibility; we can’t just blame the grackles. There are landowners who are aware of invasive shrubs and vines and invest money, time and heavy equipment to kill them off, or at least prevent them from going to seed. The Land Trust and

the Nature Conservancy do their best, but their lands and resources are limited. Bittersweet is dioecious, (meaning “two-housed”), that is male and female organs are on separate individuals, as on holly and winterberry (and animals for that matter). In fall only the female plants are highly visible, and just killing them off (“cut and paint”) using concentrated Roundup will eliminate, if not the ugly sight, at least some of the orange glow next year and slow the spread.

Fighting invasives is a socially distanced activity, could even become a new outdoor sport; equipment needed: loppers, hand saw, “buckthorn blaster” or similar Roundup applicator, heavy pants, gloves. What could be more rewarding than saving a big tree? A warning though: it’s an activity that can become an obsession. I know someone who became so obsessed with pulling Garlic mustard that he was shunned as a hiking companion.

Fritz Mueller

Sharon

New meaning for holiday

Turkey day has come and gone
The turkey just goes on and on
Turkey sandwiches turkey soup
It seems we’re in a turkey loop
And when you think you’ve seen the last
We’ll serve that dreaded turkey hash

This was my ode in days gone by
But now can only say that I
Wish you all good holiday cheer
And just look forward to next year
And meantime hope that you will be
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Peter Fitting

Salisbury

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Remediating radon in older homes or ones with a dirt basement has been traditionally very difficult, usually requiring sealing the floor with either cement or plastic in order for the sub surface radon systems to work. Yesterday I was introduced to the HRV system (heat recovery ventilator) which basically exchanges the air in a basement multiple times per hour. Fresh air is brought in and exchanged, which effectively reduces the radon in the air to acceptable levels. There is after installation maintenance, like washing the filters every 3-4 months and perhaps a dehumidifier is needed for the summer months. The company that installed this HRV system was N.E. Radon Doctors, very professional and efficient. They can be reached at 860-478-5234 and their website is www.neradondoc.com.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded between July and the end of October at area town halls.

Town of Canaan (Falls Village)

July 16, 39 Route 7 South from 39 South Seven LLC to Nicole Chase and Alyssa Ovitt, \$122,000.

July 22, 24 Arnett Drive from Kimberley G. Brooks to Daniel Glass, \$350,000.

July 27, 0 Sand Road from Allan R. Curtis to Vanessa Garcia, \$62,000.

July 28, 0 Johnson Road from Jamie Wing to Diane Burroughs, \$25,000.

Aug. 4, 0 Aspen Hill Drive from Scott and Alice Macchi to John and Jillian McCarthy, \$120,000.

Aug. 4, 28 Aspen Hill Drive from Scott and Alice Macchi to John and Jillian McCarthy, \$935,000.

Aug. 25, 64 Music Mountain Road from John and Margaret Hart to Marylou Miller, \$460,000.

Aug. 25, 36 Dublin Road from Michael Barney to Jose Victor Perez Jr., \$252,000.

Aug. 25, 15 Belden St. from Vivian Kimmelman to Albee Messing and Marsha Ruth Mailick, \$800,000.

Sept. 15, 25 Amy Road from Brenda L. Nielsen to Amy Liu and Lee Morgan, \$385,000.

Sept. 23, 22 Lime Rock Station Road from Lillian Lovitt to Joshua B. Zeaman, \$239,932.

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

Oct. 7, 41 Prospect St. from John and Katherine Feldmann to Dane and Lauren Graham, \$395,000.

Oct. 8, 46 Johnson Road from Alice Soencksen to Afshin Taber, \$233,750.

Cornwall

July 1, 380 Sharon Goshen

Turnpike from John R. Waldman and Carol H. Waldman to Daniel H. Callahan Jr. for \$285,000.

July 22, 235 Dibble Hill Road from Frederick B. Warder and Quynh T. Thai to Matthew Samuelowitz and Althea Erickson for \$1,125,000.

July 28, 287 Cream Hill Road from Stephen C. Templeman to William K. Spencer for \$322,000.

Aug. 3, 112 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Michele Kearns to Mathew B. Butcher for \$436,000.

Aug. 20, 25 Reed Brook Road from Corinne J. Levy to Matthew G. Brigham and Caroline Brigham for \$519,000.

