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# Amenia hears pitch on drinking water plan

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE Judith@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The Amenia Town Board heard a presentation from a grant-funding organization and conducted two public hearings during its Nov. 3 meeting.

The meeting began with a presentation from a group named Uncharted, which reached out to town supervisor Victoria Perotti, pointing out that Amenia is an Environmental Justice Community. EJCs are communities impacted by environmental harms and risks,

defined by the EPA as "overburdened communities" with a disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards and increased vulnerability to those hazards through minority, low-income, tribal or indigenous populations or geographic locations that may experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks. The result can be increased vulnerability to environmental hazards, lack of opportunity for public participation, or other factors; and can cause negative (or lack of positive) environmental, health, economic

or social conditions within these populations or places. Both environmental and socioeconomic stressors may act together to affect health and the environment and contribute to ongoing environmental health disparities.

Uncharted claims it can identify grants and funding that the town can apply for in order to get help rectifying the drinking water and other water related problems, which, at some point, could also relate to water infrastruc-

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Nicole Richard, left, is the new Millerton Clerk who started on Monday, Nov. 7, when Kelly Kilmer, right, departed to become the new Treasurer of the Webutuck School District.

# Vandalism, changes come to Millerton

By CHRISTINE BATES Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — There's a new face in the village hall of Millerton. On Friday, Nov. 4 in a special meeting the village's Board of Trustees a resolutin ws passed to select Nicole Richard to replace

Kilmer who has been the village's clerk for the last five years. The search for a new clerk was necessitated when Kilmer accepted the position of Treasurer for the Webutuck School District. Mayor Jenn Najdek said that 10 or 12 candidates applied for the clerk position but some were from Connecticut, and many from outside Dutchess County. Richard is from

Kilmer has also acted as the Village Treasurer and the village is currently seeking an experienced part-time person for that position. Kilmer started at Webutuck on Monday, Nov. 7 but will work part-time at nights to keep the village's books up to date while the

search proceeds for a replacement. The village office will have reduced public hours during this period of transition and will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday while Richard is getting settled in. Residents can always call Mayor Nadjek on her cell phone at 845-705-5601 if they have an urgent issue. By the end of the year a new, improved website should be launched and full-time office



Windows, floors, bathrooms, and the changing room were all splashed with paint at the **Eddie Collins Field bath house** on Sunday, Oct. 30.

hours back in effect.

On Monday, Nov. 14 there will be a public hearing on a new law entitled "A Local Law to Add a New Chapter 14 "Entitled "Residency Requirements" to the Village Code to Allow Certain Public Officers and Employees to be Residents of Dutchess County" to officially correct the residency issue. The law pertains only to the Village Clerk and Treasurer who previously were required to live in Millerton and addresses the problem of filling positions in village

See CHANGES, A6

# **Festival of Lights** to return Nov. 25

By JENNIFER KRONHOLM CLARK Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Festival of Lights is back this year, bigger and better than ever.

The Millerton Business Association (MBA) has created a weekend-long festival around the traditional Parade of Lights hosted by the Millerton Fire Company and North East Fire District. Festivities are planned for the weekend after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-27.

"We've added a lot of events and things around town," said Dana Rohn, co-secretary of the MBA and owner of Montage Antiques on Main Street. "Friday is the biggest day, but Saturday and Sunday we'll have stuff around town as well."

See FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, A6

### Santa run

The Millerton Fire Company will once again offer a Santa run for residents of Millerton and North East. Children can drop off a letter to Santa at a special mailbox at the firehouse and Santa will make a visit to their homes on Dec. 10. Letters must be in the mailbox by Nov. 30. The itinerary for Dec. 10 will be posted on the fire company's Facebook page.

# Freund's Farm enters new era

By JOHN COSTON

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EAST CANAAN, Conn. - Eugene and Esther Freund of East Canaan, Conn., started the family dairy farm more than seven decades ago, and when the time came to hand it down to the next generation, Eugene looked to his sons, Ben and Matthew.

Now, the time has come again for the next handoff and the brothers have found a 27-year old "cow man" from Pine Plains, to take over their herd of 300 Holstein milkers.

Ethan Arsenault, in partnership with Lloyd and Amy Vaill of Lo Nan Farms in Pine Plains, has purchased the cows and leased the barn, and will continue the Freund

See FREUND'S FARM, A6



Ethan Arsenault, center, purchased the dairy cows at Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Conn., and leased the barn from Matthew Freund, left, and Ben Freund. Arsenault is in partnership with Lo Nan Farms in Pine Plains.



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Artist June Glasson, center, with friends Krista Gragos, left, and Mari DePedro discussed one of the works on display, a portrait, at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Nov. 5. Glasson's works are on display through

# June Glasson exhibits at Millbrook Library

BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE Judith@Millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — A reception was held at the opening of the exhibit of Millbrook artist June Glasson's works at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Nov. 5.

More than 60 people attended the exhibit, a marriage of Glasson's many different styles, a mix of serious portraits and fantasy figures, engaging, and well worth perusing.

Library Director Courtney

Tshalis was pleased with the turnout. Glasson shared stories of her works with friends, fellow artists, and the many who attended who had heard of Glasson's work. She also teaches, and while she relishes her times of solitude in her studio, she is firmly embedded in the community as well, and feels her work highlights her interest in individuals and the community, how she sees them and how they see themselves. Wine and light refreshments were served. The exhibit will be on display through November.

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#### Presbyterian Church PINE PLAINS — There's & Go dinner is on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and includes freshly roasted turkey and stuffing with gravy, smashed potatoes, but-

Fall Turkey Supper at

a chill in the air, and the days are shorter, so that means that the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church, 3039 Church St (aka the "stone church") is continuing its decades-long traditional Fall Turkey Supper. Proceeds from the supper support Willow Roots, the Pine Plains Food Locker, and Church World Vision.

The Takeout Only/Grab

# Marine Corps toys for tots program

MILLBROOK-A Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County 4-H family has donated many hours of volunteer service to make a 'toys for tots' program happen again this year for hundreds of children in the community.

The 2022 holiday season marks the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

The drop-box will be open at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County office located at the Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, from through Friday, Nov. 25, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pick up of donations can also be coordinated with volunteers.

# Metro-North keeps buses to Southeast

WASSAIC — Metro North Railroad train riders are traveling by bus between Wassaic and Southeast stations, with a transfer to trains at Southeast, ending Nov. 20 if all goes according to plan. Riders are advised to allow for an additional hour of travel time. For more information go to www.new.mta.info/alerts.

# Amenia Free Library Opening

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to the Millerton News

"A joyous celebration" is the way Amenia Free Library director Victoria Herow describes the upcoming grand opening of the recently completed library addition and renovation on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The results of 30 years of planning and six years of hard work for the building at 3309 Route 343 in Amenia will come to fruition, as the library has expanded from its original late 1930s-era cramped 800 square feet to a roomy 32,000 square

Herow said she believes that right from the initial construction, there was always a plan to grow, but that the idea really "took off in the early '90s with the planning and what we had to go through to do that and raise the needed dollars through donations and grants."

She feels it is especially important for residents to understand that all the costs of the work were covered through that fundraising, and that no tax dollars were used. Instead, public money pays for the normal library expenses.

Remembering checking out books as a child from librarian Miriam Devine, who served the community for 29 and a half years, Herow said: "This is a dream come true. We've been waiting for it for so long."

Since the ground-breaking in August 2020, patrons and staff have been creative in using the varying space available to them while the work progressed in multiple phases, which, in



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addition to the construction of the new space, included major changes in the old section.

Those renovations took about a year to complete and involved moving everything to the new section once it was available for use. From there, patrons could see some of the changes in the old area as work progressed, but only with the grand opening will they have access to the whole facility.

Once the contents of the old section were transferred to the new, old walls were removed in order to open the area, now providing a spacious room. That area will hold the nonfiction collection and provide fully accessible Wi-Fi for patrons' device use, comfortable chairs for lounging and reading, and a large flat-top screen for presentations and movies.

