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

A revival in the Lakeville village center

By Cynthia Hochswender

SALISBURY — The former Chinese restaurant on Main Street in Lakeville, a source of community concern for several years now, is now up for sale with a professional real estate agent, Jusstina Paksai of Elyse Harney Real Estate.

Owner Amy Yang had tried for nearly a decade to sell the mixed use residential/commercial property by herself. There had been interest and offers but a sale never happened.

In the meantime, the outside of the building and the half-acre space around it began to deteriorate to the point where community members began to express concern about blight.

Jusstina Paksai and her husband, Endre Molnar, came to Lakeville about four years ago. Since their arrival, they have renovated several residential and commercial properties — including the two white buildings (now called Cobblers Corner) across the street from the Chinese restaurant.

Paksai and Molnar not only fixed up the two buildings at Cobblers Corner, they also quickly found several commercial tenants in what had been a somewhat sleepy Lakeville commercial center.

The couple then sold Cobblers Corner, this year, for \$740,000, to a family that is new to the area, who said they will continue to rent out the

commercial spaces to tenants who include physical therapist Ellen Walker. **'Almost overwhelming' response**

Paksai said that it took about four years of conversations with Yang before she earned her confidence, to the point that Yang was willing to take her on as her agent for the sale of the building.

Response was "almost overwhelming" as soon as Paksai put up a "for sale" sign outside the building. She said she has been showing the property two or three times a week since she listed it in mid August.

On Tuesday afternoon last week, Paksai and broker/agency principal

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The former Chinese restaurant building on Main Street and its two apartments are now for sale, represented by Elyse Harney Real Estate.

Freshman class up by 40% at HVRHS

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever told the Region One Board of Education that enrollment at the high school is up — unofficially.

The regional board held its regular monthly meeting online on

Monday, Sept. 13.

Official enrollment numbers are calculated as of Oct. 1 each year. However, Strever told the board that on the first day of school, there were 101 freshmen, representing a 40% increase, and 344 total students, for a 9% increase.

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Nuvance proposes telehealth site, now that primary care is closed

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Responding to the recent closure of Kent Primary Care, Nuvance Health is proposing an alternative telehealth system for the town, described for the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The meeting

was conducted on Zoom, attracting 18 viewers.

Representing the nonprofit Nuvance Health system (which includes Sharon Hospital) was Assistant Vice President Andrea Rynn.

Nuvance has selected Kent to im-

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Autumn brings cider

Ella Hewing, at left, and Natalie and Wyatt Merwin sold apple cider outside Merwin Farm & Home during the Millerton Food Festival on Sept. 18.

Learn about new Sharon Hospital plans Sept. 29

SHARON — Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health will host a Community Update from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29, via Zoom livestream video.

Sharon Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko and members of the leadership team at Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health will share important updates regarding new investments and transformative plans for the future.

A question-and-answer period will follow the

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Marches for women's rights

There will be two marches in the Northwest Corner on Saturday, Oct. 2, as part of the nationwide event sponsored by Women's March Global to protest the recently passed abortion legislation in Texas.

One group will meet at 10 a.m. at Kent Town Hall. The route will cross Route 7, down the west side of Main Street, cross back at the monument and continue back toward Town Hall. Midway on the march back on the east side of Main Street at the Golden Falcon property, marchers will pause to hear remarks from state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Jane Whitney, moderator of

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Optimistic outlook on future impacts of COVID, Delta

By Debra A. Aleksinas

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) hosted two physicians from the Nuvance Health system, the parent company of Sharon Hospital, during an informational webinar on Thursday, Sept. 16, to update the community on COVID-19.

They spoke on the novel coronavirus' current impact on schools and hospitals, including breakthrough infections and vaccine mandates; and to clarified confusion surrounding boosters, vaccine efficacy and flu shots.

Horn was joined by Dr. Paul Nee, an infectious disease specialist at Danbury Hospital, and Dr. Suzanne Lefebvre, a pediatrician at Sharon Hospital who serves as medical advisor to both the Region One School District and the private Kent School.

Status of hospitals, schools

Nee and Lefebvre gave a snapshot of what is happening in hospitals and the schools.

"So far we have gone through, in Connecticut, two surges and two waves," of COVID-19, said Nee — the first one in the spring of 2020, and the second in the fall/winter of 2020 and 2021.

Most recently, he said, "we have seen the Delta variant explode across the U.S. and with it an increase in hospitalizations." But while infections are up, severe illness and hospitalizations are down.

Despite the new, highly transmissible variant's presence, he said he does not expect to see a repeat performance. "We've seen ups and downs every week, but no surges like what we saw last spring and winter." He attributed this to high vaccination rates in the state.

Horn noted, however, that while Connecticut's vaccine rate is high, there continues to be disparity among popula-

tions that are not receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, including communities of color and the working class, and that efforts are being made to reach those demographics through education and outreach.

Speaking on COVID's impact on schools, Lefebvre reported a "slight increase in cases" this year compared to last year, particularly among children — primarily through sports and contact with infected adults. But so far, she said, there has been no spread of coronavirus within the schools.

Lefebvre credited vaccinated students in the 12-15 age group and 16-17 age group for

the low infection rate. "It's impacting fewer kids within the classroom," she noted. "In Region One we were grateful we were in school the entire year. The high school was in a hybrid model. But the remainder of our schools were in session until end of year," said Region One's medical adviser.

"It's been a really cooperative region of parents and families in terms of following our protocols. That has paid off a lot this fall. Kids have more freedom in the schools, we are much more comfortable with field trips and things like that. So far, so good."

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FridayRain, high 66°/low 57°
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Salisbury Rotary 2021 scholarship awards

SALISBURY — In addition to providing scholarships annually to local graduating high school seniors, the Salisbury Rotary Club has a history of supporting local not-for-profit organizations through its Community Gifts program and also supporting an international project.

Scholarship recipients and the community organizations have been recognized at a summer "Good Works" dinner which has not been held the last two years because of COVID restrictions.

However, the Rotary Club's good works continue. Scholarships were presented at Housatonic Valley Regional High School; and this year's six local community organizations will be recognized at upcoming weekly luncheons held in the Community Room of Noble Horizons.

The six nonprofits are the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Salisbury Winter Sports Association's Youth Program, Chore Services, Little Guild

of St. Francis Animal Shelter, Douglas Library (North Canaan) and the Foundation for Community Health. Each organization will receive a check for \$500.

In addition, the club is sponsoring a Shelter Box for damaged Haiti as its international project. ShelterBox.org was founded 20 years ago and partners with Rotary clubs around the world to support communities' and areas' recovery efforts to rebuild following major disasters.

Funds for Salisbury Rotary Club's "Good Works" come from its various fundraising efforts like the annual July 4th Fireworks at Lime Rock Park, the Kentucky Derby Day Social's live and silent auctions, and dinner theatre, each of which have been affected recently due to COVID restrictions.

The current fundraising project is the Club's \$10,000 give-away raffle.

For more information, go to www.salisburyctrotary.org.

Grants available

SHARON — Up to \$15,000 in grant funding for capacity building is available to non-profits serving Litchfield County. The Foundation for Community Health's Capacity Building Grant Program has been created to support the social sector serving the area. In this first cycle, applications will be accepted until Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021.

Eligible organizations can request between \$5,000 and \$15,000 for needs related to meeting their mission, operational infrastructure, scaling a program or initiative and stabilizing a program or initiative.

To submit an application go to www.chealth.org/grants/request-for-proposals.

For more information contact 860-364-5157 or info@fchealth.org.

Flu shots, Oct. 19

SALISBURY — Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association will hold a flu shot clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center at the town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville.

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

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

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

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.

Items stolen from multiple vehicles

On Sept. 14 Troop B responded to a report of various items that had been stolen from inside several vehicles parked at a residence on Marilyn Drive in North Canaan. The vehicles were left unlocked and it is believed items were taken from the vehicles between 12:30 and 6:30 a.m.

That same day, Troop B also responded to a similar report of items taken from vehicles parked on Daisy Hill Road in North Canaan.

Again, the vehicles were left overnight with their doors unlocked. This occurrence of larceny also took place between 12:30 and 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Both cases remain under investigation. Anyone who observed suspicious activity on Marilyn Drive or Daisy Hill Road that night is asked to contact Troop B.

Violation of court order

On Sept. 14 at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury Troop B responded to a report of a domestic incident, in which one party was a person protected by a no-contact order set by the court.

