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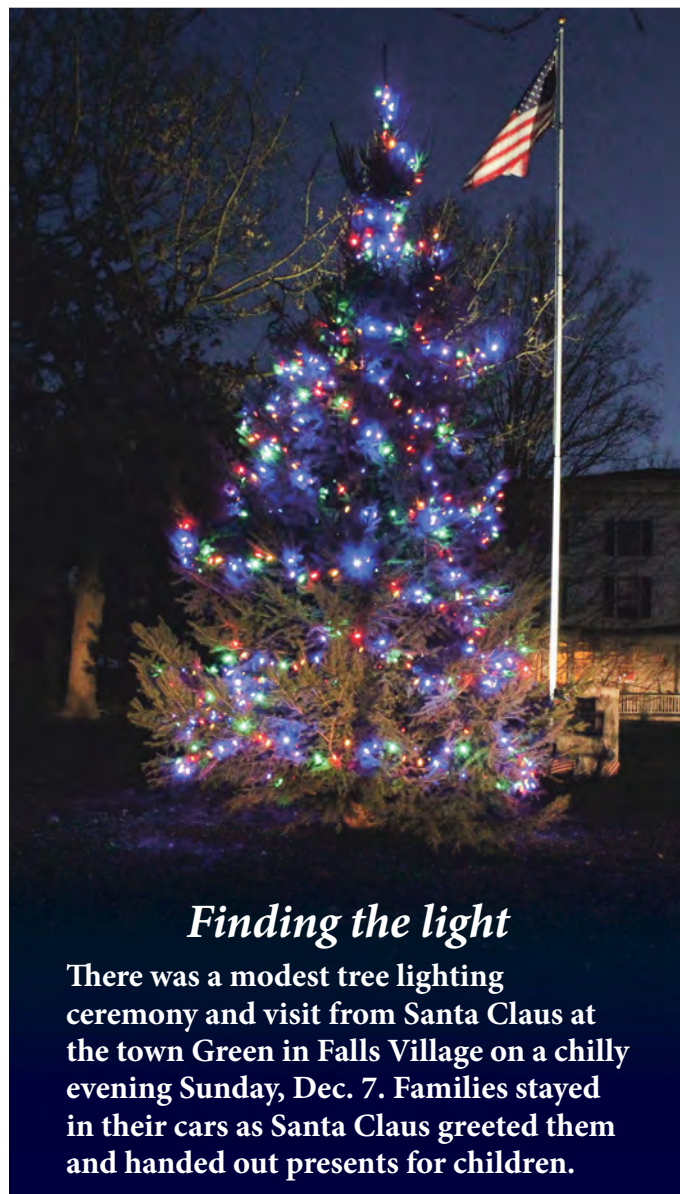


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## Finding the light

There was a modest tree lighting ceremony and visit from Santa Claus at the town Green in Falls Village on a chilly evening Sunday, Dec. 7. Families stayed in their cars as Santa Claus greeted them and handed out presents for children.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Covid-19 concerns

# HVRHS will be all-remote until Jan. 19

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) switched from a hybrid in-person and remote learning schedule to an all-remote schedule starting Monday, Dec. 7, with plans to continue it until Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The Region One Board of Education held a special meeting online on Thursday, Dec. 3. Interim Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said contact tracing for exposure to COVID-19 has become increasingly difficult and complicated, even as more students and families are opting for distance learning.

Carter also noted that there has been some concern about students getting together in groups outside of the high school. HVRHS Assistant Principal Steve Schibi said that in the preceding two weeks, he experienced problems in getting accurate reports from students about their activities outside of the school.

Asking parents wasn't always helpful, either, because the students "may have been involved in activities they didn't want us to know about, plain

and simple."

With the Thanksgiving break over, and the Christmas break approaching, Carter said that this is a good time to go to distance learning for "a short period of time" (roughly six weeks, including the Christmas break).

Carter said returning on Jan. 5 is not a good option, as the same problems — difficulty in getting accurate information about where students have been, and with whom, and for how long — will be present after the Christmas vacation.

Both Carter and HVRHS Principal Ian Strever said that teachers have learned a great deal about effective distance learning and instruction since March, when the school shut down in response to COVID-19.

"Teachers are better equipped for distance learning," Strever said.

And the distance model has some advantages, including increased class time, he added.

Strever said prior to the Dec. 3 meeting some 25% of HVRHS students were enrolled as distance learners, and that number was "going up hourly."

The board voted unanimously to accept the interim superintendent's recommendation.

A version of this article was posted online at [www.tri-cornernews.com](http://www.tri-cornernews.com).

# As COVID-19 surges, there is a critical shortage of nurses

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Across the Northwest Corner, administrators at hospitals, nursing homes, schools and health-care providers said that COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges for nurses and for the agencies who depend on them.

Burnout, reassignments to coronavirus units, fear for their health and that of family members, and the need to stay home and care for elderly relatives or school-age children are among the reasons many nurses are exiting the field.

"A constant drumbeat," is how Kevin O'Connell, CEO of Geer Village in North Canaan, described the situation. "There was already a shortage of skilled health-care workers, CNAs [cer-

"It's difficult to get people to commute a half hour to 45 minutes, especially during the winter months. Fortunately, we've been able to groom our own CNAs, but that doesn't work with nurses."

Bill Pond, Noble Horizons

tified nursing assistants] and nurses before the pandemic," he added.

"It's not the type of work that is appealing to everybody," said O'Connell. "I'm worried about staff just not wanting to do this work anymore. Our employees are struggling as are everyone else's."

## Travel is a challenge

AnnMarie Garrison, vice president of Clinical Operations for Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County, reported that her agency is currently "down some clinical staff." The newly created entity was formed through a merger of Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association, VNA Northwest in Bantam and Foothills Visiting Nurse &

Healthcare in Winsted.

As often happens after a merger, said Garrison, "some people decided to move on," so now she is faced with hiring additional nurses to supplement the agency's staff of about 23 registered nurses (RNs) and four licensed practical nurses (LPNs).

Adding to the hiring challenge is the rural nature of the region, where competition is fierce among those vying for a limited pool of qualified nurses. Health-care providers have had to get creative with their hiring and retention strategies, and management of resources.

Bill Pond, administrator of Noble Horizons in Salisbury, said while nursing levels are sta-

ble, "we have had a few people leave to pursue other opportunities."

He said the longer the pandemic rages on, the greater the toll on staff. "If the trend continues we are going to be faced with the challenge of trying to get people up to Noble."

"It's difficult to get people to commute a half hour to 45 minutes, especially during the winter months. Fortunately, we've been able to groom our own CNAs, but that doesn't work with nurses."

## A dangerous job

This past spring, the American Nurses Association conducted a survey of 32,000 nurses and found that 87% feared going to work and 36% cared for an infectious patient without having adequate PPE. The survey also revealed that only 11% of respondents believed they were well-prepared to care for COVID-19 patients.

According to data provided

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# An anti-mask debate brews

By Whitney Joseph

MILLERTON — Customers who walk up to the front door at the Talk of the Towne Deli on Route 44 in Millerton might be surprised by the sign that greets them. It reads, "Attention: Due to the fact that some A-hole keeps turning us in to the Board of Health, please wear a mask. Some employees without masks have a medical issue, so if you don't feel comfortable, stay home." It's signed with a smiley face.

The message from the deli owners Mary Hosier and her sister, Sandra Sherman: They don't believe that face masks can protect the public from being infected with the coronavirus.

## A haven for anti-maskers

"I don't believe in them because I know people who wore them and caught it anyway," said Hosier, "and I totally don't believe all the COVID deaths that are reported. All the sicknesses are not COVID."

Hosier, who was interviewed for this article on Saturday, Dec. 5, said, "COVID is no different than flu," and that "more people die of flu than they do of this COVID."

"That's just how I feel and I can make it known to anybody that it's how I feel."

"They've got everybody scared; they want to control

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PHOTO BY JOHN HARNEY JR.

A dispute is beginning in Salisbury over whether it's acceptable to ignore a conservation easement, such as the one protecting the causeway in Twin Lakes, above.

# A threat to a protected property

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — At its regular monthly meeting on Zoom Monday, Dec. 7, the Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission postponed until January a "show cause" hearing regarding the cutting and removal of vegetation by a landowner along an abandoned railroad causeway on Lake Washinee in the Twin Lakes community.

The property is on Taconic Road and owned by 145 TR LLC, whose managing member is Jeffrey Keenan. Keenan

and his wife, Claudia Keenan, purchased the property in 2017 and transferred it to the LLC in 2019. The Keenans also own a residence across the lake on Washinee Heights Road that overlooks the causeway.

Commission Chairman Larry Burcroff said that "due to a prior commitment" Keenan was not able to join the meeting, but that Keenan will attend in January.

On Nov. 17 a Cease and Correct order was issued by the commission to halt work on the causeway, where "trees, brush and nesting habitat have been removed, disturbed and cut." A permit is required for any work near a wetland or watercourse; but of greater concern: The property is also subject to a multi-page 1990 conservation restriction agreement between former landowner Mary Alice White, a staunch Salisbury conservationist, and The Nature Conservancy, which has been assigned to protect the property "in its natural, scenic

and open condition."

Keenan acknowledged in a Dec. 3 email to town officials that the complaints are actually about his plan to remove 400 feet of the cement causeway "to allow for a natural flow of water and wind in the west lake."

A petition drive by John Harney Jr. has garnered signatures from citizens who are seeking to protect the binding covenant created by White, that requires The Nature Conservancy to safeguard in perpetuity the wildlife, beauty and ecological integrity of the causeway and surrounding wetlands.

Harney and others fear that if Keenan is allowed to ignore essential parts of the easement, and if The Nature Conservancy doesn't step in to protect the land under its care, it will set a precedent for other landowners to similarly ignore hard-won and often expensive conservation easements that are meant to endure "in perpetuity."

## Update on Sharon Hospital

SHARON — Sharon Hospital, part of Nuance Health, will host an online Community Update from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14.

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**Three-day forecast**

Friday..... Cloudy, high 43°/low 34°  
 Saturday..... Rain, 50°/46°  
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**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.

**Ladder theft**

On Nov. 28 at approximately 12:45 p.m. Troop B received a report of a stolen ladder from 71 Railroad St. in North Canaan. Anyone with information is asked to contact Troop B.

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

**Free help signing up for insurance**

Go to West Cornwall for free, competent and trustworthy assistance in signing up for health insurance with Health Pathfinder. Health Pathfinder's upcoming Community Assister Hours are:

- Dec. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. (phone appointments ONLY)
- Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; in-person appointments OR phone appointments
- Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; phone appointments only

All appointments, in person or by phone, need to be scheduled by calling 860-672-0043 x118.

For more information, find Health Pathfinder on Facebook or at [www.healthpathfinder.org](http://www.healthpathfinder.org). The sessions are held at The Union on Main Street in West Cornwall.

Bring the first page of your taxes, pay stubs for the current month, unemployment amounts, current health insurance card and your current username and password for Access Health CT if enrolled there previously.