Aug. 31, property at Cornwall Hollow Road from William Evans and Caitlin Evans to David Downey for \$75,000.

Sept. 1, 13 Day Road from Margareta Hasselberg-Roepcke to Andrew T. Alburn and Ashley N. Miles for \$420,000.

Sept. 1, 159 Dibble Hill Road from William E. Schweizer III and Alison M. Schweizer to Brittany S. McAllister and Tyler H. Cheney for \$500,000.

Sept. 2, 316 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Kevin T. Wilson to Andrew Harris and Laura Harris for \$750,000.

Sept. 3, 45 Pierce Lane from Jeffrey A. Ward and Kathryn Ward to Tatiana Kotchouby

for \$420,000.

Sept. 8, 30-38 Rattlesnake Road from Catherine H. Noren and Brian Thomas to Jack Stacey Shanewise and Phillis Marna Levin for \$750,000.

Sept. 14, 8 Swifts Bridge Road from the revocable trust of Anne S. Hummel to Matthew J. Berrell and Barbara Berrell for \$305,000.

Sept. 22, 131-133 Great Hollow Road from Emily S. Buchanan to Robert L. Becker III for \$1,200,000.

Sept. 28, property at Hall Road from the estate of Mark E. Modzelewski to William F. Evans for \$25,000.

Oct. 5, 13 Yelting Hill Road from Joseph Saluti to Giovanna Calvino for \$2,450,000.

Oct. 7, 16 Rexford Road from the revocable trust of James D. Gold Jr. and James Douglas Gold III trust to James Douglas Gold III and Janice E. Garity for \$560,000.

Oct. 13, 87 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Anne Nance and Martin Nance to Marc Falato and Pun Punyaratabandhu for \$1,935,000; and 382 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Sara M. Stevens Nerone et al. to Lindsay M. Stadig for \$295,000.

Oct. 14, 406 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Hummingbird Stone LLC and Jacqueline Saccoccio to 406-407 WCCT LLC and William Betts for \$235,000.



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OUR TOWNS

FFA holiday store is now open

FALLS VILLAGE — The holiday store run by the agriculture education students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School is now open and will sell holiday products until Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. The students are selling holiday trees, wreaths, roping, pointsettias, centerpieces, Cabot cheese, Hudson Valley fresh milk and FFA apparel.

All staff, students and customers must wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the store. Curbside pickup will also be available for those who request it.

This year there is also an online store at www.ffa.hvrhs.org.



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More property transfer listings will appear in the Dec. 10 Lakeville Journal.

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Patricia Eloise (Kilby) Fleming Kelsey

SHARON — Patricia Eloise (Kilby) Fleming Kelsey passed into the loving arms of her Lord on Nov. 26, 2020.

Patricia Eloise Kilby was born on Dec. 29, 1949, to the Rev. John G. Kilby and Mary Jean Hazel (Rediker) Kilby in Island Pond, Vt.

Patricia, also known as Pat, was raised with nine siblings in Island Pond, White River Junction, Vt. and Whitefield, N.H. Her siblings are Linda Kilby, John Kilby, Betty Shendorf, Robert Kilby, Dorothy Kilby-Turcotte, Charles Kilby, Alice Armstrong and Michael Kilby.

Pat graduated from White Mountain Regional High School in Whitefield in June 1968. Her favorite subject was home economics. That came in handy raising her sons. Pat was the first of her siblings to: Get married, have a child and a great-grandchild.

Patricia married Claude Lawrence Fleming on Oct. 19, 1968, in Whitefield. Her father officiated the ceremony. Pat and Claude lived for years in North Canaan, where they raised their three sons. Patricia was primarily a homemaker and a devoted member of her church. She and Claude celebrated 24 years of marriage before his death in 1993.

She married William Kelsey on May 25, 1996, and has resided in Sharon for the past 24 years.

Being surrounded by family was a delight for Patricia. She was known by all of her granddaughters as "Nanna." Pat was an avid quilter and loved to crochet. Everyone in the family had something that she had made over the years. Taking walks along the country roads near her home gave Pat peace of mind. She loved butterflies and making home-

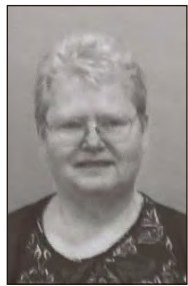
made preserves from the fruit she would pick and the vegetables from her garden. Pat would spend each morning in quiet devotion to her Lord and end each night reading her favorite parts of the Bible she kept on her nightstand. She and her husband, Bill, were longtime members of the Sharon Congregational Church.