Due to his presence on the property, Shawn Lucas, 45, of Millerton, N.Y., was therefore charged with violating the protective order, as well as disorderly conduct. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington

Superior Court the following day on Sept. 15. Amanda Ford, who resides on Millerton Road in Salisbury, was also charged with disorderly conduct and scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 15.

Broken stop sign investigation

On Sept. 18 at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Ashley Falls Road in North Canaan an unknown vehicle swerved and struck a stop sign, knocking the sign off its base. The vehicle then fled the scene of the accident. Anyone with information concerning the accident is asked to contact Troop B.

DUI and assault

On Sept. 18 at approximately 9 p.m. on Conklin Street in Salisbury Troop B responded to a report of a domestic inci-

dent. The male caller reported that he had been struck several times by a female party, who was driving while intoxicated. Chelsea Lynn Ryll, 33, of Norfolk, Conn., was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs after failing a standardized field sobriety test. Ryll was also charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 20.

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.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE THE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:30am to act on an Application (#2021-010) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new driveway and parking area at 264 Taconic Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.

09-23-21

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE THE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:45am to act on an Application (#2021-011) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a fence near the ground level front entrance at 8 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.

09-23-21

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with section 8-7d of the Connecticut General Statutes to consider opting out of the Accessory Apartment provisions of Section 6 of Public Act No. 21-29. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom

where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Supporting materials may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 09-23-21
 09-30-21

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 13, 2021:

Approved - Application 2021-IW-036 by David Haab for stormwater management improvements in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 63 as lot 1 and is known as 254 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are John M. O'Hara et al.

Approved - Application 2021-IW-037 by Christian Allyn for invasive plant management in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 11 as lot 5-1 and is known as 202 Farnum Road, Lakeville. The owners of the property are David B. & Cristin C. Rich.

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.

09-23-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. OHLER Late of North Canaan (21-00384)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 7, 2021,

ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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 Megan M. Foley
 Clerk
 09-23-21

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 is due and payable on October 1, 2021. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2021. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2021, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall in Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm., Monday - Friday. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 15th day of September, 2021.

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The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

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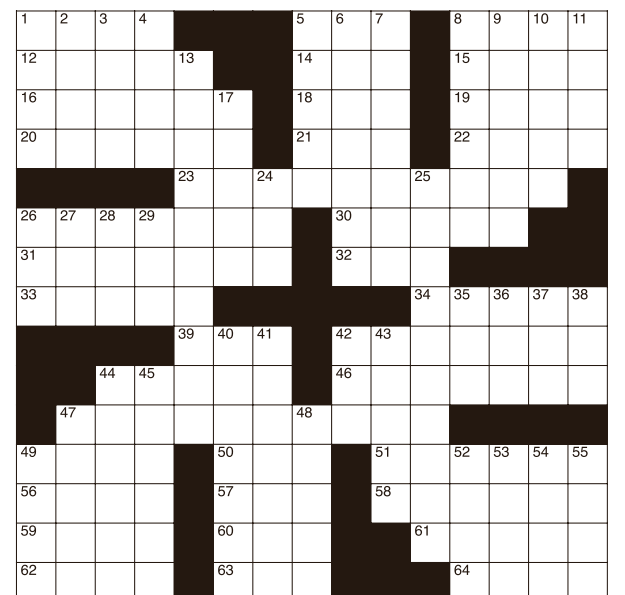
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent to
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake
57. Pearl Jam's debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of

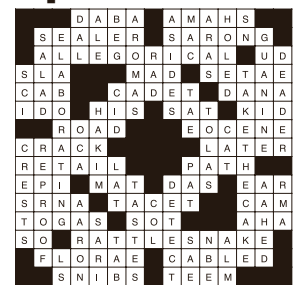
CLUES DOWN

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2. "Honey" actress Jessica
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Product safety watchdog
5. Southern Colombian city
6. Part of a church
7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song

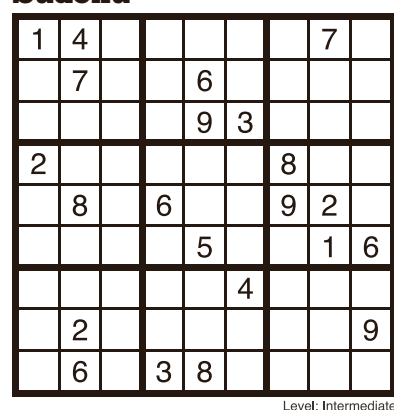


26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
54. At some prior time
55. Red, swollen mark

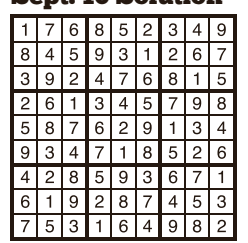
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Our Towns

Affordable housing plan will build on existing data

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Responding to a state mandate that all towns prepare and adopt a plan for affordable housing by 2022, the Sharon Board of Selectmen took the step of accepting grant funding from the Housing Authority Assistance program at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

By accepting the \$11,000 grant obtained with the help of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, First Selectman Brent Colley said that the town must describe what it plans to do next in regard to enhancing affordable housing. Sharon, he explained, will be building upon an existing affordable housing program.

The next step will be to form a committee to draft

an updated plan that will need to be approved by the town and submitted before the deadline of October 2022.

Selectman Dale Jones recalled that 10 years ago, there was a lot of background work already done on the subject.

“We have some unique challenges in town, but we have some unique gifts as a town to bring to it.” Some of the challenges involve providing water and sewer infrastructure for affordable housing units.

In Sharon, Jones pointed out, it is more about the placement of affordable housing. Sharon already has Sharon Ridge. “We don’t have much else,” Jones said, pointing out that the town has only small plots of land. “We have to look at it in a different way,” he said.

State Democrats dismiss complaint against Falls Village DTC

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — After an online “dispute resolution hearing” before members of the Connecticut Democratic Party’s state central committee, the committee members voted unanimously to dismiss a complaint from a group of Falls Village Democrats over the town committee’s nominating and endorsement process.

The complaint, filed by Noelle Lamuniere and Betsy Howie and as described in the state party central committee decision released Friday, Sept. 17, alleged that the town Democratic committee (FVTC) “was not properly constituted because its endorsement caucus did not have a quorum on January 14, 2020; that the June 16, 2021 FVTC meeting failed to properly fill five vacancies on the town committee because the vote was conducted by secret ballot, in violation of State Party Rules; that the July 20, 2021 FVTC meeting to endorse candidates for municipal office was invalid for the following reasons: a. It was a town committee meeting instead of a caucus; b. The Chair failed to allow non-member Democrats to speak on the floor; and c.

The vote process for the office of First Selectman was different than for the other offices.”

The decision noted that the chair of the town Democratic committee, Dave Barger, “denied the first and third allegations but acknowledged having erred with regard to the second allegation.”

The second allegation, about improper use of secret ballots at the June 16 town committee meeting, is described in the decision:

“As the Respondent acknowledged at the hearing, the FVTC improperly allowed its members to cast secret ballots at its June 16, 2020 meeting to fill five vacancies on the town committee. The Panel was persuaded that this was not done in bad faith and the Complainants did not allege that the method of ballot affected the outcome. Nonetheless, it is a significant violation.”

As to the third part of the complaint, the panel concluded that Barger followed party rules by holding a town committee meeting on July 20 and not a caucus, even though the panel acknowledged “the traditional caucus has been replaced by a town committee meeting.”

The online hearing took about 90 minutes, after which

the public and press were removed from the meeting and the members of the panel — Karen Cato, Tom McDonough and Nicholas Vegliante — discussed the complaint with legal counsel Kevin Reynolds.

In a phone interview Sept. 17, Barger said he would reach

out to those Democrats unhappy with the process, and with the decision to endorse incumbent Republican First Selectman Henry Todd for reelection, rather than nominating Doug Cohn.

“We want all Democrats involved,” he said.

Sharon Road cell tower approved by council

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — In a decision dated Aug. 26, 2021, the Connecticut Siting Council approved a cell tower at 106 Sharon Road in Lakeville.

The approved tower will be 94 feet tall. At the moment the carrier on the tower will be AT&T, with the possibility of “other public or private entities to share space on the proposed tower.”

During a Siting Council public hearing June 29 (held online) there was only one comment from the public. Property abutter Matthew Asinari said the tower would harm the natural beauty of the neighborhood, harm property values, and use radio waves that are harmful to human health.

The Siting Council’s decision does contain a clause that addresses the last concern:

“The Certificate Holder shall

provide the Council worst-case modeling of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density of all proposed entities’ antennas at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin No. 65, August 1997. The Certificate Holder shall ensure a recalculated report of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density be submitted to the Council if and when circumstances in operation cause a change in power density above the levels calculated and provided pursuant to this Decision and Order.”