Herow noted that in addition to other collections, the new section will house tables and chairs for both work and lounging, desks, and four desktop computers for public use.

With the additional space, she said, it will "be easier for people to be in the building and also more space to do work without interference from our regular operations. There's just more chance to stay and work."

She explained: "Our kids' area is much larger. Our collection is all on shelves. Before, we had books everywhere ... We were at our capacity and now we have room to spread out."

She noted that the new space will allow opportunities for an increased number of onsite programs that were previously nearly "impossible" to present. She said: "We could only do things like outdoors in the summer or nicer weather. Or we had to do programming offsite, which was doable, but people didn't know who was hosting it."

Now, she noted, "this will pretty much allow our programming to increase exponentially," adding that, in the year the new section has been

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open, the library has been able to offer numerous programs including story time and crafting events. "There will be a lot more at the library. It's just opening up everything we can do. We even have a patio and a backyard that is fenced in so we can do things outside and won't have kids running out of the area."

Adjacent parking is available for the first time.

As the space is expanding, she expects that staffing may also be increased, as there will be additional opportunities for more volunteers to become involved.

Despite changes, however, Herow ssidd that, just as in her younger years: "We know the library is a good place to come in town. People have been coming here for years ... They know they can come and we can help them out. That's always been the

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# Holiday book giveaway returns for children

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A passion for opening young minds to different ideas and experiences has led Maryalyce Merritt of Akasha's Journey in Amenia to organize a second annual holiday book giveaway for children between the ages of newborn and 12.

The organization, an outgrowth of Harlem Valley Little Free Libraries, will be accepting donations of new or "gently loved" books representing any and all readers for a Dec. 9-17 free distribution at her store located in the small plaza just north of the Route 22 Fresh Town Plaza.

Focusing on the idea that "everybody matters," she and others are trying to reach and represent all through reading. In addition to introducing children to situations or people they might not know of, she said she "want kids to see themselves in the story."

Citing Barefoot Books as an example, she said: "They have characters that are [just] normal. It's not, 'Oh, this is a story about same-sex parents or a child in a wheelchair.' But as part of their story, they will have same-sex couples, guardians who are grandparents, or kids with hearing assistance devices or in wheelchairs. We try to include as many of those books as possible."

Hoping to encourage reading for all ages but particularly young ones, she added: "It's more agreeable for people if you can see yourself in a book. I think readers want to be able to identify with the characters in stories. I think there



is potential to develop a love of reading for everybody. It's just what gets us there."

Merritt believes reading is "one step to creative thinking. We want to foster literacy and being good citizens and being cared for and caring for each other."

Optimistic about human potential she commented: "In my dream — or imagination — if a child who has grown up a certain way and they read a story about children who grew up with different traditions and different family structures and different abilities, to me, that's a way to develop a passion. That starts being applied to other humans or other people in their class or different people that they meet. In a perfect world, stories help us to think from younger ages."

During last year's initial program that ran out of Dover Library in Merritt's previous town, she and co-chair Shavna Brabender of Wingdale distributed some 480 books in both English and Spanish to 87 recipients, including some in families with multiple children.

pily accept gift certificates" to local bookstores including Oblong in Millerton and Merritt Book Store in Millbrook, which "was 'extremely generous to us last year."

call (845) 244-0844.

In addition to books, which can be dropped at her store, Merritt said they "will hap-

Contributions can be sent to Akasha's Journey, 8 Old North Road, Suite 2, Amenia, NY 12501. For questions, including how to access the group's Amazon Wish List,

# Charge it!

Work began on Friday, Nov. 4, preparing for the installation of an EV charger on Century Boulevard by the North East/Millerton Climate Smart Task Force. The equipment for a ChargePoint Level 2 charger is scheduled to be installed next and will be ready for use after Central Hudson puts power to it. The EV charger is universal — all electric cars will be able to use it.

# Millbrook Veterans Day Nov. 11

VFW Post 9008 invites all to remember Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11, with a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park, across from Millbrook Firehouse.

# Civics series through the library

MILLERTON — Chase Dobson, a senior at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., presents a series of Zoom Civics Classes through the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., the last one happening on Wednesday,

**CLUES ACROSS** 

5. Enter forcibly

American tribe 12. Helps you smell better 16. Sun or solar disk 17. Low frequency 18. Former Houston

football player 19. Federal crime

26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.) student, learns

29. Line where two pieces

30. One might be brief 31. Type of sword

33. Knife for fruits or

39. Industrial process for

producing ammonia 40. Sir \_\_ Newton

vegetables

34. Stinkhorns

43. Wild goat

51. Alcoholic

49. Hat

58. Of I

64. Rise

44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

50. Horse mackerel

accompaniment 53. Tech department

54. Manifesting approval

56. Upper bract of grass

59. Large wading bird

60. Military prisons

63. Famed American

65. Greek God of war and

cartoonist

courage

**CLUES DOWN** 1. Sewing needles 2. Functionary

3. Induces vomiting

the thumb

6. Sports official 7. Water purification

process (abbr.) 8. University of Dayton

9. Indo-Malaysian

10. High schoolers' math

evergreens

course

5. Not moving

4. The finger farthest from

38. Stroke

25. Approval

healing 28. Indian groomer of

horses

meet

24. Home to Boston (abbr.)

Nov. 16, from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. The free program is aimed at upper-elementary and middle school students. For more information or to register visit www.CivicsandMe. org or call the Library at 518-789-3340.

# Millbrook veterans breakfast set for Nov. 10

A veterans' breakfast will be held at the Millbrook Middle School on Thursday Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. If you're a veteran and interested in attending message or email jeffskibum614@yahoo.com with name, branch of military and years served.

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**Troutbeck in Amenia:** Thursday, December 1 at 6pm 515 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY

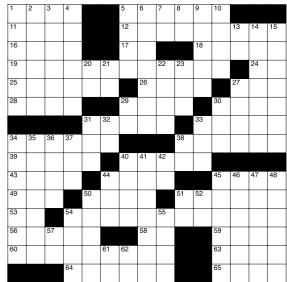
# There is still time! **Testify at the Public Hearing** on Tuesday, December 6

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# **Brain Teasers** 1. Clip a small piece 11. Southwestern Native



- 13. Yankovic is a weird one
- 14. Adversaries
- 15. Merchandisers
- 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.) 21. Atomic #52
- 22. The back
- 23. One-time computer giant
- 27. Female of a horse 29. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 30. Vehicle
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. It's becoming more prevalent
- 33. Political action committee 34. Makes lightbulbs
- 35. Natural home of an
- animal 36. In bed
- 37. Superman villain 38. The Golden State
- 40. One who leads prayers in
- a mosque
- 41. They accompany a leader 42. Atomic #18
- 44. Electronic
- countermeasures



45. The appearance of

something 46. Connecting line on a

47. Deep red color

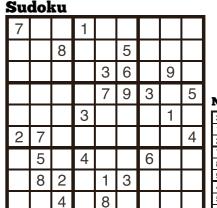
51. Contains music

52. Expression of surprise 54. Intestinal pouches

55. Where birds are born

48. Secret affairs

50. Drenches



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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Edna Van Sise

COPAKE - Edna Van Sise, 90, of Copake and formerly of Wingdale, New York, passed away peacefully on Monday Oct. 31, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 9, 1932, in Mount Kisco, New York, she was the daughter of the late William Lane and Edna Terwilliger (Sisson).

Edna grew up and attended school in Pleasantville, New York, where at the age of 12, she met the love of her life and eternal soulmate, George Van Sise. George and Edna were inseparable and their love for one another flourished as time passed. On Feb. 25, 1950, in Mount Pleasant, New York, Edna and George exchanged their vows and one passionate kiss, which led to 72 years of marriage; 7 decades and 2 years of laughter, 864 months of happiness, 26,295 days of wisdom, and most importantly 631,128 hours of memories. Mr. Van Sise survives at home.