For any questions or concerns, call 860-672-0043 x118. Open enrollment ends Dec. 15, 2020, so don't delay.



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.

**A holiday jigsaw puzzle for Journal 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/lakevillejournal](http://www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/lakevillejournal).

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 the 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 (and if you have any problems with your order), contact [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com).

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Members of the Lakeville Community Conservancy at Community Field on Saturday, Nov. 21. From left, Bill Littauer, Ellen Hubbard, Tino and Susan Galluzzo, Lisa McAuliffe, Ted and Peggy Sands and SuSu Langlands.

**New rest spots in Lakeville park**

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — There are four new benches, two sturdy trash cans and two dog waste disposal dispensers at Community Field in Lakeville, thanks to the efforts of the Lakeville Community Conservancy.

Not to mention new wood-veneer fencing.

Members of the group gathered at the field on one of the last warmish days of 2020, Saturday, Nov. 21, to show the results of their work.

The metal benches, painted green, are pretty hefty and require a couple of people to move. But they can be moved. And once in place, they are

quite comfortable.

The group also cleared out the stretch of the Rail Trail that runs along the perimeter of the field, which gives walkers a clear shot from Salisbury village to the Patco gas station and convenience store in Lakeville.

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# Our Towns

## Gingerbread Fest rises to 2020 challenge

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The ninth annual Kent Gingerbread Festival has arrived for the 2020 holiday season. In this ever-changing world, there were thoughts of not having the event this year — but community support was so strong that those thoughts were quickly extinguished.

Rocco and Candi Valeri donated the spacious corner shop at Kent Town Center, which was transformed into Gingerbread Station for the month of December. The glass-front space (most recently the temporary home of the Morrison Gallery) is a perfect showplace for gingerbread creations made by a range of volunteer bakers, from business owners to nursery school students.

There are also festively decorated Christmas trees at the station, donated by community members.

Nine imaginative, amusing and edible gingerbread



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

RT Facts Design & Antiques recreated their storefront out of gingerbread for the festival.

creations fill the windows on Main Street. Each is identified by its bakers and contributors. There are also gingerbread

constructions at businesses in town including Heron Gallery, Foreign Cargo, Covered Wagon Gifts, RT Facts and more.

The gingerbread scavenger hunt is a big part of the festival. This year it is “virtual.” For those who come see the houses in person, many of the creations have QR codes posted alongside them that can be scanned and used to find clues. Guesses can be submitted online and on forms available at the Heron Gallery.

The festival is organized by the Kent Chamber of Commerce. Learn more at [www.kentct.com](http://www.kentct.com), [www.kentctgingerbreadfest.com](http://www.kentctgingerbreadfest.com) or on Facebook at Kent CT Gingerbread Fest.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Caleb Sedgewick met Santa Claus at an event held by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Sunday, Dec. 6.

## Father Christmas visits the children of Sharon

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon invited youngsters to meet Santa outdoors and chat about gifts and wishes. The visit was postponed to Sunday from Saturday, when wet weather had washed out the town’s holiday plans, including the lighting of the lu-

minaria on the Green. They are expected to be on display on Saturday, Dec. 12; no public gathering is planned.

## 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](http://www.salisburyct.us), email [recreationdirector@salisburyct.us](mailto:recreationdirector@salisburyct.us) or call 860-435-5186. The deadline to register is Dec. 18; the competition is open to Salisbury residents.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

## Survey’s goal is to probe Cornwall’s internet gaps

By Rob Buccino

CORNWALL — How much internet is enough for Cornwall? A new survey launching in January will ask town residents to help map places where current providers leave gaps, and to test the speed of commercially available connections against their advertisers’ claims. At stake, survey sponsors say, is the risk that the town will fall behind in property values, losing the ability to attract young families and web-dependent businesses in an increasingly connected world.

The Cornwall Internet Expansion Committee, a nonprofit 12-member ad hoc group of web-savvy Cornwall residents, intends the survey to document alleged dissatisfactions with broadband internet availability. Committee members Gary Steinkohl and Johan Winsser told The Lakeville Journal that Cornwall, among other rural towns, not only suffers from slow web connection speeds due to near-obsolete coaxial cable infrastructure, but also still has areas that have no internet wiring at all. (According to Winsser, Cornwall was the last town in Connecticut to get cable television.)

When internet use exploded in 2020 as schools shifted to remote learning, doctors adopted telehealth and in-person meetings became Zoom sessions, Cornwall’s connection problems were laid bare. Excruciating download delays and unstable links resulted from cable’s limits on the volume of data and number of concurrent users copper wire could serve.

According to Winsser, a retired telecommunications expert who formerly planned networks for Verizon, some Cornwall families were recently forced to choose between

pursuing their livelihoods and their children’s school lesson because of speed limitations of their internet service.

Winsser says that these days, download speeds greater than one gigabyte per second are becoming available in many urban areas, yet Cornwall’s are believed to hover around a tenfold to a hundredfold slower.

While Optimum advertises a 300-mbps cable plan, in reality some using it fail to achieve even 100 mps download speeds (and slower uploads) because of limitations on their in-home connections and modems, as well as heavy traffic from other users.

Committee members crafted the survey, which will be available online, so that residents would perform and report actual internet speed tests as well as describe how they use the web.

Results will be aggregated to protect anonymity, although address information will be used to locate streets and roads where the gaps are greatest.

With these results, the committee hopes to have a solid evidence platform from which to advocate for changes — whether to help negotiate with cable companies, underpin testimony to governmental authori-

ties considering intervention and/or subsidies, or explore the feasibility of a municipal cooperative utility that would install and own fiber lines that commercial vendors may be reluctant or slow to provide.

Despite multiple requests over the past two years, including efforts by elected officials, “nobody seems to get back from Optimum or Frontier a concrete development plan” for fiber investment in Cornwall, according to Steinkohl. Because of this, area towns are exploring their options. Norfolk will hold a referendum on a municipal fiber proposal early in 2021, and the Sharon Connect Task Force recently closed a survey of its residents’ internet interests.

Steinkohl and Winsser take pains to point out that the volunteer committee’s only agenda is to help the Cornwall community come together for better connectivity. Guidance to community members is available from the committee’s experts for improving speed using existing cable and DSL connections, for example. They welcome community input, but stress that they’re looking for well-documented facts that will help them objectively evaluate options for the future.

## Meeting on two controversial development topics is Dec. 10

FALLS VILLAGE — A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen originally scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2, was rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, 8 a.m. on Zoom.

On the agenda are two items of particular interest: a lease for part of the space at 107 Main St. and a request for the release of funds for the Incentive Housing Zone to the Falls Village Housing Trust.

The Dec. 2 meeting was convened and immediately adjourned. First Selectman Henry Todd explained the meeting was improperly warned as a meeting of the Board of Finance.

To see the agenda and for log-in details, go to [www.canaan-fallsvillage.org](http://www.canaan-fallsvillage.org).

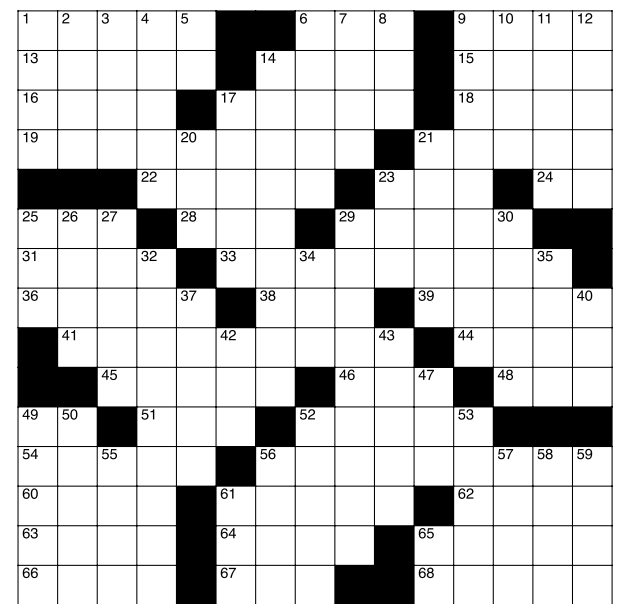
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Skateboarders love them
6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
9. Former Ohio State great Michael
13. Not dirty
14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
15. A Spanish river
16. Pig meat (French)
17. Famed astronomer
18. Floating ice
19. Broadcast
21. Aquatic mammals
22. Some are bath
23. Hip hop trio
24. NY Giants’ #56
25. Small European viper
28. Neither
29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
31. Loud noise
33. Second year high schooler
36. “\_ in comparison”
38. Golf score
39. Raise
41. Pastas
44. Easily manageable
45. FATHERED
46. Pouch
48. Institute legal proceedings against
49. News organization
51. Unruly group of people
52. Fasten or secure
54. Sheets of glass
56. Doubled
60. Foolish person
61. Rooney and Kate are two
62. Small, rich sponge cake
63. Advice or counsel
64. Large wading bird
65. Famed British physicist
66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
67. Field force unit
68. Lying face downward

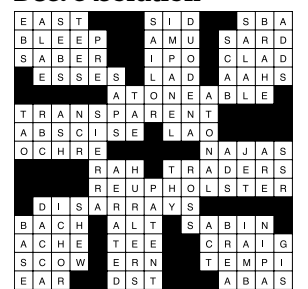
### CLUES DOWN

1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
2. Soap ingredient
3. Blackbird
4. Single steps
5. Tin
6. Books have lots of them
7. Made of fermented honey and water
8. You can get it in a bed
9. Room for communal meals
10. Early Syrian kingdom
11. Provokes dry amusement
12. Use with “thou”
14. Mollusk
17. Grain storage units

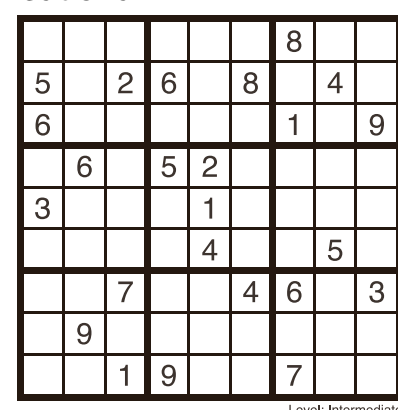


20. Not a car, not a truck
21. Ooze
23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
25. Tennis pros group
26. Something that’s not what it’s purported to be
27. E. Indian trees
29. Beloved December holiday
30. Regions
32. Metric unit of length
34. Peter’s last name
35. Beige
37. 18-year period in astronomy
40. Where golfers begin
42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
43. Frocks
47. Soda comes in it
49. On approval
50. Trims by cutting
52. Small finch
53. Language Bura\_
55. Nothing
56. Imbecile (British)
57. Tropical Asian plant
58. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
59. Small freshwater fish
61. Indicates position
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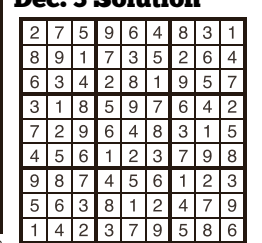
### Dec. 3 Solution



### Sudoku



### Dec. 3 Solution



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

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## Hans Joerg Meili

AMENIA — Hans Joerg Meili (known to many in the area as “Joerg”) was born in Zurich, Switzerland, on Nov. 14, 1929, and died peacefully at his home in Amenia on Dec. 4, 2020.