The decision can be found online at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/1_Dockets-medialibrary/1_MEDIA_DO500_600/DO501/DECISION/DO501-DO-Final.pdf.

Falls Village makes plans for ARPA relief funds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectmen Henry Todd told the Board of Finance Monday, Sept. 13 that the town will receive some \$331,000 in federal pandemic relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2020 (ARPA). The town has already received about \$155,000, with the remainder expected in May or June 2022.

Todd said the town used \$42,000 on the new septic system for 107 Main St.

He said the funds must be used within a four-year period, “so we have time for thoughtful deliberations.”

To that end, at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting following the Board of Finance, Todd outlined a plan to send a survey to townspeople asking for their thoughts on how to spend the ARPA funds.

Carol Thomas and Amy Wynn, representing the Falls Village Equity Project, asked permission to use the crosswalk at Beebe Hill Road and Main Street for a project that would combine an artwork with the crosswalk.

Wynn described the proj-

ect as “a welcome mat.” She explained the group was applying for a grant for an artist to create the crosswalk, and needed the go-ahead from the town to proceed.

The selectmen agreed. The selectmen accepted with regret, the resignation of transfer station chief Tracey Wilson.

Todd reported that the owners of the Falls Village Cafe wish to “firm up” their lease in terms of length of the lease, not the rental price. Todd said he would ask for a written request.

And the selectmen agreed to get an estimate on improving the external ventilation at the cafe, in response to a request from a neighbor.

Planning uses for the Salisbury Pope property

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen appointed a “design committee” to make recommendations on uses for the town-owned Pope property on Salmon Kill Road, near the child care center. The selectmen held their regular monthly meeting online on Monday, Sept. 13.

The committee members are Lisa McAuliffe, Tim Sinclair, Elizabeth Slotnick, Vivian Garfein and Ray Maguire.

First Selectman Curtis Rand

said the five people can get the process started. McAuliffe is the town’s recreation director and Sinclair is on the Recreation Commission; Slotnick and Garfein are on the Affordable Housing Commission (Garfein is also an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission).

The committee will consider what to do with the roughly 20 acres of usable land from the Pope property purchase.

Selectman Don Mayland said the Water Pollution Control Authority should be involved in an advisory position.

Celebrating WSS on Sept. 26

SALISBURY — Womens Support Services celebrates its 40th anniversary with a community party at the Grove in Lakeville on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m.

There will be ice cream, music and games for children.

All guests must be fully vaccinated with the exception of children under 12. Masks will be required.



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Our Towns

Learning about the wild things within a thriving meadow

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The diversity of plant life in an undisturbed meadow came under scrutiny during a talk-hike along a nicely mown path through the meadow at Furnace Brook Preserve on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Trust, the event drew nearly 30 participants to hear botanist Peter del Tredici detail the likely ecological history of the meadow including its origins, how certain plant species happened to be there, how to control the undesirables and what good things may be happening.

Presenting the larger view of the place of the preserve, part of a 107-acre tract, among the holdings of the Cornwall Conservation Trust was Bart Jones, president of the sponsoring organization.

“A meadow is the result of human activity,” del Tredici said. “It is not natural.” The vegetation exhibits a different kind of ecology, he added.

A former senior research scientist at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston for 35 years and a lecturer at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design, del Tredici is a part-time resident of Cornwall. His new book, “Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast: A Field Guide,” serves as a resource for locally thriving plants in any natural setting, rural or urban.

“This is my third walk to explore the town’s properties and reveal their natural history,” del Tredici said.

How to manage a meadow

To start, del Tredici pointed to the visible hilly surrounds to the meadow, just off Route 4, particularly a stand of white pines beyond the meadow where a 19th-century pasture would have stood within stone walls still evident in the now-forested area. Clumps of

barberry are also thriving in that setting.

When the pasture was abandoned, the pine trees grew well and so did the barberry.

“If you don’t understand past land history, then you don’t understand the present and the future,” del Tredici explained.

“The plants are screaming their history to me,” he said.

Bart Jones provided perspective on how the Furnace Brook Preserve fits in to link with other Conservation Trust properties in Cornwall, particularly providing a link through a trail-marked connector to the nearby Mohawk Trail.

‘Evolution always wins’

Pointing to fine details within the meadow, del Tredici said that native and non-native plants are blending to form a hybrid community of plants in great variety.

“The future is hybrids as they come together to form new communities,” del Tredici said.

The invasives are able to handle climate change, del Tredici noted, so eradication is not an answer, but control is.

Multiflora rose was introduced in the late 1870s by the Arnold Arboretum, he admitted.

“It seemed good at the time,” he said. It was very attractive for use as hedgerows and its widespread sale and distribution continued through to the 1950s. Barberry, too.

Frederick Olmsted introduced Japanese knotweed into Central Park in New York City before it was known to be problematic, and the rest is ecological history.

“I’m in favor of letting plants duke it out,” del Tredici said. “Rather than planting things, I simply edit out what I have — edit, rather than design.”

Del Tredici recommends a weed whacker as a good tool for selective editing.

While it is not possible to

turn back the clock, and as the world is embracing a globalized economy, in the same way, the future is one of globalized ecology, del Tredici noted.

“Evolution always wins.”

Milkweed plants contain a toxic substance that would cause a human heart to stop beating, but by eating the leaves, the monarch butterflies become poisonous to their natural enemies. Milkweed is toxic to cattle, so cattle know to leave it for the monarchs to feast upon.

How nature can cooperate

Native plants prefer impoverished soil, del Tredici said.

Disturbed soils serve as a welcome mat for invasive species.

Invasive species, especially Japanese Bittersweet, but others too, were on the minds of many participants.

To kill an invasive plant, you need to know as much about it as you would need to know to plant it and grow it in the first place, he said. To go after an invasive plant, go after it in the spring. Be selective. Go after one undesirable plant at a time, was del Tredici’s advice.

By narrowing your target plants to just a single species, you will readily identify them and deal with them, before moving on to the next.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

President of the Cornwall Conservation Trust Bart Jones shared the value of the Furnace Brook Preserve during a meadow tour on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Art sale as a thank you from Salisbury Family Services

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A good-sized crowd came to the Salisbury Family Services art and artisans show on the Green at The White Hart on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Tony Bright was offering his colorful terra cotta platters and bowls. Asked about one item, he said, “That’s a tribute to Jasper Johns.” A show of work by Johns, who lives in Sharon, will open at the Whitney in New York City on Sept. 29.

Also in the platter department, Jodi Lubi had intricate ceramic plates, including one with ceramic onions and peppers. When a reporter said he’d be afraid of clumsily breaking the decorations, she said, “I don’t like things to be too precious. I make them to be used.”

Hope Mongeau chatted with passersby in front of an array of her watercolors, many with whimsical titles (“Mr. Big Shot” for a portrait of a rooster, or “Out to Lunch with the Girls” for a study of grazing cows.)

She said she has been painting watercolors, with an emphasis on local subjects, for



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Hope Mongeau of Lakeville was one of the many artists who took part in the Salisbury Family Services art sale on the Green on Saturday, Sept. 18.

about 15 years. “Ever since I stopped teaching.”

Also in the watercolor department, artist Heidi Lindy was deep in discussion with Anne Bowen over a possible commission.

The big tent was hopping at around noon, with plenty

of people taking advantage of a pleasant late summer day to come out, socialize (while masked) and get a jump on holiday shopping.

The sale event was set up by Salisbury Family Services as a thank you to the community. The artists kept all the proceeds

from their sales.

Many of the exhibitors will also be in town Saturday, Oct. 9 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the Salisbury Artisans Group event, which will be the only group market this year.

See www.artisansale.org for more information.

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LAKEVILLE

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Elyse Harney Morris took a tour of the property with this reporter.

While the building and adjacent barn look daunting from the outside, everything is fairly tidy on the inside. The tables are still set, and ready for service in the restaurant. There are some bits of spilled sauce here and there, but otherwise the interior is in as good shape as it was when the business closed down more than a decade ago.

The two apartments in the building (which was constructed in 1900) are unexpectedly charming, with built-in bookshelves and a fireplace in the downstairs space (three bedrooms, one bathroom). The upstairs space is rambling and quirky, with old-fashioned wood trim and views over Main Street (four bedrooms, one bath).