Patricia is survived by her husband, William Kelsey of Sharon; her sons, Alan Fleming and his wife, Tammy, of North Canaan, Matthew Fleming and his wife, BobbiJo, of Jacksonville, Fla., and her son Wayne Fleming and his wife, Renee, of North Canaan. Patricia had eight talented and beautiful granddaughters, Jayme Fleming-Wampler and Erin Fleming, Ashley, Amanda, and Alexis Fleming, Lindsey Najdek, Lily Najdek and Lydia Fleming, as well as being blessed to be the great-grandmother of Catherine Wampler and Riley Leffingwell. Patricia was also the stepmother of Amy Kelsey-Wheeler of Vermont and Adam Kelsey of Colorado, and grandmother to their children, Quinn, Violet, Liam and Hannah.

Patricia was predeceased by her mother and father; her first husband, Claude Fleming; and her grandson-in-law, Corey Wampler.

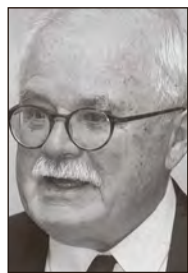
A graveside Christian burial will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery on Sand Road in North Canaan. All are welcome to attend keeping in mind current social distancing and mask requirements.

Memorial donations may be sent in Patricia's memory to the Food of Life Pantry, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Amenia Union, 40 Leedsville Road, Amenia, NY 12501.



John Lynch

SHARON — John Lynch, 1957, where he raised his family and lived until 2017, when he moved to Noble Horizons. He was a long-time member of the Sharon Country Club, of which he was president; and he helped to initially organize the Sharon Land Trust.



John graduated from Andover and Harvard on scholarships and the GI Bill. He served in the Army from 1945 to 1947.

After college he worked for two years as a merchant marine before being employed at the US Trust Company for 12 years. From 1966 to 1991 he was a managing general partner, partial owner and executive vice president of the former investment firm J&W Seligman.

He served on the boards of several private and public companies during his career.

He moved to Sharon in

He lived part-time in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in his retirement. He loved to hunt, fish and play golf, but, most importantly, he loved his family.

He was predeceased by his wife, Emily Sue Lynch; and is survived by his four children, Mybl of Dixon, N.M., Elizabeth of San Diego, Calif., Jake (and his wife Tiffany) of Hong Kong and Michael (and his wife Carol) of Sharon; and three grandchildren, Anna-Lee, Conrad and Emily.

A memorial service will be held a later date.

John Steven Moore

MILLERTON — John Steven Moore, 63, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully in the comfort of his home on Nov. 24, 2020, with his loving family at his side.

John worked for more than 30 years as a grounds and maintenance man for Taconic DDSO on the Wassaic Campus until his retirement in October 2012.

Born May 7, 1957, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Alan "Mickey" Moore and Jaqueline (Kelsey) Moore.

He attended Webutuck Schools and was a life member of the Millerton Gun Club. He truly enjoyed all his years of being a part of that organization. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed skeet shooting in his spare time. Everyone knew and loved John; he will be remembered for his generous and caring ways and for being a great friend to many.

John is survived by four

sisters, JoAnn Gop and her husband, Bruce, of Millerton, Dorothy Tanner and her husband, Arthur III, of Millerton, Sandy Holst-Grubbe and her companion of Massachusetts and Patricia Moore-Shea; his sister-in-law, Dana Moore of Philmont, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Marjorie Moore and Deborah Sneed; and his brother, Eugene Moore.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 28 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton, with graveside services and burial at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. The Rev. William Mayhew officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to the Millerton Gun Club, 12 Gun Club Road, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

Sheila Jean Scott

NORTH CANAAN — Sheila Jean Scott, 76, of North Canaan passed away on Nov. 23, 2020, peacefully at her home.

Sheila was born Aug. 8, 1944, daughter of the late Bud Tompkins and the late Margaret Marion.

In addition to her parents, Sheila was preceded in death by Norma Tompkins and Henry Marion; her siblings, Maureen Tompkins, Kevin Marion, Eileen Leigner and Eddy Tompkins; and one niece, Savannah Marion.