The son of Dr. Juris Hans Meili-Laetsch and Elisabeth Meili-Laetsch, Joerg was the eldest of his three brothers: Dieter (deceased), Christoph and Adrian.

Although Hans Joerg grew up in the city of Zurich as the son of a District Attorney, he always had a penchant for farming and his parents had memories of him running around barefoot to visit a neighboring farmer with a few dairy cows. Because of his love of all things agriculture, he attended the Landwirtschaftsschule (an agricultural college) in the Swiss canton of Neuchatel and graduated with high honors.

Joerg spoke several languages and because Neuchatel is in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, despite growing up in the German-speaking portion of the country, his classes were all in French. Upon graduating, he realized that a career in farming in Switzerland wasn't that realistic due to the challenges of farming in a small, mountainous country—which made other distant lands more attractive. So, in order to learn about different types of agriculture, he planned to try farming in various other parts of the world. He started out by working on farms in England, Holland and Denmark. His next country was the United States; he was hired as manager of Bel-Air Farm in Millbrook, which at the time was one of the largest dairy farms in the Northeast and owned by a Swiss-German entrepreneur. Joerg arrived in 1953 with the intent to spend a year or so in the United States and then travel to Africa or South America to learn about their farming operations. But fate intervened and he met a vivacious woman named Carol from New York City who one day made the trip upstate to Bel-Air Farm to visit her teenage brother, who was spending a summer working on the farm. The exact facts are somewhat murky but here's what we do know: one of her purposes in going to Bel-Air was to give the young Swiss farm manager a talking to about what she deemed unfair treatment of her younger brother. Apparently that conversation went very well because Joerg ended up driving Carol back to New York that night and shortly thereafter she moved to Millbrook as the wife of a country farmer. They had five children, Barbara, Jean (deceased), Joerg and twins Carla and Craig.

When Bel-Air was sold to a new owner, Joerg purchased a small farm on the border of Amenia and Sharon and also started a silo and storage tank construction business. Unfortunately, Carol died of cancer in 1970, just a few short years after the family settled in Amenia.

For decades, Hans Joerg and his business partner sold and constructed silos and tanks in the Northeast, including projects throughout New England and most of the mid-Atlantic region. Over the years, he also expanded the farm. Upon retiring, he returned full-time to farming and some years ago he realized his long-held dream of watching a herd of beef cows grazing outside his house. He developed a herd which mixed Belted Galloways and Herefords (sometimes resulting in strange abstract markings) which have become a bit of a local attraction as they quietly graze in his field opposite Paley's farm market in Sharon. Hans Joerg was very proud that his two sons, Joerg and Craig, have continued the family farming tradition and have their own farming operations.

Although his Swiss family would have preferred that Hans Joerg returned to Swit-

zerland, he truly loved his new country and proudly became a citizen in the 1950s. He also loved traveling throughout the United States for both pleasure and business—he would often drive hundreds of miles (sometimes in a single day) to visit farmers and municipal customers in upstate New York or in various parts of New England. He also traveled abroad quite frequently, primarily in Europe but some of his most memorable trips were to New Zealand, Patagonia, South Africa and India. And of course he made frequent visits to his family in Switzerland, often accompanied by friends or family members—he wanted his children to have strong relationships with the extended Swiss family and to experience Swiss culture.

His companion for decades was Susanne Kaletsch, who lived in Sharon for many years but returned to her home country of Germany late last year.

Hans Joerg loved not only his own farm but all farms—one of his favorite activities was driving around the countryside, exploring back roads and taking in the spectacular natural beauty of the Tri-state area. In addition to enjoying watching his grandchildren grow up, one of his recent pleasures was tending to cats; he had a beloved cat, Phoebe, that was his constant companion for many years. After she died a few years ago, he started taking care of a collection of barn cats; because he fed them regularly, they all decided to pick up and move from the barn over to his house. At times there would be six or more cats lounging on his porch.

In addition to being an avid reader, he loved classical music and opera and was a frequent visitor, along with Susanne, to Music Mountain and The Shed at Tanglewood and he also enjoyed the Metropolitan Opera simulcasts at the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington. He served on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Millbrook from 1983 through 2010 and thereafter was a Director Emeritus until his death.

Hans Joerg is survived by his children, Barbara, Joerg, Carla, her husband, Michael Clarke, and Craig; his grandchildren, Sam, Summer and Sarah Meili, Charlotte Clarke and Thatcher and Greta Meili; his brother, Christoph and wife, Christine, and his brother Adrian and wife Marianne; his sister-in-law, Giacinta (widow of Dieter); and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon. A graveside ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. at the Amenia Island Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Little Guild Animal Shelter, 285 Sharon Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796; Amenia Fire Department, P.O. Box 166, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501; or the Dutchess Land Conservancy, 4289 Route NY-82, Millbrook, NY 12545.

## OBITUARIES

### Julia (Boulton) Scott

WEST CORNWALL — Julia Boulton Scott, 87, of Cream Hill Road, died peacefully on Nov. 30, 2020, at Geer Village. She was the loving wife of the late John Findlay Scott.

Julia was born on April 6, 1933, in Calcutta, India, the eldest daughter of The Very Reverend Walter and Kathleen Lorna (Yorke-Batley) Boulton.

In 1945, her family returned to England and Julia graduated from Girton College at Cambridge University in 1955 with an M.A. in History and Law.

She married John on June 25, 1958, and they moved from the U.K. to New York City, where John joined the Legal Office of the United Nations. She got her M.S.W. from Columbia School for Social Work in 1979.

In 1965, she and John purchased and renovated an old mill in West Cornwall, and moved there full time in 2000.

Over the years she was passionate about her gardens and her horses, and was devoted to her family, friends and community. Her interests included music, literature, travel and cooking. She was known in Cornwall for her hospitality and she frequently used Gold's Mill for entertaining and fundraising.

Julia was a committed volunteer who served on numerous boards, many of which involved organizations committed to providing resources for mental health, including Prime Time House, Clubhouse International and Fountain House. She is survived by two sons,

John William and Alexander; a daughter, Catherine; and nine grandchildren, John, Dylan, Graham, Caroline, Emma, Annabel, Stella and Ruby.

A memorial service will be deferred until 2021, once it is safe to gather again.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clubhouse International, 845 Third Ave., 6th Floor, NYC, NY 10022; and Crescendo Inc., P.O. Box 245, Lakeville, CT 06039.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

### Sandy Hook vigil Dec. 13

SALISBURY — The eighth anniversary of the Sandy Hook mass shooting will be on Dec. 14, 2020. A vigil will be held on the Green in front of The White Hart on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. to remember that day and all Americans who have been killed and/or injured by guns since then. Bring a candle. Masks are required.

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Week of December 13, 2020

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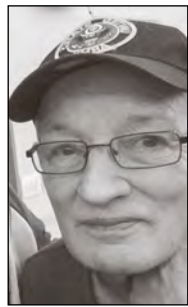
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### Edward Joseph Maillet

MILLERTON — Edward Joseph Maillet, 77, a 40-year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Dec. 6, 2020, at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. Mr. Maillet was a warehouseman for 39 years at the Millerton Agway prior to his retirement.



Born Aug. 17, 1943, in Nova Scotia, Canada, he was the son of the late Leonard Maillet and Marie (Poirier) and Frank Jong.

He attended school in Dover Plains and Webutuck and enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served our nation from 1966 to 1969, at which time he was honorably discharged.

Ed resided in Ancramdale for 10 years prior to moving to Millerton.

On Aug 2, 1980, in Amenia, he married Brenda Ann Dietter. Mrs. Maillet survives at home in Millerton.

Mr. Maillet was an honorary member of the Millerton Fire Company and a member of the Millerton Rescue Squad for 10 years and also belonged to the Millerton Grange.

In addition to his wife of 40 years, he is survived by three children, Kris Maillet of Millerton, Frank Maillet and his wife, Kristin, of Dover Plains and Denise Manfro of New Fairfield, Conn.; three grand-

children, Jaxon and Madison Manfro of New Fairfield and Karl Maillet of Dover Plains; two step-randdaughters, Alexis and Lily Gagnon of Dover Plains; three brothers, Bernie Ross and his wife, Joan, of Cambridge, Ontario, Moses "Tony" Maillet and his wife, Mary, of Amenia and Mark

Maillet and his wife, Sharon, of Inverness, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Anne Marie Maillet; two brothers, Thedious Poirier and his wife, Joan, of Nova Scotia and Donald Maillet of Fayetteville, N.C.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Ed's memory may be made to the Millerton Agway, 5980 N. Elm Ave., Millerton, NY 12546, to assist with agricultural and pet care needs to benefit local families.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send flowers, plant a tree or send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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# Our Towns

## Cornwall red with COVID-19

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The upward trend in COVID-19 cases continued throughout the week and that rise was discussed by the Cornwall selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

“The town has seen a significant increase in positive test results,” First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported. “Cornwall could easily be in a red zone shortly,” he added.

And, in fact, at the end of the week, Ridgway sent a written update to the town that Cornwall had risen to red zone status. Currently, he wrote, only nine of the state’s 169 towns remain free of the high-alert status.

Town officials have been following the spread very carefully,

Ridgway said.

“We ask everyone to redouble their efforts with mask wearing, hand sanitizing and social distancing,” Ridgway urged.

He said the town continues regular contact with area and state officials, who are fully responsive.

He said that residents should do whatever they can to lessen the impact on hospitals.

“The next month may be the toughest,” Ridgway warned.

Recent donations to the Food and Fuel Fund stand at a current total of \$10,000, Ridgway announced, expressing appreciation for residents’ generosity and crediting the Cornwall Talent Show (Part One), a fundraiser coordinated by Fred Thaler.



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A Swiss-designed cast cement hedgehog is at Honeychurch Home. Passports, above, has fur and faux-fur apparel.

## Yes, Virginia, there is still holiday gift shopping this year

SALISBURY — Despite the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is still possible to do some Christmas shopping in Salisbury.

A reporter made a socially distant shopping foray on Saturday morning, Dec. 5.

At Honeychurch Home, the star attraction was a cast cement hedgehog (\$29). Owner Carolyn Piccirelli said the hedgehog has proved extremely popular.

Those responding to the combination of COVID-19 and winter with soup will need bread, and the bread might as well be warm. For \$49, Honeychurch has baskets that hold a decorative terra cotta insert. The idea is to put the insert in the oven for five minutes at 350 degrees to get it nice and warm. The insert then goes back in the basket and the bread goes on top, where it stays warm.

Honeychurch Home is at 10 Academy St. Look for it online at [www.honeychurchhome.com](http://www.honeychurchhome.com) or call 860-596-4381 for information. Hours are 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

At Passports, Christopher Baetz, mindful of the weather, was enthusiastic about faux-fur collars at \$55.