It all needs work. Yang tried



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The former Chinese restaurant in Lakeville is for sale, and could be part of a renaissance of Lakeville's commercial center.

to do some renovations on her own; there are projects that were started and then stopped.

"It's challenging," Paksai said politely of the property's condition. But the owner understands the challenges and is flexible on her asking price of \$550,000.

Like a phoenix

The Lakeville village overall seems ready for a renaissance.

"I give credit to Seth Churchill, who did such a beautiful job renovating the former travel agency across the street," Morris said.

Churchill, who is a builder, also renovated the former firehouse around the corner, which is now home to a fitness center and cafe — and is for sale (\$1,075,000) with Morris as the agent.

After several years on the market, Morris said, there is

suddenly a surge of interest in that building as well.

Morris and agent Tom Callahan also just closed a deal (with Harney agent Juliet Moore, for \$600,000) on what has in recent years been the White Gallery but was Joe Jacklitsch's beloved Riga Roast coffee shop for many years before that.

The new owner is an alumnus of the Berkshire School. As is often the case with buyers in this area, Morris said, "He came here because of the schools."

He plans to move his wealth management business into the space.

Next door, the former Borden real estate agency is also for sale, with broker Sherie Berk of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Salisbury (the asking price is \$795,000).

"I think we're going to see

more and more of this," Morris said. "People began to come up here in large numbers during COVID, and that led to a boom in residential sales. Then land began to sell, after it hadn't sold well for many years."

"Now it's the commercial properties that are beginning to sell. I think many people who came here to live want to give back to the community and help our towns thrive."

For more information on the former restaurant at 343 Main St., contact Juszina Paksai at jpaksai@harneyre.com or by phone at 347-328-3002. Contact Sherie Berke about 346 Main St. at sberk@williamspitt.com or 954-668-7733. To learn more about the former firehouse at 9 Sharon Road, contact Elyse Harney Morris at elyse@harneyre.com or 860-318-5126.

NUVANCE

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plement a pilot model of telemedicine, hoping to install the program into an office at the town's Senior Center, where it would conveniently serve the senior population, although it would be open to everyone.

When Kent Primary Care was open, only 33% of its patients were from Kent. The rest came from surrounding towns, Rynn reported.

As presently envisioned in the pilot, the town of Kent would need to provide secure internet access and the office space.

Nuvance would furnish computer equipment and provide a staff member to assist users with operating the computer in addition to keeping the office clean and sanitized.

"We're not setting up a medical office," Rynn said. "We are setting up an internet location where patients can use a computer for telehealth consultations. This would be a common access point," she explained.

The telemedicine model is intended to complement in-person care, Rynn said.

If the patient needs a specialist, that choice of specialist remains entirely with the patient, she said. Freedom of choice remains with the patient throughout the model, regardless of that patient's relationship with any health insurance carrier, whether Nuvance or any other.

"If the pilot is successful, it can be expanded to other specialties or to other entities," Rynn said. "We are pleased to be offering this pilot," she said, adding that Nuvance sees it as a restart of its relationship with Kent residents.

First Selectman Jean Speck said the town would need to check with the Senior Center administrators to determine use of the facility, noting that there is currently no internet service at that location.

Selectman Chris Garrity asked why the town is involved at all in this proposal, beyond an obligation to safeguard the

general health and well-being of residents.

"In the future, if the pilot is successful, then many towns may follow," Rynn said. "You're not doing this for Nuvance; you're doing this for the residents of Kent."

The pilot would continue for six to nine months.

Selectman Ed Matson asked whether an outreach program might better serve the client if someone brought a telehealth computer to the patient's home to take advantage of the service.

Rynn said that would be a different model from what is being proposed, but the future could hold other models.

"There is no primary care in town now. This model presents people with an option they don't presently have," Rynn said.

Speck suggested that it might be a good idea to try the model, and perhaps there will be no interest. But, she said, townspeople are asking for solutions.

The general consensus was to encourage Rynn to return with a more detailed proposal to be considered by the selectmen.

"Let's not lose ground," Rynn said. "Let's make it easy to get simple, basic health care."

Garrity said that he will want to understand the model to determine that the town would be helping the maximum number of people.

"Why does the town need to be involved," Garrity asked again.

"We don't," Speck replied. "It has grown out of conversations with community members."

Matson asked who would pay the utilities. Rynn replied that such costs could be part of the agreement to implement the pilot program.

At the next selectmen's meeting, Nuvance will provide a more formal proposal, Rynn said, and she will develop a communications plan outlining how the program could be presented to the community.

HVRHS

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The board accepted the resignation of North Canaan representative Brian Bartram, for unspecified personal reasons.

The board also accepted the resignation of Spanish teacher Gillian Fox, who took another job. Strever reported the position will be posted and said he hopes to have it filled quickly.

Facilities Manager Jeff Lloyd and Business Manager Sam Herrick reported on completed and current projects.

Masonry work on the front of the building was completed and new soccer backstops and window shades were installed.

This fall the roof and gutters on the maintenance garage will be replaced, and the public address system will either be fixed up or replaced, depending on the condition of the loudspeakers.

There are 73 air purifiers in use throughout the building as a COVID-19 mitigation measure.

And a lighting upgrade is in progress.

Heating controls have been replaced, and two heat valves need to be replaced.

The board unanimously approved the hiring of Abigail Fisher in the new position of athletic trainer/athletic director assistant at a salary of \$42,658 for the 2021-2022 school year.

SHARON HOSPITAL

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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.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the hospital's website, www.nuvancehealth.org/sharonforum. The event will also stream at www.facebook.com/sharonhospital.

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event. For more information, call 845-554-1734 or contact sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org (TTY/Accessibility: 800-842-9710).

WOMEN'S MARCHES

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the nationally syndicated PBS show "Common Ground with Jane Whitney."

Another group will gather at 2 p.m. on the Green in front of The White Hart in Salisbury. Horn is also scheduled to speak at this event.

These marches are not for women only. Participants may bring signs. Marchers are requested to maintain social distancing and when assembled to hear the speakers to wear masks.

For additional information on the Kent event, contact Levy at 203-947-1373.

COVID-19

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Deadlines for vaccine mandates

The speakers agreed that there has been controversy surrounding vaccine mandates at state hospitals and within health-care settings. Despite initial resistance from some workers, "It's now starting to go well," said Nee.

"Many who were resistant have been vaccinated. Unfortunately, we still have some people who don't want to do that, but we have pushed all of our employees to make a decision in regard to that."

By Oct. 1, all workers in the Nuvance Health system, except for those with medical or religious exemptions, must complete their vaccine series.

The deadline for mandatory vaccines within the schools, added Lefevre, is tentatively set for Sept. 27, although a slight lag in the development of the paperwork for exemptions may delay that target date.

Breakthrough infections

There are misconceptions and concerns surrounding reports of breakthrough infections, the speakers all agreed.

The takeaway?

"Vaccines are working, and they are preventing people from getting hospitalized and keeping people from dying," said Nee, who suggested people look at the big picture: Of the 180 million people who have been vaccinated .001 percent have died.

"The numbers are very, very small, and vaccines continue to protect us. An efficacy rate of 95 percent is unheard of in terms of vaccines, so we are very spoiled," noted Nee. "The statistics are quite startling." By comparison, he said, in a good year the efficacy of the flu vaccine might be 60-65 percent.

Boosters and flu shots

The takeaway from the physicians on these topics is that the jury is still out on whether booster shots are necessary, but that it is important to get a seasonal flu shot.

Nee said there is evidence

that backs up a third vaccine for people with compromised immune systems, but data is still being gathered on the need for widespread booster shots. "For the immunocompromised it's not a booster, it's a third shot," in the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine series, said Nee, a totally different scenario altogether.

The Nuvance Health physician said he was caught off-guard by a recent newsfeed announcing that the White House and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would be recommending boosters beginning Sept. 20.

"Being someone who follows this closely, I said, boy, where did this come from? We are still looking at and developing evidence for this."

Already, 1 million people "jumped the gun," and received a booster shot, said Nee.

Breakthrough cases could be the result of waning vaccine efficacy, or it could be linked to the surge in the Delta variant, "which is different from the Wuhan or ancestral strain," said Nee.

But the evidence is lacking.

"We are seeing two things happening at the same time. It's not just, 'Hey, we are seeing these breakthrough cases, we need to do a booster.' We need to make sure it's going to do what we intend it to do: prevent hospitalizations and death."

As for flu shots, the medical experts' advice is clear: Yes, you do need one. They also noted that despite misconceptions, people can receive their flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination at the same time. "There was a time when there was a period of waiting" between the flu and COVID-19 inoculations, but no longer.