Edna loved wearing matching shirts with her love, George, collecting dolls, rescuing chihuahuas, gardening, trips to Lake George, spending time and holidays with family, raising and fostering children and being the best Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and kind hearted, caring and compassionate woman that she could ever be. Edna, although gone,

will never be forgotten and will be truly missed by many!

Other than her loving husband, Edna is survived by one brother, David Lane of Colorado, one Sister Hazel Peters of Florida, six children, William Van Sise (Melonie Van Sise) of Pine Plains New York, George Van Sise (Wanda Van Sise) of Palenville, New York, Joan Dibono (Leo Dibono) of Hopewell Junction, New York, David Van Sise (Adele Van Sise) of Seminole, Florida, Edna Governale (Joseph Governale) of Pawling, New York, and Roy Van Sise (Laura Van Sise) of Pleasantville. She is also survived by 19 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren and her loving dog Ashley. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by one Grandson and one Great Grandson.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Nov. 4, at Peck and Peck Funeral Home located at 7749 South Main Street, Pine Plains, where a funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Rick Totten officiating. Interment took place at Irondale Cemetery, Millerton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice and Northeast Baptist

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net

## Stephanie Ostrom Yeaton

NORTH CANAAN — On cy Murphy (Shaun) of North Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, Stepha-

nie Yeaton, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away at age 75.

Stephanie was born in Portland, Maine, to Ida and Leroy Ostrom. She raised three children with her

loving husband Billy. Stephanie worked at Geer Nursing Home for many years. She loved being a caregiver and made many lifelong friends. She loved reading romance novels and doing word search

She loved visiting the Falls Village Senior Center with her friend Shirley Hewins on Thursdays where she also had many friends. Wangum Village was her home for the last 8 years. She enjoyed sitting outside with her friends and going to events at the community room.

Stephanie leaves behind three children, Donald Yeaton (Bonnie) of North Carolina, Annie Rand (Adam) of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and Tra-

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Zelda Brady. Three siblings Steve Ostrom (Ruth), Joanne DiGiacomo (Mike) and Maryjane Flint (Ray).

Stephanie was preceded in death by the love of her life, William H. Yeaton.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church in the spill has reached it. The North Canaan.

Norfolk, Conn.

# Gasoline tanker spill forces evacuations, road closure

**OUR TOWNS** 

By EMILY EDELMAN

Special to The Millerton News

NORFOLK, Conn. - A gasoline tanker truck rolled over in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 5, on Route 44 just east of the Village Green, spilling thousands of gallons of fuel into the town's storm drain system.

According to the police report, a tanker truck operated by Lamont Barham, 27, of Bridgeport was driving westbound when the truck swerved into the opposite lane, hitting a utility pole and then a fire hydrant.

The vehicle then rolled onto its passenger side and spilled its entire contents of 8,200 gallons of fuel into the town's drainage system.

Following a response by the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department and Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance at 5:58 a.m., Eversource cut power to the area. Residents were evacuated from the area for safety reasons, and those who chose and/or had no other options were moved to Botelle Elementary School, which also serves as the town's emergency shelter.

Cleanup by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) began that afternoon.

DEEP's investigation found that gasoline spillage from the upended truck traveled under Pettibone Lane into the brook at Maple Avenue and then down to the culvert at the five-way intersection of Emerson Street, Mills Way, Shepard Road and John Curtiss Road.

A sand berm was placed, blocking the gasoline from moving farther down Shepard Road and preventing it from entering the Blackberry

According to Norfolk Emergency Management, DEEP's monitoring of the A service will be held on river has produced no evidence that any gasoline from Connecticut National Guard

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A gas tanker rollover on Saturday, Nov. 5, on Route 44 in Norfolk spilled thousands of gallons of gasoline, prompting residential evacuations and mutual aid from several area emergency organizations. Route 44 east of the Village Green will be closed until Friday, Nov. 11.

Civil Support Team is assisting with air and soil observation. The EPA considers the site "of federal interest."

"The scope of this incident is basically unprecedented in town," said Jonathan Barbagallo, the town's assistant emergency management director and public information officer.

The evacuations came to an end at around 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and Route 44 residents were allowed to return to their homes after metering by the NVFD.

Traffic detours were set in place. The town's emergency services said that Route 44 east of the Village Green will be closed until Friday, Nov. 11. Temporary traffic lights are expected to be installed to allow for an alternating lane of traffic.

Soil core samples are being taken, and Maple Avenue and Pettibone Lane continue to show signs of contamination. The brook from Maple Avenue to the five-way intersection has been heavily contaminated, and DEEP and Environmental Services Inc. are vacuuming affected water. There are still no signs that the spill reached the nearby Blackberry River. Cleanup efforts at all sites are expected to take several weeks.

The driver was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington and treated for minor injuries. Barham was found at fault in the accident. Trooper Lance Carlson of Troop B in North Canaan issued a warning for failure to maintain lane.

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# **Worship Services**

Week of November 13, 2022

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The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.

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Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

**The Sharon United Methodist Church** 112 Upper Main Steet, North End of Sharon Green

Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net

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www.promisedlandbaptist.org Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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The Chapel of All Saints,

Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone

**All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church** 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M

Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. **Rev. John Kreta** 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us

#### **Christ Church Episcopal** in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org St. Thomas

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**Millerton United Methodist Church** 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812

Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138







# Millerton Veterans Day plans Nov. 11

MILLERTON — All are invited to join members of the Millerton American Legion Post 178 as they pay homage to veterans on Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11 at the traditional armistice hour of 11 a.m. which marked the end of World War I.

In case of rain, the short ceremony scheduled for Veterans Park at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street will move to the Post's building at 155 US Route 44, Millerton.

According to Ed Watson, Commander of The Sons of the American Legion Post 178, if the weather cooperates, a small group of volunteers from his group along with other Millerton volunteers, including some first responders, will place flags along Main Street where they will fly during the sun-lit hours. In case of rain, the flags will be placed in the Veterans Park instead.

# Pine Plains man held on felony charge

**By JOHN COSTON** johnc@lakevillejournal.com

PINE PLAINS — Hayez D. Prelich, 25, of Pine Plains, was arrested on Wednesday, Nov. 2, by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office on a charge of disseminating indecent material to minors following a lengthy investigation, the Sheriff's Office said.

The Sheriff's Office said

Prelich initially was charged in early 2022 with disseminating indecent material to minors, a felony, by the Office's Detective Bureau.

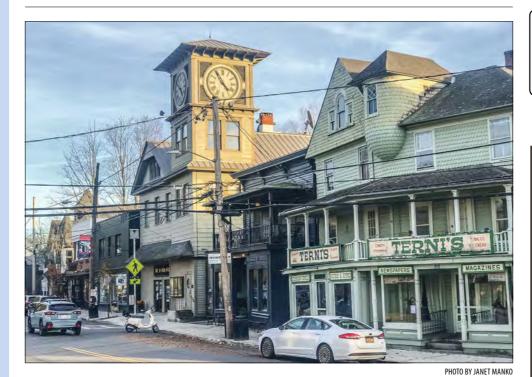
Prelich failed to appear in court after being charged, and a warrant was issued for his arrest, according to the Sheriff's Office. On Wednesday, Nov. 2, he was located and arrested in New York City and was extradited to Dutchess County.

The Sheriff's Office said Prelich was additionally charged with jumping bail, a felony, and criminal contempt, a misdemeanor. He is accused of sending indecent images to minors using social media.

Prelich was arraigned before the Town of Pine Plains Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash/\$40,000 bond/\$100,000 partially secured bond. As of Sunday, Nov. 6, Prelich remained in custody.

The Sheriff's Office said the arrest resulted from the diligence of the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and Pine Plains School Resource Officer, along with the assistance of the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and U.S. Marshals Regional Task Force.

If anyone has further information about this case, or similar incidents involving Mr. Prelich, they are urged to contact Detective Sistarenik at 845-486-3820. The Sheriff's Office can also be contacted via the tipline at 845-605-2583 or dcsotips@gmail.com, and all information will be kept confidential.