Next to the collars was a basket of ordinary white handker-

### HOLIDAY GIFTS

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chiefs, \$28 for seven hankies. These are mostly for blowing, not showing, although they can certainly be ironed and shaped into the classic “TV fold” (think television new anchorman circa 1965).

There are attractive, informal strands of freshwater pearls on suede cords in different col-

ors for \$95.

On the higher end, Passports has fur-trimmed capes (\$275), which allow the wearer to stay warm and be stylish simultaneously.

Passports is at 14 Main St. Go to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/passportsantiques>) or call 860-435-8855 to get the store hours Thursday through Saturday (Mondays through Wednesdays are by appointment).

There is a “pop-up shop”

from Sweethaven Farm located next to Salisbury Pharmacy, inside where there used to be a coffee shop. Noreen Driscoll and company can provide table arrangements, fresh flowers, and, outside in a tent, wreaths. The shop is open through Sunday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. Orders are encouraged, for pick-up or free delivery, within the local area. Go to [www.sweethavenfarmct.com](http://www.sweethavenfarmct.com) for more info, or call 860-309-7132.

## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Ann Ober

LITCHFIELD — Elizabeth Ann Ober, 82, died Nov. 30, 2020, in Litchfield. The Rev.

Douglas Worthington, of St. Andrew’s Church in Kent, officiated at a family service at Liz’s bedside on May 29.

She was born in Chicago, Ill., on April 4, 1938, to Wilfred Schaeffer Stone, a patent lawyer in Chicago,

and Mary Elizabeth née Kunkel. Liz was a vivacious, stalwart Foreign Service wife who, after studying at DePauw and Boston University, supported her husband Robert Fairchild Ober Jr. during assignments in Hamburg, Warsaw, Moscow (three times), New Delhi and Athens, and his incumbency as president of International College in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1998 to 2001. She was president of American women’s clubs in Moscow and New Delhi.

In 1978, then-Senator Joe Biden, whom she had guided around Moscow, wrote the

chargé d’affaires that she belonged in the Foreign Service itself!



Upon retirement from the Foreign Service, they settled in the town of Sharon and worked at Kent School, where she served as the administrative assistant to Dr. Joel Danisi, Kent School’s doctor, during the 1990s. She

also helped her son at his gallery in Kent, the Ober Gallery.

She was a devoted and loving mother of three: Elise LaFosse, a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford; Abby Ober, an artist and instructor at St. Michaels in Maryland; and Robert F. Ober III, a history teacher at Kent School and owner of the Ober Gallery; their spouses, Laurent, John and Amy; and her four grandchildren, Natalie Laible, Rob Laible, Rob Ober IV and Lucy Ober. Her family and her friends here and abroad will remember her abiding love.

For more obituaries, see page A4

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## NURSES

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by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 36% of health care workers hospitalized with the coronavirus were nurses and nursing assistants.

Garrison, who has worked as a registered nurse for 37 years, 31 of which were spent in home health, said the pandemic has been exhausting for staff since the March lock down.

"It was very tough on our nurses and all clinical staff. The patients were so sad, lonely and feeling isolated. It took a huge toll on staff. Their hearts were breaking."

In addition to being stressed about keeping patients, themselves and their families safe, she said, visiting nurses are required to don PPE, including full gowning and N95 respirator masks. While they are glad to have the protective gear, it's also cumbersome to wear.

Another concern, said the VNA spokeswoman, is the increased community spread. "During this recent uptick I have seen more patients' family members come down with the virus. Also, we are getting more patients coming out of the hospital COVID-positive, expecting that care will be done at home."

COVID fatigue among staff, said Geer's CEO, "is very, very real. We went eight months without a COVID-19 case, and then it came into assisted living so quickly." Once the contagion reaches the nursing home and nurses need to quarantine, "you could decimate a whole group of your staff and have very little ability to replace them quickly," he said. As a precaution, Geer has put in place a "full succession plan" for staffing.

Although the North Canaan senior community received an "all clear" report from the state following a viral outbreak there

early in the fall, "everyone is worried about the future," including the upcoming holiday travel season and rising cases, said O'Connell. He said he is also worried that a strain on the health-care system in coming months could result in a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) again.

### The benefits of 'system-ness'

Hospital administrators in the Northwest Corner reported in early December they have been able to keep up with demand by reallocating staff, resources and equipment to where they are needed most.

Both Sharon Hospital (affiliated with Nuvance Health) and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington (affiliated with Hartford HealthCare) are part of larger health-care systems, which allows them access to a wider pool of resources.

"We call it the benefit of 'system-ness,'" said Daniel J. McIntyre, president of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and senior vice president of Hartford HealthCare Northwest Region.

Hartford HealthCare has a central recruitment office that focuses on hiring and also works with staffing agencies to fill temporary positions. "Within each region we have the latitude to deploy and re-deploy our most skilled RNs," he said, as well as the ability to move medical staff to assist in the ICU. Or, non-clinical staff may be assigned to work at a testing facility. "We make the highest and best use of manpower," said McIntyre.

At Sharon Hospital, spokeswoman Marina Ballantine reported that "current staffing levels are aligned with changing volumes. We are well-prepared through contingency planning and benefit from a collective approach to staffing, resource and bed management — a strength of our seven-hospital system."

### Incentives and initiatives offered

Health-care agencies say hiring is only half the battle. Retaining staff is crucial. Geer Village has hired a full-time recruiter, is working with staffing agencies and visiting nurse associations to supplement staff with private-duty aides, and is offering nurses COVID-19 bonuses of \$100 per shift, according to O'Connell.

"We brought in four new medical staff last month. The key is to make sure to keep them long-term," said the Geer administrator. That means keeping them healthy, both physically and mentally, through weekly virtual meetings, pandemic updates, holiday festivities like the recent North Canaan Parade of Lights, peer support and access to mental health counseling.

Sharon Health Care Center is currently recruiting full-time and part-time RNs, LPNs and CNAs, and is offering a \$500 sign-on bonus, among other incentives, according to Tim Brown, Athena Health Care spokesman.

He, too, cited obstacles in finding qualified candidates: the area's rural geography, sparse population and higher cost of living. Retaining nurses has been a challenge, said Brown. Many have chosen to leave direct-care positions to take lower-risk jobs, or to stay at home with family. Adding to the staffing difficulty, he said, is the limited pool of certified nursing assistants, as many colleges and private companies ceased offering classes during the pandemic.

Brown recalled the early days of the pandemic when Sharon Health Care was designated a COVID-19 recovery center, and the great toll it took on nurses. "It was definitely a traumatic time."

### School nurses have added roles

School nurses have had their work cut out for them during the 2020-2021 academic year. Fortunately, in the

Region One School District, staffing of nurses has not been a problem, said Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter. Each of the district's six elementary schools has a designated nurse, and two nurses are assigned to the high school.

Turnover of nurses has been low, Carter said, and the nurses tend to live in the communities where they work.

"If we were to lose two or three of them at any given time," however, that could be problematic. "I would expect that we would feel the pain just like the other agencies that employ nurses in the area."

In the age of COVID-19, said the Region One head, the role of school nurses "seems to have morphed a little bit." In addition to their regular duties, they are also conducting initial coronavirus health screenings, calling parents if a child exhibits symptoms, assisting with contact tracing and communicating test results with administrators.

### Waiting, and hoping

The remainder of December through the first week of January, "will be our struggle" in terms of staffing, said McIntyre. "We are definitely paying attention to the number of COVID-positive patients out of our total number of patients."

During the first wave of the virus, he said, "we were up to 25 patients out of 80 admissions per day." McIntyre said as of Thursday, Dec. 3, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital was treating 24 coronavirus patients. "So we are close to the peak."

On the bright side, the hospital president said, COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be distributed to health-care staff throughout the Hartford HealthCare system starting in mid-December. "That will make our colleagues a little more secure."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Have you seen Rudolph ...?

Families stayed in their cars as Santa Claus greeted them in Falls Village on Sunday, Dec. 7. For another Falls Village holiday photo, turn to Page A1.

## UPDATE

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In the virtual webinar, Sharon Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko will discuss the latest hospital developments and updates on the affiliation that created Nuvance Health.

The independent monitor engaged by Nuvance Health will be present to report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling 845-554-1734 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the hospital's website at www.nuvancehealth.org/CTforums.

## MASKS

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everybody, the government does. I'm not going to be taken down easy."

Talk of the Towne Deli, which opened 15 years ago, has been in the small plaza next to the mini-golf range for nine years. Previously, Hosier owned the Millerton Diner, from 1988 to 2000.

She said she worries that if COVID-19 forces businesses to shut down again, the local economy won't survive.

### Patrons defend their choice

New York has a statewide mask mandate. More specifically, restaurants in Dutchess County, and in the town of North East, must require employees and patrons to wear face masks when not dining.

When asked if their customers must wear masks, Hosier acknowledged they must. When asked if she enforces the mandate when customers don't abide it, Hosier replied, "Nope."

Despite not agreeing with the mask mandate, Hosier said she and her four employees have been wearing masks since being fined by the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) about two months ago. The DOH fine was based on an anonymous tip. Hosier would not say how much the business was fined, but fines usually start at \$250 for a first offense and can go as high as \$1,000 the second time around.

In general, the deli's customers support and even prefer Hosier's policy. Problems have arisen in recent months when someone comes in who isn't aware of the ethos of the eatery. One recent visitor, who is a Millbrook resident, said she stopped in to the deli for a take-out lunch order on a recent visit to Millerton and didn't notice the sign on the door.

She commented to the woman behind the counter that she was uncomfortable that there were patrons not wearing masks while standing at the counter near her. One of those customers unleashed a misogynistic, offensive stream

of epithets at her.

The Millbrook visitor asked to be anonymous for this story, for fear that she would be targeted for backlash.

Hosier claims she wasn't at the deli on that day and doesn't recall hearing about the incident.

When asked how she would have handled it had she been present, the deli owner said, "I think I would wait and see how it escalated until I intervened. But I sure would stop it."

### Supportive but concerned about future

Some regular customers of the deli have also chosen not to return until the pandemic is under control. One Millerton resident, who said she used to order from the deli frequently, will no longer go there after having suffered through a several-months long struggle with COVID-19. She also asked to remain anonymous for this article, fearing backlash.

"I want them to stay open and have dine-in service," she said. "You need to help us do that by wearing masks and social distancing or we're going to end up doing this again and this time your business may not

survive, or you're potentially infecting people who may not be able to spend money at your establishment because they end up like me or worse."

### Confident about the future

"Our business is pretty good, knock on wood, thank God," said Hosier.

In fact, she added, "I believe we are gaining business. We're not sitting at the door taking [people's] temperature, doing all kinds of stuff and making them feel uncomfortable."

It isn't only the deli's reputation as a safe place for people who don't want to wear masks. Hosier noted that the deli has also been supporting community members through the pandemic.

Talk of the Towne has delivered food to frontline workers — purchased by people in the community at what she said is a "significant discount" — to locations including Sharon Hospital and Sharon Pharmacy, among others, have benefited from the food supplies during the pandemic.

