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# **Town of North East** taxes up, tax rate down

MILLERTON — The Town of North East Board unanimously approved the Preliminary Budget for 2023 at its last meeting. The details are spread out over 14 pages and are available to the public on the town website and at town hall.

Town Supervisor Christopher Kennan and Lorna Sherman, the bookkeeper who keeps track of the budget for the town, explained the town's complex budget picture.

The North East property tax burden paid by taxpayers in 2023 rises over 2022 taxes from \$2,960,442 to \$3,235,281 an in**NEWS ANALYSIS** Christine Bates

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crease of 9.3%, in line with the current rate of inflation.

Total projected spending increases to \$4,469,501 with the difference between spending and taxes funded by revenues of \$448,110 and a 22.5% increase over 2022 in the use of the fund balance

Where the money goes?

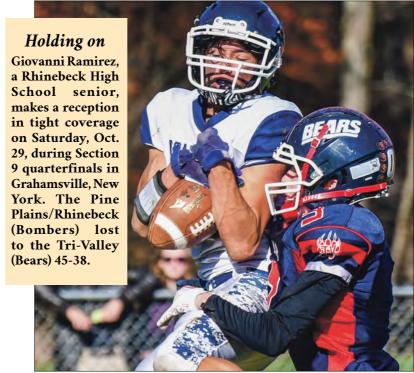
How is the money, roughly \$1,500 per resident, being

spent? The biggest expenditure, is \$1,413,542 including principal and interest payments on equipment, for the highway department which represents 32% of the amount raised by taxes.

Next largest is the cost of the all volunteer North East Fire District which is a separate municipal entity. Fully funded by taxes, the \$742,375 expenditure represents 23% of all town property taxes paid.

The ambulance service is the third largest expenditure but rose only 2% to \$369,468 this

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### Fun and frights on Halloween

The Wassaic Project's Haunted Mill drew hoards of ghouls and goblins from across the region. From left, siblings Edward Cruz, Lexa Cruz and Augustin Matteo. For full story and more photos, turn to Page A2.

### Spongy moth potentially a threat again next year

By WILLARD WOOD

Special to The Millerton News

It wasn't unusual, driving in the Northwest Corner this summer, to see whole hillsides with their trees stripped of foliage, the trunks and branches clearly visible where weeks before there had been an even canopy of leaves.

Over 45,000 acres of forest in Litchfield County were defoliated by spongy moth in 2022, according to a recent tabulation by the Connecticut Agricultural Extension Service (CAES). This followed a 40,000-acre defoliation in 2021 over much of the same area, center-

See MOTHS, A8

# Moon rocks revealed and explained at the Fountains

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judith@millertonnews.com

 ${\bf MILLBROOK-Ron\ Pastrano}$ has for years been an independent investigator of meteors, meteorites and moon rocks. When a meteor would come crashing to earth, he was among the first to rush to the site, to get samples of the piece that has landed, to get photos and record the incident.

In his lifetime he collected an extensive array of these special rocks, cataloging them, photographing them, and presenting programs on them to audiences all around the country. His collection includes medals and certificates from NASA, and letters from dignitaries, one being from George H. W. Bush when he was vice president. Pastrano worked closely with NASA, although he was never on its payroll.

Today he champions the International Space Society and is trying to get a chapter started as New York State is one of the few states that does not have a chapter. The association has chapters in countries around the world. He thinks it's important now because NASA has downsized so much, and more exploration is needed than is currently being conducted by NASA and the government.

The exhibition of some of his samples and collection was presented on Thursday, Oct. 27, in the cafe at The Fountains, to be followed by a showing of the movie,

See MOON ROCKS, A8

### No waiting early voting

MILLBROOK — Early voting got off to a brisk start in Millbrook on Saturday, Oct. 29. From 9 a.m.-6 p.m. there was a steady stream of voters entering the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County on Route 44. As many of the voters remarked as they left, there was no waiting, no lines and no confusion.

By 12:55 p.m., one machine had registered 156 voters, and that was only one of the vote counting machines. People were from Millbrook, Clinton Corners, Lagrange, and several other local communities.

Early voting continues at the

CCEDC at 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, through Sunday, Nov. 6; on Thursday, Nov. 3 from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9 am. to 5 p.m.