Millerton, a Friday, late afternoon in November

Every so often The Millerton News likes to record Main Street views, so a few years down the line we can remember what it used to look like. This view is sure to change soon, after decades of Terni's being an anchor in town.

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#### Akhil Reed Amar

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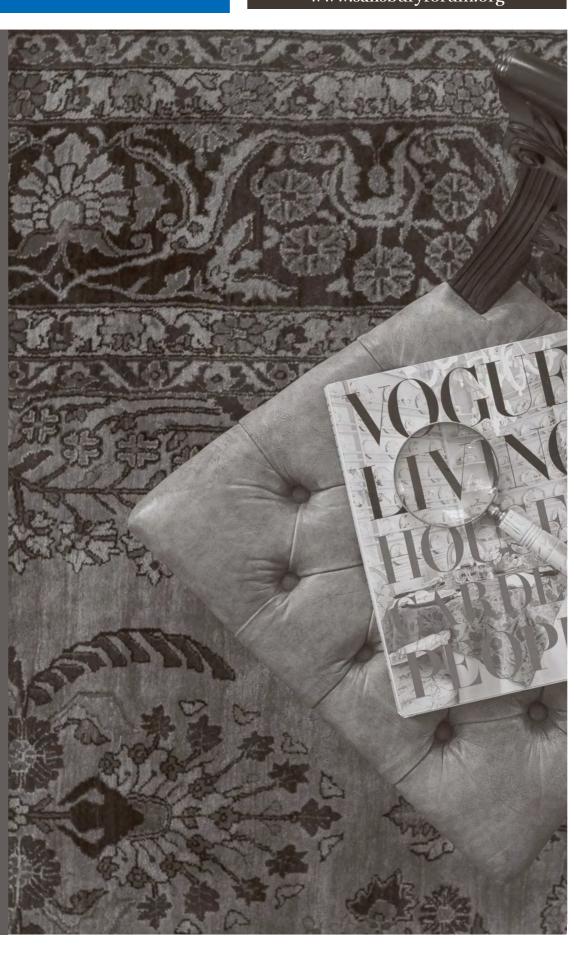
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#### **GRANT FUNDING** Continued from Page A1

ture and wastewater properties. Other municipalities Uncharted is working with include Poughkeepsie. The cost is around \$78,000 per year, and includes a database with all relative information entered, as well as identifying and applying for grants and funding. Questions arose as to whether the group can work with smaller municipalities; if the cost is worth it; and if data acquired would remain with the town if, at some point, the services were no longer required. Further research will be done before a decision is made or a vote taken.

A public hearing was opened for the proposal of a franchise renewal agreement with Cablevision. A resident had previously asked the board not to sign an agreement unless certain programming options were included in the agreement; however,

Altice representative Roger Connor reported programming and rates are not part of the franchise agreement as that is against regulations. The agreement was voted on and received all "ayes": The agreement was passed and the hearing closed.

A second public hearing was opened to discuss the preliminary 2023 budget. With a few clarifications and a desire to add a column in forthcoming budgets for easier understanding and perusal by both board members and the public, the hearing was then closed. The budget work will go forward. The supervisor said the tax will remain under the 2% cap.

#### Affordable housing

At the Oct. 10 meeting, an introduction of affordable housing was made, with the town seeking to update the existing workforce housing law and other relevant zoning code sections to preserve and encourage affordable housing units within the town, to promote the construction of moderate-income housing units, and to clarify the administrative process.

A public hearing was discussed at the Oct. 10 meeting, and Resolution No. 44 was made. AKRF, a leading environmental, planning and engineering consulting firm was awarded a contract to update the town's zoning regulations and the Comprehensive Plan.

#### Comprehensive Plan

At the meeting on Nov. 3, it was decided to not delay the changes to the zoning regulations until the Comprehensive Plan Review has been completed, which may take some time. A vote was taken and all ayes were had. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, on the

affordable housing concern moving forward.

A resolution was made for a public hearing for 2023 Community Development Block Grant recommendations. The hearing will be Thursday, Nov. 17; the deadline for the grant application is Friday, Nov. 18. The board unanimously agreed and the resolution was passed. A resolution was made to create a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee; the board agreed.

The next regularly scheduled Amenia Town Board meeting will take place Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, and will later be available on the AmeniaTV YouTube channel.

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government which require municipal, administrative or financial expertise.

"Kelly will be great at the school," commented Najdek, "But we'll really miss her. She has been an invaluable asset to the village over the last five years and has worked very hard as Treasurer and Clerk to keep the village on track. Kilmer, who is a resident on the Village, said the decision to leave was bittersweet but she'll continue to be active in the community.

#### Vandalism at Park

On Sunday Oct. 30 three juveniles were identified by an eyewitness as responsible for breaking the door into the concession area at Eddie Collins Field. Officer Erik Breen of the Millerton Police Department was just coming on duty when the youths were seen leaving the park. All were interviewed with their parents at the Village Hall. The youths denied being responsible for the more serious damage to the changing room and new bathrooms where paint stored for summer camp crafts was splashed over all the surfaces.

**According to Officer** 

Breen said they claimed that damage had already been done when they arrived on the scene. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Department sent a crime scene photographer who took over 100 photos of the damage. The matter is still under investigation by the Millerton Police.

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Despite the snow, many gathered to celebrate the holiday season during last year's Parade of Lights.

Rohn said the pandemic has been hard on local businesses and the MBA hopes to create an event that will draw families into town on a holiday weekend.

"It was such a blow to not be able to have events," she said. "The Festival of Lights is the MBA trying to support the local businesses and create a wonderful atmosphere for families and shopping and

dining here in Millerton." Rohn stressed that all of the events are free and open to everyone. The MBA is sponsoring a raffle with prizes such as a bike or a scooter. Children can get tickets at either the ice carving demonstration or the free movie screening at The Moviehouse. The raffle will be held at 1:15 p.m. on Friday at Veteran's Park. You must be present to win.

The fire department's traditional Parade of Lights will cap off Friday night.

"It's a beautiful parade of lights through the town," said Kelly Rogers, vice president and treasurer of the Millerton Fire Company and North East Fire District. Rogers has been working on the Parade of Lights for 10 years.

"Every year we get more and more floats, more fire departments coming from a long stretch away," Rogers said.

Line up will be at Arnoff Moving & Storage at 4:30 p.m. and step off will be at 5 p.m. Main Street will be closed to traffic for the duration of the parade. Anyone who would like to join the parade can contact Rogers at 518-929-8293 for more information. There is no deadline to join the parade.

Throughout the weekend, stores will reveal their holiday displays and offer sales and refreshments to shoppers. There will be a snowman scavenger hunt; children can assemble a snowman by visiting different shops, then turn in their completed snowman for a candy cane.

"It's a celebration of community and generosity and thanks," Rohn said. "It's a wonderful way for us merchants to do something to give back to our community that we're so lucky to be a part of."

## Schedule of Events

Friday, Nov. 25

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Ice carving demonstration at Veteran's Park

10:30 a.m.: Free screening of "The Polar Express" at The Moviehouse (seats are first-come, first-served; show starts promptly at 11 a.m. and includes popcorn

and beverage) 1:15 p.m.: Children's raffle at Veteran's Park. Must be present to win.

1-3 p.m.: Cookie decorating and live music at North East Community

1-4 p.m.: Hot cocoa and cookies at Veteran's Park 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Salisbury Brass Band at Veteran's

**5 p.m.**: Festival of Lights Parade and tree lighting

Saturday, Nov. 26

12-3 p.m.: Himmelli ornament workshop and book giveaway at North East Millerton Library

### FREUND'S FARM Continued from Page A1

dairy tradition.

Arsenault's farm is called Canaan View Farm.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without Lloyd and Amy," Arsenault said Saturday, Nov. 5 as he stood outside the milk house, flanked by Ben and Matthew. The cows will remain on the Freund Farm, and Arsenault plans to continue to distribute through the Agri-Mark Cooperative that sells under the Cabot brand.

Freund's Farm, which became the first dairy in the state to innovate with robotic milkers, will continue its two other major businesses: Freund's Farm Market & Bakery and the Cow Pots product line.

