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The home on White Hollow Road in Salisbury that was sold by the Salisbury Housing Trust as an affordable housing property.

Housing Trust, sellers helped family own home

By **DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY — A Millerton family's disheartening, two-year search for an affordable home turned to good fortune in time for the holidays, thanks to assistance through the private, nonprofit Salisbury Housing Trust.

"We are ecstatic," said Griffin Cooper, who purchased a home on White Hollow Road in Lakeville on Dec. 19 from the housing trust for \$250,000 and moved in just in time to celebrate Christmas and ring in 2023.

"We probably looked at 20

houses" before being handed the keys to his new home, he noted.

"We had to fight tooth and nail just to make an offer, and then we'd get outbid by folks who came in and paid cash," recalled Cooper, who is the marketing and outreach coordinator at the North East Community Center in Millerton.

"They had been looking everywhere for two years, but the homes were just scooped out from under them," noted Leo Gafney, vice president of the Salisbury Housing Trust.

Sellers' generosity made the

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My ride-along with a traveling large-animal vet

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Elias Sorich

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series focusing on a day in the life of a large-animal veterinarian's practice in the tri-corner region.

STANFORDVILLE — To travel with Dr. Isaac Angell of Bentley Veterinary Practice for a day was to witness a veterinary practitioner completely enamored with his work, and deeply connected to the region where he does that work.

Bentley Veterinary is a large-animal practice that specializes in farm animals. Its patients tend to fall on the large, stinky and hard-working side of the domesticated animal kingdom rather than the small, fluffy and genteel side.

On a recent January morning as we wended our way through the misty, dramatic hills of eastern Dutchess County and Litchfield County in Angell's mobile animal-care truck — equipped with ultrasound, an array of medications, and



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

(From left) Dr. Julie Clas, Dr. Teddy Chase, Dr. Isaac Angell and Dr. Chris Moyer on Jan. 4 outside of the Bentley Veterinary offices in Stanfordville, N.Y., getting ready to head out for the day.

surgical capabilities — Angell took the time between our various stops to share reflections from a lifelong devotion to veterinary medicine.

"I have a deep excitement for

what we do. A tremendous respect for the field of veterinary medicine, and for my fellow practitioners ... I

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Kashimer appointed to post as deputy county executive

POUGHKEEPSIE — Rachel Kashimer has been appointed to serve as Dutchess County deputy county executive and chief of staff under William F. X. O'Neil, who held those roles himself until he was sworn in as county executive on Jan. 3.

In her new position, Kashimer will oversee senior staff in charge of administration and act on behalf of O'Neil when he is away from the county, according to a press release from the county executive's office.

Kashimer began working in Dutchess County government in 2012. She has held positions such as budget assistant and research analyst as well as her most recent role as assistant county executive focused on COVID operations, which saw her serving as community liaison to municipal, education, business, health care, and



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Rachel Kashimer, newly appointed deputy county executive and chief of staff.

other sectors. She also oversaw and managed a number of lead county projects.

Dutchess County Legislature

Chair Gregg Pulver commented on Kashimer's appointment in the press release: "Rachel ... has been a wealth of knowledge and has always been ready and willing to work with the Legislature to deliver real results to the residents of our community."

"Rachel has been an incredible leader, beginning as a Budget Assistant and growing to oversee programmatic and Departmental initiatives, and I know she will continue to offer strong proposals and solutions that will only better our County going forward as she adapts to her new role as the Deputy County Executive."

Kashimer holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a Master of Business Administration from Marist College. She lives in Wappinger with her husband and 3-year-old son.

Hiroshima film to gain a national audience

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — A screening of the new documentary film "The Vow from Hiroshima" was held at the Millerton Moviehouse on Sunday, Jan. 15. A near-capacity audience attended the program that was sponsored by the Salisbury Forum, staying to continue the conversation that the film invited.

Early in the post-screening discussion, the film's award-winning director and Northwest Corner resident Susan Strickler announced that the documentary has been selected for wide broadcast by national public television. It's that

compelling a message supporting the goal of a total worldwide ban on nuclear weapons.

Joining Strickler on the Moviehouse stage was Mitchie Takeuchi, the film's producer and a second-generation survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The film has documented the lifelong commitment of Setsuko Thurlow, who survived the first atomic bomb at age 13 by "climbing toward the light" in the wake of the bombing that exploded near her school and killed her classmates. Thurlow has just celebrated her 91st birthday.

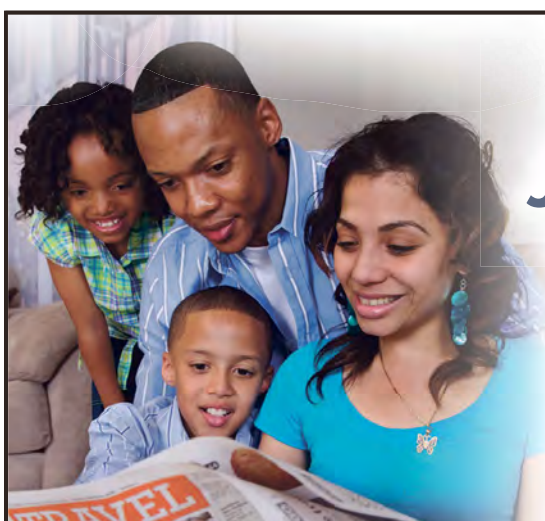
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OUR TOWNS

Affordable housing dominates North East Board meeting

By EMILY EDELMAN
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MILLERTON — Town Supervisor Chris Kennan began the North East Town Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, by outlining some of the Town's challenges, which include lack of a food store, affordable housing and employment opportunities.

Kennan also noted that a wastewater system is the No. 1 priority identified in the Town's comprehensive plan; and raised the topic of speed reduction on Winchell Mountain Road and on Route 22 from the Village up to Sawchuck Road.

Affordable housing dominated discussion at the meeting, which was presented in-person and streamed online via Zoom.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County has signed a contract and given the town a down payment on the purchase of property owned by the town on Rudd Pond Road. The board is looking forward to hearing how Habitat is going to move forward with the site.

Affordable housing also came into focus as the board accepted the resignation of Councilman Griffin Cooper, who is moving to Connecticut.

"We will be very sorry to see you leave. We will miss you and we appreciate everything that you've contributed to our work during this year," Kennan said.

"My wife and I struggled for two years to find an af-

"My wife and I struggled for two years to find an affordable place to live in the town. We tried very hard."

Former Councilman Griffin Cooper

fordable place to live in the town. We tried very hard. Unfortunately, it came down to a choice and I had to make it, but it wasn't an easy one," Cooper said, explaining that his move was precipitated by the lack of affordable housing. Cooper is marketing and outreach coordinator at the North East Community Center and also is a correspondent for The Millerton News.

His departure will create an opening on the Town Board. The town will have the ability to appoint someone to the board for the remainder of the year. That person, should they choose, may run for the last two years of the term.

Cooper expressed his thanks to the board along with his willingness to continue working with committees in the affordable housing arena.

The affordable housing conversation continued into the public-comment period as a question was raised to the board about what can be done make more land available for affordable housing. The board answered that the Town does not have any municipally owned land that can be used for housing, with the exception of the Rudd Pond Road lot.

The board is waiting to find out from the office of state Gov. Kathy Hochul how the governor's Jan. 10 direc-

tive of creating 800,000 units of affordable housing statewide over the next 10 years will apply to smaller communities.