She is survived by her daughters, Beth and Curt Glaunert of Wisconsin and Denise and Joseph Wilson of West Virginia; her grandchildren, Brendt Glaunert and Jess Jacobson, Toby Wilson and Ellie Wilson; her great-granddaughters, Melah and Myleigh Wilson; her siblings, Kathy Mitchell of Texas, Barbara and Bob Tainter of New Mexico, Gordan Tompkins of Tex-

as and Shaun Marion of Otis; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and her beloved cat, Willie.

Sheila was a person who enjoyed life and loved her family. She had a determination that diabetes would not affect the way she lived or the quality of her life. Sheila will always be remembered for making the best out of life and bringing a smile to those around her.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to either the American Diabetes Association or your local Humane Society or animal shelter in her honor.

In accordance with Sheila's wishes she will be cremated and be taken back to the place she loved most, Los Alamos, N.M. There will be a family memorial service when restrictions with COVID are lessened.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

For more obituaries, see pages A3 & A4

The story of one Salisbury family

SALISBURY — Katherine Overton will talk about the history of the Cesar family, African American residents of the Northwest Corner, in a talk sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library and the

Salisbury Association Historical Society on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m.

To find the link to the Zoom talk, go to the Scoville Memorial website at www.scovillelibrary.org.



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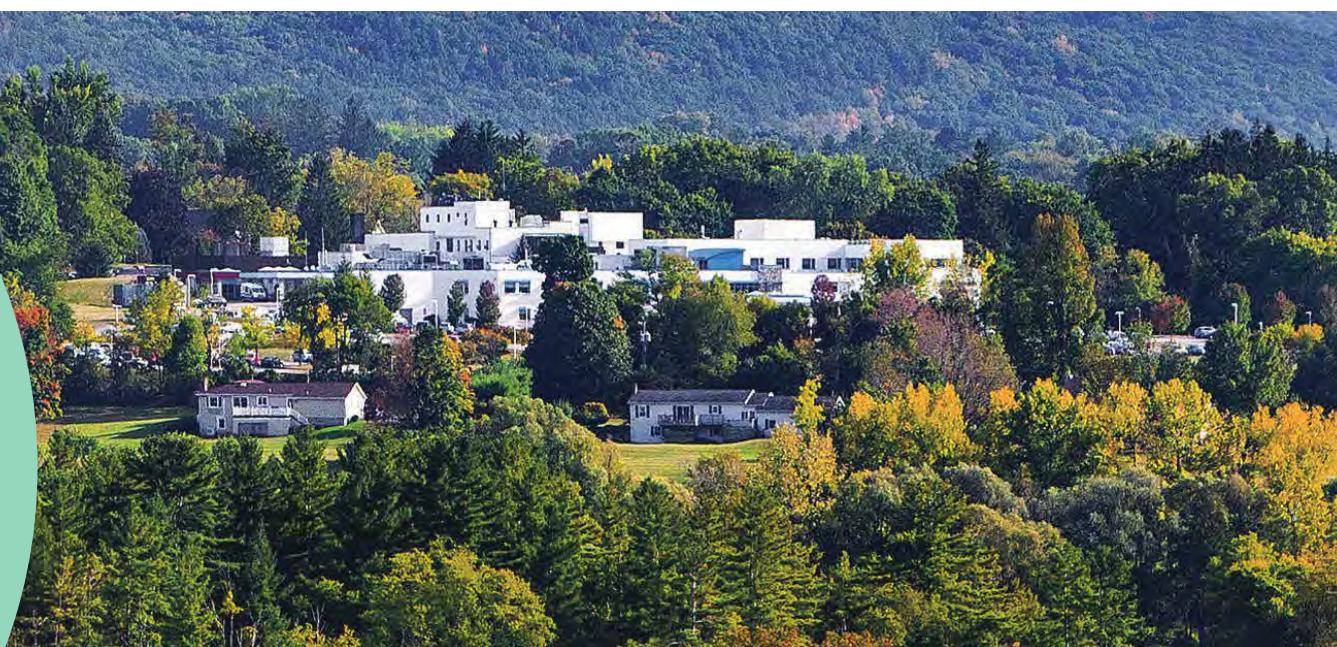
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Please join us for a Zoom webinar

 nuvancehealth.org/CTforums

 **December 14**

 **4:30-6 pm**

This will also stream at facebook.com/sharonhospital

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