The farm always has been a family affair. Matthew's wife Theresa has grown what started as a roadside stand into a year-round market. Today, Freund's Farm Market & Bakery is a go-to for many in

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"A dairy farm needs a cow man. When he walks into the barn, he can sense immediately if there is a problem."

Ben Freund

the Northwest Corner with its greenhouse and commercial kitchen.

Cow Pots, biodegradable planting pots made from composted cow manure, is an innovation started by Matthew. Distribution of Cow Pots is nationwide.

Cow Pots were featured in a 2007 epsiode of the Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" program.

The Freunds said they wouldn't be able to make this change without Ethan.

"A dairy farm needs a cow man," said Ben. "When he walks into the barn, he can sense immediately if there is a problem."

Ben said that when the brothers began to think about finding a new owner for the herd, he called Lloyd Vaill of Lo Nan Farms. And Vaill had an immediate candidate.

Arsenault, who attended Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, has been interested in cows since the fifth grade. His work day begins early in the morning and ends as the evening sets in. It's not unusual for him to be summoned to the barn at all hours.

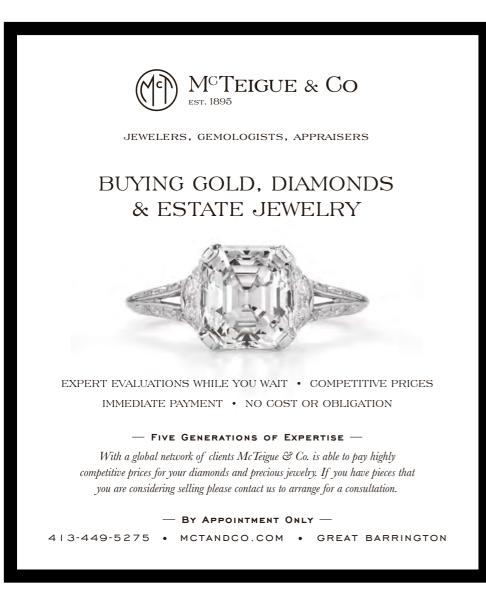
Canaan View Farm has three employees, five milking robots and a robotic feed pusher nicknamed "Juno."

"Farming is now on the cutting edge of science and technology," he said. A screen on a computer in the milk office depicts a fever-line graph of each cow's milk output, just one indication of the advanced techniques used in milk production on the farm.

But Arsenault — the "cow man" that he is -was asked about what experiences on the job are among the most meaningful.

"When you're bottle-feeding a newborn calf," he said. "there's nothing like it."







# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

**ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN** 

# Should art live as the Earth dies?

nknown to one another, a group of painters have come to the common conclusion that the most banal and even vulgar trappings of modern civilization can, when transposed literally to canvas, become art." This was printed in Time Magazine in 1962, profiling a series of artists, including 30-year-old Andy Warhol who was working on his series of screen printed portraits of Campbell's soup cans. The soup was mocked as the enemy of serious art, and 60 years later we can only speculate on what the late Time art editor

Bruce Barton, Jr. would have made of soup being even more literally transposed onto canvas.

The thick orange splat was seen across the internet on Oct. 14, dripping down Vincent van Gogh's sunflowers when two young female climate activists threw tomato soup at the painting hung in the National Gallery museum in London. Sealed behind protective glass, the van Gogh was undamaged.

The day the soup hit the glass, New York Magazine art critic and Pulitzer Prize Winner Jerry Saltz took to his Twitter to write his immediate

> reaction. "I find this nightmarish iconoclasm Taliban-like in its sick certitude & imperious self-righteousness & implied hatred of any other idea of beauty. The art world needs to stand up to this. I love beauty & hate the destruction of the earth. Paradox." The demon-

stration was part of a series

committed by Just Stop Oil, an environmental activist group that have received criticism, and even online conspiratorial speculation of being a hoax, due to their funding being tied to the American oil heiress Aileen Getty. The group also invites supporters to donate to their cause via cryptocurrency — a digital form of payment that uses vast amounts of energy to produce and is responsible for, as Business Insider reported in March, 40 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emission in the United States.

Just Stop Oil's sights are set on the United Kingdom's government ceasing the issue of new oil and gas licenses, in line with the widely reported data that fossil fuels are the leading cause of the Earth's global warming, leading to air and water pollution, sea levels rising, heat waves and wildfires. The demonstration at the National Gallery, filmed and quickly uploaded to the internet, has been followed by copycat stunts done in solidarity but not directly connected to Just Stop Oil. These

have included mashed potatoes hurled at Claude Monet's "Haystacks" at The Museum Barberini in Germany and two Dutch men who were arrested and sentenced to time in prison for targeting Johannes Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" with a can of soup. Both paintings were framed behind glass and were declared undamaged by the mu-

seums. There is an impulse to discuss the protests using the worst metric we have to talk about culture, equating popularity with quality. The incident at the National Gallery spread quickly across social media, captured on film with tension and shock, a gut punch of a moment as it seemed one of van Gogh's works would be tarnished forever. It was easy to question the motives — why a painting? Why van Gogh? Why soup? The viral impact seemed to be the only message. Before the incident, most had no idea who Just Stop Oil was, and afterward... they did. Popularity is also an interesting topic in itself to broach. Vincent van Gogh never sold a painting when he died by suicide at age 37 in 1890. He has since become the nost well-known painter in Western culture. His paintings are in fact, what we think of when we think of art. But they have only existed for a relatively short amount of time, a 20th-century touchstone that we uphold. Amazingly, we have preserved his work for the public to see, but the planet we have inflicted devastating destruction upon is of course much older. There have been other targets hit by Just Stop Oil — Scotland

Yard, Harrods — build-

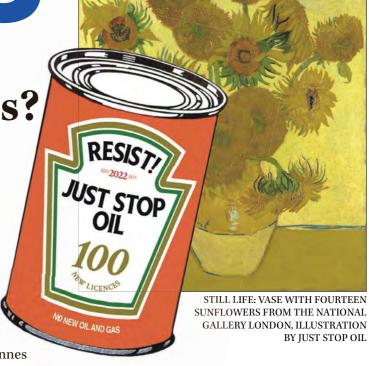
ings drenched in globs of effervescent orange goo. But the broken social contract of the museum, the sense of betrayal in watching our shared sense of beauty and humanity shown to be so suddenly vulnerable to destruction, will be the lasting impact.

"I'm not saying art is sacred, only that it does something somewhat undefinable," Saltz writes in his new collection of essays, "Art Is Life: Icons and Iconoclasts, Vision-

aries and Vigilantes, and Flashes of Hope in the Night."

"In a sense, the museum is an ecstasy machine, a building filled with wormholes and time warps..." Saltz continues. "Museums are strange places where people stand in front of inanimate objects, talk to themselves, and experience rapture."

Art critic Jerry Saltz will discuss his new book at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Nov. 12. Advance tickets required.



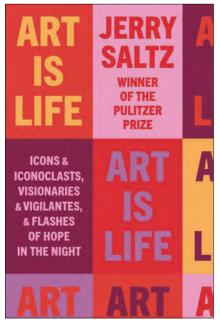


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# TRI-CORNER **CALENDAR**



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Red U Blue U Black U by Matt Magee

Matt Magee, 'It's All About You'

A simple line curved upward into a horseshoe loop becomes one of the most evocative letters in the Modern English alphabet, the accusatory and self-reflective

"U." In the fractured shorthand language of texting "u" alone is a full sentence, a complete thought structured as an obligatory question. It means "I answered your question about me, so I suppose, if we must continue talking, please answer your own question in return." U, yes you, meaning me. Delving into numerology and symbology, Brooklyn-based artist Matt Magee collects objects and arranges them like a kidnapper arranges magazine-clipped text on a ransom note, letters mismatched in color and size, floating together until meaning emerges, left up to you to understand.

"It's All About You" is now on display at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn.