Kennan reiterated his commitment to building a wastewater system for the town, pointing out the similarities between the costs associated with building one and the difficulties in securing affordable housing opportunities for rural localities.

There was discussion of the state's mansion tax and a suggestion was made for the Town to hire an attorney to discover if a similar benefit can be brought to the Town from those who build large houses in it. Also mentioned was the so-called workforce housing fee imposed by Rhinebeck and Pine Plains, which requires developers to pay a fee to the town when building certain residential structures that do not qualify as affordable housing, and the suggestion that the Town of North East look into that, as well.

After the supervisor's report and the approval of past meetings' minutes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The North East Town Board meeting takes place at Town Hall, 19 North Maple Ave., on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. It is streamed live via Zoom and posted to the Town's website shortly thereafter.

Hospital upgrades helipad

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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SHARON, Conn. — Sharon Hospital held a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new helipad on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Hospital President Christina McCulloch cut the ribbon Thursday morning as the green landing lights gleamed behind her.

The new helipad has an 80-foot walkway, up from 60 feet in the previous iteration. The pad itself is slightly smaller at 40 feet by 40 feet, down from 50 by 50.

David Jensen, the regional EMS coordinator for the hospital's parent company NuVance, said 40 by 40 is the federal standard.

He said the LED lights are such that pilots using night vision equipment will not be blinded by the lights.

The helipad and walkway



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch (second from left holding scissors) cut the ribbon on the hospital's new, upgraded helipad Thursday, Jan. 12.

have a heating system so they won't freeze up in winter weather. The pipes underneath the pad contain glycol,

an antifreeze ingredient.

Jensen said if the power goes out, the backup diesel generator nearby will kick in.

Public hearing to address proposed solar field

PINE PLAINS — The Town Planning Board will hold a public hearing Saturday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. in the community room of the Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 South Main St. The hearing relates to an application from Carson Power for a proposed solar photovoltaic project to be located at 454 Bean River Road.

Residents of Pine Plains are invited to attend the meeting.

Comments may also be addressed to the Planning Board at planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov or P.O. Box

955, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

The documents associated with the application can be reviewed at the Town Hall during regular business

hours, as well as on the Town website and via a link on the Facebook page of the Town of Pine Plains Planning and Zoning Boards.

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OBITUARIES

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Julia C. Segalla

CANAAN — Julia C. Segalla passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. She was born on Jan. 22, 1926, the daughter of Marcello and Aurora Del Tenno. Julia and her sister, Antoinette, were raised in Canaan, where Julia remained as a lifetime resident.



She is survived by her children, Tina Segalla-Grant and husband, Larry of Brookfield, Connecticut, Mark D. Segalla and wife, Deborah DeSimone of New York City, and by her grandchildren; Kelly and Chad Scandrett, Melissa Grant, Mark A. and Kate Segalla. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony (Peno), and daughter, Alena.

A member of the first graduating class of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1943, Julia was a well-respected and compassionate educator. She attended the New York City Universal School of Arts as well as Boston University's Conservatory of Music before she married, and in 1958 Julia returned to college receiving a Bachelor of Science (1962), a Master's in Science in Reading degree (1968), and a Sixth Year in Guidance and Administration from the University of Hartford (1974). She began her career as a much-loved kindergarten teacher at Botelle Elementary School in Norfolk and taught at Batcheller Elementary School in Winsted and Salisbury Central School. She instilled in every student an enthusiasm for reading and could convince even the most reluctant child to embrace learning. In 1968 she was hired as the very first Resource Teacher in Regional School District 1, and in 1980 served as the Early Childhood Coordinator for the Regional District.

In 1978 Julia was awarded a year's sabbatical and attended Columbia University to pursue advanced degree graduate courses. During that year Julia also traveled to Japan for five weeks and accompanied by an interpreter, visited local schools conferring with teachers and administrators. Upon return-

ing to the United States, Julia was chosen as a Friendship Ambassador from Connecticut and traveled to Germany where she lived at the home of the Commissioner of Education in Northern Germany and visited schools throughout the region, observing reading and teaching techniques.

Julia was named Region 1 Director of Pupil Services in 1986. Known for her care and love for children, Julia traveled throughout the northwest corner of the State for many years meeting with parents and children aged birth to three to evaluate and provide support for families who could benefit from special education resources.

The in-home program she developed was replicated throughout Connecticut, in part because of the many families whose children achieved significant educational and personal success by following the in-home curriculum. Chosen by the senior class as their faculty advisor, Julia was honored to have the HVRHS yearbook, The White Oak, dedicated to her in 1976. Julia officially retired from HVRHS in 1992.

Julia was an active community member. She was elected to the North Canaan Board of Finance and served as secretary. She was also an energetic member of various local and regional organizations, including the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, the Northwest Connecticut Girl Scout Council, the Woman's College Club of Litchfield County, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators.

For twenty years, Julia was the children's and adult choir director as well as organizer of the North Canaan Pilgrim Congregational Church. Julia's professional interests were balanced by her love of travel, including journeys to over thirty-three countries, most notably traveling to Russia and China in 1973, the year after these countries were open to Western world travelers. Trips throughout the United States and on cruise

ships were frequent, some with family and some solo. Julia and her family spent many memorable vacations at the much-loved lakeside cottage Penno built for Julia's mother, Aurora Phifield, in Woodford, Vermont. After Julia retired, she spent the winter months at her home in warm and sunny Venice, Florida.

Julia delighted in entertaining, and was well recognized for her culinary abilities, known by many for her tasty homemade soups and special Christmas rolls.

Equally enjoyable to Julia was her participation in various HVRHS plays, most notably playing Bloody Mary in South Pacific and Fraulein Schneider in Cabaret. Creative as well as artistic, Julia's greatest gifts to her family and friends were a curious mind and a love of reading, art appreciation, singing, and travel.

Julia was a person of strong faith, who always saw the good in people. Never one to speak ill of others, Julia provided comfort to many with her acts of kindness. She was a compassionate, generous woman with an undeniable work ethic always willing to learn and listen to alternative points of views. A woman of great courage and perseverance, Julia battled macular degeneration and Alzheimer's disease in the later years of her life. She was able to maneuver those years with grace by using her intelligence and the many good habits she practiced throughout her life. Despite these challenges, she remained positive and upbeat. Her strength, humanity, and kindness will be deeply missed, and remembered by many.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Geer Village Lodge in Canaan (77 South Canaan Road, Canaan). Due to Covid-19 challenges, facial coverings are required. There are no calling hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family would be honored by a donation in Julia's memory to the Friends of the Canaan History Center (P.O. Box 145, Canaan, CT 06018), an association dear to her heart.

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Local athletic directors weigh in on sports safety

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — When pro football player Damar Hamlin of the Buffalo Bills was taken off the field on Jan. 2 and rushed by ambulance to a hospital with heart failure, many parents had questions about the safety of young athletes when playing sports at school or at recreation centers.

As experts in the field point out, what happened to Hamlin could have happened to a baseball player or a hockey player.

The spitball was outlawed in baseball after Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians died after being hit in the head with one pitched by Carl Mays in 1920. Jay Bouwmeester of the St. Louis Blues left the world of hockey after cardiac arrest. Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis was 27 when he collapsed and died.