The panelists recommended that the best time to get a flu shot is around the end of October, before the holidays, to allow time for its efficacy to kick in. The vaccine will last through the winter months.

"The flu is a virus that can really cause serious disease," said Nee.

Looking ahead

Horn asked the two experts for their prediction of what to expect from COVID in the upcoming winter months. Nee said models tend to predict that COVID-19 will be active into November and December but will likely drop off after that.

"We have a large number of vaccinated people in the state, and if we take everything we have learned in the last year with masking and social distancing, we can really keep a rein on this. It's hard to predict. Will we have a new variant come on the scene? Maybe, maybe not. But we have to be ready for whatever comes our way."

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Honoring the Man Who Puts The Magic in Musicals, Films

Have pity on poor Jonathan Tunick, the famed orchestrator of musicals and films, the favorite of Stephen Sondheim, one of only 16 people in the history of the world to hold the coveted EGOT (an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony award).

Pity? Yes, pity. For most of his life he's been able to go quietly about his work, taking a tune and turning it into a score with all the instruments and all the voices and all the magic.

But on Saturday, Oct. 2, he will have to step into the limelight when he is the centerpiece of the Sharon Playhouse Spotlight Gala, with a show called "The Sound of Broadway: A Salute to Jonathan Tunick."

Well, with a title like that, there really is no place for Tunick to hide.

"I'm not accustomed to being the center of attention," Tunick sighed in an interview last week.

How does he think he'll handle it?

"I'll just have to see. There's something I've always liked about my job: It's a mysterious profession. I'm the person who

hangs around backstage in a hat and trench coat and everyone says, 'Who's that?'"

After Oct. 2, pretty much everyone will know — at least, everyone in the Tristate area. Now Tunick will have to wear dark glasses and a baseball cap when he leaves his home in Sharon, Conn., and goes to the grocery store. How can he avoid talking to fans about working with Sondheim, about working with Placido Domingo, about working with Hugh Jackman on "The Music Man," opening on Broadway in December.

Tunick will be able to remain anonymous for at least the first half of the evening, sitting quietly with his wife, Leigh Berry, also a Broadway star.

He and the rest of the audience will enjoy a stroll through Tunick's work, from his early days ("Promises, Promises," "Dames at Sea"), with special stops along the way to enjoy the work he's done with Maury Yeston (the Tony Award-winning composer of "Nine" and "Titanic"). In the second portion of the evening,

"I have a soft spot in my heart for good honest summer theater and have always supported and enjoyed it."

of course: There will be Sondheim.

Playhouse Artistic Director Alan M-L Wager, a walking encyclopedia/Rolodex of Broadway, who has conceived and directs the evening, has worked with Tunick and Playhouse orchestra contractor Rich Conley to organize a 26-piece orchestra and a cast of 18 amazing singers, including six local performers and some Playhouse favorites. They will also welcome some Playhouse newcomers — all with enough Tony Award-winning legendary Broadway firepower to light up the entire neighborhood for the night.

Wager said that the songs selected for the evening will not necessarily be the biggest hits from beloved shows including "Into the Woods," "Titanic," "Sweeney Todd" and "A Chorus Line."

"This evening isn't about the hits so much as it is about Jonathan's wonderful arrangements," Wager said.

After the performances, Tunick will come up and say a few words and then the party will carry over to the patio, where there will be champagne toasts.

Of course it will be very difficult for Tunick to be so publicly adored but he is taking one for the team, so to speak. He is a supporter, of course, of Sharon Playhouse and of regional/summer theater in general.

"I got my start in summer theater, as we all did," he said. "I used to do one week of summer stock every year as a conductor; that's how I learned how musicals are made and presented and how to get them on."

"I have a soft spot in my heart for good honest summer theater and have always supported and enjoyed it."

To order tickets, go to the Sharon Playhouse website at www.sharon-playhouse.org or call 860-364-7469. Tickets start at \$125; that includes a light supper, the performance and the champagne reception.

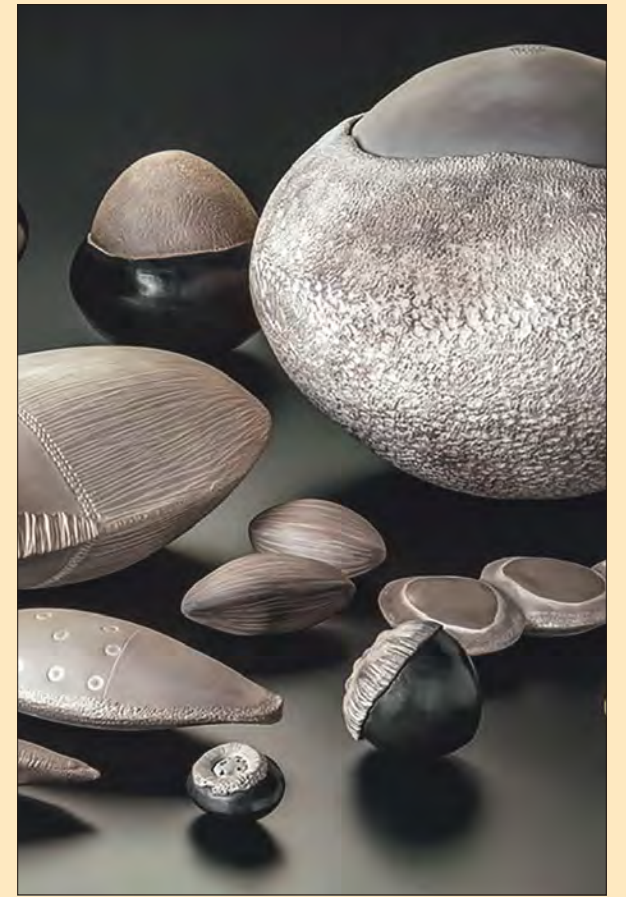


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Paula Shalan is one of the artists participating in the Berkshire Pottery Tour on Sept. 25 and 26.

TWO POTTERY TOURS IN TRISTATE REGION

Tours of pottery and ceramic studios are coming up in the Tristate region at the end of September and beginning of October.

The first of the two, the Berkshire Pottery Tour, will be the weekend of Sept. 25-26 in Southern Berkshire County.

Five studios and eight artists are included (although one artist is participating online only). The studios are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is free, families are welcome.

The map and list of artists can be found at www.berkshirpottery-tour.com. Visitors who come to every studio can have each potter sign their map, and be entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize, a mug from each of the

five potters.

Orange and white Berkshire Pottery Tour road signs will help drivers find their way from studio to studio.

On Oct. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 19 potters at nine studios in Connecticut and New York state will take part in the Clay Way Studio Tour.

There will be three stops in Wingdale, N.Y., and six in South Kent, Warren, West Cornwall, Cornwall Bridge and Washington, Conn.

The event is free and the work hits all price points. Preview each artist's work and find the printable map at www.ClayWay.net. This event will be held rain or shine. COVID-safe protocols will be followed as recommended by state guidelines.

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All seating is general admission. Tickets are currently on sale at <https://bit.ly/3yKmABi>.

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DANCE

Festival Latino of the Berkshires, Great Barrington, Mass. www.festivallatino.org
25th Annual Festival Latino of the Berkshires, Sept. 25, noon to 6 p.m.

KIDS

ASAP!, 6 Bee Brook Road, Unit B, Washington Depot, Conn. www.asapct.org
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MOVIES

Mahaive Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaive.org
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The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net

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MUSIC

Crescendo, Lakeville, Conn. www.worldclassmusic.org
Chamber Orchestra Concert "Italian Concerti", Oct. 29 and 30.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org
Amanda Lea Lavergne, Sept. 24, 8 p.m.



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Giving a Voice to Local Young Filmmakers

The new Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge is giving young local storytellers the opportunity to make their voices heard, and compete for \$3,500 in cash prizes and the chance to have their films screened at local theaters.

The contest is open to young people ages 14 to 24 who live or attend school in northwest Litchfield, northeast Dutchess, Columbia and Berkshire counties. Participants will create up to 6-minute films that focus on challenges that divide us and highlight ways to tackle them in families, schools and communities. Possible topics include climate change;

the state of our democracy; feeling excluded due to identity, age, religion, immigration or social status; the pressures of social media; or any issues with opposing views but the possibility for reconciliation and healing.

One of the partners behind the Youth Film Challenge is the Civic Life Project. Award-winning filmmakers Catherine Tatge and Dominique Lasseur founded the nonprofit in the Northwest Corner to inspire youth to participate in democracy through documentary filmmaking.