### No regrets

Hosier feel confident that she's doing the right thing.

Customers who don't feel comfortable with her policy, her sense of humor or political opinions should dine elsewhere.

"Everybody has got to live their life and stop being so afraid. We keep everything clean here; everything is bleached, wiped down. We do our best to serve the community," she said.

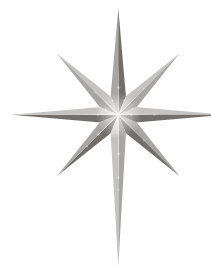
"Most people like it. If you don't feel comfortable, please stay home. [Is the sign on the door] aggressive? Yes. People come in laughing their butts off."

The deli's decor is largely made up of commercially produced signs that have sassy and humorous quips. Hosier feels that the sign on the door is in the same vein. "We have wise-crack signs, it's who we are. We're genuine — you can be yourself around us. It's who we are. And we're not taking [the sign] down anytime soon."

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said by email, "Face coverings have been, and continue to be, one of our most effective mitigations against the spread of COVID. It is critical we all continue to do our part."



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HOLIDAY GIFTS: LEILA HAWKEN

## To Tuck Into a Stocking: A Portal to Dreams of NYC

Mapmaker John Tauranac (a part-time resident of Cornwall, Conn.) has taken the iconic New York City subway map (which he designed) and made it, if possible, even a little better.

This new version, published in August, is published by Tauranac Maps and can be purchased locally at The Wish House in West Cornwall, Conn. ([www.wishhouse.com](http://www.wishhouse.com)) for \$5.95.

When Tauranac, a Cornwall, Conn., resident and a fairly low key gent, was asked if it lives up to its billing as “ultimate subway map,” he modestly confessed, “I am so vain as to believe that it is.”

The very first New York subway map was produced in 1904 as an advertising postcard issued by Wanamaker’s Department Store in Manhattan, which could be accessed by a subway station stop on its lower level.

Many map iterations followed, but it was the 1979 version that introduced the concept of color



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**John Tauranac, designer of the iconic New York City subway map, has a new and improved map that he is selling at retail outlets, including the Wish House in West Cornwall.**

coding the subway lines. Tauranac was already achieving acclaim for his 1972 and 1973 “undercover maps” of Midtown and Lower Manhattan, tracing the underground walking passages that thread through and under the city’s buildings.

He was employed by the MTA (Metropolitan Transit Authority) and in 1974 was working on creating an official travel guide and introducing a geographically accurate subway map.

By 1978, he was the chairman of the MTA subway map committee but had been unsuccessful in gaining approval for his ideas for the color-coding system.

That same year, though, bolstered by the support of socialite and powerhouse Phyllis Cerf Wagner, Tauranac’s concept of the quasi-geographic, color-coded system was approved by the MTA president.

The 1979 MTA map has provided the bones for all subsequent maps, Taura-

nac said. But with each new edition, the map has incorporated changes that render it more confusing.

Tauranac’s new MTA pocket map pack is self-published and conveys even more information in a clearer, color-coded and keyed presentation. For example, there is now a separate map on the reverse side with information about late-night service.

For any riders who have ever discovered that they were traveling north on a line when they meant to go south, Tauranac has added a no u-turn symbol to indicate stations where riders cannot cross the tracks without paying to go the other way. If you don’t see the symbol, you can use that station to correct your directional error.

The new map also answers the question of where the subway station is in relation to a station stop, particularly helpful when avenues are positioned diagonally to the normal street grid. To

promote clarity, Tauranac explains that exercising geographic license makes the map “quasi-geographic.”

With the aid of a key guide printed at the top of the map, riders can tell a lot about a station by the color, its intensity and the geometric shape representing the subway line.

Access for handicapped riders is noted with a visual cue — although Tauranac notes that ease-of-access information is also helpful for riders with luggage or baby strollers.

For the first time, there is an index of stations within the subway system, with bus connections noted for each station, for example.

As for where the lifelong interest in the details of New York City transit and architecture began, Tauranac credits his childhood years when his father, who was the manager of a major hotel, took him on regular city walks in the 1960s.

Tauranac’s mother had died when he was very young, so these walks with his father were especially important. His father would often pause to point out who lived where along Fifth Avenue, for example.

“It sort of stuck,” Tauranac said.

To put together a more substantial gift of New York City lore, there are additional Tauranac works that offer a deep look into the city and what lies beneath its surface, including a poster version of the new map.

Although all authors love all their books, as parents love their children, Tauranac was especially pleased with a review of one of his books, from the New York Times. About “Manhattan Block By Block: A Street Atlas,” the paper said, it “offers just about all the critical information a site-seeker might need — and then some.”

Sometimes more is more.

*To find out about John Tauranac’s books and insights into New York City, go to his website at [www.johntauranac.com](http://www.johntauranac.com).*

SMALL-TOWN LIFE:  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Glimpses of Hidden Wonders In Falls Village

Documentary filmmaker Eric Veden is back with episode 23 of his series on Falls Village, Conn. The DVDs are available at the town’s David M. Hunt Library to borrow or for sale (\$10).

The latest documentary kicks off with chickens and bluegrass music before moving into an interview with First Selectman Henry Todd, who reminisces about his 40-odd years of traveling the world for business.

Todd says he spent four months per year out of the country, working in the commodities and flavoring businesses.

This took him to Japan to China, to Madagascar, Indonesia and India — a very partial list.

Todd says every country has different ways of conducting business, and he had to learn them all.

“It was fun. I loved it.”

Next up is a visit to Lou Timolat and Eric Carlson at the Falls Village Sawmill on Route 7.

Timolat explains how he came to be in the sawmill business and how it evolved since the early 1980s.

Carlson, Timolat’s son-in-law and a 20-year Army veteran,

explains how he took an interest in the business.

“It’s hard work,” Carlson acknowledged before adding, “I hate to use the word ‘soothing,’ but there’s something about it.”

In the third chapter, Star Childs explains how his grandfather, Starling W. Childs, and Frederic C. Walcott originally acquired 400 acres of land around Tobey Pond in 1909, which was the start of the Great Mountain Forest that stretches over 6,000 acres in Falls Village and Norfolk, Conn.

The men were interested in the idea that private individuals could demonstrate that forest and wildlife conservation could go hand in hand.

Chapter four is a quick detour to the present day, with footage of the Hunt Library’s plant sale back in May, with an emphasis on the measures taken to protect buyers and sellers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

And the video wraps up with an unusual look at Music Mountain (one of the nation’s premier sites to hear live chamber music), with bird calls and music.

## ‘CHRISTMAS MUSIC OF THREE CULTURES’

Crescendo is producing a December concert, “Christmas Music of Three Cultures,” including portions of J.S. Bach’s Christmas Oratorio, music of the South American Colonial Baroque, excerpts of Navidad Nuestro (Our Christmas) by the renowned Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez, and a beautiful and joyful motet, Chariot

Jubilee, by the distinguished Black composer, Nathaniel Dett. Based on Spiritual and Gospel music, it was premiered in 1921.

*The livestreamed concert is on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. The link to the concert will be at Crescendo’s new website, [www.worldclassmusic.org](http://www.worldclassmusic.org). There are also links to special events leading up to the concert.*

## ALTHEA PLATT’S LUSH LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS

Eve M. Kahn will explain how landscape painter Althea Hill Platt (1860-1932) survived family scandal and won acclaim for exhibiting luminous views of Europe and America at hundreds of prestigious venues, in a Zoom lecture for the Sharon Historical Society & Museum in Sharon, Conn., on Friday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.

Get the Zoom link at <http://sharonhist.org>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

With the rise again of concerns about COVID-19, many cultural venues are canceling events at the last minute to protect staff and patrons. It’s always a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.

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## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded between July and the end of October at area town halls. For more transfers, see the Dec. 3 issue of The Lakeville Journal.

### Cornwall

Oct. 19, 78 Whitcomb Hill Road from Alexander Wild and Tao Okamoto to Housatonic River Creatives LLC for \$1,150,000.

Oct. 19, property at Town Street South from Cornwall Historical Society Inc. to Marjorie Hewett and Simon Hewett for \$45,563.

Oct. 26, property at Town Street South from Cornwall Historical Society Inc. to Bryan McCoy for \$56,953; and 146 Kent Road from Todd R. Chandler and Kalyn Johnson Chandler to the Dennis Michael Moore living trust for \$1,060,000.

Oct. 27, 410 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Lawrence Gohen and Lasse Lau to Brady Jack Babbitt and Sterling Babbitt for \$315,000.

Oct. 28, 34 Furnace Brook Road from Allison Chase and Stephanie Chase to Heather Martins and Alejandra Ortega for \$239,000.

### Salisbury

July 1, property at 398 Weatogue Road from Jesse B. Conklin and Eleanor S. Conklin to Christopher C. Grisanti and Suzanne P. Fawbush for \$30,000. Quit claim deed.

July 2, property at 21 Salmon Kill Road from Ethan Harris and Erin Harris to Wayne Riley and Leslie Riley for \$360,000.

July 6, property at 32 Lakeview Ave. from Matthew T. Fitzgerald and Adrianna Bravo to Elizabeth Dee and Simon Frantz for \$462,000.

July 7, property at 38 Channel Road from Andrew B. Bates and Samantha Bates to Thomas P. Rutledge and Molly R. Rutledge for \$752,500; and property at 372 Undermountain Road from Ellen K. Axelrod to Richard Feiner and Annette Stover for \$1,075,000.

July 10, property at 50 Hammetown Road from Sydney L. Paine to Hammettown Properties LLC for \$300,000.

July 15, property at 55 and 59 Hammetown Road from Sydney L. Paine to Abigail Caroline Van Dyke Robinson and Kate Godfrey Robinson for \$470,000.

July 16, property on Reservoir Road from Alice E.B. Yoakum to Salisbury Association Incorporated for \$1,000,000.

July 17, property at 15 Library Street from Steven E. Geyer and Robert W. Kuhn to James Hendrick for \$565,000; and property at 77 Indian Mountain Road from Keith Venkiteswaran to Stephanie Champion Bell and Christopher Owen Bell for \$1,200,000; and property at 87 Canaan Road Unit 3D from the estate of Nancy Toombs to Joann Luning for \$350,000.

July 20, property at 53 Falls Mountain Road from Willard B. Taylor and Virginia Louise Davies Taylor to Thomas M. Callahan and Luis Felipe Ar-

royo for \$1,175,000.

July 21, property at 33 Mountain Greenery from 32 Railroad LLC to Katherine Ezrow for \$550,000; and property at 547 Undermountain Road from Michael Voldstad and Kathleen Voldstad to Thomas Hartwell Carter and Alexandra Galfas for \$1,505,000; and property at 396 and 398 Salmon Kill Road from Joanne McMillan Kuskin et al. to Randall E. Allen and Margaret C. Holden for \$600,000.

July 22, property at 32 Pettee St. from Rubik One LLC to Parker Wertz for \$492,000.