Election day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, voting will be at the Millbrook Firehouse, 21 Front Street.

Emily Gemser, left, and Mimi Flynn, of LaGrange were happy about early voting. Said Gemser: "Great, no long lines, no waiting, you can't go wrong."





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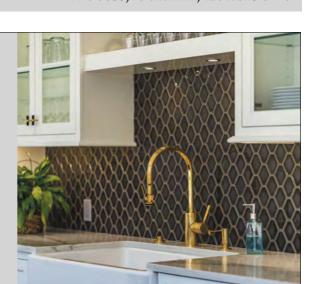


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Artist Paul Belenky posing next to his and Emma Anne Johnson's electro-animal petting zoo.



The Wassaic Project's Mill House, where many of its events and exhibitions take place.

A child tossing a ring onto paper-mache sculptures created by artist Grace Lang.

# **Wassaic Project's Haunted** Mill's delights and frights

By ELIAS SORICH Special to the Millerton News

WASSAIC — This year's edition of the Wassaic Project's Haunted Mill featured its most interactive line-up of exhibitions yet.

As the sun set and hoards

of be-costumed children galavanted through the yard, the line stretched out the door to walk through the many floors curated by new and returning installation artists.

One one floor, gallerygoers could toss rings onto surreal and colorful paper

mache creatures, cheered on by similarly costumed and unspeaking performing

On another, folks could gamble away their souls for candy, and receive a handselected and hand-crafted cause-of-death tag from devils manning tables.

A delightful combination of tongue-in-cheek, unsettling, and artistically masterful, this haunted exhibition pulled in a record number of attendees, and provided an engaging, interactive environment for folks of all ages.





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Lilliana Cawley playing a game of ring toss.



The Halloween Howl dance hosted Webutuck's 4th-6th graders and featured the annual Trunk or Treat event in Webutuck High School parking lot where students trick or treated from parent vehicles. The event was organized by PTA President Anna Kall.

### Salisbury Bank's annual food drive

its 15th annual Fill-the-Basket food drive through Dec. 16.

Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.

All fourteen branches, located in Berkshire, Litchfield, Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties, will collect donations of non-perishable food items and household supplies.

Salisbury Bank announced Cash donations will also be cluding, but not limited to: accepted.

All donated items as well as the monetary contributions collected will be donated directly to local food pantries serving each area.

Local pantries are in need of a variety of donations in-

canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter, condiments, rice, and sauces. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo, and soap are also appreci-

# anti-racist group

MILLBROOK - Lyall Memorial Federated Church's Anti-Racist Study Group meets on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Join Lyall Church's

The group has been meeting for a few years and invites anyone who would like to explore the issues of race and caste in this country to join it. These are issues that will not go away or improve unless society faces them together, according to the group. The study group is welcoming and hospitable and is happy to include new members. It started to delve into a new book on Aug. 1.

Contact Cat Greenstreet at catgreenstreet@gmail.com or Pastor Thom if interested in joining.

Lyall Memorial Federated Church is located at 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook. For details, call 845-677-3485.







### Metro-North keeps buses going

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

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#### Library's Little Free Grocery continues to need support Patrons may order online meal, tea, coffee, paper tow-

MILLERTON - Donations are needed for the Little Free Grocery at the North-East-Millerton Library as the original funding has run out.

The program is in addition to the Tiny Library Food Pantry on Main Street and provides free groceries and household items.

#### Fall Turkey Supper at Presbyterian Church

PINE PLAINS — There's 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 their 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 & 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, buttered green beans, cranberry sauce, a roll, and carrot cake

with cream cheese frosting. Dinners are \$17 each and payable by cash, check or Venmo @FUPCPP. Reservations available by phone 518.398.5247 or by email dyanwapnick@optimum. net. Walk-in dinners may be available at the door pending reservations.



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# Historical society exhibit serves up treasure

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — A treasure trove of photos, papers, posters, portraits, primary sources, newspaper articles and other items representing 50 years of a loving stewardship of the heritage of the North East community is on display at the North-East-Millerton Library at 75 Main St. through the end of November.

