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## THE UNRETIRED

# Retirees are back, and employers are reaping the benefits

By Debra A. Aleksinas

FALLS VILLAGE — Not many people go into retirement expecting to re-enter the workplace. But Joel Jones did just that — more than once.

And he's not alone.

Jones, 60, is part of a growing demographic of "un-retirees," people who, for various reasons, have cut short their retirement to return to work. Some find they need to supplement their income or boost their nest egg, while others, like Jones, have chosen exit careers in which they can give back to their communities.

"It's not for the money, it's for a different cause," the Falls Village resident explained.

"Most folks cannot even believe that I'm a CNA now," said Jones, a chemical engineer, who enjoyed 38 successful years as a global business leader and in has been working since late February as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Geer Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan.

"I am now working side-by-side with folks who are a lot younger than me, and they seem incredulous that I'm working as a CNA. They ask, 'Why are you doing this job? or 'Are you an Undercover Boss or something?'"

For many companies reeling from a critical worker shortage, particularly in the Northwest Corner, this trend has led to a renewed focus on recruitment and retention of workers older than age 55.

"Any additional retirees returning to the workforce is critically needed, as Connecticut's labor force has declined by 47,100 people since February 2020, or 38% of the region's losses," said Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA).

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**Joel Jones came out of retirement to work full-time as a CNA at Geer Village in North Canaan.**



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## HVRHS sophomores win Turkey Olympics

Zoey Gillette made it under the bar and Ava Nason approached it during the Limbo at the Turkey Olympics at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Friday, Nov. 18. HVRHS Principal Ian Strever and Catherine Bushey held the bar as Assistant Principal Steve Schibi (far left) watched intently. For more, turn to page A8.



**Students competed in the Mummy Wrap during the Turkey Olympics Friday, Nov. 18.**

# Pandemic scientists combine AI, ecology to predict future

By Elias Sorich

On a balmy Thursday evening in November, staying indoors to attend the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies' virtual talk, "Predicting the Next Pandemic with AI and Ecology" featuring Barbara Han, a disease ecologist, proved interesting and informative — even as the science discussed spelled out a difficult road ahead.

The conversation between Han, of the Cary Institute, and Joshua Ginsberg, its president, covered the broad range of Han's groundbreaking work at the intersections of machine learning, disease

ecology and social epidemiology.

Her research focuses on deploying artificial intelligence to study "zoonotic" diseases, which are diseases that spill over from the animal kingdom into human populations.

The end result is that the AI is able to accurately predict what species might be "strong carriers" of different kinds of zoonotic diseases.

Approximately two-thirds of emerging diseases in humans are zoonotic, meaning they arise in human populations as a result of the spillover ef-

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# Norfolk meeting airs residents' concerns about spill aftermath

By Emily Edelman

NORFOLK — An informational meeting was held Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Botelle Elementary School to address residents' questions regarding the Nov. 5 rollover of a tanker truck that spilled more than 8,000 gallons of gasoline into the town's drainage system.

Prior to the meeting, residents were sent an online form for submitting questions about the cleanup process. According to First Selectman Matt Riiska, more than 60 questions and comments were received from the public, which were then used to form the direction of the discussion.

More than 100 people attended the meeting. Agencies represented included the state Depart-

**The diversity of the terrain, the amount of gasoline and the speed at which it was expelled from the truck all contribute to the length and intricacy of the cleanup.**

ment of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); Verdantas LLC; Aquarion Water Company; Environmental Services Inc.; Torrington Area Health District; and the town's sewer district, fire department, ambulance service and public works department.

Riiska referred to the cleanup effort as a "Herculean task" and noted that information will

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# Kent sets referendum on trooper in school

By Leila Hawken

KENT — At their Nov. 17 meeting, the Board of Selectmen finalized the wording of the Friday, Dec. 2 special town meeting.

Two expense items will be under consideration. The first is to approve the expenditure of \$200,000 for the hiring of a second state trooper to serve as a School Resource Officer when Kent Center School is in session. During the months when school is not in session, the trooper would serve the town's needs in many capacities, including traffic control.

The second item would approve the town's reimbursing the Kent Volunteer Fire Department for expenses it incurs for contracted emergency services.

A referendum vote on the two items will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15. Voting will be at Town Hall.

After years of imagining the future of the historic Swift House, the Board of Selectmen took the next step toward bringing the structure

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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.

#### Vehicle leaves roadway

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11:07 a.m. a 2006 Subaru Legacy driven by D. E. Alvallerospacul, 18, of Dover Plains, New York, was traveling north on Amenia Union Road in Sharon when the car left the roadway, striking a John Deere Model 640 that was stationary and off the road, and operated by Philip W. Grindrod, 63, of Sharon. Alvallerospacul was transported to Sharon Hospital, and was cited for failure to maintain lane.

#### Gas station break-in

On Nov. 11 at approximately 3 a.m. forced entry was made into the Route 7 Fuel gas station at 200 Route 7 North in Falls Village. The front window was broken by three masked, white males using crowbars. Cameras recorded the suspects taking several small items and breaking into the ATM cash

machine, removing an unknown amount of cash. The investigation is continuing.

#### Foodmart break-in

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at approximately 2 a.m. the front door of the Foodmart/Citgo at 607 Cornwall Bridge Road in Cornwall Bridge was pried open by a masked white male using a crowbar. Cameras showed the suspect took several small items but failed to break into the ATM machine. An investigation is continuing.

#### Failed sobriety test

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11:22 p.m. troopers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Route 7 in Sharon and observed the operator of the vehicle, Courtney A. Hussey, 34, of Kent, who consented to a sobriety test, failing it. Hussey was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

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 johnc@lakevillejournal.com.

## HVA's benefit auction draws crowd, bidders

By Debra A. Aleksinas

MORRIS — Luminaries and environmentalists turned out en masse on Sunday, Nov. 20 to support the Housatonic Valley Association's (HVA) 30th Auction for the Environment, raising an estimated \$171,000, which is a record breaker, during the gala affair at South Farms in Morris.

Proceeds from the sold-out event, hosted for the 10th year by the actress Christine Baranski, a long-time Litchfield County resident and HVA board member, benefit the association's education, land conservation and clean water projects to protect the natural character and environmental health of the Housatonic Valley.

"We can't take for granted the beauty of the area and what we need to do to pass it on to the next generation," said the event's honorary chairwoman.

The Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and star in CBS's "The Good Fight" and HBA's "The Gilded Age," was assisted by co-chairs Rebecca Neary, Pat Kennedy Lahoud, Thomas Potter, Pam and Jack Baker, Philippa Durant, Margo Martindale, Diane Meier, Seth and Alexi Meyers, and Anne Swift and Lee Lord.

Auction items included luxury vacations, experiences with local luminaries, art, wine and culinary offerings. Speaking above the din of the 150 guests, Baranski noted, "This is very much about coming together as a community and supporting the environment and HVA, which is really doing the nuts and bolts of the work preserving the environment."



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

HVA Director Lynn Werner, center, is flanked by auction committee co-chair Rebecca Neary, left, and Honorary Chairwoman Christine Baranski.

### Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

**Special session on gas-tax holiday extension**  
 Gov. Ned Lamont wants to call the General Assembly together to extend the gas-tax holiday.

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Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on November 14, 2022:

Approved - Application 2022-IW-087 by A Slice of LLC for the removal of dead trees. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 49 as lot 29 and is known as 79 Old CNE Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Alice Gottesman.

Approved - Application 2022-IW-088 by Robert Bristow for site development and construction of a new single-family dwelling. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 25 as lot 1 and is known as 144 Weatogue Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Andrew and Emily Greene.

Approved with Conditions - Application 2022-IW-089 by Seth Churchill for construction of a swimming pool and terrace. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 11 as lot 37 and is known as 144 Salmon Kill Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Seth Churchill.

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

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### Notice of Permit Application

Town: Falls Village, Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Falls Village, Connecticut (the "applicant"), 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031 has submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an application for the following certificate: Section 401-Water Quality Certificate-Inland, in connection with an application for an Army Corps Permit.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to replace the bridge at Cobble Road over Wangum Lake Brook which is located between Route 63 and Under Mountain Road. The existing structure will be removed and a new structure will be reconstructed at the same location.

The replacement structure will consist of twin 137 by 87 inch diameter polymer coated corrugated metal pipes (CMP) each containing one foot of

natural streambed material in the bottom to facilitate fish passage. Approximately 150 ft of roadway on each side of the bridge will be reconstructed.

All vegetation will be left undisturbed to the maximum extent possible. At locations where it is deemed necessary to remove vegetation, it will be removed and restored to existing conditions. The bridge will be closed during construction and a detour plan will be provided.

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc., 180 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450. Contact: Gary Giroux, P.E. (203) 238-1969.