July 23, property at 331 Twin Lakes Road from Richard S. Dallett et al. to Flora Lazar and Lee Greenhouse for \$885,000.

Aug. 4, property at 95 Lincoln City Road from Alexandra Ferraro to Kendra Chapman and Bryan Lundeen for \$165,000; and property at Lot 28 Preston Lane from Dorothy C. Fox to Jean Faucher for \$67,500.

Aug. 7, property at 64 Hammettown Road from Sydney L. Paine to McBride Builders LLC for \$1,050,000.

Aug. 10, property at 310 Wells Hill Road from Adrian Liddiard and Georgina Emma Liddiard to Gary R. Stevenson and Ashley W. Stevenson for \$5,300,000.

Aug. 14, property at Millerton Road from Corey E. Ingerson and Kimberly A. Ingerson to Train With Tracks LLC for \$70,000; and property at 77 and 95 Washinee Heights from Miramar Real Estate Group LLC to William T. Reiland and Kathleen G. Reiland for \$2,350,000; and property at 272 Taconic Road from Carol A. Magowan to Robert B. Graham and Matthew C. Marden for \$830,000.

Aug. 17, property at 285 Millerton Road from Brandon Lakin and Joanne Lakin to Vicki Horton for \$275,000.

Aug. 17, property at 285 Twin Lakes Road from Seymour Chwast and Paula J. Scher to Lori C. Seegers for \$1,225,000; and property at 7 Falls Mountain Road from Mark Griffith to Nicole M. Parker and Christopher D. King for \$580,000; and property at 3 Lamotte Road from Lemon Properties LLC to Christopher Adrian Marshall and Lydia Marshall for \$1,325,000.

Aug. 21, property at 17 Falls Mountain Road from Doris Louise Longaven to Jenni R. Hill and Corey A. Hill for \$275,000.

Aug. 25, property at 61-63 Race Track Road from Jason P. Semmel to Kathleen S. Beatty for \$1,350,000; and property at 70 Lincoln City Road from Jeffrey J. Scarpa and Dana W. Scarpa to Valeri Makovik and Yelena Makovik for \$630,000.

Aug. 28, property at 468 Wells Hill Road from Robert J. Cooper and Ryan J. Cooper to Douglas J. Fox, David J. Fox, and Christopher H. Stone for \$170,000.

Aug. 31, property at Taconic Road from Carey D. Fiertz and Kim M. Fiertz to Josh Weisner and Stephanie Weisner for \$627,500; and property at Lot 3 Taconic Road from Sydney L. Paine to Christopher Lancto and Kathleen A. Devaney for \$475,000.

Sept. 2, property at 274 Indian Mountain Road from Thomas J. Dokton to the James N. Romanelli revocable trust for \$2,450,000.

Sept. 8, property at 34 Ravine Ridge Road from Bernardo Coindreau to 34 Ravine Ridge LLC for \$1,425,000; and property at 132 White Hollow Road from Jason Gladding and Rhonda Jaacks to Janine Yorio for \$295,000.

Sept. 9, property at 215 Belgo Road from William P. Larsen III to Victor Nowicki and Martine Nowicki for \$450,000.

Sept. 10, property at 99

## Holiday trees, wreaths and more

Although Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., has gone to distance learning for the rest of the month, its popular holiday store (run by the agriculture education students) will still be open until Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The store at the campus on Warren Turnpike Road, just off Route 7, is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. The students are selling holiday trees, wreaths, roping, poinsettias, centerpieces, Cabot cheese, Hudson Valley fresh milk and local eggs and maple syrup.

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](http://www.ffa.hvrhs.org).



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**A popular spot for purchasing holiday trees and greens is Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., which is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Robin Hill Lane from Victor Nowicki and Martine Nowicki to Vinicius Tous Artacho and Patricia Dias Artacho for \$739,000; and property at 46 Undermountain Road from HP Holdings LLC to Ryan J. Carr and Barbara L. Carr for \$465,000.

Sept. 11, property at 80 Belgo Road from Matthew Warburton and Stephanie Warburton to Howard Wolfson and Mary McCullough for \$2,525,000; and property at 21 Route 7 from Craig Greenberg to Brittany Alimi and Bruno Alimi for \$1,125,000; and property at Taconic Road from Mies O'Neil Surdoval to Eliot Osborn and Nicholas C. Osborn for \$600,000.

Sept. 14, property at 24 Ethan Allen St. from 24 Ethan Allen Holdings LLC to Donna Macletchie and Edward Busk for \$590,000; and property at 285 Farnam Road from Carl

Andrew Gerlach to Levent Kahraman for \$2,200,000.

Sept. 17, property at 152 White Hollow Road from Janice L. Karcheski and Brian R. Karcheski to Christian Deluca for \$640,000; and property at 202 Salmon Kill Road from Willis H. Belter Jr. and Jo Ellen Belter to Daniel Belter and Monica Belter for \$680,000; and property at 53 Upland Meadow Road from John F. Pogue to Kevin L. King and Dejtananon Inprasit for \$525,000.

Sept. 18, property at Millerton Road from Jeffrey S. Howard to David D. Ott for \$180,000.

Sept. 28, property at 21 Dugway Road from the Mark A. Lauretano revocable living trust et al. to Thomas Walko and Linda J. Walko for \$475,000; and property at 23 Walton St. from Evan Cooper to Boyce A. Billingsley for \$520,000.

Sept. 29, property at 11

Ridge Lane from Luiza Dagny Kotzen to Timothy B. Callahan and Joan M. Loughnane for \$578,800.

Sept. 30, property at 100-102 Interlaken Road from Cuddy Family LLC to Dana Jennings Rohn and Frederick Wesley Rohn for \$1,648,000.

Oct. 1, property at 7 and 11 Smith Hill Lane from Brian Killeen and Patricia Killeen to Robert Wilcox and Leah Wilcox for \$649,000.

Oct. 2, property at 159 Wells Hill Road from Thomas J. Gandolfo and Nancy C. Gandolfo to Kevin Cantele and Lauren Trotter for \$935,000.

Oct. 5, property at 331 Housatonic River Road from Gloria Parker to James H. Cohan and Jane S. Cohan for \$850,000; and property at Lot 7, 296 Indian Mountain Road, from Norma Kimmel trust et al. to Edward Bosio and Laura Bosio for \$215,000.

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## Need health care? Sign up now for the ACA

In the 10 years since the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, was signed into law, the difficulties in keeping it viable for those who need health-care coverage have been many. It has changed in that time, and should likely continue to change in order to serve its market better, but it has survived (barely) many court challenges during the entirety of those years.

Now, it remains in force for those who need the coverage. It is easy for those who have access to health care through their employers or Medicare to belittle the value of this federal program. But for those who need the benefits, especially in the middle of a pandemic putting their health at even greater risk, it is a very serious business.

For all those who need help figuring out health-care coverage for themselves and their families, it can be found even during COVID. But everything seems harder now, doesn't it? Don't let that deter you from obtaining this reasonable federal coverage if you need it. Do it now.

Why now? Because Obamacare is now in its open enrollment period, which ends on Dec. 15. During open enrollment, you can sign up for affordable health care plan options to protect yourself and your family members. Outside of open enrollment, you typically must qualify for a special enrollment period in order to enroll.

According to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), the law has three primary goals:

1. Make affordable health insurance available to more people. The law provides consumers with subsidies ("premium tax credits") that lower costs for households with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level.

2. Expand the Medicaid program to cover all adults with income below 138% of the federal poverty level. (Not all states have expanded their Medicaid programs.)

3. Support innovative medical care delivery methods designed to lower the costs of health care generally.

All excellent goals. For all who need coverage and don't now have it, it is worthwhile to look into finding it through Obamacare. And with a new administration coming in January, there may be hope for reform to the act that keeps it in force and improves it for all Americans.

Find out more by speaking to a licensed agent, or for the specific Connecticut program, go to [www.access-healthct.com](http://www.access-healthct.com). For an understanding of what is available to you in Connecticut, Health Pathfinder from Cornwall has a Community Assister program that will have hours from Dec. 11-13 (see more information in the news section, page A2 this week.)

All appointments, in person or phone call, need to be scheduled by calling 860-672-0043 x118. You should also call that phone number with any questions or concerns. For more information, you can find Health Pathfinder on Facebook or go to [www.healthpathfinder.org](http://www.healthpathfinder.org).

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

## 100 years ago — December 1920

SALISBURY — Miss Helen Harding has taken a position at Champagne's Pharmacy.

Mrs. George R. Belcher came home from Sharon Hospital last week where she had been undergoing treatment for infected knees caused by the dye in a pair of woolen hose. She expects to resume her duties at the Journal Office soon.

LAKEVILLE — Over thirty children enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. Alida Clark last Friday.

Harry Silvernale of the Millerton Telegram assisted the Journal force last Monday in the absence of the regular typesetting machine operator Mrs. George Belcher.

## 50 years ago — December 1970

SALISBURY — Lester A. Hoysradt of Salisbury has bought a cottage and piece of land on Under Mountain Road from Roger G. Sterry.

SHARON — The bodies of two men were recovered Monday afternoon from the wreckage of a single-engine, four seater Piper Cherokee plane which crashed in a heavily wooded area near Bowne Road in Ellsworth, Sharon, during the wind and snow storm Sunday evening. Dead were the pilot, Carl Turner, 56, of Poughkeepsie, and his passenger, Norbert A. Tessier, 37, of Wappingers Falls, New York.

KENT — That passenger rail service along the Berkshire Line through Kent will soon be a thing of the past is more of a reality than ever before, First

Selectman Eugene O'Meara reported Tuesday night. The Federal Department of Transportation eliminated that line, along with many other, and many larger ones, when it outlined its U.S. rail network proposal last week. If that plan goes into effect, Penn-Central will have every legal right to stop passenger rail service north of Danbury on May 1, 1971.

The old schoolhouse on Skiff Mountain was recently donated to the Kent Historical Society by Mrs. Charles Gunn. The donation was announced at the recent meeting of the Society. Plans for the use of the building are not yet complete.

## 25 years ago — December 1995

SALISBURY — The Housatonic Day Care Center plans to relocate to its new Salmon Kill Road headquarters this weekend and open its doors to children Monday.

SHARON — Early detection and a little luck prevented Tom Riley from losing his Sharon home at 87 Gay St. Dec. 4. A Christmas ornament candle left unattended on the living room coffee table caught fire Monday afternoon -- the second such incident in the area in less than a week. A smoke detector alerted the Holst-Grubbe family on Park Avenue in Canaan of a candle fire Nov. 29. And only months before that, another candle caused a similar incident in Canaan. Both fires were caused by teenagers who left candles unattended in their bedrooms.

Earlier this year Sharon Oil and Gas Co. Inc. sent sunflower

seeds to all of its customers and offered \$100 for the largest diameter seed head. Lynn Cheney of Cornwall has been announced the contest winner with a sunflower measuring 17 inches in diameter. Runners-up were Helen Wright of Cornwall Bridge and Ted Panasci of Goshen.