According to Society president Ed Downey, when the group decided at the beginning of the year to recognize their 50th anniversary, they set the focus of the golden event on three aspects of the development of the organization.

Thinking first of those who came before — a natural thing for history buffs to do — Downey said they asked the questions: "Who were these people? What did they do? Why did they do it?"

A gleaning of the minutes of meetings throughout the years led to a recognition



The restoration of this 1892 fire hose cart shown here in the Village of Millerton's 1951 Centennial parade and currently on display at the Rhinebeck Fair Grounds, is recognized in the North East Historical Society's 50th Anniversary display at the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

that what was accomplished over the years "was truly remarkable."

Wanting to honor the "many people who made wonderful contributions"

they focused on representing three in particular: Town Historian Chester Eisenhuth, and "Stanley Smith and his wife Marion Smith, who did a lot over a long period of time."

Next, they recognized the importance of restoring community artifacts.

The first project being

acknowledged by illustra-

East Fire Company, known at that time as the Fire Department, and involved the restoration of a 1982 fire hose cart, now stored at the Rhinebeck Fair Grounds, Downey said. After the water system was put in, "You would haul this to the location of the fire and then use the hose to hook it up to a nearby hydrant."

tions was accomplished in

conjunction with the North

The display also recognizes the work done by property owner Jonathan Finkle who, according to Downey, "found in his backyard something buried there. It turned out to be the old watering trough that used to be in the middle of the town." Finkle and Smith excavated and, with the help of the Society, restored the trough and moved it to its present location on the Town Hall property.

Portraits of two members of the Winchell family, which played an important part in the development of the town, were also restored and are currently part of the display at the library.

The Society also works on telling the story of "things that were lost but which are important to us."

One is an extensive history of the Maltby Furnace, researched and written by Eisenhuth and "with the editorial assistance of Betsy Strauss." Downey notes that while the furnace is "long gone," the work is illustrative of the iron ore industry

Finally on display and representing the Society's preservation of primary source material are six volumes of business ledgers of Spencers' Corner's Wakeman Bradley from the 1820's.

Downey notes that the organization, which encompasses history as far back as indigenous people who were here before the arrival of Europeans, welcomes new members who might wish to explore areas of interest including genealogy, archaeology, and particular time periods such as the American Revolution which Downey indicates will be of particular importance in the next ten years as the 250th anniversary approaches.

Despite the extensive display, Downey notes a good deal of material was omitted from the exhibit due to space limitations, and some of those omissions will be the basis for a talk he will present at the Society's annual meeting at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. Refreshments and a private tour of the display will follow. All are open to the general public as well as to the Society's 200 mem-

For further information, call the library at 518-789-3340 or write to eddowney12@gmail.com.

### Webutuck High students design rec program

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A free fun community day may be coming to the Webutuck High school some time in the coming year if a group of energetic students have their wishes granted.

The program proposal came as a result of a visit to the school by Paul Winters, chair of the Amenia Recreation Commission. As he began working to provide more activities in the area, especially for younger residents, he remembered his own youth when adults made all the decisions and determined that the best way to know what kids might like was to ask.

With the help of recently installed Webutuck High School Principal Robert Knuschke, Winters gathered 20 students to hear an offer for Amenia and Millerton to provide \$5,000 to fund a project that they believed others in the community particularly young people might enjoy. The students, Winters said, would come up with the idea, organize and run it.

Following Winters' invitation, the students, mostly heads of school clubs and activities, discussed the possibilities while brainstorming with some 10 to 15 others during the school's busy Spirit Week.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, two of the leaders, senior class presidents Cadance Shufelt and Morgan Sprague, shared the results with Knuschke with Morgan noting that the students "were really excited to be able to give ideas of things they wanted to do."

Cadance said they brought the multiple ideas to their class adviser Leah Sprague and determined that a free Community Day would be fun for all while allowing many students to be involved. She noted that students could help to organize as well as to participate in activities with officers of each grade probably taking a lead.

While it is still in the planning stages, Cadance said some organizations might decide to run a few fund raising booths, but in the main, the students envision free offerings including a food truck, possibly with ice cream, "a petting zoo, a sidewalk art extravaganza, plantings in their garden, and a color run" which typically brings bright splashes of color to the participants.