Some local school athletic directors and a recreation department director discussed safety precautions taken, the equipment on hand, and a little about New York state law regarding safety and regulations in athletic programs.

Al Hammell, athletic director of Millbrook Central School District, said that when he started in that position four years ago, most districts were going in the direction of trained persons on hand and automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) on the premises at all events. Each of Millbrook's four schools have AEDs.

AEDs are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. According to the American Red Cross, the

medical device can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

"We do a pretty good job of keeping them safe," said Joe Lasaponara, athletic director at Webutuck Central School District. He mentioned some of the other necessary items such as first-aid kits, tourniquets, and a lot of training.

"We've been pretty lucky; nothing drastic has happened," he said.

Robert Scott, athletic director and varsity football coach at Pine Plains Central School District, said, "I've been in this place quite a while now I don't know of any major incidents that have taken place." He also said the district has never had a serious incident in games or in practice. Scott, too, talked about having AEDs and other equipment on hand for emergencies.

Danielle Scalewicz is director of recreation for the Town of Washington, which has year-round programs including a summer camp. She noted that they have an AED on hand at all times, and there's another that's kept in a shed near the field at Washington Town Park. Her teams also play at Guertin Gym at Village Hall; there is an AED on hand there as well.

While cardiac arrest has gotten the lion's share of publicity lately, the past several years have also brought about much discussion concerning concussions in contact sports, especially in football. But hockey pucks are hard, as are baseballs, and other sports such as soccer

can certainly get rough at times. The right equipment — shoulder pads, helmets, safety balls, breakaway bases, faceguards and guards for other parts of the body — may aid in reducing injuries.

New York State Education Law, Article 61, Section 3001b, states that a person appointed as a coach of an interschool athletic team must hold valid first-aid skills and knowledge certification (a minimum of 12 hours initial training, valid for three years) and adult CPR certification (minimum of three hours training, valid for two years) as well as a valid teacher certification. Any school-sponsored athletic contest or school-sponsored competitive athletic event held at any location must have trained personnel and AEDs and other prescribed devices. Most schools have plans and protocol in place at all times.

Schools require that, in some sports, players must have been examined by a doctor and must submit a letter to the school stating that they are in good physical health and can safely play.

There are also recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness that adolescents should limit a particular sports activity to a maximum of five days per week with at least one day off from any organized physical activity. To further reduce the chance of injury, athletes should have at least two to three months off per year from their particular sport to allow injuries to heal and to work on strengthening and conditioning activities.

Webutuck Little League plans 2023 season

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — The Webutuck Little League met on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the American Legion Post 178 elect a board of directors and fill other positions for the upcoming 2023 season.

Approximately 20 members of the league attended. Officers elected were DJ Reilly, president; Rob Cooper, vice president; Aimee Walsh, secretary and Amiee Duncan, treasurer.

Other positions filled included: Player Agent, Safety Officer, Coaching Coordinator, Marketing and Public Relations Manager and

Sponsorship and Fundraising Manager.

The Webutuck Little League has become affiliated under the Little League Baseball nonprofit organization based in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, that organizes local youth baseball and softball leagues throughout the United States and the world.

Treasurer Duncan announced that the league is seeking volunteers for coaching and first aid and for people to staff the concession stand.

The league is aiming to hold its opening game for the 2023 season in mid-April. Last year, the league expected that it would have about 40 players and ended up with about 100.

This year players will have games in Millerton at Eddie Collins Memorial Park and at Beekman Park in Amenia.

Duncan also said the league wants to pursue grant opportunities and could use volunteers from the community to help in applying for grants. The league received a grant from Dutchess County last year as part of the first group of awards under the county's "Learn, Play, Create" program to be used for uniforms and equipment and to offset registration costs, among other items.

The next meeting of the league membership will be Thursday, Feb. 9, at a location to be announced.



PHOTO BY GRIFFIN COOPER

Going for the ball

Fighting for the rebound on Friday, Jan. 13, when the Pine Plains Bombers hosted the Webutuck Warriors. Pine Plains beat Webutuck 56-31.

Drug outreach at Sharon Hospital

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

SHARON, Conn. — Greenwood Counseling and Referrals is providing free Narcan kits and fentanyl test kits to the community on a weekly basis at area hospitals, including Sharon Hospital.

Julia Jagger, Community Outreach and Recovery Navigator at Greenwood, was on

hand at the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 12, for the regular weekly stop from noon to 1 p.m.

The Narcan kit contains two 4-milligram doses in the form of a nasal spray. Narcan is a potentially lifesaving medication designed to help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

The fentanyl kit requires

mixing a small amount of the substance in question with water, and dipping the test stick in the fluid.

Jagger said that about 23 people came the previous week.

She explained that the immediate goal is to help drug users avoid overdoses.

A long-term goal is to engage with drug users, build relationships, and, when the time comes, make referrals for treatment.

Greenwoods will be at the rear entrance to the hospital on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. The service is open to anyone.

Pine Plains Library plans cookbook group on Jan. 25

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 S. Main St., will hold the introductory session of its new cookbook group on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. Attendees are invited to bake and bring their favorite cookie recipes to share. Led

by North East Community Center food service manager Lenny Sutton, the group will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the library. For more information, contact the library at 518-398-1927 or info@pineplainslibrary.org.

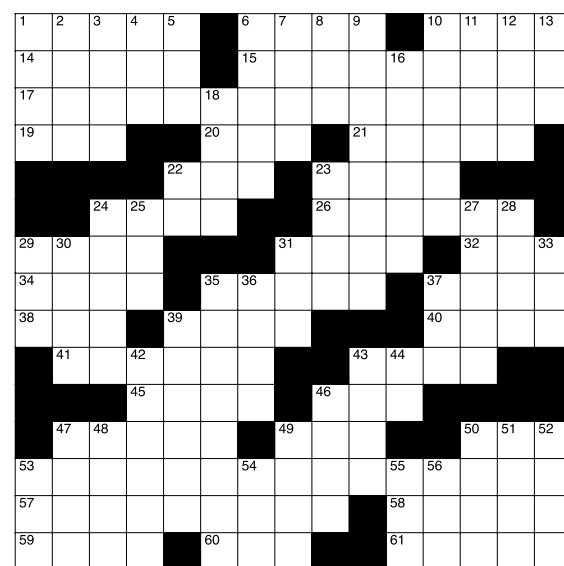
Correction

In an article in the Jan. 12, 2023, issue, Village of Millbrook Trustee Patrick Murphy and Officer Brooks Lyman were incorrectly named.