"We realized that the people we need to involve the most in conversations about democracy are our youth. Young people are

passionate about many issues, but they do not feel like they can make changes because they are not connected to the political system," Lasseur said. "Film-making is their medium. It is their way to comprehend the world. Creating and distributing short films is a great way to empower them and let their voices make a difference."

While these films can focus on national challenges, Lasseur emphasized the importance of starting these conversations at the local level. "In our work as documentary filmmakers, we have seen that the national scene is increasingly divided and loud. At the local level, you find people who are working together

to solve local issues. Our democracy will be saved by that energy."

It may seem daunting to create a 6-minute film, which is why the Civic Life Project and its Youth Film Challenge co-host, Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative, are offering free virtual workshops and one-on-one advice with professional filmmakers. Recordings are available of four summer classes that covered topics such as filming with your phone, how to conduct interviews and how to edit videos. Lasseur kicked off a series of fall workshops on Sept. 19 with a class on storytelling for short films. He explained how to start with a broad issue and tell a lo-

cal story that will resonate with your audience. View previous sessions and register for upcoming classes at www.YouthFilmChallenge.com.

Award-winning documentary filmmaker and educator Ben Willis hosted three of the summer classes. He shared tips on how to get the most out of your smartphone as a video camera.

"The audio is so important," Willis said during the workshop, noting that if your visuals are not usable, you can use photos or film new footage to pair with the audio of an interview. "The first thing you should do when you enter a space is stop, listen and look. You will start to notice the noise of that room. You don't want to have noise disrupting a really good interview."

He also discussed shot composition, lighting and stabilization. He suggested keeping your phone at eye

level with your subject, and avoid having them stand against a wall. Look for a good light source, such as a window, by walking around the location with your camera pointed at your face. If you do not have a tripod to stabilize your phone, try a tablet stand or a car mount. Also, make sure to hold your phone sideways to create a horizontal film.

Films must be submitted by Nov. 1. A panel of filmmakers will judge entries and award a \$2,000 first prize, \$1,000 second prize and \$500 third prize. Cameras are available for participants who need them. To learn more and apply, go to www.YouthFilmChallenge.com.

Darryl Gangloff is communications officer for Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the funder of the Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge.

SUN: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Finding Your 'Home,' With a Sundial

Last year I journeyed to West Cornwall, Conn., to visit the celebrated ceramic artist Jane Herold at her home and studio. She was a delight and the tour of her studio was wonderful in and of itself — but an added bonus was the chance to meet her husband, the sculptor Robert Adzema.

Adzema and Herold had been in the New York City metro area until a few years ago (they now split their time between There and Here). Herold continues to work here in Litchfield County and is part of the Oct. 16-17 Clay Way tour, see the article about it this week on Page B2.

Adzema has a particular interest in sundials, which he creates on a monumental scale for outdoor public spaces. He has also begun to craft smaller works, perfect for outdoor spaces here in the garden-obsessed Tristate region.

His work was featured in a recent newsletter article by Robin Parow for the Berkshire Botanical Garden.

She describes how Adzema became interested in the history of sundials and their use as scientific instruments that were used to mark the passage of time and to estimate our planet's size and its place in the universe.

Parow said that as a



PHOTO BY ROBERT ADZEMA

Sculptor Robert Adzema makes monumental sundials for public spaces — and smaller-scale versions for private gardens, such as this one, Arc of the Sun, made of bronze.

gardener, she too is interested in the position of the sun: "Learning about the changes in the position of the sun relative to the earth has informed my gardening. Instructions for the placement of some light-sensitive plants, for example, recommend setting them where they will receive some early afternoon shade, shelter at the hottest part of the day." Sundials are more than decorative for her; they help her find the right spot for the right plant.

Parow said she also learned from Adzema that, "the greatest benefit of a sundial in the garden is the connection it creates be-

tween the viewer and the place. Reading a sundial unites the reader with the placement of the garden on the earth and with the season as well as the time of day and the heavens."

Adzema's studio was included in the Labor Day Weekend open artist studio tour in Cornwall and he is likely to be around during the Clay Way weekend as well.

You can also contact him and see more of his

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To learn more about sundials and gardens, you can listen to his conversation with Robin Parow on the Berkshire Botanical Garden's Growing Greener podcast at www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcasts/sculpting-the-sun.

Adzema's large-scale sculptures and sundials can be found at public spaces throughout New York City.

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12:00 PM



"A Soul Admitted to Itself": Solitude, Sociability, and Poetry

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The Hidden Lives of Ordinary Things

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

10:00 AM



"I Caught This Morning Morning's Minion, Kingdom of Daylight's Dauphin..."

A bird walk on Dennis Hill (CT State Park) with Sharon Audubon Center director Eileen Fielding.

1:00 PM



"What It's Like to Be a Bird"

David Allen Sibley is the author of *What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing - What Birds Are Doing and Why*, as well as the author and illustrator of the series of guides to nature that bear his name, including *The Sibley Guide to Birds*.

Events are at the Norfolk Library and also virtually live-streamed. For more information: www.norfolkfoundation.net/book-talks

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EDITORIAL

Finding solutions where there seem to be none

There are many problems in need of solutions in this world, but it's not necessarily true that all of them will find each other. Some problems just seem or actually are too tangled to be completely solved. That's what makes it all the more remarkable and uplifting when humans can implement ways to address challenges that may have previously looked insurmountable.

So kudos to Falls Village Board of Finance member Louis Timolat and Selectman Dave Barger, who acted on the wording found by Daly Reville in the Community Development Block Grant application to fund affordable housing in their town that called into question the town's responsibility for paying back money to the state if the housing takes longer than seven years to build. Timolat and Barger (a Republican and Democrat respectively), as reported by Senior Reporter Patrick Sullivan last week, announced to the Board of Finance on Sept. 13 that they had found that to be accurate, and the town could be on the hook, after they had questioned Housing and Community Development Manager Miguel Rivera at the Connecticut state Department of Housing for verification.

Timolat and Barger asked Rivera if they could implement an agreement between the Falls Village Housing Trust and the town to address this problem. As Sullivan wrote, Rivera gave this approach the nod. So with the help of the town attorney, a solution to this challenge should now be found, as a committee was formed to do that.

When multiple minds come together, problems can be solved.

And finding ways to remove obstacles to building affordable housing are right at the top of the list of priorities to help maintain and improve vital communities in the Northwest Corner. Another problem in need of a solution, and one that can definitely feel overwhelming, is climate change. Operating at the local level, it can seem that individual actions are just very small drops in a giant bucket of possible solutions to this worldwide problem. But reading the thoughts of guest columnist Dan Carr on ways to act locally to address climate change, it can suddenly feel as if there are ways to advocate for change here, and if we can do that, we can have an effect on the wider changes in our climate. Read Carr's column on this week's Viewpoint page and act on his suggestions for being responsible citizens when it comes to affecting changes in our climate.

What we start acting on locally can make a difference, even if it begins as primarily being significant to change in our lives here in the northwest Connecticut hills. We can only hope our actions, if they work, will then spread across the region and serve as examples for other rural areas across the country.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Blue if cloudy skies, green foliage — for now

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One view on FV issues

On July 20, David Barger and Mary Palmer orchestrated a Falls Village Democratic Town Committee meeting to nominate incumbent Republican Henry Todd as the Democratic candidate for First Selectman denying Falls Village voters a choice, when there was an outstanding volunteer, Doug Cohn, offering to be the Democratic candidate. These extreme acts of betrayal to the Democrats of Falls Village are a blatant attempt at voter suppression stunning our New England sensibilities.

On Sept. 13, the Falls Village Board of Finance (BOF) determined that in fact the Town of Canaan is liable for the return of the \$725,800 CDBG funds after they have been spent if the \$8 million project is not completed by the contract date. Henry Todd applied for the grant without required BOF approval. Henry Todd insisted to the residents and voters for two years stating with the authority of his office that River Road Homes was the financial obligation of Falls Village Housing Trust and not the Town, contrary to confirmed information.

What was Todd's statement when BOF announced that the Town is liable for River Road Homes (RRH)? Silence. No apology, no acknowledgment, no shame.

"Anyone against RRH is against affordable housing." is the ultimate untruth said by persons who propose RRH affordable housing on an abandoned dump site, with no town water, which floods every spring according to the neighbors.