Appreciating the funding, she noted that, "it would be more likely for families to come out if it wasn't costly" and added there would be no age restrictions with all welcome. "I think every kid should come, especially since we're a small district."

Responding to Winters' decision to ask for teenage input, while seeing "both sides," Cadance said, "I think coming from kids it's better than adults. Adults do have great ideas for the community, but it's better to get a child's perspective because it's going to be for the children.

Morgan agreed saying, it's

"a really cool opportunity to be asked" to develop a project that that will "bring our community together... When they gave us money to do something like this, it's really cool."

Having four younger siblings, Morgan commented that the students would like to do more community events especially with "more things for little kids to do," an idea supported by Cadance, who said she had a niece and nephew who would be attending.

The funding will tentatively come from Webutuck students' hometowns. According to Amenia Town supervisor Victoria Perotti, Winter's request to provide \$2,500 for the project has been included in the budget which is up for a vote in November. Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek said that village board authorized an equal amount from this year's current budget, pending that board's approval of the eventual project.

That process will give the students the opportunity to observe and work with town governance and understand the way the process operates, leading to continued commitment as they evolve from students to active citizens.

Thinking of that future, Cadance said she definitely will become involved. "I believe being a part of a community, YOUR community, is very important, just to know what's going on. You can help make decisions in your town."

Morgan said, "I agree with Cadance. It's really important to be involved. And if you want to make changes, you have to get involved and make those changes — make things better and create new things for your community."

### **Brain Teasers**

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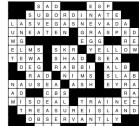
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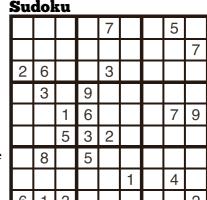
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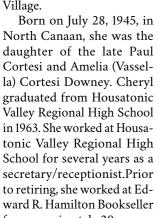


### **OBITUARIES**

#### Cheryl Cortesi Downey

FALLS VILLAGE -Cheryl Cortesi Downey, 77,

a lifetime resident of Falls Village, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at Sharon Hospital. She was the loving wife of 41 years to her husband, Kevin Downey, of Falls



for approximately 20 years. Cheryl will be remembered for her sense of humor, quick wit, and her dogged determination. Throughout her life, she enjoyed gardening, challenging puzzles, and, in the most recent years, her daily scratch ticket. She was

F. Hoysradt, 95, a lifelong

area resident, died

peacefully on Tues-

day, Oct. 25, 2022,

at the Meadows

at Brookmeade in

Rhinebeck, New

York. Mary was a

homemaker and

private house-

keeper for many

years prior to her

Born February 1, 1927, in

Millerton she was the daugh-

ter of the late Charles and

Albina (Scasso) Canevari.

She attended and graduated

from Millerton High School

in 1945. On Sept. 12, 1947

at Immaculate Conception

Church in Amenia, NY she

married James O. Hoysradt.

Mr. Hoysradt died on Nov.

21, 1999. Mary was a longtime

parishioner of St. Patrick's

Church in Millerton and Im-

maculate Conception Church

in Amenia and was a member

of the Alter Rosary Society for

many years. She was an avid

gardener and her flower gar-

dens grew beautifully every

children, Theresa Murtagh

and her husband Joe, Mada-

lvn Hoysradt and James Hoys-

radt all of Millerton, Charles

Hoysradt of Pine Plains, and

Jean Parsons, 63, a lifelong

area resident, died

Thursday Oct. 27,

Mary is survived by five

retirement.

Mary F. Hoysradt

MILLERTON - Mary Michael Hoysradt and his

deeply loved, and will be missed tremendously.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kevin Downey, of Falls Village; her daughters, Carrie Feliciano (David), of Ware, Massachusetts; Christa Zucco (Joseph), of Falls Village; her

son, Chad Olsen (Carrie), of Falls Village; her daughter, Kelly Friberg (Robert), of Webster, New Hampshire; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her brother, Dr. Paul J. Cortesi III (Midge), of Torrington; and her sister, Elizabeth C. Knickerbocker (Ron), of Millbrook, New York.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW in North Canaan on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 12:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, 188 Route 7S, Falls Village, CT 06031 or The Little Guild, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