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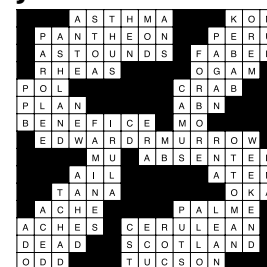
CLUES ACROSS

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6. Whale ship captain
10. One point south of southwest
14. Small cavity in a rock
15. Recidivists
17. City of Angels hoopster
19. A way to mark with one's signature
20. OJ trial judge
21. Rice cooked in broth
22. One point east of due south
23. One point east of southeast
24. Complements an entree
26. Grouped by twos
29. Disfigure
31. Woods
32. Political action committee
34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
35. Kin groups
37. Philippine Island
38. Contrary to
39. Bluish-gray fur
40. Comprehend the written word
41. Natural depressions
43. Felines
45. Breathe noisily
46. Taxi
47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Foot (Latin)
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Monetary units of Peru
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. High points



13. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. People who can account for you
18. Taunt
22. South Dakota
23. Cover the entirety of
24. Kids' favorite visitor
25. A way to save for retirement
27. Fencing swords
28. C. China mountain range
29. Type of sandwich
30. Team
31. Paddle
33. Partly digested food
35. Most cagey
36. Shoppers make one
37. Cathode-ray tube
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. Concern
44. Blood group
46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
50. Type of bread
51. S. Nigerian people
52. Scottish tax
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian city
55. Hide of a young animal
56. Midway between north and northeast

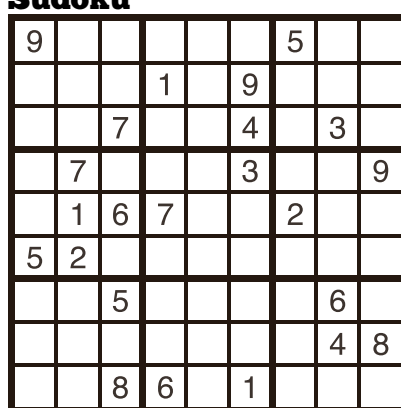
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CLUES DOWN

1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
2. A bright color
3. Thicket
4. Journalist Tarbell
5. A place to work or relax
6. Sharp mountain ridge
7. Helicopter
8. Mimic
9. Suggests
10. More musty
11. Large, flightless rail
12. Make beer

Sudoku



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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Residents of the Village of Millbrook watched as filming for scenes from HBO's "The White House Plumbers" took place in 2021. Franklin Avenue was transformed into the 1970s era. Cars from that period drove up and down the street and a few people dressed in clothes typical of the time could be seen sauntering in and out and around the Millbrook Diner.

Movie magic in Millbrook: Will there be more to come?

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The beauty of Dutchess County is well-known and film location scouts for movie and television are well aware of its appeal.

Here, you can have a forest, with deep woods, mountains, farms, and other rural and pastoral scenes. Then, five minutes away, you may find a charming village or a posh neighborhood with stately mansions and picturesque Victorian homes.

There are also a multitude of water possibilities such as lakes, rivers, ponds and fishing holes, not to mention covered bridges and massive bridges such as with Walkway over the Hudson, the Kingston Bridge and more.

While Red Hook and Rhinebeck seem to be perennial favorites, along with many other sites, Poughkeepsie has been central in more than one project, and Pleasant Valley and Millbrook have also had their 15 minutes of fame.

Actually, it was a lot more than 15 minutes. For instance, the five-part HBO series "The White House Plumbers" filmed in Millbrook, using Franklin Avenue and the Millbrook Diner.

"There was a lot of excitement and interest in the Village when HBO contacted us with a request to spend a few days to film some scenes from the subject movie in and around the Millbrook Diner," said Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy.

"Generous financial payments were made by the film company to those businesses that had to shut down for filming (the Millbrook Diner and Reardon Briggs Hardware) and some financial compensation was also provided to nearby businesses that were affected by shutting down Franklin Avenue.

The Village charged a flat fee which was to generously cover administrative costs as well as to pay premium rates for Village police traffic control."

Of course, that's the business end of it. What fun the Village residents had watching the filming!

The epic was "The White House Plumbers," and extras were dressed in clothes from that period. Cars came from all over, also from that period, and were lined up in front of the diner, and up and down

Roe Jan Library to host animal tracks workshop on Jan. 21

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, will partner with the Columbia Land Conservancy to host a workshop on how to identify the tracks of different animals on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to noon. The session will rely on games and

Franklin Avenue. The filming took several days.

The film, with an all-star cast including Woody Harrelson and Justin Theroux, tells the tale of how the Nixon administration ended up taking itself down.

Talking to the extras, and some of the car owners, it became evident that they not only got paid for their time and work, they loved doing it. Many of them have been in several movies and television films that have been done in this area. It was reported that more than 3,000 people answered the casting call for extras.

Collopy added: "While the film company was quite adept at crowd control and accommodating business needs, the biggest issues the Village had were that one, the scheduled film dates changed multiple times (even within a week of the last scheduled date), and two, the film crew needed to return for a second two-day period to complete filming.

"Despite the financial compensation, these changes caused a significant degree of frustration by business owners, residents and police such that the Board of Trustees will solicit input from the Millbrook Business Association and residents before allowing such future requests. We will also include a cancellation/reschedule fee as part of the contract terms."

Knowing the interest of production companies in this area, Councilman Mike Murphy of the Town of Washington said of determining rates and rules for filming: "We have yet to address this issue. Hope to do so in the coming year."

"This Much I Know Is True," a six-part HBO special with Mark Ruffalo, was filmed mainly in and around Poughkeepsie, but some of the important parts were filmed at Pleasant Valley Estates on the Taconic, and mention was made of a major accident taking place on Route 22 between Brewster and Millerton.

The Taconic Developmental Disabilities Service Offices in Wassaic was also featured in several scenes.

In one scene, former state Sen. Sue Serino and the late Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson and his wife, Danielle, are shown playing a psychiatric review board.

The Dutchess County Film Commission has listed more than 500 productions as hav-

ing been filmed, all or in part, in the Hudson Valley. This, of course, is a huge area, but as more people visit, it is becoming better known and could see more and more activity from film companies.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution published herewith has been adopted on the 9th day of January, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Webutuck (Northeast) Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the District, 194 Haight Rd, Amenia, NY 12501, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 9, 2023 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEBUTUCK (NORTHEAST) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$12,560,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, ATHLETIC COURTS, PLAYGROUNDS AND SITES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$12,560,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH

Town of Washington sets 2023 appointments

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
judithb@millertonnews.com

WASHINGTON — Starting with Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola presenting a 284 Agreement form, an Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys, which was voted on and passed, the Town meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, was both the reorganization meeting and the regular meeting for January.

Superintendent Gary Ciferri opened a public hearing on the proposal for raised escrow fees for applications for the Zoning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), the Building Department and the Town Board asking for comments on the proposed increase. The fees would be: \$1,500 for initial escrow deposits; \$2,000 in development costs for projects under \$10,000; fee of \$5,000 for development costs of \$10,001-\$50,000; and a fee of \$10,000 for projects over \$50,001. There were no comments; a vote indicated all "ayes," so it was passed.

A second public hearing was opened on the hospitality addendum to the comprehensive plan. Before the addendum can be adopted, a State

Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) document must be prepared and circulated.

The reorganizational meeting produced the following appointments, including Danielle Szalewicz as recreation director, James Finley as building inspector 1 and zoning administrator, James Brownell as constable, Tony DeBonis as dog control officer, Kathleen Moro as clerk of the assessor, and Michael Olivette as data collector.

Volunteer positions were noted: Susan Meaney, Planning Board member and Planning Board chair, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2029; Katie Briggs, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Dec. 31, 2027. David Greenwood, town historian, Dec. 31, 2023; Margaret Schneible, member and chair, Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC), Dec. 31, 2024; Shannon LaDue, member, CAC, Dec. 31, 2024; Pamela Scott, Member, CAC, Dec. 31, 2024; Elizabeth Mandy, member, CAC, Dec. 31, 2024; Lisa

Conger, member, CAC, Dec. 31, 2024; and Brian Reilly, Recreation Commission member, Dec. 31, 2027.