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# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

#### The Life and Art of Hilary Knight

"I am Eloise. I am six. I am a city child. I live at The Plaza." So begins the opening pages of the book by actress-turned-author Kay Thompson and the then-young man who helped bring her creation to life, the illustrator Hilary Knight. Originally intended for adults when it was published in 1955, "Eloise" was repackaged for the children's section in 1969. For decades Eloise, contumacious, indulgent, and wickedly fun,

red ribbon looped in her untidy blonde mop, has lived on not just as one of the most recognizable American picture book characters, but as one of the most recognizable fictional New Yorkers. After all, what could be more captivating, or more exclusive, than growing up living in the Plaza Hotel? She was the prima darling of enviable girlhood until the arrival of that most coveted of American Girl dolls, glossy-haired Samantha Parkington, who lives in tony Edwardian era



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ILLUSTRATION BY HILARY KNIGHT

New York. That said, ular a place to call home Samantha is forced as Hogwarts. The young to learn harsh truths will always be fascinated about working-class by fictive children who slavery via child factolive in extremes — both ry labor, echoing the Roald Dahl and Charles 1910s images captured Dickens knew this well. by photographer Lewis The confines of poverty Hine. Sans any sort of are as fascinating as visible parental figure, the trappings of wealth, Eloise exists out of time as long as the child is or sociology, confined essentially unloved, and to the walls of the Plaza, therefore untethered and an ecosystem all its own. able to explore. Stability She is a scamp and a is hardly good characbother and a companter-building. ion to those who dwell within this orderly world

"Eloise and More: The Life and Art of Hilary Knight" opens on Nov. 12 at The Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.

#### Georgia O'Keeffe

Why is Georgia O'Keeffe the only female painter we know? "Marie-Antoinette with the Rose" is an oil painting we can all conjure in our imagination, moon-silver gown against the dusky blue sky, the definitive image of the last queen of France. But how many can name the artist, Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun? A portraitist in the ornamental and antiquity-inspired Neoclassical movement, Vigée Le Brun was part of a cultural moment in art that included other prominent female painters like Angelica Kauffman, Marie-Denise Villers, and Rose-Adélaïde Ducreux. Yet it is undeniably a man, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, who is the name in Neoclassicism. In the 20th century, it would take true knowledge of art to name important — but hardly commonly known female painters like Lee Krasner, Helen Frankenthaler, or Yayoi Kusama. So what is it about Georgia O'Keeffe, an American modernist, serene yet sensual and stirringly provocative, that jumps out to even the least studied museum-goer? Her vulva-shaped florae are an indelible touchstone for bold expressions of



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#### Georgia O'Keeffe by Alfred Stieglitz

femininity on the canvas. With their rippling folds and cavernous depths, O'Keeffe changed the way we look at flowers, as much as she changed the way we look at the female artist, making herself the subject in photographers' portraits, framed

as mysterious, sexual, and thoroughly modern for the time.

Roxana Robinson will present "Georgia O'Keeffe: Reading the Work as the Life" at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., on Nov. 12. Advance tickets required.



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# 13-#MD417-17B&W by Yvonne Estrada

## **Contemporary Fall Openings**

Two group contemporary art show open on Saturday, Nov. 12, both the final gallery exhibitions for 2022 offered by Kenise Barns Fine Art in Kent, Conn., and Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn. At KBFA's "Radical Chrome" five female painters illuminate their canvases in bold combinations of bejeweled color, while at "Rotating / Axis" presented at Furnace, our tilting planet and the shifting seasons inspires a collection of geometric designs that echo both the harmony and discord of change.

# At The Movies

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ladies in The Palm Court,

a martini-swilling lawyer.

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# Mild autumn weather means chasing brook trout

SOMEWHERE NORTHWEST CONNECTI-CUT — The plan was to corral the Master and the Novice, take advantage of the clement early November weather, and hike to the obscure brook trout stream. There I would take many spectacular photographs and listen intently while the Master imparted Wisdom to the Novice.

The resulting column would return "Tangled Lines" to the award-winning list.

The plan started to fall apart Saturday, Nov. 5, when the Master bailed out. After further review, as they say in pro football, the notion of a) getting on the Mass Pike at 5 a.m. in order to get to the trailhead by 8 a.m. followed by b) the long, deathdefying hike in, followed by c) three or four hours of fishing in difficult terrain, followed by d) the long, death-defying hike out, mostly uphill, followed by e) driving back to Boston seemed unusually insane.

(The Master shall remain anonymous, even though his name is Ian Davison, who is married to my cousin Julie. They live in Natick, Massachusetts. But you didn't hear it from me.)

So when I met Andrew Corrigan, of Lakeville, and we suited up, I reasoned that what I was losing in gnomic utterances from the Master I was gaining in, er, non-gnomic utterance.

We also noted that the official wild guess from the weather

## **TANGLED LINES**

Patrick L. Sullivan

experts — warm and cloudy, with maybe a light shower in the afternoon — was wrong on the last count.

And of course the point and shoot camera decided to conk out midway through the exercise. Apparently getting a little damp is all it takes.

But hey — enough of my yakkin'. How was the fishing?

The fishing was pretty darn

At spot number one, where I traditionally take the first whack, I courteously stepped aside so young Andrew could have the honors. (I also crossed the stream so I could get a

Andrew stuck a big Parachute Adams dry fly right in the soft water of the plunge pool, and right on cue a suicidal brook trout rose and snapped at it.

Andrew missed that one but he connected a few minutes later, and we were off.

I hovered around him like a nervous nanny for a while, ostensibly to get photos but also because I wanted to see if he had mastered the most essential technique of angling. Yes, could Andrew successfully ignore the idiotic, garbled instructions shouted at him from a distance



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Andrew Corrigan connected with the first brook trout of the day Sunday, Nov. 6.

and find out for himself what works and what doesn't?

He could, and did.

I worked my lanes with a Parachute Adams, and when that got chewed up, I switched to a gigantic foam beetle thing (GFBT) that looks like hell and works really well.

The winning combo, eventually, was the GFBT with an unweighted Light Cahill nymph on a shortish dropper of about a foot.

Then the light shower scheduled for the afternoon turned into a regular rain, nothing special but highly irritating.

Andrew had prudently brought some rain gear. I trust my weather experts so I did not. This is how the camera got wet.

We leapfrogged each other moving downstream. From afar I could tell Andrew was getting along fine, so I concentrated on more pressing matters, such as not breaking my neck on the slick rocks.

I first introduced Andrew to little blue line fishing on the Wachocastinook, aka Riga Brook back in June. I loaned him a little 6 1/2 foot 4 weight fiberglass rod, and he subsequently bought one of his own.

Watching him covertly, I noticed he was duking and dapping, rolling and snapping, and a lot of other groovy stuff I don't have a name for. He was also chucking 30 feet when the situation called for it. So I don't think I can make that "novice" label stick.

After about four hours we clambered out. My back filed a formal complaint, and my progress up the World's Longest Staircase was halting. Andrew considerately waited for me to catch up, and then loped off at the pace that is only possible when Social Security is a vague idea for the future and not an immediate threat.

So where is this stream? I am not going to tell you. Regular readers know the policy. If a stream is listed in the state's official anglers guide (like the Riga brook) then I will name it. If it isn't, I won't.

The reason for this is simple: Wild brook trout are a precious resource and we don't want legions of galoots yanking them out of the stream and throwing beer cans around in the process.

Besides, the entire thing is nuts. Two grown men, solid citizens, sober and industrious, spend hours in considerable discomfort and inconvenience to catch little fish that they are not going to eat.

Does this sound rational to

It does?

Well, in that case drop me a line in private and next time you can tag along.

## NDP moves to new location

Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) provides 24/7 ambulance/paramedic service to residents of Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington. There was a zoning issue with its location in Mabbettsville, so they recently moved to a building on Stanford Road between Rodrigo Knolls and Sharon Turnpike. The new location is less than a mile from the center of the Village, allowing NDP to continue to provide fast EMS response to the local community.