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

## Fateful end for the powerful

Christmas is coming we can't wait

Do your shopping before it's too late

The tree is up and trimmed so well

I reached the star and added a bell

It's a great time of the year But we all must see clear

Evil lurks this Christmas time

With the powerful committing a crime

And abetted by those that some elected

They all must be corrected And now we wait for that fateful date

When America plays it straight

And for one prison awaits

Michael Kahler  
Lakeville

*Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.*



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## Rainbow over Salisbury

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stand proudly for the White House

During the War of 1812, British soldiers entered DC, burnt the White House in 1814, moments after Dolly Madison escaped with the famed Washington portrait. It is sometimes claimed that the White House was painted white to cover the fire's scorch marks. Others say it is white because of the outer limestone seal applied at construction to prevent moisture damage. Regardless, all agree that Teddy Roosevelt colloquialized the fond name White House to distinguish this significant national treasure from numerous other Executive Mansions and the onerous, non-democratic title of Presidential Palace. The White House is also fondly called The People's House.

"For two hundred years, the White House has stood as a symbol of the Presidency, the United States government, and the American people." The official White House website proudly proclaims that the White House has a unique and fascinating history — globally recognized and revered. Jefferson invited all from his first inauguration to a White House open house which continued as tradition until Lincoln's inauguration when crowds became too large to be accommodated. A stately house, the White House is our house of state.

In 2020, the White House has met a sordid fate, a sully of her proud history. After centuries of extraordinary events and leadership she has been manhandled, defiled, defamed without regard or sufficient outrage. The White House is the pinnacle of American residences, the most recognizable American history museum has become the super spreader center of a ravaging pandemic, she has been commandeered to be a RNC campaign

hub. The cherished rose garden dating back to Mrs. Wilson was uprooted to make room for 200 people sitting chair to chair, maskless. A federal property, the White House isn't covered by DC mandated restrictions of social distancing and masking in public. Privileged outlaws and cash-strapped service personnel bump shoulder to shoulder — the former exhibiting their disdain for laws and public health, the latter making ends meet.

An elaborate public debate, a brouhaha, in May of 2018 took over the news ways, flooded social media as NFL players kneeled during the playing of the National Anthem at start of game. "You have to stand proudly for the national anthem. You shouldn't be playing. You shouldn't be here, Maye you shouldn't be in the country," Trump said. He said those taking a knee during the national anthem are maybe "deportable."

What then about those who abuse the White House, who hang massive campaign swags on her honored brow, who convene huge crowds socializing without compliance to public health restrictions as an American dies every 35 seconds of COVID? Of course the White House is a splendid backdrop inside and out for photo ops, speakers, con artists and countless lies from behind the Presidential Seal.

An eviction notice has been issued to the current White House occupant. May the White House, our People's House, again stand proudly, her honor restored.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

Sharon

## On the stewardship of easements

Residents of Salisbury and adjacent towns are privileged to live in a portion of the state that abounds with extensive areas of protected open space. These areas provide recreational opportunities, tracts of core forest, wildlife habitat, and maintain the pristine rivers, streams and aquifers of our region.

This network of protected open space and farmlands is the result of significant investments at the federal and state levels. Complementing, and adding tremendous value to these core protected areas, are lands that have been gifted, or had easements placed upon them, by individuals committed to the preservation of the natural beauty and ecological integrity of our region.

These easements are held by a variety of not-for-profit entities that serve as grantees including: The Nature Conservancy, Salisbury Land Trust, Housatonic Valley Association, American Farmland Trust, and the Weantinoge Land Trust.

Easements are a sacred, legally binding covenant between the grantor and the grantee. The grantor gives up certain rights, usually the ability to develop land, in exchange for a commitment from the grantee to be a steward of that land in perpetuity.

Often, in addition to the donation of development

rights, the grantor provides an endowment to the grantee to offset the long-term costs of monitoring and stewardship of the easement. In some instances, the grantor receives a tax deduction from the Federal government. These deductions mean that the public has also contributed to the protection of these easements.

This morning (Dec. 3) John Harney Jr. was interviewed on Robin Hood Radio concerning the ongoing attempts to scuttle the storied conservation legacy of the late Mary Alice White. Mary Alice was a veritable tour de force, fighting for the protection of Salisbury's rich and diverse ecosystems.

I take this quite personally, not only as an individual that worked with Mary Alice, but

also in my professional capacity as conservation biologist, and as one of many individuals in Salisbury who donated development rights and funded an endowment for the stewardship of the donated easement.

Given these recent events, I am grateful that I chose the Housatonic Valley Association as the grantee, as they enjoy my full confidence that my wishes will be honored in perpetuity.

Sadly, not all grantees see their obligations as inviolate. If a grantee is unable to fulfill their stewardship obligations, the proper legal and ethical course of action is to locate a successor grantee to protect the land as the donor intended.

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'The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.'

-Nelson Mandela



# When a chief executive refused to leave office

No president has ever refused to leave office after not winning an election but a governor did it once in a most unlikely place, the Land of Steady Habits.

More than a century ago, in 1890, Connecticut had a gubernatorial election that nobody won, allowing the sitting governor, who hadn't run for reelection, to decide to keep on sitting — and get away with it.

It happened because of the strange politics of the day but mainly because there was a very special character in the leading role — the sitting governor, Morgan Gardner Bulkeley. His biography is worth a glance.

He was born in East Haddam in 1837 and raised in Colchester by a mother who was a Mayflower descendant and a father whose ancestors founded Concord, Mass. His father was also one of the founders of the Aetna Insurance Co. and Morgan was related to the Morgan family, as in J.P., on his mother's side.

A Civil War veteran, Morgan worked for his uncle in New York before returning to Hartford in 1872 at the age of 35 to help form the United States Bank of Hartford and bring baseball to the city with the Hartford Dark Blues, one of the original National League teams. He served as the league's first president and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame after his death.

Bulkeley's political career began as a Republican member of the Hartford City Council and as mayor from 1880 to 1888, the year he ran for governor. He lost by 1415 votes but was elected by the Republican Legislature because neither he nor his Democratic opponent had received the then-required 50% of the popular vote. Since governor was then a part-time position, Bulkeley kept his day job as president of Aetna.

Bulkeley chose not to run again in 1890 and watched as the race to succeed him ended in a near tie with neither candidate able to win certification by both the Democratic Senate and the Republican House. The Senate was happy to accept the 26-vote victory of the Democratic candidate but the House wanted to quibble over the fact that a large number of ballots in Bridgeport, of all places, had been rejected and many others had "imperfections," little holes reminiscent of Florida's hanging chads 110 years later.

In the 1890s, the parties prepared the ballots to be cast for their own candidates and the practice caused a dispute over counting the ballots of a third-party candidate named Phineas Augur. The law said the gubernatorial ballot should read, "Governor, Phineas M. Augur" but Augur's ballots read, "For Governor, Phineas M. Augur." It seemed like no big deal but if the third-party votes were counted, the Democrat would lack

a majority, so the parties split.

But when the Democrats decided to inaugurate their candidate, Luzon Morris, anyway, Republican Gov. Bulkeley informed the Legislature, "I give you notice that I regard such action as revolutionary and unauthorized" and refused to leave his office — literally.

That's when the fun began, as the saying goes. Unable to stop Bulkeley from staying on

## IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

to the governor's office.

And so, facing a literal lockout, the governor-unelected came to work with a crowbar and broke the lock. But the Democrats kept trying, figuring they could stop Bulkeley by denying him funds to run the state. That didn't work either because Aetna President Bulkeley got his company to foot the bills until the next election.

Bulkeley's decision to stay on was eventually upheld by the State Supreme Court and he served a full term without being elected. In 1892, Democrat Morris ran again and was finally elected governor without controversy.

But Bulkeley wasn't finished with politics and with the Republicans back in power, the Legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate from 1905 to 1911. (Legislatures elected U.S. senators until 1913 when the 17th Amendment allowed for the direct election of senators by the people.)

Bulkeley kept his job at Aetna during his Senate term — you never knew when the U.S. government might need a little insurance cash — and his 43-year career as Aetna president continued until his death at 84 in 1922. You'll find his grave in Hartford's storied Cedar Hill Cemetery, along with Uncle J.P. Morgan, Sam Colt, Wallace Stevens and Katharine Hepburn, to name an illustrious few.

It's clear Bulkeley was far more successful as an insurance company president than as a governor or senator. During his presidency, Aetna increased its employees from 29 to 1,500 and its assets from \$25 million to \$207 million. The directors were so pleased with the Bulkeley family's role, they decided to keep the company in the family, choosing Bulkeley's nephew, Morgan Brainard, to succeed him. Brainard would lead Aetna for the next 35 years, until 1957.

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# Sacrifice now, or pay later

Dear SuperSpreaders, This may strike some as preaching to the converted, as my anger comes through. I would say I am preaching to the Unconverted. Jeremiah I am not, but here goes a try.

This December I will have lived in the Northwest Corner for 50 years, first on Belgo and Reservoir Roads in Lakeville and now I want to build a wall around the area with a big sign saying, "anyone who has been on a plane recently will be quarantined for life outside this wall."

I recently dialed a number and got it wrong. I dialed it again not convinced I had gotten it wrong. I got the same aggrieved, I think, Black man. "Wrong number, Dumbass," he said and slammed down the receiver, but not before I apologized profusely all the while wondering how many times he had been apologized to by a dumbass white guy. I am reminded of John Kelly, when he was on the Trump team, being asked how many immigrants he thought should

be allowed in to the country. He said "Somewhere between zero and 1." Thanks, General, now when did you say your antecedents came here from the Old Sod?

But I digress. Back to you, SuperSpreaders. How are Grampie and Grannie? Did they get to hug Little Penelope and fast-growing Ulysses (not even his namesake would have left Ithaca — to strive to seek to find but not to yield to Troyvid 19).

Breaking news: Gramps and Grannie could live another decade or more, but now? Fat chance, given your lack of respect for them, among our most vulnerable. A little self-restraint, maybe? I recall when seatbelts were first introduced. You went ballistic — I'll crash if I want to. No one takes away my liberty!

People around the globe are suffering famines, pogroms, typhoons, earthquakes destroying towns, villages and whole cities. Yesterday as I am writing this, over 2000 died from COVID. That's like two Falls Villages, where I live. And you

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can't stay off planes.

You can't wait to see your demented Uncle Rudy sweating his hair dye off while sick-phoning DJT?

Pull up your Big Person Pants and sacrifice one holiday season.

London during the Blitz. Nightly Nazi bombings. We are being bombed daily. Every minute (or is it second?) we lose another life.

The tube just showed us long lines at airports. An Aegean of roller blades. Was that Odysseus sans backpack? I think not.

See you all at the parlor. Oops. Forgot. Not allowed.

Jeremiad over — for now. Requies those Cats in pace, nevertheless.

Dominus vobiscum. Et cum spiritu tuo.