Named as interim successors in the absence of the town supervisor were I. Robert Audia, 2. Michael Murphy and 3. Joseph Rochfort.

The Bank of Millbrook was named the official depository of funds. The Poughkeepsie Journal and The Millerton News are the official newspapers of the Town.

The law firm of Van De Water and Van De Water was named attorney for the Town.

Clerk Mary Alex said that the 2023 tax bills were processed and mailed. She said she had a request from Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy for a payment to the Village in February toward the fire contract, as was done in 2022. Monthly reports have been filed by the assessor, bookkeeper, building inspector and town clerk.

Individual reports were given and can be found on the Town website.

Defensive driving course scheduled

STANFORDVILLE — A defensive driving course will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$38 per

person. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMFORSUCHPURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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Amount of obligations to be issued: \$12,560,000.

Tracy Trotter District Clerk North East Central School District 01-19-23

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- Corinna Sherman, 16-38 Lakeville, CT, HHG
- Lenette Benjamin M37 & HP189 Millerton, NY, HHG
- Janice Fenn, M39 Millerton, NY, HHG

All such properties will be sold unless the lien is satisfied. Such liens are claimed for occupancy charges, processing fees, cleaning and miscellaneous services of the total reasonable value agreed upon price now due and owing and that a detailed statement of such charges, services and storage with a statement of dates has been previously mailed to the said

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Legal Notice

Notice: formation Regin Brokkr, LLC Art. of Org. filed w/SSNY 11/28/22. In Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Game Farm Rd, Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Eileen Ciaburri the Tax Collector for the Town of Pine Plains, has received the Tax Roll for 2023 and will be collecting taxes during the month of February 2023 at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199 East, Pine Plains New York, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00AM to 1:00 PM and during the months of March, April & May on Tuesday and Thursday 10:00Am-1:00PM. Taxes collected through the month of February 2023 are without penalty. Penalties are levied as follows: March 2 percent, April 3 percent, May 4 percent.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of

Pine Plains will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the first day of June 2023.

Eileen Ciaburri Tax Collector Town of Pine Plains 01-12-23 01-19-23

TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX BILLS AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the collection of property taxes within the Town of North East for fiscal year 2023. Collection of taxes will begin with the receipt of taxes through February 28, 2023 at the Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave, Millerton, New York, on the following days and times: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays during February 9:00 a.m. - noon. Checks are to be made payable to "North East Tax Collector".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2023 without penalty. All taxes received after that date shall have an added interest of 2% for the month of March, 3% for the month of April, and 4% for the month of May. In addition, after May 15th, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that after June 1st, 2023 all unpaid taxes will be turned over to Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Dated: January 3, 2023.

Elizabeth Strauss Town Clerk/North East Tax Collector 01-12-23 01-19-23

TRAVELING VET *Continued from Page A1*

often say it's the animals that get you in, and it's the people that make you stay."

A soft-spoken man, quick to smile and quicker still to shift the spotlight from himself, Angell reiterated throughout the day his desire for our time together to spotlight the whole of veterinary medicine rather than his work alone.

"I think about that quote from 'The Boys in the Boat': 'You can't just write about me, you gotta write about the boat!' The whole picture, the difficult parts and the joyful parts, are what make the job what it is... Still, for me, being a vet has always been a passionate dream."

An average day for Angell or the other three veterinarians at Bentley often includes three to four visits — on busy days, that looks more like six or seven. While that might sound manageable, Angell's practice offers service to an area larger than some states, from Canaan, Connecticut, to Woodstock, New York, to Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Much of Angell's day is spent on the road between properties.

The necessity for this kind of travel can be traced to decades-long changes to the social and economic geography of the region. In 1972, there were 275 working dairy farms in Dutchess County. In 2022, there were just 15. While dairy production in the region has steadily increased, belying an emphasis on industrial-scale dairy farming, the number of working farmers has dropped steeply off a cliff.

"Growing up, on my road alone there were 10-11 dairy farms. Now there're none."

Angell and his wife and five children are the fourth generation of Angells to live on his family's property. While he loves to work with all the clients he provides service

to, Angell admitted to a bit of a soft spot for those who make a living working with animals: the vocational farmers that have grown rarer and rarer in the region. Helping those folks when able keeps him connected to the culture and tradition he was raised in.

Our day's journey very much emphasized those connections, and consisted of three farm visits and a few social calls.

Old goats, vaccine shots, and estate farming

Our first stop was at a beautiful estate farm in the Northeast Corner. Angell characterizes estate farms as those properties owned by wealthier folks with a large amount of land and a desire to use some of that land for small-scale farming. Often, these estates hire full-time workers to manage the land and care for the animals, and those workers frequently come from the pool of intergenerational farming families that used to operate farms of their own.

Two old goats, 15 years apiece, and three donkeys received Angell's practiced care that day.

Aside from the unending stares, everybody behaved themselves — shots were administered with minimal kicking and teeth were checked without biting. In addition to providing medical services, Angell also gave the animals' caregivers advice on what feed to use, how much to give, and even where to buy certain products at a reasonable price.

The conversation between Angell and the property managers was easy and familiar, and the importance of maintaining good relationships is an element to his work that Angell considers both crucial to his success and one of the major perks of the job.

"I was taught pretty early



Dr. Isaac Angell, left, cleaning hooves in the barn.

PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

on the value of developing a rapport with a client. You can't treat the animal without the client."

Angell's range of clients means he often has to meet folks where they're at in terms of the relationship they have to their animals. In addition to vocational farms, Bentley Veterinary works with three main types of clients: rescues and sanctuaries, backyard or estate farms, and equine organizations. An animal sanctuary may have thousands to spend on animal care, and a mission-driven investment in pursuing involved treatments. At a vocational farm, the reality can come down to economics, and many farms don't have the money to spare.

Accordingly, Angell tries to approach every client with empathy and an understanding of where their decisions might be coming from, whether it's a deep attachment to an animal or, sometimes, the lack of it. Developing a relationship with the person behind the animal helps him understand those perspectives and offer the kind of care that will align with their needs.

This clueing-in to the emo-

tional component of veterinary medicine is an element to the job that Angell considers vitally important as well as often underemphasized.

"Unless you let it affect you on an emotional level, you're not doing it right. You've got to have some sleepless nights, worrying about a case, or you're not going to push yourself to become better quite as hard."

Our day required little by way of difficult decisions — and on the estate farm, it was as clear as day that the property managers cared deeply for the animals in their charge. They worried after the right balance of feed to avoid bloat, mused on the personalities of the donkeys, and remarked on some of the humorous side effects of their job.

"Working with animals, you get used to a whole bouquet of smells you never thought you'd get used to. Knowing, 'Oh, that's not right!' when you catch a hoof smelling a particular way."

Coming in Part 2: Continuing the day's rounds with a pregnancy check and a bull calf castration.

Write to reporter Elias Sorich at elias@millertonnews.com.

HOUSING *Continued from Page A1*

home affordable.

The three-bedroom, two-bath, 1,519-square-foot antique cottage, which is perched on a natural landscaped knoll on just over an acre of land was originally listed at \$500,000 before being lowered to \$450,000, and eventually sold by owners Lee and Barbara Collins to the housing trust for \$325,000.

The housing trust was then able to sell the home to the Coopers at a subsidized price.