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection, Inland Water Resources Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, telephone 860-424-3019, from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARY A. SAGER Late of Cornwall (22-00426)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 10, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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# Our Towns

## Save Sharon Hospital roundtable

# Hospital changes remain focus, letters encouraged

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The future of the Labor and Delivery Unit at Sharon Hospital hangs in the balance as the Dec. 6 public hearing with the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) approaches.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) held a roundtable at the Cornwall Library to update the public on the matter. The event drew 16 residents to hear from SSH speakers including Dr. Edward Kavle, pediatrician, and Dr. Howard Mortman, obstetrician.

“Once it’s gone, we won’t be able to get it back,” said Kavle. “We need to stand up at this December 6th hearing to keep this service.”

The OHS hearing will determine whether Nuvance Health is permitted to end labor and maternity services at Sharon Hospital. If the state sides with SSH, Nuvance must keep the unit open until April of 2024 and uphold its previous commitment.

“If OHS says they can close it down then that’s the end,” said Kavle.

The speakers encouraged members of the public to submit written letters of support.

“We have received 376 letters from the public at last count,” said Cornwall Selectwoman Janet Carlson.

SSH also requested that residents participate in public comment during the hearing itself. Sign-up for speaking at the hearing begins at 2 p.m. on Dec. 6, and public comment begins at 3 p.m.

“Our community does not



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Save Sharon Hospital’s Dr. Howard Mortman, an obstetrician, spoke at a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Cornwall Library.

have other options for maternity,” said Mortman. “I don’t want to know what happens when you have a mother with complications that needs an ambulance ride to another hospital.”

To attend the Zoom meeting on Dec. 6, use the following info:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/Meeting ID: 828 7339](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/Meeting_ID:828_7339)

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The next SSH roundtables before the hearing will

be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Geer Village in North Canaan at 6:30 p.m. and at Troutbeck in Amenia Thursday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.

## Pilgrim House Thanksgiving

NORTH CANAAN — This year’s Thanksgiving meal at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave. in North Canaan, will be dine or take out, from noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 24. Call 860-824-5854 for more information. All are welcome.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Cornwall’s waste water committee met at The Local in West Cornwall on Wednesday, Nov. 16 before touring a potential site for location of a treatment plant.

## Cornwall wastewater committee tours sites

By Riley Klein

WEST CORNWALL — The wastewater project’s construction committee gathered at The Local in West Cornwall on Wednesday, Nov. 16 to evaluate and tour potential sites for a plant.

Prior to the meeting First Selectman Gordon Ridgway and Project Engineer Steve McDonnell met with federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials to learn more about the \$3,000,000 grant that will be used to partly fund the project.

“As soon as we accept that grant, our project has been federalized,” said Ridgway. “[HUD] has requirements to receive that money. It doesn’t come just in an envelope.”

Per the National Environmental Policy Act, there must be a study of the site to evaluate environmental factors, such as flood hazards or soil contamination. Additionally, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office must be consulted to confirm the land is of no concern to indigenous people.

“In order to do the environmental review, they need to know the site,” said McDonnell.

With this in mind, the committee took to the map to examine potential properties. Factors taken into consideration included elevation, distance to the river, current and previous uses for plots, and affordability.

“The one we are looking at as a primary site is not occupied. The property owner is very willing to talk to the town about it,” said McDonnell.

The fifteen attendees of the meeting then walked up the hill and across the street to the plot of land between the post office and 3 Guys Ski & Ride.

“It’s tight, but it does seem to have enough space,” said McDonnell.

The proposed treatment plant would be housed within an approximately 20’ by 30’ building tucked to the rear of the property. The committee then came to a consensus on the plot and agreed to move forward.

“This is not the final decision, but we have to start,” said Ridgway.

Ridgway and McDonnell have another meeting planned with HUD for Nov. 17 to discuss next steps for moving forward with the environmental review.

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Saturday, December 3 & 17, 11:00 am  
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Saturday, December 17, 2:00 pm  
**GINGERBREAD VILLAGE CREATION**  
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Saturday, December 31, 11:00 am  
**ANNUAL NOON YEAR’S EVE PARTY!**  
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Sunday, December 4, 4:00-5:00 pm  
**NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Our next non-fic pick is *Waging a Good War: A Military History of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968*, by Thomas E. Ricks. Discussion led by Peter B. Kaufman, author of *The New Enlightenment* and *The Fight to Free Knowledge*, and Senior Program Officer at MIT Open Learning. In person or join via Zoom.

Thursday, December 8, 5:30-6:45 pm  
**FEN, BOG AND SWAMP - A CONVERSATION**  
Novelist Annie Proulx, who has often focused on environmental issues in her fiction, considers wetlands in this new non-fiction book. The conversation will be led by Dr. Michael Klemens and Vivian Feist Garfein, using Proulx’s book as a point of departure. Co-sponsored by the Salisbury Land Trust. In person or join via Zoom.

Saturday, December 10, 4:00-5:00 pm  
**CURRENT FICTION BOOK GROUP**  
**LED BY CLAUDIA CAYNE**  
This month’s selection, *What Strange Paradise*, by Omar El Akkad, is a beautifully written novel that brings the global refugee crisis down to the level of a child’s eyes. Join the discussion in the Oak Room or on Zoom. Register on the SML website for the link to join virtually.

**Happy Holidays**

The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24; Sunday, December 25; and Sunday, January 1, 2023.

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# Our Towns



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**Douglas Brinkley**

## Brinkley discusses a new book

By Leila Hawken

KENT — A visit from author and historian Douglas Brinkley drew a large audience The Kent School Saturday, Nov. 19.

The talk was arranged by the Kent Memorial Library.

Brinkley introduced his new book, the final in a series of three stand-alone volumes. "Silent Spring Revolution," details the work of 20th-century administrations. Included is the motivating event within John F. Kennedy's years when scientist and author Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" appeared in bookstores in 1962.

"Environmentalism has become non-partisan because the public has demanded it," Brinkley said of the modern movement toward environmental justice. "The power of the people," he exhorted.

"If you're freaking out about climate change, don't," Brinkley concluded. "Be a good steward."

The talk was co-sponsored by several local environmental organizations.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A 50-foot long ceramic mural, "One World," was on display Saturday, Nov. 12 at Landmark Lane in Kent Green before moving to a museum in Japan.

## Kent gets a look at mural before it heads to Japan

By Lans Christensen

KENT — A large and appreciative crowd of Joy Brown devotees were treated to a presentation of her most recent ceramic mural "One World" on Saturday, Nov. 12 at a gallery on Landmark Lane in Kent Green.

The 50-foot long ceramic mural has been two years in the making, and is now being moved to its permanent home, the Horokan Museum in Japan.

Brown spent much of her childhood years in Japan,

as well as a later four-year apprenticeship in Japanese wood-fired ceramics. Her close ties in Japan led to a collaboration with friend Shin Watari, the builder of the museum. The bond of Eastern and Western cultures and closeness are evident in the mural and the spirit that led to its creation.

Kent residents may be familiar with Brown's sculptures on Falcon Field and town Green.

In her own words, Brown says "My figures remind me of a peaceful place in myself — calm, open, aware."

## Hellmann exhibit opens Dec. 3

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Library will present "A Few of My Favorite Things..." a selection of paintings by artist Susan Hellmann, whose lush, heartfelt work often depicts Cornwall at opening reception on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

As an occupational therapist, Hellmann specialized

in mental health issues and used artmaking as a method to help patients manage symptoms like stress. Hellmann is now retired and lives in West Cornwall.

Registration for the reception is required: [www.cornwalllibrary.org/events/](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org/events/) The exhibition will run to Jan. 15 and will offer paintings and holiday cards for sale.



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The Housatonic FFA members in Indianapolis last month: Rear, from left: Advisor David Moran, Haley Swaller, Brandt Bosio, Rachel Ryan, Spencer Markow, Catlin Sorrell, Anne Moran, Alumni Representative Jenn Duncan. Front row, from left: Calli Bosio, Taylor Christen, Advisor Danielle Melino, Johanna Cuccia, Mackenzie Casey, Alyssa Tatro, Myranda Cables

## FFA reports from Indy trip

By Mackenzie Casey

FALLS VILLAGE — October is normally a season of spooks and scares but not for Housatonic Valley FFA members. From Oct. 25-29, 13 FFA members traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the 95th annual National FFA Convention.

Calli Bosio, Mackenzie Casey, Rachel Ryan, and Catlin Sorrell competed in the National Agricultural Communications competition and placed bronze as a team. Bosio placed as a gold individual, Ryan silver, and Casey and Sorrell bronze.

Myranda Cables, Mackenzie Corkins, and Taylor Christen attended as the 2020 CT Dairy Evaluation

team. Spencer Markow, Anne Moran, Brandt Bosio, Alyssa Tatro, and Haley Swaller were sponsored by their chapter and the Brian Parker scholarship to attend as well.