Todd insisted for two years that the Town has no liability River Road Homes. The FV Town Democratic Committee now wants Todd to run for First Selectman unopposed. Of course they do, how else could Todd win on his record of higher taxes, mismanagement and misinformation?

You might wonder why Todd, Barger and Palmer have worked in concert to keep Todd's higher taxes, mismanagement and misinformation in Town Hall.

Are you ready to clean house in Falls Village? Stay tuned.

Daly Reville
Falls Village

Thanks to SFS for art show

I want to thank Salisbury Family Services and all its volunteers for the Art Show & Sale they sponsored on Saturday which benefited Salisbury's artists and artisans. Forty artists participated, showing their work under tents in front of the White Hart. It was a joyful community celebration with the lawn and tents packed with people from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. enjoying the art, camaraderie and beautiful weather.

As one of the participants, I appreciate all the planning and hard work involved in organizing such a large event. In keeping with their mission of helping people help themselves, Family Services is allowing the artists to keep all the proceeds. I encourage everyone who enjoyed the day to contribute to Salisbury Family Services so that they can continue to bring our community together to help our neighbors in need.

Mary Close Oppenheimer
Lakeville

Our country needs a new direction

What has happened to our country? The increase in chaos and confusion has escalated our many serious problems: racism, gun violence, voter suppression, coronavirus pandemic and climate change to name several. There is little bipartisan support for these problems, so few solutions in sight. The infrastructure bill is still in flux, immigration problems continue and of course racism, the very rot of our country, is rising steadily. The pandemic has further alienated people because of the fear and suspicion that already existed. The added stress of financial devastation has made our nation angry and divided. COVID-19 lays bare how discrimination drives health disparities among Black and Brown people — indeed, anyone non-white. The increase in hate crimes toward Asian Americans is appalling. They are being spat on, harassed and physically assaulted because some people blame them for the COVID-19 pandemic. As of now, we don't know where COVID originated. The rumors and innuendos are based in fear and the need to place blame. Remember Donald Trump's mention of the pandemic as the "China flu" or the "Kung flu"? Because a portion of American people believe this, their reaction toward Asian people is violent.

The murder of George Floyd (one of many) has brought the need for change front and center. More people are aware of the deeply ingrained bigotry that exists in the United States. The disrespect of other people because of their ethnicity belongs to the past. As a nation, we face a decision: Do we continue down this path or confront our past honestly and create a better future? The irony of it all is that America is more diverse and multiracial than ever! Unfortunately, old attitudes and beliefs have been

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1921

SALISBURY — Mrs. Asal Edleman had the misfortune to fracture a bone in her right foot on Saturday and was taken to the Sharon Hospital by Dr. Peterson on Monday and an X-ray taken. She has the sympathy of her friends.

Two aviators from the Pittsfield Aero Club expect to bring a hydroplane to Lake Wononscopomuc on Saturday and will land at the boat house. Passengers will be taken on 15 minute flights for \$10.00 a person on Saturday and Sunday.

A party of about 30 Lakeville people went to Great Barrington to attend a play last Friday evening.

50 years ago — September 1971

The Sharon Creative Arts Foundation has sold SCAF House to William L. Landis in an unusual agreement which was completed and signed by both parties at a legal closing last Friday. Under this agreement SCAF will be permitted to maintain its office in the house and the two large rooms on the main floor will be available for some winter workshops. No rental will be charged to the foundation for this use.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kahler, their three daughters, Michelle, Robin and Sharon, and Mrs. Lewis Kahler sailed Sept. 9 on the SS Rotterdam for England where they plan to live

for at least a year. The Kahlers, who have owned Stagecoach Hill Inn in Sheffield for 15 years, recently sold the inn to "Scottie" Burns, who is managing it with his associate, Wilbur Wheeler. Michael Kahler and his mother are both natives of Great Britain although they are now United States citizens. Heather Kahler is the daughter of Stewart and Ann Hoskins of Lakeville and grew up here, attending local schools. The three children also attended schools in Lakeville. The family plans to rent a house in some English village.

25 years ago — September 1996

LAKEVILLE — The garbage hopper at the Salisbury/Sharon transfer station will be closed down for hydraulic system repairs Sept. 24-26, transfer station manager Mike Golden announced this week. Residents who can store their garbage at home are asked to do so during the three-day period while the 20-year-old hydraulic system is being repaired.

SHARON — Brian Wilcox loves travel. He loves photography too. Now the 35-year-old caretaker is combining the two in a new home-based business, Wilcox Photo Greetings. One day not long ago he asked himself what he was going to do with his thousands of photographs. His dream was to make fine art prints, but he knew people wouldn't want to spend \$175 on a 14 by 16-inch print. He realized people would be willing to pay just under \$3

for a laminated card, which he signs on the back after his wife writes down where the photo was taken, and markets the cards at area businesses such as Paley's Market, the Audubon Center and craft fairs. He is also looking for photo assignments. Recently a fellow asked him to photograph his goats for a greeting card. He obliged with pleasure.

Area residents know Sal Sanchez best as the amiable waiter with the Spanish accent from the White Hart Inn. Mr. Sanchez has indeed made his living all over the world by attending to the dining needs of others, but this skill hides other, no less formidable, talents. Sanchez left the White Hart this week to pursue those other talents and will soon be selling his own brand of largely organic foods under the label Earth Foods. Mr. Sanchez and his wife and partner, Duffy Sanchez, are in the process of purchasing and renovating the former Marina Restaurant in Hudson, N.Y., a facility they will convert into a large commercial kitchen with an adjacent deli.

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

The music of connection

We at The Equus Effect would like to thank our generous sponsors, guests, volunteers and the folks who provided their talent and expertise that allowed our "Music of Connection" event to unfold. Bettina Drummond and her Lusitano stallion Que Macho, were mesmerizing. Her gallop through the trees was like being on the set of a movie, Tony Fraenkel's chili and fixins' were excellent and The Carbon Brothers, George Potts and Gordon Titcomb wrapped us in harmony as we watched this horse-human pair refine our appreciation for the deep connection between horses and the heroes who rode them into battle.

"The Music of Connection" was palpable for those of us who were in the arena with Bettina and Que Macho and the spirit of connection among all who attended was undeniable. Thank you for sharing this incredible evening with us. We could not help veterans and others who serve and protect us here and around the world with OUR horses if it were not for you.

We will announce the video recording of the event as soon as it is available — for those who would like to see it — or see it again.

Jane Strong
The Equus Effect
Sharon

Thanks for the help with Clothesline art show

What a wonderful day! The Clothesline Art Show and Sale, sponsored by Salisbury Family Services, was held Sept. 18 on the White Hart lawn. We wanted to celebrate and honor the Salisbury artists and artisans and to introduce them to the community.

We want to thank all those who helped make this possible; our sponsors for underwriting the event, the White Hart for letting us use their lawn and all their help, Herrington's donated all the fencing, Belter Build-

ers, Salisbury Winter Sports Association, Salisbury School, and the many volunteers who helped in a myriad of ways.

Finally, a huge thank you to the hard working event committee who made this day a success.

Thank you, Salisbury, for coming out and celebrating our artists.

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There are ways to fight climate change locally

My name is Dan Carr. Along with my wife Marleen, I own Beavertides farm in Falls Village. We use regenerative grazing practices to raise grass-fed goat and lamb, produce honey and offer classes on beekeeping. I am also the technical assistance coordinator for Berkshire Agriculture Ventures, a not-for-profit organization that supports the local food and farming economy across the Berkshire-Taconic region.

Before Henri and Ida both hit our region last month, the ground was already saturated. The two storms each dropped between 3 and 6 inches of rain on our farm. Being at the foot of Canaan Mountain, most rain that falls on the mountain ends up passing through our farm via Wangum Brook. Our farm is called Beavertides because the beavers significantly slow the flow of water through Wangum valley.

Surely anybody who sits in the path of a major storm feels significant stress, but it is particularly potent for farmers. In both storms, we got our animals to high ground in advance and came away mostly unscathed. The increased strength and frequency of storms bring home the dire assessment released this summer through the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Adapting our farm and community to a changing climate is at the forefront of my mind.

Climate change challenges agriculture through heat waves, floods, fires, droughts and increased pests. These challenges are particularly difficult for small farmers, which begs the question: How will you keep getting local food in a changing climate?

There is a two-part solution: 1.) Continue to support local farmers who are battling climate change with your food dollars. 2.) Demand resources for farmers using regenerative practices at a federal level. We have a unique and rare opportunity right now to push our representatives to support small farmers in the budget reconciliation negotiations that are going on in Congress.