The couple had resided in the pale blue clapboard house for more than a half-century before deciding it was time to sell. Lee Collins said a recent newspaper article in The Lakeville Journal about the Salisbury Housing Trust led to their decision to sell their home at a price that would add to the town's affordable housing stock and put the home within reach of the young family of four.

John Harney, Housing Trust president and a local Realtor, said the White Hollow Road property was in excellent condition and required only minimal updates, including a new oil tank and improved attic ventilation, in addition to a septic inspection.

"Lee and his wife wanted to support local affordable housing for a young family. They are setting an unbelievable example of doing something to benefit the town" at their own financial expense, he said.

The economics of the housing market, said Harney, have squeezed out small, no-frills, entry-level houses which were not uncommon in the 1980s and '90s. He said he views efforts of the Salisbury Housing Trust as "helping to provide starter homes for families."

Young families today, particularly in the Northwest Corner, he said, "are against a rock and a hard place with rising interest rates and with most local homes purchased with cash by flippers, therefore depleting the inventory of traditional starter homes." "Trying to get a traditional loan as a middle-class family has its challenges," noted Cooper, who, in the weeks leading up to the transaction being finalized, was cautiously optimistic after two years of high hopes and dashed dreams.

"It's a wonderful house, but you don't think it's really happening. I still have no expectations at all," he revealed in the weeks leading up to the deal being sealed.

Success after serendipity

Prior to moving into a duplex in Millerton pre-pandemic, the Coopers had rented a home just over the line in Lakeville, but it was sold out from under them, said Cooper, so the family decided to explore home ownership options.

The family looked at several dozen houses throughout the Berkshires and Litchfield County, and most were beyond their budget. At one

point, the White Hollow Road cottage came to his wife's attention, said Cooper, but the original listing price put it out of their reach.

Cooper, who also is a correspondent for The Millerton News, said throughout the experience, he was constantly reminded of the sage advice given to him years earlier from his grandfather, who was a medic during World War II, and his dad: "Don't overstretch your means."

Then, a stroke of serendipity: One day at work, Cooper was talking to coworker Jennifer Kronholm Clark about his misadventures in house-hunting. It just so happened that Kronholm Clark is a member of the Salisbury Housing Trust and also serves as chair of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (SAHC).

She suggested he reach out to Gafney, and that's when Cooper recalled an article he had written for a local publication on affordable housing in the town of North East and had interviewed Gafney.

Cooper described the guidance he received from Salisbury housing advocates as "reassuring," and he and his family, he said, are thankful for the generosity and kindness of the sellers for parting with their home at a price that made it an affordable option.

Housing Trust on a roll

Since its inception in 2000, and counting the most recent White Hollow Road purchase, the Salisbury Housing Trust has built or renovated 16 homes in more than a half dozen locations throughout town.

The homes are primarily single-family, two- and three-bedroom structures that are priced to sell below the current median home sales price.

Late last August, the Housing Trust purchased a single-family home at 70 East Main St. for \$250,000.

They had planned to invest another \$100,000 to \$150,000 to update the aging structure, and then subsidize the home and sell it as affordable housing for around \$200,000.

Housing Trust officials noted that the two recent home purchases have nearly exhausted their line of credit, and although private donations are "trickling in," the trust needs to beef up its assets for current and future projects.

"Fundraising is not easy," noted Gafney. "It's a lot more difficult than it was years ago and the need is much greater." As a result, the private nonprofit Housing Trust has decided to apply to the state for financial support.

"We may lose some local authority, but at this point, in order to do our work, the Housing Trust has to have the financial viability, so it may be a trade-off," Harney explained.

For now, the housing advocates plan to continue celebrating the successes, one affordable home at a time.

HIROSHIMA *Continued from Page A1*

Thurlow's pledge to her classmates directed to her life's work, eventually earning the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for her ICAN organization (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons). She delivered the acceptance speech in Oslo, dedicating it to all survivors of the bombings in both Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Introduced by Salisbury Forum President Pat Jenny, local documentarian Strickler and producer Takeuchi spoke eloquently of the film and the unyielding work of Setsuko Thurlow to spur forward momentum toward a world free of nuclear weapons.

Takeuchi recalled that she first met Strickler in Vienna during a speaking engagement.

"I did not intend to be in the film," Takeuchi said, but she was, important to telling the story from the perspective of a granddaughter of a doctor who survived the blast severely injured but intent on treating the multiple victims.

A few questions centered on the staunch reluctance of the bomb's survivors to speak of the bombing when asked by ensuing generations who might speak or write about it. A stigma persists, partially due to uncertainties about



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Local documentarian Susan Strickler, left, joined producer Mitchie Takeuchi onstage at the Moviehouse in Millerton following the Salisbury Forum screening of "The Vow From Hiroshima" on Sunday, Jan. 15.

the health effects of radiation exposure, Takeuchi explained.

Strickler described her intentional decision to avoid horrific images in assembling the visuals for the film.

"The intent is to grow the movement regardless of what

happened," Strickler said, "to appeal to people's hearts."

Strickler said that she seeks to counter the narrative of how the existence of these bombs serves as a deterrent, a protection.

"We need the public to un-

derstand the issues," Strickler added. "It's dumb luck that we have avoided a nuclear accident or attack."

The original United Nations charter in 1948 included a goal of eliminating nuclear weapons, Strickler noted.

Audience discussion raised the possibilities of including the film in area schools' curricula to spur discussion among the young.

"I believe in the power of the American people," said Takeuchi. "I have such hope. I know the people will act if they are informed."

Asked what actions can be taken by ordinary people, Strickler and Takeuchi offered four: Approach local boards of education to promote showing of the film to classes; support organizations like ICAN, presently numbering 680 worldwide groups; urge local elected officials to become involved; and remain engaged with the issue.

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ART: LEILA HAWKEN

Illustrations on view at Historical Society

By all accounts the opening reception for the current exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society in Sharon, Conn., was a superb success. Visitors mingled with artists and lingered over their works, all part of the current gallery exhibit, "Illustrators in the Northwest Corner."

The opening event was held on Saturday, Jan. 14. Selected works of the late masters Eric Sloane and Arthur Getz were a strong draw, paired with the showings of the works of 17 significant area artists.

Opening alongside the illustrators' exhibit is a small, locally significant display titled "The Ebenezer Gay Family," presenting a glimpse into the life and family tree of this 18th-century local farming family.

As an illustrator, an artist entices the viewer into instant dialogue with an evocative story being told. And each piece in the current exhibit has a story to tell. There is whimsy, certainly, along with profound commentary and emo-

tional appeal. Importantly, there is remarkable art created by astoundingly talented illustrators who live among us, members of our communities.

Eric Sloane, 20th-century artist, gained recognition for his rich landscapes and particularly his cloud paintings, a few of which are included in the exhibit. Arthur Getz enjoyed a career between 1938 and 1988 creating a wealth of covers for The New Yorker magazine. Representative samples of the 213 covers he created are included in the exhibit, positioning the original painting beside the corresponding New Yorker cover.

Garth Kobal attended the exhibit eager to see the illustrators' works. He has been the curator of the ArtWall at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn.

"We've shown some of these artists at the library," Kobal said. "We're all lucky to live among so many practicing artists in the area," he added.