During the week there were leadership workshops, a career expo with hundreds of colleges and agriculture companies, sessions led by the National FFA Officer team, keynote speakers, and countless opportunities to meet and learn from the 65,000 FFA members in attendance.

All members volunteered a day at Gleaners Food Bank where they sorted and packaged thousands of items to be donated in the city.

The week wasn't all busi-

ness: there was also a concert and a rodeo to end the week

Graduates Ryan Duncan and Madison Simonds received the prestigious American FFA Degree. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization. This degree shows a member's dedication to their chapter and state FFA association, demonstrates the effort members apply to their SAE project, community service, and outstanding leadership ability.

The travelers came back inspired and ready to bring their new knowledge back to their home chapter.

Mackenzie Casey is the Housatonic FFA Reporter.

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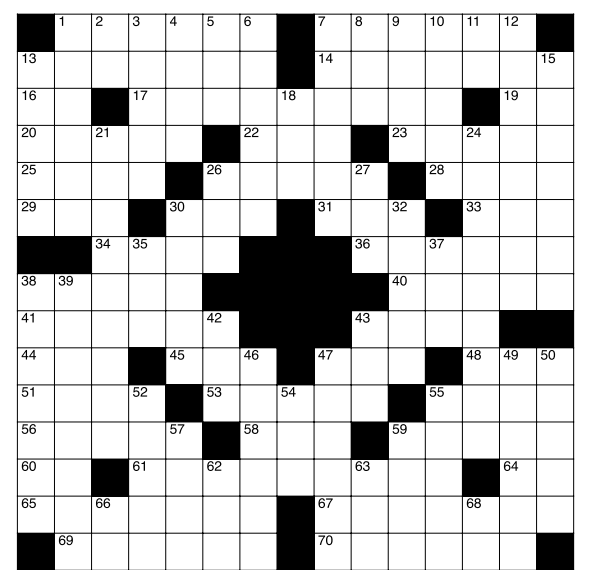
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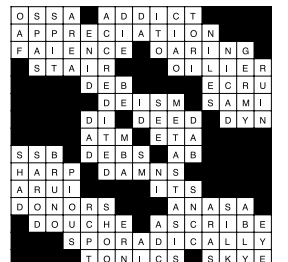
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19. Millihenry
20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
23. Norse gods
25. Peppermint and pekee are two
26. Auguste \_\_, founder of positivism
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
31. V-shaped open trough
33. People of southern Benin
34. People of southern Ghana
36. It's a significant creed
38. Period between eclipses
40. Furies
41. Emerged
43. Philippine Island
44. Where wrestlers battle
45. Unhappy
47. Central European river
48. Language
51. Semitransparent gemstone
53. Forming in a bottom layer
55. Distinct region
56. Broad blades
58. Leavened bread
59. Influential cosmetics exec
60. Exclamation of surprise
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64. One who helps professors
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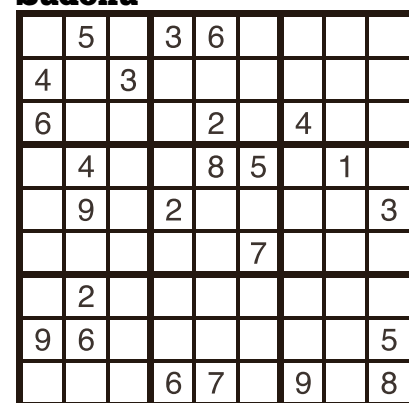


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11. Measures the width of printed matter
12. Musical interval
13. Tantalizes
15. Places of worship
18. An unskilled actor who overacts
21. One who volunteers to help
24. Precaution
26. Beverage holder
27. Very long period of time
30. Bullfighting maneuvers
32. More critical
35. Sends packing in a boxing match
37. Taxi
38. Decorative Russian tea urn
39. North American Great Plains natives
42. Seize
43. A passage with access only at one end
46. Cut a rug
47. Devil rays
49. Bubble up
50. Veranda
52. Outcast
54. Car mechanics group
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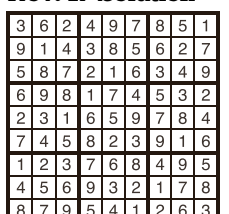
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# OBITUARIES

## Constance Rugg Booth

CANAAN — Constance Rugg Booth, 89, of Canaan, died peacefully at Fairview Hospital on Nov. 2, 2022. Born June 21, 1933, at Fairview Hospital she was the daughter of Dorothy (Emmons) Rugg and Gardner L. Rugg of Southfield, Massachusetts.



She was educated in New Marlborough, Massachusetts schools, Northfield School For Girls and North Adams State Teachers College. She was a second grade teacher at the New Four Corners School in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

She married Allan Booth on Feb. 19, 1956. After moving to Canaan she became a dedicated mother to 5 children and Mema to 7 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren. She was loved for her kind spirit and generosity and loved giving gifts. She was predeceased by her husband Allan on June 21, 2004, and her sister Audrey Daley.

Survivors include her daughters Terri Rouke (John), Lori Race (Edward), Lisa Booth, Sue Malatino (Jon), and son Jay Booth. Grandchildren Jillian Pastori (Richard Cipolla), Kyle Pastori, Jessica Crawford (Charles), Sarah LoPuzzo (Joseph), Nicholas Rouke (Cristina Ulto), Nicole Sharpley, and Avery Malatino. Step-grandchildren Gregory Race (Leaf Treinen), Todd Race (Kendra Spahr), Jessica Malatino, Great-grandchildren Calvin and Hank Crawford, Luca LoPuzzo, Step Great-grandchildren, Turin & Lila Cipolla.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry of Canaan, Canaan Ambulance, Canaan Fire Department, or the American Cancer Society. Service and burial will be held at a later date.

## Ida M. Leonard

NEW MARLBOROUGH — Ida M. Leonard, 89, a longtime resident of New Marlborough, Massachusetts, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022. Born to Medeo and Lena Morandi on January 15, 1933, in Alford, Massachusetts, she was educated in the one room schoolhouse in Alford and graduated from the former Searles High School in Great Barrington, never missing a day.



Ida married Ronald Leonard on Sept. 13, 1958, and together they dedicated their lives to their business, Mt. Everett Landscaping & Construction, along with their beloved son, Randy. The business expanded to Mt. Everett Sanitation & Excavation, as it stands today. After Randy's unexpected death in 2011, they remained steadfast in the family business until their grandsons Travis and Corey took over.

If Ida wasn't found meticulously working on company bookwork, she could be found with a pen and paper in hand at her grandson's sporting events, keeping her own elaborate scorecard. Ida enjoyed being with family, attending antique club events and tending to her garden.

She is survived by her grandsons Travis (Merideth) Leonard and Corey Leonard (Hannah Herrick). Sisters Judy Corbett and Bonnie Perotti (Charlie), brother-in-law Bill Warner (Laurie) and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ronnie, her son, Randy, sister, Mary-Anne Warner, and niece, Keri Perotti.

The Liturgy of Christian Christmas Fair set for Dec. 3

SHARON — The Sharon United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of the church at 112 Upper Main St. There will be handcrafted ornaments, sterling silver jewelry, Honora pearl necklaces and an assortment of baked goods.

## Kenneth Warren Tyson

CORNWALL — Kenneth Warren Tyson passed away on Nov. 19, 2022, at the age of 87. He was born in New York City to Robert Warren Tyson and Eleanor Duval Tyson on July 23, 1935. He was raised in White Plains and Scarsdale, New York, along with his identical twin brother, Robert. Ken graduated from Scarsdale High School and, together with Bob, attended Dartmouth College, class of 1957.



While at Dartmouth, Ken was a member of the diving team. He and Bob belonged to Alpha Delta Phi fraternity (on which the movie "Animal House" was based). After graduation, Ken joined the National Guard and lived in New York City, where he worked in banking while attending business school at New York University. He later shifted direction and attended UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, California, graduating in 1965. Upon graduation he returned east, settled in Cornwall, and clerked for renowned attorney Catherine Roraback.

Ken practiced law in northwestern Connecticut for many years, and was a member of the Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey Bar Associations. While living in Connecticut, Ken was a member of the First Litchfield Artillery, a Civil War reenactment regiment. Ken and his wife Regina resided in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and later in Lebanon Township and High Bridge, and most recently Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Ken was active in Dartmouth College alumni clubs, conducting interviews with prospective students. He volunteered with the High Bridge ambulance squad and was involved in coaching youth soccer in Lebanon Township. For 35 years Ken was active as a friend of Bill W.

An avid reader and dog lover, Ken was known for being quiet and reserved but when he spoke, it was substantial and to the point. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his kindness, wry and self-deprecating sense of humor,

Jeopardy skills, and talent at skipping rocks, to the delight and amazement of his grandchildren. In their younger days, Ken and his identical twin loved a good prank, tricking friends, teachers, and family alike. In adulthood, Ken adopted his signature mustache to avoid being mistaken for brother Bob "Typhoon" Tyson. Despite the difference in temperaments, the brothers were always extremely close.