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) is a strong advocate for small farms and she sits on the House Agriculture Committee. She recently helped shepherd in language for the pending reconciliation bill that invests in climate-friendly agriculture with particular wins for sustainable agriculture-focused research, education and extension programs. She supports working lands conservation programs that help farmers adopt practices like using cover crops, rotational grazing, no-till farming and agro-

forestry (the intentional planting of trees on farms). These practices can help mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon in soils and trees, thereby reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and the rate of global warming. These practices also make our farmland more resilient and able to weather major storms.

The IPCC's climate assessment makes clear that increasingly severe weather is already baked in for the next few decades. We have to both deploy farms as a tool for climate change mitigation and also help farmers adapt to the realities of changing weather extremes. I have seen how many of the existing, proven federal programs help. Programs like Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) allow our local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) agents to support individual farms while incentivizing them to adopt key mitigation and adaptation practices.

I also see how NRCS programs like Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) can give farmers the opportunity to help prove innovative practices like riparian buffers; where farmers plant woody perennial plants along farm waterways. Riparian buffers not only stop soil erosion and water pollution, but also produce fruit, nuts, timber and other sources of revenue for farmers.

Let's also advocate to direct more of our federal dollars toward small local food production as opposed to the current corporate consolidation of our food system. During the pandemic we saw the vulnerability of a consolidated corporate livestock processing system as meat shelves went empty. In June of this year a cyberattack on JBS industries knocked out 20% of the U.S. beef processing capacity. Four companies (Tyson, JBS, Cargill, and National Beef) process 85% of beef, 70% of pork, and 54% of poultry in this country. By supporting small locally owned abattoirs our federal spending can make our local food sheds more resilient to whatever might be coming in the future.

GUEST COMMENTARY DAN CARR

Please seek out advocacy groups like the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition to continue educating yourself on how you can effectively communicate with your elected officials on meaningful climate action. Attention now turns to the senate agriculture committee, the budget committees, and eventually the house floor where I hope sustainable farms will win the investment we need.

A silver lining in the IPCC report states the worst effects of climate change are still avoidable. That we can keep the increase of global temperatures below 2 degrees Centigrade, but only if we take bold action now! Sustainable agriculture will play a critical role in combating climate change. As a farmer, I'm excited to be a part of the climate solution.

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A great book about all 48 United States at midcentury

In June, the Sunday New York Times Book Review featured an essay on John Gunther's "Inside USA," a remarkable look at each of the nation's then-48 states right after World War II. Published in 1947, the book is about to mark its 75th anniversary.

I had never read this monumental "first draft of history," which is long out of print, and looked for a copy on the internet. There were some — at around \$800 for used hard copies and \$500 for a used paperback. So I turned to Connecticut's wonderful program that allows the reader to borrow a book from any public library in the state, and found there was one copy, just up the road in the Granby Public Library.

But by then, other Times readers had also been impressed by former New Yorker editor Robert Gottlieb's essay and I had to wait my turn. It was decidedly worth the wait.

Gunther was not a historian, but a reporter and foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News who had written current history in previous "Inside" books, perceptive best sellers exploring Europe, Asia and Soviet Russia in the 1930s and '40s.

Gottlieb calls Gunther's reporting "possibly the best America has ever had," and there is nothing in the 900 pages of "Inside USA" that would cause me to dispute that appraisal. A contender for that title, Robert Caro, the author of the brilliant multi-volume biography of Lyndon Johnson, lauded "the sense it conveys about America in the postwar 1940s. There's just nothing like it."

And how does that USA compare with today's? In many ways, it was similar—a sometimes primitive and racist south, California craziness, big city corruption—but in others, it was a different nation.

The cast is more or less familiar today—Henry Ford, newspaper baron Bertie McCormick, and politicians like Robert Taft, Fiorello Laguardia, Arthur Vandenberg and Gov. Lee "Pass the Biscuits, Pappy" O'Daniel of Texas, nicknamed for the flour he sold in radio commercials.

As the war ended in 1945, many Republicans were vying for the party's highly desirable 1948 presidential nomination but the front runner was Tom Dewey, the unsuccessful 1944 candidate against FDR. Dewey seemed destined to be the winner in 1948 after 16 years of Democratic presidencies and he gets more attention than anyone else. Harry Truman, only the accidental president for a few months, with his major achievements as FDR's fourth term replacement to come, is praised primarily for his one-man, countrywide Senate investigation of waste and fraud in the war industries.

Gunther did have one reservation about the almost certain next President Dewey — no one liked him very much. "Dewey seldom goes out on a limb...every step is carefully calculated and prepared...he will never try to steal second unless the pitcher breaks a leg."

IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

That assessment of Dewey was confirmed to me many years ago by one of the figures in the few pages devoted to Connecticut, former governor, U.S. senator and chief justice Raymond Baldwin. (Among the others: playwright and Congresswoman Claire Booth Luce, admired by the author, and adm and Governor Chester Bowles.)

I knew Baldwin well late in his life when he was one of the subjects of three biographical documentaries I wrote on the governors who made the greatest impact on 20th century Connecticut. (The others were Abe Ribicoff and Lowell Weicker.) The governor through some of the Depression and World War II, Baldwin had been Wendell Willkie's choice for running mate in 1940 but he was vetoed by the Republican National Committee in favor of an isolationist westerner for ideological and geographic balance.

Gunther cited Republican Baldwin for his leadership skills, noting Connecticut's "record of man hours lost by strikes since 1941 is the lowest in the nation." He also recalled Baldwin's recollection of Willkie as "not only the greatest American of this century," but "the greatest man since Lincoln."

"Inside USA" found Connecticut's claim as the nation's insurance capital to be valid, adding that the state was also "the gadget state par excellence. It produces revolvers, typewriters, submarines and a multifarious variety of objects that demand immense precision in manufacture, immense skill in labor."

Unmentioned was United Aircraft, which ranked sixth among U.S. corporations in the value of its wartime production and has evolved into a vital replacement for the manufacture of typewriters, brass products and other "gadgets."

There's so much more in Gunther's million words of reporting about these United States and I share essayist Gottlieb's hope that some publisher produces an anniversary edition to attract the new readers the book richly deserves. The single copy in Connecticut's libraries can only go so far.

Simsbury resident Dick Ahles is a retired journalist. Email him at rahles1@outlook.com.

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POETS CORNER

'A Raven's Lament'

Levity was absent.

Lousy it was to complement; it was my demise.

It was not unknown for me to leave this perch

Enter some great church, a cathedral more to my

personality than one might think, the graveyards I

frequented though.

Why risk the identify an old gravestone could hide well its

calling card.

No one much cared for my antics, ignored, an uncaged

actor not well up on the irony of other performances,

After all, a raven as I might be, not quite as free as you

think,

With each flight lower and lower I would sink.

My eyes began to lose their gloss as another's blue eyes

would curse mine into dullness, a lifeless sheen,

Flight would no longer be tolerable,

Drooping and graying wings, thinning feathers,

A cursed airfoil, make for less pleasure.

I am sorrowful.

Wayne Farrington

North Canaan

Change of seasons

Summer drawing to a close

The pace of life slows

Ready for the beauty of fall

To see the colored leaves sprawl

Then is time for thanksgiving décor

Sheaves and Pumpkins and leaves on the floor

Enjoy the waning sun with a glass of cider to hand

And see the changes to the land

Prepare for winter it is nigh

Firewood piled high

Buy the chestnuts ready to roast

Then its time for Marley's ghost

Michael Kahler

Lakeville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our country needs a new direction

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slow to change.

Eighteen states with Republican legislatures have passed restrictive voting laws that erode the Voting Rights Act of 1965. From limiting the number of ballot drop boxes to prohibiting handing out food or water to those waiting in line to cast their vote. Jim Crow has risen its ugly head again and it's beyond alarming. The right to vote for all Americans should be non-negotiable. Enacting ludicrous laws to bend an election one way is heinous. The 2020 election was fairly won, but as much as I was relieved and grateful Joe Biden became our president, I wouldn't want it to have happened illegally. Instead of acknowledging his defeat, Donald Trump goaded his base into the attack on our U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

There has been a gradual erosion of decency and fairness in our nation's institution of democracy. Power and authority have become the goals instead of working together to improve humanity. The United States was a beacon of light for other countries, but unless there is change, this will not continue.

Our allies have lost confidence in our country and their lack of respect is obvious. America is in crisis and without cooperation and unity, our democracy will fade and fail.

Gretchen M. Gordon


Sharon

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A good message for all Region One students



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