Among the illustrators invited to participate in the invitational con-

temporary exhibit, cartoonist Peter Steiner related that he began practicing drawing when he was 4 or 5 years old. However, his professional career, including many years of cartooning for The New Yorker magazine, began at age 40.

"I like showing my work," he said. "You want the stuff to be seen."

Steiner even has a blog titled "Hopeless but not Serious." And a gift for readers of The Lakeville Journal, Steiner's cartoons are a weekly feature within the editorial pages.

Warren Prindle, creator of "Bronx 55," an oil painting selected for the exhibit, characterized himself as "a small fish in a sea of big fishes." The painting is to become the cover of a comic book.

Newly moved to Sharon, Carol Neiley visited with artist Emily Rutgers Fuller, admiring her portraits of Emily Brontë and Stephen Sondheim, the latter created during the pandemic lockdown.

The exhibit is a "meeting of art and history,"



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Peter Steiner's illustrations are featured at The Sharon Historical Society.

said Mary Terrizzi, wife of Kent artist Scott Bricher who has provided illustrations for Mad Magazine for 20 years. His "Dogs Playing Video Games," published in Mad in 2003 is a wittily engaging nod to the classic "Dogs Playing Poker," inviting comparison.

"Every single piece is done to a deadline," Terrizzi explained, de-

scribing the work of an illustrator. Bricher added that his video games painting was created over a single weekend, the time allotted by the magazine's editors. An illustration can be a collaborative effort, Terrizzi said, with a finished work subject to scrutiny and adjustments by editors to fit their publication's content

sensitivities. "Illustrators have a powerful effect on humankind," Terrizzi said. The historical society illustrators' exhibit invites visitors to experience that effect.

On view through March 3 at The Sharon Historical Library in Sharon, Conn. For more information go to www.sharonhist.org.

ART: ELIAS SORICH

Wassaic's Eve Biddle Shows Work in New York City



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Onlookers at the opening the current show at The Davidson Gallery.

The scene at the Davidson Gallery in Chelsea, N.Y., was as you might expect for an opening in Manhattan—bustling with artistic types, flowing with champagne, and bespotted with art both compelling and odd. Floating between the many friends, collectors, art students, and gallery-hoppers packed into the space was Eve Biddle, co-founder of the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y.. It was Biddle's work, both sculpture and

screenprint, that hung on the walls and rested on pedestals that evening, alongside the work of her late mother, Mary Ann Unger.

The exhibition, titled "Eve Biddle | Mary Ann Unger: Generations" was curated by Ylinka Barotto, who seamlessly interwove the work of both artists across the gallery's two floors. Noticeably absent were labels that might normally indicate what was made by whom—few observers, however, had much difficulty. The works on display belonged distinctly to each artist, while also remaining

deeply in conversation with one another.

That was one of the more striking elements of "Generations" — the way in which Unger and Biddle's art was so clearly connected, and yet remained entirely un-subsumed by the other. In the case of "WONDERLAND ME, AUGUST 2021" and "UNTITLED," two pieces that formally couldn't be more different—one made of aluminum wiring bent into a lung-like shape, the other screenprint photography of a hand with black ribbons emanating outward—clever placement drew out their connection. In the twist of a tendril and the arc of a wire, an unmistakable kinship emerged.

Biddle gave much of the credit to Barotto for crafting an exhibition that emphasized those connections and spoke after the opening to how surprising and delightful it was to experience.

"I saw things that I had never seen before, even though they'd been literally right in front of my face every day... And I loved seeing those two

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...Eve Biddle shows work in New York City

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pieces next to each other. [They emphasized] that idea of a conversation across generations and across time. I mean, my own kids influence my work, whether they're actively collaborating or not. But that conversation continues even in death with my mom, because I still work with her work so much."

Biddle spoke also to the significance that the exhibition had for her in her dual role as an artist, and as Unger's daughter.

"It was very emotional. But really wonderful also. It was a relief, to have it feel like a two-sided conversation. It's a strange thing, my mom died when she was 53, and I'm 40. So, I haven't lived as long as she has, and I haven't made as much work—but we're sort of edging into this territory where we're peers. Which is strange, you know?"

Unger passed away in 1998 after a battle

with breast cancer when Biddle was just 16. In the ensuing decades, both the family and the Mary Ann Unger Estate, founded in 2008, have worked hard to reintroduce Unger to the art world. Those efforts have seen considerable success, Unger's work is currently on display at, or in the collections of, The Whitney, The Art Institute of Chicago, and The Brooklyn Museum, to name a few.

Of Unger's works shown at the Davidson Gallery, there are a number that had never been exhibited before. A series of six vibrant watercolors, spotlighted on the second floor, was a particularly delightful example. Abstracted over landscapes both literal and more formless were images of interlinked bones, vascular systems, and other anatomy-adjacent shapes. Residing next to them was Biddle's mystifying

and compelling "NEW RELICS: 18 LINKS IN GLASS" a sculpture made of opaque glass, resembling a pile of interlinked Möbius strips, similar also to a heap of bones.

Here as before, the individual integrity and simultaneous intertwining of these two artists made for an engaging viewing experience.

"It was great because I did not have the experience of thinking, 'Oh no, I accidentally copied Mom's art.' We all internalize stuff and spit it back out in a new way. That's our job as creatives and artists and writers."

On display as well that evening was the strong connection between Biddle and the hamlet of Wassaic. In the exhibition notes that accompanied the opening were attributions to Wassaic Project community members, who Biddle considers to be collab-



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Artist Eve Biddle, center, is one of the founders of The Wassaic Project.

orators in her artistic practice.

"Almost all of my work that was shown was made in Wassaic. Either in my studios at Maxon Mills or in the print shop or in the barn or in collaboration with some of our master printers. I really think of the Wassaic Project as a radical collaboration... All of the fabricators that I work

with, everyone's name is there [in the exhibition notes], because they're all part of the work."

As the evening lengthened, and the small elevator ferried fresh batch after fresh batch of gallery-goers up to Davidson Gallery, the overwhelming sensation was of an opening run well and attended even better. Down the street,

across the block, and all over Chelsea other galleries were having opening receptions as well—and the work of Biddle and Unger felt right at home among them.

"Eve Biddle | Mary Ann Unger: Generations" is on view at Davidson Gallery in Chelsea through Feb. 18th on Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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Presentation by American Mural Project

Amy Wynn, the executive director of The American Mural Project (AMP) in Winsted, Conn., will present an overview of AMP's mission and future projects on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. following the Kent Library Association Annual Meeting at Town Hall in Kent. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information on The American Mural Project go to www.americanmuralproject.org To register for this talk go to www.kentmemoriallibrary.org

Flower Arranging Course at Floral Study

Floral Study on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn., is hosting a series of hands-on floral design courses using pin frogs. Flowers, vases and pin frogs will be available for attendees to use and take home after the class. The flower arranging courses are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. with tickets for \$225. Advance registration is required by going to www.floralstudy.com

Emerging artist show at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent

Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent Barns on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn., will present an exhibition of emerging artists titled "Cool & Collected," curated by associate director Lani Holloway. The artists featured in the exhibition will include Amanda Acker, the estate of Yayoi Asoma, Kirstin Lamb, and Mary Tooley Parker. The showcase will be on view through March 5, with the opening reception held on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. for more information go to www.kbfa.com