Ken is survived by his adored wife of 43 years, Regina Gilhooly Tyson, their son Brendan Tyson and his wife Tracy, his children from a previous marriage, Josh Tyson and his wife Catherine, and Laura Tyson Li and her husband Richard. Also surviving him are his sister, Ann Tyson Lyons of Honolulu, Hawaii, sister-in-law Carol Tyson Wakeman, and seven grandchildren whom he loved dearly — Sienna and Isabella Li; Daniel, Ian and Eliza Tyson; and Quinn and Conor Tyson. He was predeceased by daughter Meghan Tyson and twin brother, Robert Duval Tyson. He is also survived by his former wife, Roberta Dixon Tyson of Cornwall.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Jacob Holle Funeral Home, 2122 Millburn Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. with a memorial service from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 117, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

## Falls Village filmmaker talk

FALLS VILLAGE — On Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host "Journey of a Young Filmmaker" with Falls Village resident Yonah Sadeh.

A film student at Bard College, Sadeh has produced films showcasing local farms, community art projects, student fiction works, and local issues such as affordable housing.

## NORFOLK SPILL

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been determined as well as questions about the recovery process itself, DEEP Regional Supervisor Ken LeClerc said, "This is the biggest single release we've ever had."

He told the crowd that the diversity of the terrain, the amount of gasoline and the speed at which it was expelled from the truck all contribute to the length and intricacy of the cleanup. "[It] came out in a gush. This is equivalent to a swimming pool letting go in the yard," LeClerc said.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the Norfolk Hub hosted Norfolk Sewer District Superintendent Bill Hester, who discussed the sewer district's history and the relining project, and took questions about how the spill affected the sewer and drainage system.

Hester discussed the testing of the system's influent and effluent and reiterated that, due to the fact that crews were able to completely block the storm drain at the five-way intersection of Emerson Street, Mills Way, Shepard Road and John Curtiss Road, no gasoline had reached the nearby Blackberry River.

### Worship Services

Week of November 27, 2022

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

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a> 860-824-7232</p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> The Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627</p>
<p><b>Fishes &amp; Loaves Food Pantry, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> WE ARE NOW MEETING IN PERSON! Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokialoui@gmail.com">jokialoui@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd., Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
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<p><b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday &amp; Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Twins Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 <a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>

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# Our Towns

## What about pulling garlic mustard?

The lingering warm weather earlier this month had brought the garlic mustards back to life and I was happy for the opportunity to get ahead of what is usually one of my first spring chores: pulling them out with that long white taproot intact. I have been pulling garlic mustard for almost 10 years and have observed, over a 15-acre swath of land, not only a decline in the quantity that grows (and is therefore removed), but also a regeneration of native plants in that space.



PHOTO BY SIMONEVOMFELD, PIXABAY

### The Ungardener Dee Salomon

I took a break recently to watch the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group Symposium. It rather turned my world upside down.

The keynote speaker, Bernd Blossey of Cornell University, delivered a bombshell recommendation in his talk "Invasive Plant Management": that, aside from a stray here and there, it would be better to not to pull garlic mustard at all. His research shows that garlic mustard left alone will, over time, decline in numbers and in plant vigor. This, he posits, is due to negative soil feedback, which is what happens when plants are grown in the same soil year over year. It is the reason why crops are rotated.

I really wanted to pretend that I had never heard this, but my conscience wouldn't let me. I have made a concerted effort in writing this column to seek out the science behind what I observe in the woods with respect to native and non-native species. And it is difficult to get definitive answers, perhaps because of the variability in environmental conditions and the fact that

outcomes are difficult (though not impossible) to measure, especially over long periods of time. There are differences of opinions among experts on best approaches to invasive management.

Doing nothing is always tempting advice. Sadly for my back, I am not sufficiently patient to wait the 10-20 years that Blassey says it takes for the negative soil feedback effect to work on garlic mustard. And there will always be garlic mustard around, as seeds will be spread by animals. In fact, Blassey's No. 1 recommendation to stop the spread of invasive plants, and to encourage native plant spread, is to install deer fences — simply not practical in my case.

I went back to rewatch the presentation, and listened to the audience questions at the end. And here is where things came into focus: Blassey conceded that his laissez-faire approach to garlic mustard may not be relevant for what he

calls the "woodland gardener" but is geared to nature preserves and land trusts.

And so I would adapt his prescription as follows:

— Garlic mustard populations can be reduced but never be fully eradicated unless the area is fenced to keep out deer.

— If you have a large area of garlic mustard and want to try Blassey's approach, make an effort to fence the area. If it cannot be fenced, you may want to mark the area with flags so you can monitor the size of the area year over year. You should see the garlic mustard lose vigor in the center as it spreads out beyond the initial area.

— Don't assume that this prescription will work for other species.

— The best method of control is to not allow garlic mustard to proliferate in the first place. This is where pulling it out is most useful. Be sure to pull it before it goes to seed. A hori hori knife or other weeding implement might be helpful to loosen the taproot from the soil so it comes out in one piece and does not disturb the soil too much.

— If you do weed garlic mustard, be thorough in that area and visiting several times, starting from when the ground unfreezes in spring to when it freezes again in winter. The key to success is doing one's best to halt new seeds from spreading.

— Plant native plants in the woods and tend to them, fencing them if necessary to protect them from deer browse.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

## Falls Village airs discussion on fiber optics, solar panels

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Henry Todd reported to the Board of Finance Monday, Nov. 14 that he had recently met again with Fronteir Communications and the company expressed an interest in bringing fiber optic lines to the town.

Todd said "we could probably get most of the town" wired up at no cost, but to do the entire town, "we'd have to pay something."

Todd reported he was expecting a traffic study on the intersection of Routes 7 and 126, which he said is rated "one of the 10 worst in the area."

Todd said there is a nascent proposal from Ever-source to set up solar panels on part of the town farm property. Todd said the first six years of a deal would be a "break even" situation, but by the seventh year (of a 25 year deal) the panels would generate some income in the form of offsets.

"None of this is set," he cautioned.

During a discussion of the Board of Selectmen's list of American Rescue Plan Act expenditures, Amy Wynn asked Todd and the other selectmen to be very clear about expectations and meeting guidelines for recipients of the federal funds.

At the selectmen's meeting, immediately after the

finance board's meeting, the board appointed Ruth Skovron to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Daipai Horace to the Recreation Commission, and reappointed Emily Peterson as Recreation Director.

Todd said there will be a town meeting in January to take care of a number of items, including receiving the annual town report and to consider an ordinance redefining the jobs of bookkeeper and treasurer.

Todd reported that the town received \$572.45 from the state's settlement with opioid manufacturers. The selectmen agreed to turn the money over to the emergency services departments to offset the cost of Narcan.

## Holiday Concert with The Salisbury Four Dec. 3

The Salisbury Association's annual Holiday Concert of traditional music and carols will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Salisbury Congregational Church, 30 Main St., Salisbury. The concert is free.

The celebrated artists of The Salisbury Four have created a special program

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Members of the Salisbury Four include: Zahra Brown—soprano, Judith Dansker—recorder, Christopher Morrongiello—lute, and Marcia Young—soprano

and Renaissance harp.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. To reserve seats, email info@salisburyassociation.org or call 860-435-0566. Walk-ins permitted.

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The Lakeville Journal, February 9, 2012

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And from all of us at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News to all of your families and friends, Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your turkey — and tomato pie!

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## Adopt A Tree

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We hope this letter finds everyone happy, healthy and enjoying this warm Fall we are having. It is hard to imagine that Christmas is right around the corner but it is!

This year will mark the 19th anniversary of our Adopt A Tree Program where the beautiful main streets of Salisbury, Lakeville, Sharon and Canaan are lit with Christmas Trees sponsored by our Chamber members, sponsors and residents of these towns. Each year at this time, The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce appeals to the community for support of this annual holiday tradition that brings smiles to all those who pass through our quaint town. This effort requires many hours of volunteer time, and some paid expertise in the fields of horticulture and electricity.

As most of you know, last year we tried a new look of solar lights. While we worked hard to make it a success, it was not the outcome we had hoped for. We asked for input and solutions to be able to provide the beautiful lights we have become accustomed to. The cost of labor for electricians to help run the cables and plug in at each location (an insurance requirement) was running us in the red. Combined with the rise in cost of trees, we are fortunate to have the following solution.