# Dave's T

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE** Annual Election of the Pine Plains Fire District

On December 13, 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Pine Plains Fire District will take place on December 13, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Fire House located at 7 Lake Road, Pine

Plains, New York 12567 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner: one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027. Only residents registered to vote with the Dutchess County Board of Elections on or before November 20, 2022 or registered with the Pine Plains Fire District on or before November 13, 2022 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall file their names and the position they are seeking with the Secretary of the Pine Plains Fire District, Heather Lamont, P.O. Box 860, Pine Plains, New York 12567 no later than November 22, 2022

October 26, 2022 BOARD OF FIRE **COMMISSIONERS** 

PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT

11-10-22

## **Legal Notice**

Notice of Formation of Matthews Group Real Estate, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/20/2022.

location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Matthews Group Real Estate, LLC, 220 Painter Hill Road, Roxbury, CT 06783.

Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** PROPOSED AREA

VARIANCE RELATED TO PROPERTY **LOCATED AT 94 OLD NORTH ROAD** (MAPLEBROOK SCHOOL), AMENIA **NEW YORK** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(0) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a publichearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on November 21st 2022 at 6:00 PM. Teleconferencing will be used to allow a member of the ZBA to participate remotely. Accordingly, the hearing will be accessible to the public at the following locations:

Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Town of Amenia,

9324 Winterfest Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 (One ZBA member will be participating via teleconference from this location.)

School seeks an area variance in connection with the construction of a pole barn which will be used to store equipment currently stored outside on the school campus. The property is located at 94 Old North Road, Tax Parcel #132000-7168-00-383003, Amenia, NY (the "Property"). The Property is located in the Suburban Residential Zoning District, which, pursuant to Section 121, Attachment 2 of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, provides for a maximum footprint for nonresidential structures of 1,000 square feet. The Applicant's proposed pole barn is 2,400 square feet, requiring area variance relief of 1,400 square feet.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/ Zoning Office, 2nd Floor

for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122

11-10-22

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** PROPOSED AREA VARIANCE RELATED TO PROPERTY **LOCATED AT 4651 ROUTE 22, AMENIA** NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a publichearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on November 215t 2022 at 6:00 PM. Teleconferencing will be used to allow a member of the ZBA to participate remotely. Accordingly, the hearing will be accessible to the public at the following locations:

Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Town of Amenia,

9324 Winterfest Drive, Applicant Maplebrook Potomac, MD 20854 (One ZBA member will be participating via teleconference from this location.)

The subject property is located at 4651 Route 22, Tax Parcel #132000-7066-00-969308, Amenia, NY (the "Property"). Applicant Robert Whalen seeks area variances in connection with the construction of an 8' privacy fence which will be installed on the rear and south side Property lines. The Property is in the Office/Commercial/ Industry Mixed-Use Zoning District, which, pursuant to Section 121, Attachment 2 of the Town of Amenia Zoning

Code, provides for a front setback of 200', side setback of 50' and rear setback of 20' for accessory structures of over 100 square feet. The Applicant's proposed fence is 53.9 feet from the front Property line, 5 feet from the south side Property line, O' from the north side Property line and 5 feet from the rear Property line, requiring area variance relief from setbacks of 156.1 feet from the front Property line, 45 feet from the south side Property line, Property line and 15 feet from the rear property line.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/ Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122.

11-10-22

#### NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on December 1, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Local Law entitled

Local Law No. X of the Year 2022, Amending Workforce Housing Law and other Relevant Zoning Code Sections to Preserve and Promote Affordable Housing within the Town of Amenia.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board is Lead Agency for this action and has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type I action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (commonly known as "SEQRA") and the Town Board reserves its obligation to make a Determination of Significance until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing. PLEASE TAKE

FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed Local Law No. X of the Year 2022 will be available for 50 feet from the north side review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town website at www.ameniany.gov.

Dated: Amenia, New

November 4, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD DAWN MARIE **KLINGNER** TOWN CLERK

11-10-22

#### NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 17th day of November, 2022, at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, Town of Amenia, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions on the Town's intended use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for calendar year 2023. Following the Public Hearing, the Town intends to make application for Community Development Block Grant Funds pursuant to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. All parties in interest

and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard upon said matter at such hearing.

Dated: Amenia, New York

November 3, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD DAWN MARIE KLINGNER TOWN CLERK 11-10-22

#### **OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

TOWN OF AMENIA is seeking applications for board and commission positions whose terms are ending this year.

(2) unexpired positions of the Board of Assessment

(1) one Planning Board Member;

(1) one Zoning Board of Appeals Member;

(2) two Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals members; (1) one Recreation Commission member;

(1) one Town Historian Town residency required for the volunteer positions. Letter of Interest and Resume may be submitted via email to townclerk@ameniany.gov or via mail to Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia NY 12501. Application Deadline: Noon, November 16, 2022.

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# THE MILLERTON NEWS

**EDITORIAL PAGE B4** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

# **EDITORIAL**

# Be aware of those around you; extend a helping hand

erhaps one of the rarest traits to survive the years of societal change due to the worldwide pandemic is empathy. Seems ironic, doesn't it? Yet we have all witnessed or heard about the rudeness of some patrons at restaurants, the behavior some customer service representatives have received, or the aggressiveness of some drivers who feel their route is the most important one no matter who may stand in their way.

One thing we can all be sure of, however, is that nobody has come through COVID's spread unscathed. If people haven't had serious illness from the viral infection, then their family members were affected by it, or their earning power was, or they suffered losses of loved ones, family and friends, that were devastating. Yet still many seem to try to do their best to continue on as if their problems were not overwhelming, to try to find ways to cope with situations they never foresaw in life.

This newspaper has had articles recently about the increased use of area food banks, which have seen more volume since the pandemic took hold in 2020. The increases surely mean there are people who have not needed to use the services of food banks until now. One person from Salisbury, Claudia Barnum, found herself in the food line at the Corner Pantry in Lakeville recently, and decided to share with our readers her experience, which she hadn't expected to have until many difficulties took over her life and that of her family.

In a recent interview, Claudia said that the worst part of her financial hardship is the medical bills. First she, then her husband, broke bones that needed to heal. Her sister was in a serious car accident at Christmastime in 2021, and is still working hard to heal and recover from it. Claudia said she used to help volunteer at nonprofits, but now needs to tap into their resources. "I was a teacher at Region One for 35 years," she said, "but even with a pension, still the bills could not be met. I was always a positive person. But now, isolation and hopelessness can start to take over."

She waited in line at the Corner Pantry for about an hour, and said the people in line with her looked about the same; exhausted, done. What happened next took her into another level of sadness. Here are her words: "Today I cried my way through the food pantry line in Lakeville. I was very thankful for the help I received, yet so embarrassed because I needed it. I left the parking lot of the Church and pulled out on to the road leading into Lakeville Center. My mixture of gratitude and grief was interrupted by a loud, relentless car horn. A yellow Mercedes convertible was bearing down on me. It was obvious I had just left the food line, and we were after all, at a stop sign. I thought, 'What is life like from your perspective? Do you know at all what is going on around you? Please, wake up!'

Claudia is grateful for the help of the food bank, and of so many others in the community, during this hard time for her family. But her wish is that those who are doing well understand that many around them are stretched close to the breaking point. "Be kind – you never know what people around you are going through. Be compassionate. Do something positive and pay it forward for those who need help."



# Difficult decisions for a healthier region

As the Chair of Primary Care at Nuvance Health, I spearhead and participate in the ongoing conversations with Sharon Hospital leadership, community physicians, and the volunteer board regarding our commitment to expand access to primary care across Sharon Hospital's service area. I am writing today in support of the Sharon Hospital Transformation Plan, including the proposed closure of the Labor & Delivery department.

I understand better than most the weight that goes into a decision such as this. With my years of experience in healthcare, particularly in primary care with a board certification in family medicine, I recognize the importance of supporting women throughout the duration of their lifespan. However, we must also recognize that a rural hospital like Sharon Hospital needs to adapt as healthcare evolves.