Literary Seminar at Scoville Memorial Library

Author and lecturer Mark Scarborough will lead a weekly literary seminar at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., featuring the work of American modernist novelist Gertrude Stein, French modernist novelist Marcel Proust and the Austrian founder of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud. Titled "I Think, Therefore I Talk: Stein, Freud, Proust, And Modern Identity," Scarborough's series will feature readings from Stein's 1909 novel "Three Lives," Proust's 1913 novel "Swann's Way" which is the first volume in his work "In Search of Lost Time," and from Freud's 1905 case study "Fragments of an Analysis of a Case of Hysteria." The seminar meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 24 through March 14. Registration in advance for this in-person and Zoom seminar is required by visiting www.scovillelibrary.org

Intro to Magic The Gathering

Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury Conn., will host an introduction to playing the trading

Reception at Cornwall Parish House

A mixed media group art show will hold its opening reception at The Parish House of The United Church of Christ in Cornwall on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 11:30 a.m. "Celebrating Light" will feature work by Cornwall residents Robert Adzema, Sybil Perry, and Sandy Dolinsk. The show will be on display at The Parish House on Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall, Conn., through March 11. For more information call The United Church of Christ at 860-672-6840.

Photography Show Opening Reception

Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., will host an opening reception for a photography show by Brooklyn, N.Y. based artist and part-time Cornwall resident Sarah Prud'homme on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.. "Inhuman Time" is a series of digital photographs by Prud'homme examining the details of volcanic stones. In the past she has shown a series of photographs on roadkill at The Brooklyn Cottage in Prospect Heights in Brooklyn. "Inhuman Time" will be on view at Cornwall Library through March 4. For more information go to www.cornwalllibrary.org

Chess Mondays

Drop into The Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn. for "Chess Mondays" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can play in the chess court (weather permitting) or in the library reading room. No registration is required and no instruction is given. For more information go to www.kentmemoriallibrary.org

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EDITORIAL

COVID still has a hold

It has been fantastic to see our schools and area non-profits and businesses back to holding open events, creating more face-to-face connection than has been the case for the past two-plus years of pandemic life. Isn't it great to have school sports back full steam for all levels of competition? It's such a valuable part of learning for elementary, middle and high school students. What is found in sports are skills that can benefit our children not only for their school careers, but also on into their adult lives. It's the same for other extracurricular activities, like band or theater, which have been challenging during COVID.

Much is lost for children when the year they would have come out and taken part of any of these activities is a time of shutdown. It's next to impossible to make up for that time, when the initial willingness to try something new is denied. The confidence that would have been built can take on a downward slide from which it is extremely difficult to recover.

So it's very tempting to just jump back in and let the viruses surrounding us have their way. However, going into the holidays and in their aftermath, there has been a rise in the COVID infection rate (see Debra Aleksinas' story on Litchfield County's positivity rate in last week's Lakeville Journal.) The flu and RSV, as well as other infections, have run rampant this season, taking advantage of fewer people protecting themselves in public to affect their unchecked spread after a couple of years of better control with mask-wearing.

Keep thinking of protecting yourself and those around you with distance and masking, and whatever else you feel works, even as we all continue to try to enrich our lives and those of our families, friends and neighbors by reconnecting and gathering once again. The balance of maintaining our mental and physical health is not easily defined in these times, but it's critical that we all try. And remember that outdoor or generally open, well-ventilated activities are among the safest still.

Be well but continue to do everything possible to enjoy life.

An Appreciation

Nicolas Courter Osborn

My appreciation of Nic Osborn regards his skiing. The grace with which that brawny little mesomorph descended a hill on skis reminded me of Gabriel arriving at the Annunciation. Nic skied in a helmet painted with Day-Glo to look like a brain, with squidges of caulking compound poking up here and there. In those days, few others were smart enough

to wear a helmet.

Once, when we were in Austria, Nic, who had discovered at Hotchkiss Four Corners that he had forgotten his parka, was forced to ski in the clothes he had. I will never forget the supercilious Europeans in the lift line. Decked out in the latest Alpine gear they began to snicker and point, seeing Nic push off the chair not only

Gateway to space

Ever since the dawn of time, when humans go exploring and then expanding into new lands, taking the new frontier in stages has always provided security and helped planning. It is frightening to step into the unknown. But if you take it in stages, establishing safe places before that last push into the wilderness, you are more likely to succeed. Remember the golden arch in St. Louis? That town, later city, was the gateway to westward expansion. Without the security of a safe arrival on the doorstep of the frontier, many folks would not have ventured from Boston, New York, Baltimore or Atlanta.

St. Louis was the pioneering families' Conestoga wagons' gateway then and now NASA is creating a true gateway in space. For 12 years NASA and contractors have been building a delivery system to space expansion called Artemis. In case you didn't know, successive administrations for 12 years have been funding Artemis, including the most powerful rocket ever called the SLS (Space Launch System). The SLS is already funded for the next 10 years and they budgeted and are building infrastructure for 40 of them. Atop the SLS sits the Orion Spacecraft that will carry 4 Astronauts and supplies for 21 days, each time. Orion will take the crew to Lunar orbit where NASA and Northrop Grumman will soon begin building the Gateway. Gateway will be the first real space station, checking in and then dispatching astronauts to the Lunar surface in the HLS (Human Landing System) where they will assemble and live in the Artemis Base Camp on the surface. When the time comes, those Lunar explorers will climb

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

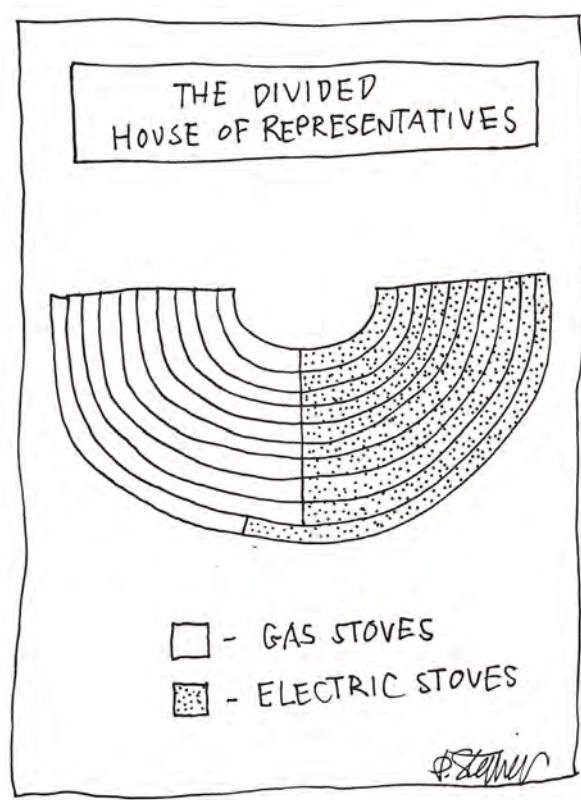
into their HLS and return to the Gateway, awaiting a ride back to Earth on Orion, to splash down in the Pacific or Atlantic.

The HLS and the Orion are reusable. How many missions to the Moon will there be? Given that 14 countries have already signed up to participate and use Gateway and Artemis' systems, it is impossible to know, especially as NASA is also opening up commercial partnerships. Already SpaceX and others are quickly signing up and committing funding.

You can almost hear this generation's Conestoga wagon wheels on the Moon already. ...

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Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.



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