Thanks to the generosity of Elyse Harney Real Estate, Juliet Moore, Salisbury Bank and Herrington's, we have ordered new strands of the traditional lights that you have come to love. While we will keep the cost the same as last year, there will be one major change to the program. The Tri-State Chamber, along with the Salisbury Garden Center and the Salisbury Town Crew will stake, place and tie the trees and string the lights. We will leave one extension cord at the base of each tree and it will be the home and or business owner's responsibility to plug the tree into an outlet. It will also be the home and or business owner's responsibility to purchase additional extension cords if necessary. For those businesses in Salisbury and Lakeville that have cords that will cross the sidewalk, we will have an electrician come to your locations and keep the cords off the ground and plugged in.

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# Sports

## Players pick up pickleball at Piker's clinic in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

WEST CORNWALL — America's fastest growing sport has made its way to Cornwall. With some fresh paint and extended black-top, the court at Foote Fields on Furnace Brook Road has added pickleball to the menu.

To welcome the trending sport to town, Todd Piker, tennis liaison with Cornwall Parks and Recreation, held a clinic on Saturday, Nov. 12.

"Recently tennis players have really embraced pickleball because it has brought in so many more racket-sport players," said Piker.

A dozen aspiring pickleball players came from across Litchfield County to take part in the lessons and friendly competition.

"You play once and you're hooked," said Pam Cafiero, who traveled from New Milford for the clinic.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

**Todd Piker teaches area players the basics of pickleball during the clinic at Foote Fields on Saturday, Nov. 12.**

Piker reviewed the rules and customs of the sport before players took to the court to hone their skills. The double-bounce rule, playing in the kitchen, cross-court dinks and calling out server numbers all became common knowledge over the course of the two-hour clinic.

"It's amazing. In less than a couple hours everyone has really gotten the hang of it,"

noted spectator Reeva Mager.

Toward the end of the session, the group broke into doubles teams and had a friendly tournament. One reporter's team made it to the championship game but failed to bring home the title.

"We move indoors for the winter. We go to the Cream Hill [Agricultural] School and will set up about three courts there," said Piker.



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Edward Tyburski, Jr. was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Sunday, Nov. 13. He said his experience produced a series of "profoundly positive quantum moments for me."

## HVRHS inducts 10 into Athletic Hall of Fame

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ten people were inducted into the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony at HVRHS Sunday, Nov. 13

They are: Tood Baker, Class of 1991; Daniel Du-

bay '93; Wiilam D. Dufour '52; Nicole Geyselaers '91; Christopher J. Keacox '84; Peter J. Kenny '52; Rick Knutson '91; Andrea Perotti Heinze '88; Edward Tyburski Jr. '76; and Jeffrey B. Tyburski '82.

Several speakers said the life lessons they learned during their

HVRHS experience had positive impacts on their lives.

Edward Tyburski Jr. described the effect as a series of "profoundly positive quantum moments for me," and Heacox said he learned "passion and loyalty" while participating in HVRHS athletics.



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## UNRETIRED

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The pandemic pushed older workers out of the labor market.

According to a national AARP survey, 38% of people aged 50 and over who retired, left or considered leaving their job during the COVID-19 pandemic said they would not have done so were it not for the pandemic. Twenty-one percent said they opted for early retirement because of the pandemic.

"Retirees returning to the workforce would be received with open arms," noted DiPentima.

## From business suit to nursing scrubs

Prior to his first retirement in 2013, Jones spent 29 years at Dow Chemical, ending as a global corporate account executive, responsible for several of the Fortune 50 company's largest accounts. That was career one.

A month after retiring from that "crazy fun career," which took him to 22 countries around the globe, career two began with Jones serving as a leader in a chemical industry startup company. He then joined a biotechnology startup, then a third startup in the cosmetics industry. Career three followed as a consultant in the chemical and frozen food industries, lasting until the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

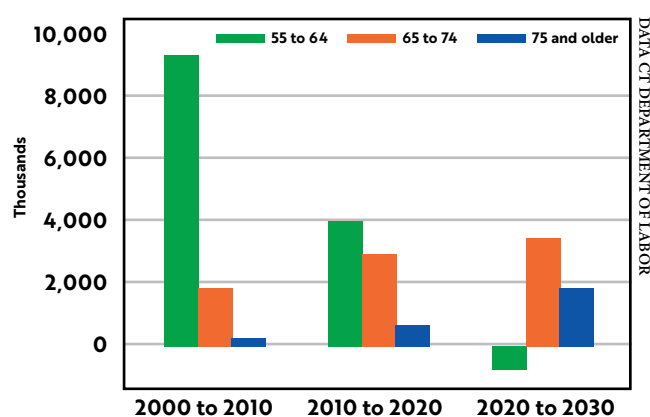
Joel and his wife, Felicia, relocated from New York City to Falls Village. Jones serves as a volunteer on the Sharon Hospital Board of Directors, and was its chairman from 2017 to 2019.

"After career two," he explained, "we really started to blend our lives into Falls Village," where the couple are involved in numerous volunteer and civic roles. He was convinced it was time to finally leave the corporate world behind.

"Within six months I had the whole attic cleaned out, and the yard looked like Disneyland," said Jones, who faced the realization that he wasn't ready to be done with work.

On Feb. 22, 2022, he began a new career as a CNA at Geer. But this time was different. Jones had found a

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new purpose in life.

"It's been exhausting and physically draining but in a good way. It's really been an amazing experience and a valuable experience for me," he explained.

"I'm 60 and in good shape, I've had great careers and can afford to work for very modest wages now," he said. "That notwithstanding, it has been probably my favorite career ... so far. I am truly making a positive difference in the lives of the residents in my care."

## Some have little choice

With inflation at a 40-year high, many retirees have little choice but to collect a paycheck.

As a result, the number of people who un-retire is expected to pick up steam as the cold months arrive and people are faced with lofty inflation and prices soaring for everything from food to gas to heating their homes.

In addition to Jones, Geer CEO Kevin O'Connell said

**"Within 6 months, I had the whole attic cleaned out and the yard looked like Disneyland."**

Joel Jones, Falls Village

he recently hired several retirees on fixed incomes who were worried that they would not be able to afford fuel oil to heat their homes this winter.

"While I am happy to have them here, it's disturbing that people have to do that," said O'Connell.

Nearby in North Canaan, business owner Mike Schopp said one of his new hires, who commutes daily from Torrington to work, took early retirement from his former job working security for one of former President Donald Trump's properties. Now he is un-retired.

"He eventually realized he needed to supplement his

income," said Schopp.

Lofty inflation is forcing seniors on a fixed income to return to work, but for many, physical limitations make return-to-work challenging, if not impossible, according to Melia Hill, Sharon's social services agent.

"To keep up with rising costs, they would like a job but can't get one for various reasons," noted Hill. "A physical disability or poor eyesight makes them ineligible to re-enter the workforce."

During a recent presentation to members of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Connecticut Labor Department Economist Patrick Flaherty noted that many employers are more focused on recruiting "unicorns" than they are older workers.

"They are hiring 20-year-olds and expecting them to have 30 years of experience."

John Harney, a veteran real estate agent in Salisbury, said he has known people who retired from one job and then launched a second career in real estate.

"It doesn't matter how old you are, you become more valuable as you age into the industry. Real estate is based on effectiveness, knowledge, network building and experience."

## 'Cultural shift' by employers needed

Could retirees be part of the solution to the critical worker shortage in the Northwest Corner?

Allison Blackwood, president and CEO of the Torrington-based AEI Staffing, which serves Litchfield County, believes it can, but only with a "cultural shift" by companies in their approach to hiring workers over the age of 55. Employers and their human resources teams, rocked by the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic created, said Blackwood, need to understand reasons for older workers' departures from the workforce — whether due to layoffs, fear of working during the pandemic, choosing early retirement or burnout — and find ways to entice them back.

Employers should be approaching the re-entry of retirees as more than a means to staunch the worker shortage. This trend may present an opportunity to address the age-old ageism problem in hiring by focusing on the value this cohort brings to the workplace, like life experience, the ability to

mentor younger workers, an ironclad work ethic and low absenteeism.

"It will require employers, from all sectors, to change how they traditionally think about what defines an ideal employee," said Blackwood.

For example, she said, some retirees can only offer working part-time without affecting their retirement income, so a creative solution would be for an employer to take a full-time position and divide it into two part-time jobs. Accommodations can also be made for workers who may not be able to stand for long periods of time.

Employers should look beyond a person's resume and list of qualifications and explore what the right position is at this point in their life and what type of role they are seeking, and not dismiss them for being overqualified, said the employment agency owner.

"Some people still want to be productive," but are not looking to return to high-stress, senior management jobs. "They want to have someone else tell them what to do."

## Reaping employees' 'wealth of knowledge'

Jones' employer described him as a "very civic-minded" individual with a wealth of knowledge that is being tapped to not only fill a much-needed role in patient care, but also to improve working conditions at the nursing home.

"He's an experienced executive. While working as a CNA he can see the job from all sides. He has given us a deeper assessment of the CNA job, which is not an easy one," said O'Connell.