Prior to joining Nuvance Health, I worked in rural Iowa where Labor & Delivery and ICU patients were always referred to tertiary care centers. I saw first-hand Labor & Delivery patients safely and successfully transferred to hospitals within driving distance, where mothers and babies were still guaranteed high-quality care.

Sharon Hospital's proposed transformation plan is focused on strengthening the services that data shows are needed most across the region. Closing Labor & Delivery is a difficult but necessary decision that will allow

us to invest in other services to help the hospital remain strong in serving our community. The Sharon community is changing while healthcare delivery is evolving. It is imperative that we expand access to primary and specialty care across the region for our patients, and we can only do this if Sharon Hospital is sustainable for the future.

As my team works to support the transformation plan and focus on growing primary care in a rural market, we must be creative to attract new talent to the area to build and maintain a strong primary care infrastructure for the future. Our local recruitment committee has left no stone unturned in our recruitment efforts, most recently spearheading Sharon Hospital specific recruitment video featuring local actors and trusted Sharon Hospital physicians. As a result of these myriad efforts, we've welcomed new, skilled clinicians to our primary care team proof of our commitment to the growth-based aspects of the transformation plan.

I'm confident that Sharon Hospital's transformation plan will allow us to devote more time and resources to continuing the expansion of primary and specialty care services that are currently needed in our community. This plan will keep Sharon Hospital strong, ultimately creating a healthier region.

Cornelius Ferreira, MD Chair, Primary Care at Nuvance Health

Sharon

How to stop this trend? Make sure our elections are constitutionally safe and se-

of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.

# **LETTERS TO** THE EDITOR

# Sharon L & D plan can work well

I am an RN and Quality Director at Sharon Hospital. I am writing this letter in support of Sharon Hospital's transformative plan and urge my fellow community members to understand the facts of this plan and the benefits to our community.

I have been an RN for 30 years, and I am a longtime resident of Litchfield County. I am keenly aware of the unique challenges hospitals face, especially in terms of recruiting and retaining clinicians and staff to this area. I know that at Sharon Hospital, these issues are especially challenging.

I gave birth to my three children at New Milford Hospital, which gives me the understanding of giving birth within a rural region as both a mother and as a caregiver. I understand mothers' concerns about when and where their birth plans will take place. However, I want to offer a different perspective to those who have brought up safety concerns with Sharon Hospital's plans.

When New Milford Hospital phased out their labor and delivery unit in 2013, I witnessed firsthand how leadership and

staff were able to make that transition effective, efficient, and most importantly, safe. In the many years since New Milford Hospital closed their Labor and Delivery unit, they have seen no emergent births, and in the event there is a patient who does present and birth is imminent, staff have received all necessary training. Most importantly, the service lines the New Milford community needed most are thriving. I can confirm that this model can and will work for the sustainable future of a hospital.

The healthcare landscape is changing, and I understand that in order to remain part of our community and grow in the services we need most, that includes making tough decisions as it relates to areas that are underutilized. While I share in the community's sadness around losing a service, I know that Sharon Hospital's transformative plan was made in the interest of our patients and fully anticipate that it will lead to the enhancement of services most needed by our community.

New Milford

# SH L & D very necessary

This letter is in response to the letter written by Dr.Leroy Nickles of Sharon Hospital, which was published Oct. 27 in this newspaper. Dr. Nickles writes: "Sharon Hospital can handle emergency situations, including those surrounding pregnant women and babies in the community. That is "All Good and Well", but Dr. Nickles fails to mention all the women who are not in an emergency situation yet! When these women feel the labor of their child's birth, most often their husband, a family member or a friend will drive them to the Hospital, which might take approximately 20 minutes.

If the maternity department

closes, these non-emergency deliveries might become an emergency for the expectant mother as well as for the baby, if they have to travel longer than here to fore. And, don't forget: these women are not in an ambulance; they are driven most likely by a non-medical individual.

**Amy Llerena** 

This is a profound reason why so many people are against the closure of the maternity department at Sharon Hospital. In addition, I would like to mention that many of us older people are jubilant about the influx of young families in this beautiful, active and deeply alive community.

**Mieke Armstrong** 

Salisbury

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#### Index of the state of democracy gically plan for a capitalindex by 10-15%. Others, like for confirmation.

The CIA and other government agencies keep track of the levels of democratic solidity around the world. Several American agencies and non-partisan think tanks also keep track of the state of US democracy, state by state as well. These agencies and think tanks measure these indexes to advise people and industry on development, investment and national and

international security. First some facts: 72% of the world's democracies were established after 1975. This period is called the third wave of democracy and has, in the largest part, been led by American efforts to promote individual rights under democratic rule around the world. In short, America has previously been the successful example for other countries to follow. Additionally, non-democracies have declined since 1975 by 60%, and hybrid-democracies (like Albania or Ukraine) grew by 20% and are likely to continue reforms and become full democracies - unless the

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

trend is reversed, if America is no longer the shining example to follow.

The stability of these fully fledged democracies is carefully monitored by observing elections, the non-biased application of the rule of law and, never least, internal strife. Never before in the past 100 years has America ever appeared on a "watch" list. Now we have internal strike, political riots, internal terrorism, corrupt judges breaking sworn testimony, and large portions of the populace questioning elections' integrity. It doesn't matter if election deniers are wrong or lying - it is the political instability fallout that changes the index the country is measured by. We are now on several watch lists.

Remember, industry and banks, and global enterprises use these indexes to strate-

ist and democratic and fair future for their endeavors. Democracies generally outperform hybrid regimes and non-democracies on all the elements at the core of a stable democracy. Investors watch a framework that incorporates a broader range of democratic characteristics such as Basic Welfare, Access to Justice, Gender Equality, Social Group Equality and Absence of Corruption, which link to social, human and economic development which all link to prosperity. Prosperity in the capitalist world means more profit, a stable consumer base, and secure investment legality and cooperation.

Now, even worse, when you start to drill down on the national index to look at the individual states' democracy index, there are trends which are undermining the stability of the nation. Looking at the last 20 years, states like Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and other so-called "red" states have reduced their democracy New York, California, Delaware, and New Mexico have increased theirs by the same degree. By and large, half the states of the union have fluctuated a bit over the past 20 years, but suddenly overall the trend in local elections is for more non-democratic policies and restrictions to be either enacted or officials elected who are determined to undermine the rule of election laws. And this election cycle has not yet been measured. Considering that 30% of all election officials nationwide have either resigned or chose not to be reelected since 2020 because of threats and viral media attacks from election deniers, there is little doubt the USA Index of the State of Democracy will reflect another downward trend.

Peter Riva, a former resident

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# **SPORTS**

# Millbrook girls varsity soccer goes to final four

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Girls Varsity Soccer Team won the regional Section 9, Class C Championship on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Newburgh Free Academy, advancing to the final four at States.

The final score of the game in was Millbrook 4, Haldane 0, with the Millbrook Blazer's advancing. Goals were made by

Hudson Heitmann (1), Sadie Kruger (1), and Beth Bosan scored 2 goals, while senior goalie Ella Watson helped keep Haldane to zero with her saves.

The Blazers go to Cortland, New York, on Saturday, Nov. 12, for the finals, playing Waterford at 10 a.m.

The winner of that match will play in the finals, at Cortland, on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Millbrook's Girls Varsity soccer team won the regional Section 9 Championship on Saturday, Nov. 5 in Middletown, New York. Here the team holds the medal for its Sec-

tion and class state win.



#### Bridge Club at Millbrook Library

MILLBROOK — In partnership with Millbrook at Home, the Millbrook Library is hosting a Bridge Club on Thursdays.

Whether you are a bridge pro or a beginner, stop by the library to play.

The library provides the cards and the space to play. The club meets at 2 p.m.

Sign-up or feel free to just show up the day of. For more information or to register, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611.

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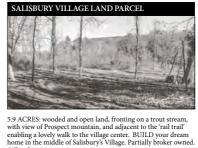
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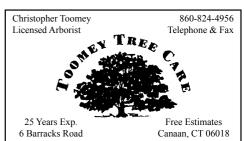
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