*Lonnie Carter is a writer who lives in Falls Village.*

# Chipping away at life, if a bit reluctantly

A mixing bowl shouldn't chip after using it once." This tinny whine was met by my wife's verbal dope slap informing me that chips are part of life, get over it. "But it's imported from England." Surely, this upscale tidbit would lend the appropriate gravitas to justify my indignation. She was unmoved.

Once again, the real world collided with my world and I was losing, badly. Most would say that fixating on mini-adversities is a rabbit hole to be avoided. Easier said than done. Is scuffing your new dress shoes on the revolving door of an office tower really worth even a moment of angst? What about when the proverbial shopping cart crashes into the car you just drove off the

lot? Trivial, but encroachments on daily life nonetheless.

Why bring any of this up during a pandemic that has redefined adversity? You would think that this 21st century plague would force me to look at all of these banalities in their proper perspective. Yes and no. COVID-19 is like gravity. It's everywhere, all the time, and must be respected and dealt with even though we can't see it or, for most of us, explain it. Ignore gravity and COVID-19 at your own peril. The petty annoyances of my quotidian existence are more like solving a Rubik's Cube. Unlike gravity (and COVID-19), you have a choice. Accept the challenge and try to solve it, or not. Some people are better at it than others. In the moment, depending

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on your skill or luck, it can be frustrating or rewarding. At the end of the day, it's just another brick in the wall. Life goes on.

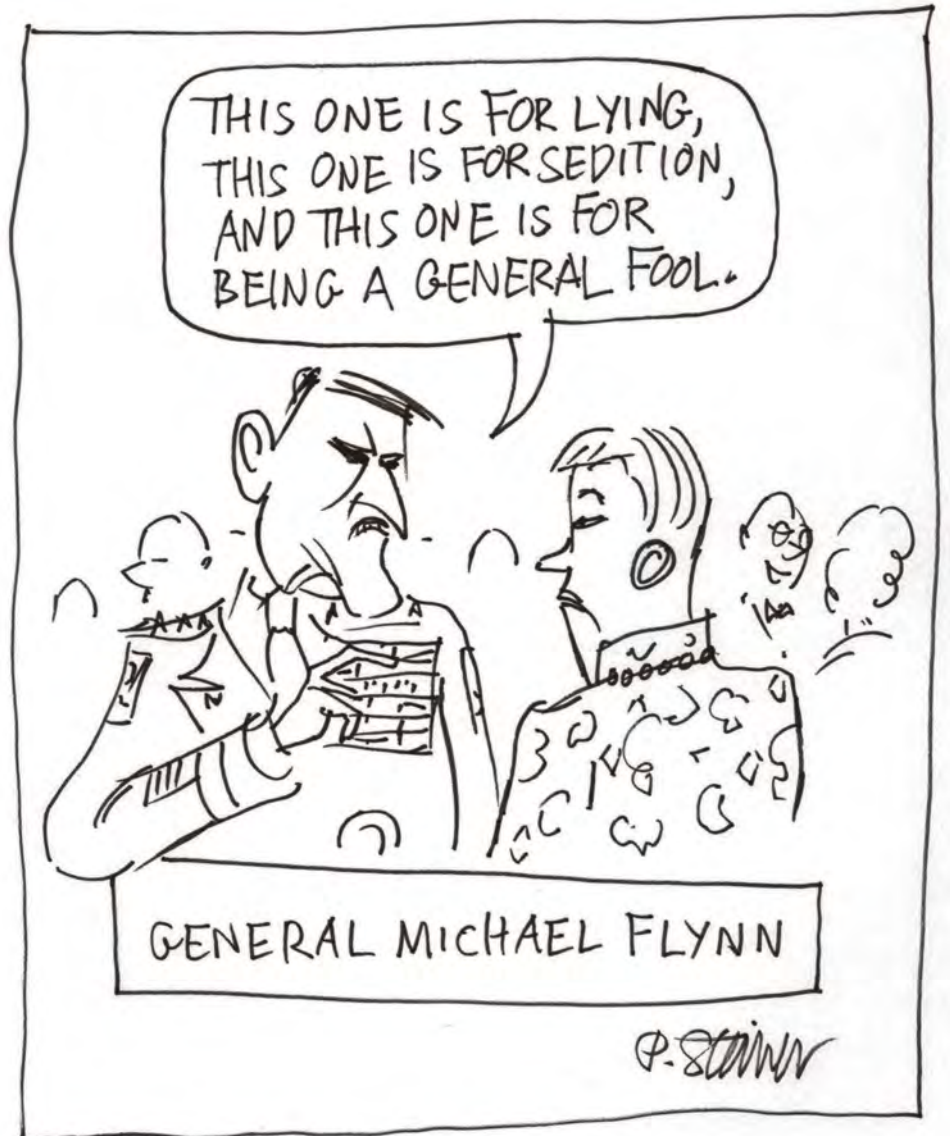
I realize that dress shoes, working in an office building and a Rubik's Cube tag me as hopelessly out-of-touch. And what am I doing with a mixing bowl in the first place? Well, I thought everyone was trying to make brownies. The point is that most of life is the stringing together of daily minutiae. It is not unreasonable to expect

more from this thread even if the individual details appear relatively unimportant.

Granted, taken too far it can border on the pathological. "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore" ("Network" — 1976). "I'm just standing up for my rights as a consumer" ("Falling Down" — 1993). Smashing the merchandise with a baseball bat is a rather extreme way to get your point across. But that bodega was charging Michael Douglas way too much for a Coke. More last century cultural references? "Hey, that's life, get over it." Gee... that felt good.

By the way, the brownies were excellent.

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



# A post-election to test our patience and hope

I know I'm not the only one who feels an exhausted malaise at the interminable days between the presidential election, just over a month ago, and the inauguration on Jan. 20, 2021, each day featuring its own nutty and disheartening drama. Donald Trump's refusal to concede to Joe Biden, and his ongoing insistence on "widespread voter fraud," seems unlikely to end, especially since it has already enabled him to raise \$200 million in contributions, supposedly to pursue his legal case, but in actuality with few

constraints on his spending. Today, as I write, we have 47 more days until the inauguration — which, in a break with presidential norms, Trump is not expected to attend. Moreover, it's not at all clear whether Trump will be restrained from publicly inserting himself as a regular malevolent force once Biden is president.

I remind myself of the pleasure I felt when Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were belatedly declared victors in what, from all evidence, was a squeaky-clean election. There are moments, such during the recent CNN interview of the president and vice-president elect with Jake Tapper, when I breathe a deep breath of mental relaxation and look forward to a "normal" administration grounded in decency, truthfulness, and thoughtful policy decisions.

But, flipping the channel that same night, I find Trump's lawyer, Mayor Giuliani with a Republican woman who is offering snarling testimony about

lost ballots and rigged voting machines in Michigan. And on another channel, in an act of political self-destruction, a Georgia Republican is whipping up a crowd into promising not to vote in the runoff for senators, since it will surely be another "rigged" election. "Please, don't vote!" I urge the crowd.

Joe Biden put the problems that he and Kamala Harris face

## ON REFLECTION CAROL ASCHER

succinctly to Jake Tapper: the country is in the midst of four simultaneous crises: a coronavirus pandemic; a recession that threatens to deepen into a depression; growing racial inequalities; and climate change. While these four crises will create an ambitious agenda for the new administration, I suspect that Biden has his eye on a fifth crisis: the substantial percentage of Americans whom Donald Trump has convinced that, because of mail-in votes or, in the words of his erstwhile lawyer, Sidney Powell, "the massive influence of communist money through Venezuela, Cuba, and likely China" the election has gone off the skids and Trump should have won a second term.

This fifth crisis, which some have called a loss of faith in our democracy, is an oddly paradoxical phenomenon. To be clear: nothing terrible or untoward about the election has caused this loss of faith, which instead has its source in alternate news sources, including Facebook and Trump's Twitter account, that have for some time been promoting conspiracies and stirring suspicion that what the main news outlets offer is "fake news" by Trump and those who share his news sources. In fact,

## Joe Biden put the problems that he and Kamala Harris face succinctly ...

of the four crises Biden says his administration faces, two are against all evidence viewed as fake: the pandemic, which is predicted to have left as many as 400,000 American dead by Inauguration Day, is supposedly fake, as is climate change, which has been causing unprecedented hurricanes, tornadoes and fires. I don't know whether the recession is also viewed as fake. What I do know is that the Americans who follow the alternate news sources are not particularly concerned to lessen inequality among their fellow countrymen. Instead, they identify with Trump's resentment about the freedom and opportunities "stolen" from them — by Black and Brown people, some of whom are immigrants; or by the "deep state"; or by communists and socialists, both inside and outside the country.

Biden wants to unite all Americans, which sounds sweetly naive after four years of Trump. Surely, decreasing the regularity of Trump's divisive and cruel but self-serving pronouncements will help. It's also possible that, as people experience the comforts of a working government, including clear directives for handling the virus, an ordered inoculations program, and financial aid to those who need it, some of the their wild and angry suspicions will be dulled. I certainly hope so — for all our sakes.

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## Realtor® at Large

Our NW corner enjoys the benefits of multiple tracts of lands that have been conserved for future generations by putting them under conservation easements. Per the Salisbury Land Trust, "A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and the land trust that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values." All easements are not the same. Some can be requested to be changed by future owners. Apparently the Salisbury Land Trust and HVA easements cannot be altered. If you are thinking of placing your land under a conservation easement, this is an issue to consider.



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# Our Towns

## Trixie Strauss Bird Count is Dec. 20

SHARON — The annual Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (CBC) hosted by the Audubon Center in Sharon 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), which encompasses some excellent birding areas in Connecticut as well as Amenia and North East/Millerton.

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 right after 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.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Look for birds such as this tree swallow in Kent to aid the annual Audubon count.

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 par-

ticipating 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](http://www.sharon.audubon.org/events/trixie-strauss-christmas-bird-count-2020).



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Alice Gustafson cut the ribbon at the new entrance to the Salisbury Association building on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

## A new portal (and a banner!) to Salisbury's history

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A small group of people gathered in front of the Academy Building (home of the Salisbury Association) on Main Street on Wednesday, Nov. 18, to formally acknowledge the new doors and banner on the building.

Sarah Morrison, of the Salisbury Association, explained that the building needed an entry door with a window so that passersby would realize the building is in use (and maybe even come in for a look). But the building also needed doors. And it all had to be historically appropriate.

Similarly, the association felt a banner outside was necessary

to bring attention to ongoing exhibits and activities. But it had to be tasteful and attached to the building with historically appropriate fixtures.

Alice Gustafson, who made the first donation to the project, cut the ribbon on Nov. 18, flanked by blacksmith Will Trowbridge, woodworker Bert Fitch, interior designer Chris Brennan, and architect Elizabeth Slotnick.

Morrison also thanked James Clark (who designed the banner), Rich and Lynn Reifsnyder, Jeanette Weber, Lou Bucceri, Steve Belter, Emmet Hussey, Phil Ghi and Gary Rovelto, and donors including Herrington's and Donald and Helen Ross.

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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](http://www.salisburyct.us). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on

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Martin Whalen, Secretary  
12-03-20  
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