As for Jones, who, when not working 40 to 45 hours a week, serves as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown, is a Justice of the Peace and is a member of the Falls Village Board of Assessment Appeals. He also serves as chairman of the Board of Finance.

He and his wife are also trail maintainers for the Appalachian Mountain Club and can often be found traversing the trails with their black Lab, Cleo.

Reflecting on his interaction with patients at Geer nursing, Jones noted, "I've had so many great conversations with residents about their lives. It's a privilege and a big responsibility knowing that how you show up to the job directly affects the life experience of another person."

He has no plans to retire anytime soon.

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Notable examples include Lyme disease, Ebola virus and avian flu. Understanding how this phenomenon works, and what species in the animal kingdom are strong carriers, has meaningful implications for our ability to predict and combat future pandemics.

In the case of COVID-19, however, Han was the bearer of some bad news. One of the predictions made in Han's research, published in November 2021 by The Royal Society, is that white-tailed deer would be strong carriers of COVID-19. This prediction was confirmed by independent field studies, which collected hard evidence that the virus is freely circulating in those populations.

This fact has profoundly negative implications for our ability to manage COVID outbreaks, Han suggested. Even if we were somehow able to reduce or eliminate COVID-19 in human populations, there exists a vast and stable reservoir of the virus in white-tailed deer — an overabundant species with which humans have high contact. This suggests a high likelihood that COVID could easily spill back over into human populations. Ginsberg spoke to first encountering this information in an early draft of Han's paper, and he recalled the sinking feeling it gave him.

"I remember reading it and being more depressed about the pandemic — because it's really clear, it's not going away... As a zoonotic disease, it is now in other species, and it's evolving in those other species, and inevitably it will

eventually spill back from one of them to us."

The crux of Han's research methods lies in training an AI to identify what traits make an animal species a strong carrier of diseases. For example — rodents, such as rats, are prolific in this regard. What traits contribute to that? High birth rates? Fast metabolisms?

Once a program knows these things, it can begin to apply that knowledge to much larger datasets than are typically approachable by human researchers. Through this process, an AI can make hard-to-find connections, and out of them create highly accurate predictions of what animals, from a wide pool, might be strong carriers of specific diseases and of categories of diseases.

Armed with a deeper understanding of zoonotic diseases, and with access to the powerful analytic capabilities of AI, Han expressed optimism in our ability to marshal available data and use it to help manage future pandemics. However, when asked what keeps her up at night, Han was honest about where her concerns reside.

"What keeps me up at night is our complacency ... Say we had a pandemic next year, are people going to say, 'Ah, we've been through this, whatever. Masks, I'm not gonna. Are we going snap to attention, and [say]: We know what to do now? That's what I worry about the most, I think."

The Predicting the Next Pandemic talk is available at [www.caryinstitute.org/events](http://www.caryinstitute.org/events).

## HVRHS sophomores win Turkey Olympics

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Teams from each grade and a faculty and staff team competed in the Turkey Olympics Friday afternoon, Nov. 18, at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The sophomore class team prevailed after hard-fought contests in the Mummy Wrap, Dodge Ball and the Three-Legged

Race.

The event kicked off with Red Light, in which everybody runs hard until the red light goes on, at which point everybody stops, abruptly, with varying degrees of success.

Social Studies teacher Peter Vermilyea showed impressive elastic tenacity before succumbing to gravity in the Limbo.

Everybody was in good spirits and had a lot of fun.

## TROOPER

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into compliance with building codes and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

That next step is to invite architects to create a needs assessment that will indicate the broad parameters of work to be done.

The selectmen unanimously approved the final wording of the Request for Proposals (RFP) forms that indicate the scope of the preliminary assessment work.

The Swift House has been closed for three years.

The general scope of the work includes drafting a

master floor plan and perhaps an elevation drawing. The assessment needs only be specific enough to allow for creating cost estimates.

The selectmen agreed that the HVAC system will need attention.

One challenge is the steep staircase between the first and second floors, the latter currently used only for storage. The Swift House task force, a volunteer group that has been meeting to study the needs and bring the conversation to its present point, felt that although the public

would not have reason to access the second floor, nevertheless the architect should consider modifications if only for the safety of those few might need to use the stairs to access the storage.

Following up on the selectmen's action, the RFP was to be advertised as early as Monday, Nov. 21, with a submission deadline of Friday, Jan. 6. The selectmen agreed that the Swift House will be opened on Wednesday, Nov. 30, for the convenience of any architect wishing to view the site.

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ALEXANDER WILBURN

## They're new, they're young, are they here to stay?

It was 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, the air sharp with an end-of-summer chill, when I meet Jeb Breece to set up the Kent Flower Market. The parking lot of Kent Barns in front of RT Facts Design & Antiques was a high-priced ghost town apart from our cars, but just give it a few hours. If you grow it, they will come.

Breece, 40, and his wife Sabina, 42, are part of a new wave of fresh-faced "full-timers" in rural Litchfield County, Conn., ex-Upper East Siders who traded Ralph's Coffee and The Metropolitan Museum for winding backroads, old stone libraries and plenty of deer. The COVID-19 pandemic ignited a real estate surge in sleepy Northwest Connecticut, with families in their mid-to-late 30s and early 40s migrating not just for a season, but for permanent residence.

While Sabina may stop by the market with friends, the flower fever

is all Breece, a portfolio manager at a wealth management and investment firm in Midtown Manhattan. He's been growing flowers and native plants at their home in Salisbury, Conn., Posy Hill Farm — named after the family dog. On market days, the second Saturday of each month, he's joined by his 10-year-old son Henry, a day student at

older brother who prefers sleeping to getting up bright and early to hawk dahlias (I can relate). "He's going through puberty," Henry said.

It was the last days of dahlias that September morning — and also the first time Kent Flower Market had offered the big rainbow-petalled perennials, due to drought conditions that August. Working with local agriculture means working within the

parameters of the seasons and finicky weather conditions. Breece told me outright most of the flowers he sells would likely be considered "rejects" on a large professional scale, like New York City Flower District in Chelsea. Imperfect, by-the-season flowers are not the way most Americans are used to shopping for bouquets, which are grown and packaged overseas in countries like Ecuador or the Netherlands, and



Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, Conn. Dressed to sell flowers in a Harry Styles-esque pairing of pearls and nail polish, Henry remarked he has an



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**Jeb Breece is part of the wave of young New York families who have moved to the county full-time.**

shipped to U.S. supermarkets. Brown Political Review reported in 2019 that "the cut flower industry in the United States takes in \$34.3 billion of revenue each year. Of the flowers Americans buy, nearly 80% are imported from Colombia."

Breece's flower market, as "imperfect" as the mix of dahlias, geraniums, sunflowers, and celosias may be, are the product of his own garden with flowers grown on local farms like Anderson Acres in Kent — which is where we headed to pick up buckets of blooms for the market. Breece easily sees the benefit. "Carbon footprint is way less, plus keeping money within the local economy as opposed to shipping it off to global supply chains. Not to belittle... Look, where

those flowers are grown, that production is likely done with low-cost labor and the people there need resources, but this is our community and I think it's important we have a local farm economy."

The



goal, even on a *petite fleur* scale, is to aggregate supply and demand. "Help farmers sell their product even if they can't be there at the market," Breece told me. "I buy all the flowers from the farmers, I take the inventory risk, if it's a supply market, I eat it. I basically try to break even. We're

selling pretty close to wholesale price."

Wholesale-priced bundles of dahlias meant a busy market once they opened at 10 a.m., especially for Henry, who had no problem swiping credit cards while I wrapped flowers in brown paper. He's obviously in the right father-son side hustle, as he told me about the Martha Stewart fanfiction he pens in his free time, "Martha Stewart vs. Tacky Décor." Henry's hoping she'll apparate, in the Harry Potter use of the word, one day at the flower stand. (Ms. Stewart, if you're reading, come on Nov. 26 to make a middle schooler's dream come true.)

In the 2010s their family had a second home in Kent for excursions from the city. As Breece told me, "Pre-pandemic we were just weekenders. We came up to the country and we did our thing, kept to ourselves." Now full-time homeowners in Salisbury, with their sons both at Indian Mountain, their view of these small towns has altered. "If you just look at my family's involvement in the community, compared to when we just come up occasionally, it's all changed dramatically for us. Now we've started the flower market, my wife's gotten involved with The Little Guild, with Sharon Playhouse, I'm on the board of Hollister House, I'm on the board of Women's Support Services. We also funded a joint project to turn a piece of conserved land

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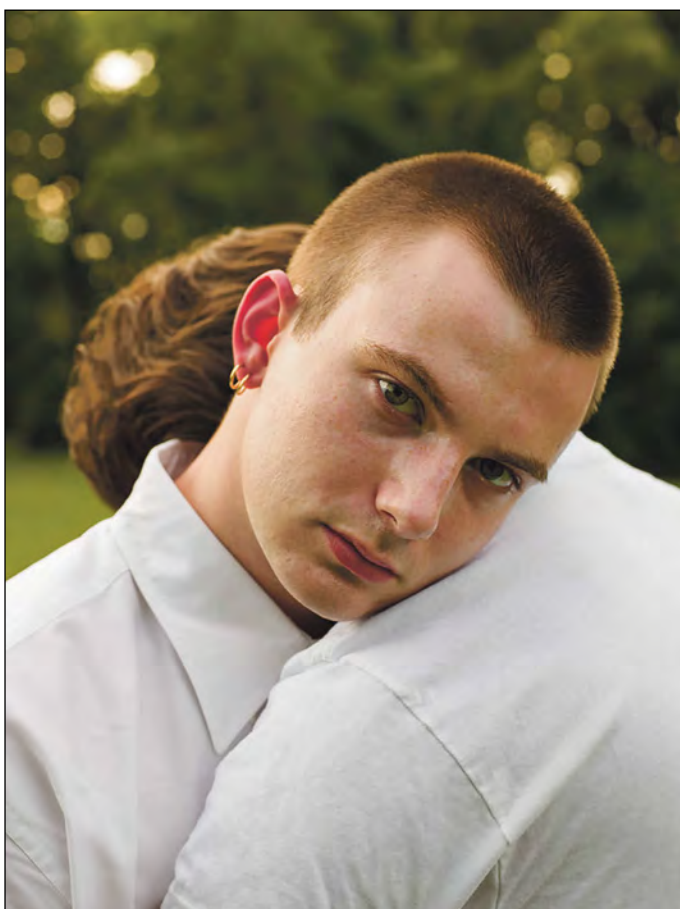
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in Salisbury to rehabilitate it into a wildflower meadow."

Breece will tell you he's heard Indian Mountain, a private school that typically accepted a large portion of international boarding students, now has a waitlist for eager day students — a demand that didn't exist in previous years. "I really thought we'd see this wave that would dissipate... that after a year couples would start to say, 'I can't get sushi, I

can't go out,' but people are staying. Our group who have come here, some of us have gotten involved in the community, but there are a lot of new families up here who still need to find their way to get involved"

The Connecticut census reports that a third of Salisbury's population is 65 and older, but it doesn't take statistics for Breece to see many of the town's foundational institutions are run by a rapidly aging population

in need of fresh support. "The community and nonprofit boards here skew really old, really retired — some incredible skill sets there, and great people — but there need to be new members if it's going to survive. The wave of young families up here haven't gotten there yet. Our group needs to step up."

*The Kent Flower Market returns for a holiday greenery sale on Nov. 26 at Kent Barns in Kent, Conn.*

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## EDITORIAL

## Finding common ground in gratitude

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for many of us: It's about making or buying some favorite foods, sharing them with family and friends and maybe catching some football in between sittings. (Shopping of any kind must be kept at bay until the day after, Black Friday, when for many the gift-buying kicks in and takes over the rest of the month. But really: Need ideas for gifts and fun things to do during the festive season? You can benefit from learning what opportunities are available locally. For that: See the Holiday Gift Guide section in this week's paper. And see the holiday briefs throughout the paper for upcoming events.)

This is the year when many more of us will gather after too many COVID-restricted holidays. While the pandemic is not gone, and other bugs are after us all this winter, it will still be the year we will likely feel we can see one another face to face and connect as we haven't been able to do freely since 2020.

This holiday is singularly American, a day that all who are in this country can take part in (yes, Canada, our North American neighbor, does it too, just on a different day.) This day gives us all the ability to celebrate with a day off to think about gratitude. Can this be the holiday that unites us, rather than divides us?

Maybe, if we can get past the urge to discuss politics with those of different partisan sides at dinner. Still, there's no better time to get over any polarizing conversations, once the turkey's tryptophan (or the effects of too much food and drink in general, as is also argued) kicks in and causes drowsiness. We should also remember that it's a moment in time that won't come back, and should be taken advantage of to reconnect with family and friends in a positive way.

The elections are over, though it could be there are still some races being decided even as you read this (Georgia's Senate race is definitely one.) Time to move on and for those who are now in office to attain some goals they set for themselves during the campaign. Take a breather first, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company. There will be plenty of time for divisiveness later.

This may be the tryptophan talking, but maybe the afterglow of the elections (depending if you liked the outcome) and the warmth of the holidays could take hold, and the country start to veer away from the deep divisions that have plagued it. The midterm elections gave us hope that more moderate views could be what the American people are seeking. Now, that would be something to be profoundly thankful for.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and try to keep some of the comfort of the holidays as winter takes firm control of the next few weeks, and months.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

## 100 years ago — November 1922

Sharon is planning to build a new schoolhouse to replace the one recently burned by a firebug. The new building will probably be financed with a bond issue with a carefully planned sinking fund.

James Ellis exhibited on Tuesday a perfect rosebud half opened which he picked at the Kenyon place at Sharon. Many also have seen dandelion blossoms the last week.

A good sized tarantula was found on a string of bananas at Roberts' store on Tuesday. It is now confined in a glass jar for exhibition.

Ernest Muller has purchased two houses near the railway of W.D. Whalen. The houses at present are occupied by Tony Novicki and George Washington.

## 50 years ago — November

The Village Improvement Society has initiated court action to obtain clear title to the former "horse sheds" property, now roughly covered by the parking lot behind the Salisbury Pharmacy and the bank branch office. Salisbury residents voted in June to sell the property to

the VIS by quitclaim deed for \$1500. Titles to the various segments of the land date back to the early 1860s, when prominent citizens stabled their horses there, and lines of ownership have become blurred through the years. The area is the site for a proposed off- Main Street shopping area, with the construction of a new food market planned as the first step.

Gay's Appliance Center on Church Street in Canaan has announced an "adults only" cooking demonstration and dinner party for 7:30 p.m. next Thursday. Featured will be demonstrations of the Sharp Microwave Oven. Factory representatives will be on hand to cook a meal using the Microwave high speed oven. Those who attend (only adults are invited) will then be treated to that dinner.

Salo W. Baron of Honey Hill Road, Canaan, and New York City was made a Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy Tuesday at the Italian Consulate in New York. Mr. Baron received the honor for his contribution to Italian culture and civil history. He is working on a series of volumes tracing history from pre-history through to the modern world.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

## Last of the burning bush color

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Trust in Sharon Hospital's transformational plan

I am a mother, grandmother, nurse, and proud member of the Sharon Hospital family. I write today to share my confidence in Sharon Hospital's leaders and support the tough decision to close its Labor and Delivery unit to preserve the hospital as a truly vital resource for our community.

My journey at Sharon Hospital began over 20 years ago when I joined the team as a unit coordinator in the surgical department. As a single mother, I was able to grow my family because of the resources provided by the hospital. I was also able to grow in my career – the hospital provided me with the opportunity to attend nursing school, helping me

fulfill a lifetime goal that I would not have been able to afford on my own.

Outside of my work, Sharon Hospital is where my entire family receives our care. Before my father passed away at age 90, he would only receive care at Sharon Hospital because he knew it was where he would be met with the most compassionate, skilled caregivers. Sharon Hospital is a truly special place, filled with talented and caring people, including its leadership team.

Every member of Sharon Hospital's leadership team started their career at the bedside, giving them a deep commitment to patient care that is at the heart of everything they do. It has been

truly meaningful to watch as they've worked their way through various management positions to where they are today: serving as thoughtful, intelligent, and kindhearted leaders of our beloved hospital. I know that this leadership team does not take the hospital's future lightly, and I have full trust in the path they have charted for our future.

Our community needs Sharon Hospital – outside of the exceptional care it provides, it is also a leading employer in our region. While it breaks my heart to know that the unit that helped bring my grandchildren into this world may close, it would be far more devastating for me personally and our entire region

if the hospital were to close. I wish the hospital could remain unchanged, but I've also watched for two decades as many different leadership teams have struggled to make our community hospital sustainable without making cuts. No other strategies have worked.

I know that this is the best decision to keep the hospital running, so we can continue serving the community we love. I find comfort in knowing that while Labor & Delivery may close, the overall transformation plan prioritizes growth to ensure a vibrant future for Sharon Hospital.

Ellen Edge

Copake, N.Y.

## Local government works, and here is proof

Recently our local government laid out a beautiful ribbon of sidewalk between Salisbury and, traveling west, the new field of wildflowers

on Main Street. The leaders and crew of Metcalf Paving did a marvelous job as they prepared the walkway and driveway aprons along the

stretch. Immediately, as residents on this route, we began to see neighbors and visitors out and about, walking the ribbon along with children on bikes, scooters, and roller-skates.

It was an awakening of Main Street West and glorious to behold. Salisbury's First Selectman, Curtis Rand, deserves much credit for this revival, as he worked hard to make it happen. Many thanks from this part

of the village to him, and to those local citizens who have supported the project. With its unfortunate political polarization, national politics and governance remain bogged down in a swampland of bickering and discord. The new sidewalk demonstrates, though, that accomplishments can still be achieved at the local level. Let's keep at it!

Loch and Leena Johnson  
Salisbury

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# Viewpoint

## Working hard to keep my sanity intact

Well, I know I wasn't born just yesterday and I am not a kid anymore. And through my life I have learned a thing or two about what life is about. I learned very early on that life is not a child's playground and social turmoil, civil war, mass shootings and wars are commonplace in our daily lives.

It's amazing how life prepares us for the worst, whether it is another tornado or civic unrest. And interestingly we have come to accept that fighting to liberate your country against occupation or fighting against a dictatorial regime and oppression is a valid form of establishing freedom and justice. But, I never thought that I would ever see and witness unruly events that shook my world and understanding of what's

right and what's wrong. It has been quite some time now but the memory of that mob of supporters of the former President attacking their own country's most revered Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., still puzzles me.

And then, just before the midterm elections, we all heard on the news that, shall we say, a madman smashed through the windows of the private house of the Speaker Of The House, trying to settle whatever political disagreement or grievances he might've had. My first reaction when I heard the news is, why this man could not find a proper and civilized approach to express

his dissatisfaction with the Speaker. If he was so much concerned about the policies of the Speaker, why didn't he write an article, perhaps become an activist and inspire others to stand up with him to change the policies he finds objectionable? Instead, this intruder decided that the only tool he needed to make his political point of view crystal clear was nothing other than the most accessible tool around his house: a hammer!

How I wish that this man, who actually confessed to the investigating officers that his intention was to break the kneecaps of the Speaker, had

been raised with proper education where he would have learned how to articulate his objections and political views effectively and with a sensibility without causing physical pain and anguish. But unfortunately we are living in times when most of the time the knowledge and the information delivered to our ears are so convoluted that it is virtually impossible to get a clear picture out of the events that take place around us.

Just listen to the news. Whether we watch the late night news on TV, or hear on the radio and all those podcasts that deliver and discuss the news and the events around us, each has their own turns and twists. Together, they produce a mishmash of news that makes it impossible to obtain any clear version of the

same story discussed on various channels. As serious a crime as a mass shooting of school children is cynically distorted and manipulated. Which makes me question my sanity and shakes my confidence when I ask myself if there's any truth in that vaccination for COVID is an effort by the government to track down our every move and our minds. And so on and so on.

Now you understand that in this kind of corrupt environment it's very easy to lose our basic common sense and sanity. And that's because the threshold between what is right and what is wrong, what's true and what's a lie, what is real and what are artificially made up stories makes the news we hear very frivolous and untrustworthy. And even the news

that somebody broke into the Speaker's house with a hammer with the hurtful intention of crushing her kneecaps is turned into a subject for ridicule and mockery.

Now it seems that our battle is not about liberating a country against intruders or fighting against dictators. This is about simply maintaining our sanity. It's about having the wisdom and the intelligence to remain calm and not be overwhelmed by the storm of misinformation floating around us.

Our battle is about keeping our sanity intact. And that seems easier said than done.

All I can say is, Good Luck!

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**I AM WIDE AWAKE**  
VAROUJAN FROUNDJIAN

## The Big Truth

Part of what's been so magnetizing about the January 6th Committee hearings is the source video. You see footage of the crowd getting all riled up at the rally, then marching (some in military formation) upon the Capitol building, and then breaking into the Capitol, almost systematically. You observe the exultation and exhilaration of these lunatics: the screams, the customary, the commitment, the sheer electricity.

These are people, you realize, seeking change — change and . . . more. A fundamental overthrow of government. Revolution seems so very near. You can watch them sensing they really might have, at the very moment they are being filmed, agency, pure, white hot: that their own actions can change things, shift power, change the American government — on this very day.

And why not? They are told so by the American president, the most powerful person in the world. Yes, they are building a gallows for the vice president. Yes, they are pepper-spraying National Guardsmen. And spearing police with flagpoles. They are criminals. Killers. But it's action, they are taking action. Action for change.

The Big Lie, as it's called,

has a kind of batty nuclear energy packed into it. And the evil of the message gets amplified by the berserker right-wing ecosystem of information, which keeps every bit of it cycling around and around, powered by some kind of stanky Murdoch generator-centrifuge, looping it through the internet, radio and television 24/7.

Of the many lies that presidents, legislators and judges have told in my lifetime, the Big Lie may be the most nefarious. But almost all of the disgusting fraud and fakery that we encounter on the anti-progressive side is based on a lie. About non-whites and non-men being second-class. About unregulated markets being able to solve all the world problems. About bleach stopping COVID. About our climate somehow ruining itself. And then there are decades, centuries, of giant lies about all the benefits of living in a totalitarian system, under apartheid, or under colonial rule. There are, in fact, a hundred big lies.

So as we stare at the screen, watching these yahoo crackpots ransacking the Capitol, I ask, why should we be ceding our sense of forward movement, progress, this exhilaration, to such people? Why shouldn't we

be marching, collectivizing, organizing, leading a charge as well — one that confronts all these wackos? Imagine, instead, our gathering on the Washington Mall. A march on the Capitol . . . but in support of facts!

With placards, signs, and banners like: "Tobacco kills!" "The Earth is round!" "The sky is blue!" Our side needs to march — "Biden won!" — behind a movement called the Big Truth. I'm calling for — "Grass is green!" — fact marches! And truth rallies.

"COVID is real!" Otherwise, everything is defensive at our end of the field. There are hearings, and there are courtrooms, there's the process of due process and waiting for the arc of justice to bend. We need truth rallies! Fact marches! Now. This is the sense of collective action that the left and progressives had nurtured for decades. This is the real revolutionary spark for our side of battle.

This is the revolutionary power of a fact! If we were marching, it would be covered by the media and thus, in turn, television, too. TV critic James Po-

niewozik wrote that "Trump got elected. But TV became president." It's really true. We have to get out there. The judge in Alex Jones's Connecticut trial berated him for his behavior in the courtroom.

"This is not your show," she said. She was right. But, now we've let the show get away from us.

The show is now the video of maniacs storming Congress. The nine January 6th Committee hearings featured 30 hours of live statements and witness testimony — and clips from thousands of hours of raw video and audio. The volume of material that the January 6th Committee has had to sift through is unprecedented: according to one former committee staffer, 20 million items. And the volume of video — extraordinary. From the Capitol building's closed-circuit cameras on January 6th alone: 14,000 hours. Fourteen thousand hours of video evidence — from one source! Then there's the news camera footage, the cell-phone footage, the police body-cam footage, and more. But the footage that I

most want to see? Columbia University cultural historian-anthologist Anthony Delbanco writes about the end of World War II, a time when, confronting their complicity in the Holocaust, people in Germany "wished not to see and not to know."

"When American troops reached the town of Gotha in central Germany in the spring of 1945," he writes, "they found on the outskirts a 'work camp' complete with facilities for torturing and executing inmates unwilling or too weak to work. When the citizens of Gotha denied having known what was going on in the camp, General Eisenhower issued his now famous order that 'all men, women, and children be turned out at bayonet point to parade through the camp and form work parties to bury the dead.'"

He made them march through the horror. O, how good it would be to make all the marauders convicted of crimes at the Capitol that day — and all of the Trump

cabinet members and advisors who ordered them in — marching through the densest of the red states, admitting they lied and atoning, in public, for their complicity in the attack on democracy.

One day, video images and sounds will have footnotes, so we can verify video we see and audio we hear just like we do with the text we read. That will improve everything, just like print footnotes did for the progress of law during the 18th-century so-called Age of Reason.

Until that day, let's get out there, in front of the cameras. "Gravity is real!" "The sky is blue!" Fact rallies! Spreading the Big Truth.

We could even use some of their signs — like, "Stop the steal!"

Start marching. Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT. He is the author of "The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge" and a new book about knowledge institutions in the age of Trump.

**GUEST COMMENTARY**  
PETER B. KAUFMAN

**A HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Thanksgiving can be very overwhelming -- so much that it makes some people try to avoid it altogether. So here are some helpful tips on how to turn your anxiety into your own mini Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Try to blend in.

Say things that make you sound "grown up."

Did you see that thing that happened on the football channel?

Embrace your love of fashion and accessories.

Ask some of life's most important questions.

Appreciate the small things.

When can we start watching HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

A toast... to Tupperware.

Enjoy using words that you don't get to use very often.

Show emotion.

Follow your heart.

Gizzard. Giblet. Corn-u-cop-i-ahhh.

SANTA!!!

I want the whoooole breast.

And...

Cartoon by Anoush Froundjian



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