wife Mary of Highland, New

York; eight grand-

children, Todd At-

kins, Matt Atkins,

Gianna Murtagh,

Kristian Murtagh,

Alex Hoysradt,

Taylor Hoysradt,

James Murnane and

Alicia Wheeler and

five great grand-

children, Thomas

Wheeler, Kaylee Wheeler,

Joseph Murtagh-Robert,

Siles Murnane and Cameron

Murnane; her brother, John

Cavevari and his wife Mary of

Florida and several nieces and

nephews. In addition to her

parents and husband, Mary

was predeceased by her son,

William Albert Hoysradt in

1977 and her brother, Charles

Friday, Oct. 28, at the Scott

D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37

Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. A

funeral service took place at at

the funeral home. Reverend

Robert K. Wilson officiated.

Burial followed at St. Patrick's

Cemetery, Church Street, Mil-

lerton. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to the Mil-

lerton Fire Company, P.O. Box

733, Millerton, NY 12546. To

send an online condolence to

the family, please visit www.

conklinfuneralhome.com

Calling hours were held on

Canevari of Millerton.

### nia, NY, died on

AMENIA – Harry Joseph Jenkins, Jr., 98, a lifelong

Harry Joseph Jenkins

resident of Ame-Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at his home. Mr. Jenkins worked in the accounting field his entire life and retired after many years as the Control-

ler with Sullivan Highway Products in Monticello, New

Born on March 17, 1924, in Amenia, he was the son of the late Harry Joseph Jenkins, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Jenkins. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II in a field hospital in the Phillipines.

On Aug. 4, 1962, in Pawling, ,he married Evelyn Tompkins who died on April

Mr. Jenkins participated in and was honored by several accounting management groups and was a member of the Amenia Historical Society and a past deacon of the former Amenia Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jenkins was a history buff who was interested in ancestry, a Fox News

enthusiast, and an avid Republican.

> He is survived by a nephew, Paul Jenkins and his wife, Stephanie, of Syracuse, New York, and three nieces, Janet Kelly and her husband, Bill, of Elgin,Texas; Lynn Smith and her husband, Todd, of Tin Top, Texas and Mary

Ellen Danielson and her husband, Lee, of St. Augustine, Florida.

Besides his parents and wife, he was predeceased by three brothers, Edwin Alton Jenkins, John W. Jenkins and Marvin W. Jenkins.

Calling hours will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Amenia Island Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or online at https://www. hvhospice.org/. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

### Dorinda Marie Truax (Pedersen)

SHARON — Dorinda several health issues. Marie Truax (Pedersen), 56,

of Michael Koury Terrace, rington, passed away on Oct. 23, 2022, at Hartford Hospital after a

long illness. Dorinda was born August 5, 1966, at Sharon Hospital, the

daughter of the late Edward and Claire (Johnson) Pedersen. Dorinda grew up in Sharon, and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1984. She held several jobs after high school before working as a Night Shift Supervisor at Taconic DDSO for a little over ten years. In 2000, she left Taconic DDSO to pursue an Associates Degree in Nursing, which she obtained in 2004 from Berkshire Community College. She made the National Deans List in 2002, 2003, and 2004. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was a registered nurse and worked as a nurse until 2016 when she had to take a step back due to

Dorinda was an animal

lover and especially loved German Shepherds. She had several German Shepherds over the years and loved every one of them. During the past few years, she enjoyed being an aunt to

her only nephew. She would brag about her nephew to anyone she met.

She is survived by her brother, Brian Pedersen of Sharon, his wife Lisa, and their son Hans.

A public memorial service will be held at the Sharon United Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 11:00 a.m. She will be laid to rest at the Ellsworth Hill Cemetery next to her parents. The burial service will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the The Little Guild (Animal Shelter), 285 Sharon-Goshen Road, West Cornwall, CT, 06796 or www. littleguild.org. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

### Library services

AMENIA — Patrons of the Amenia Free Library, at 3309 Route 343, may take advantage of new curbside pickup and home delivery of library materials on top of in-person

For curbside pickup, patrons may call the library at 845-373-8273 when they arrive at the library, and library staff will come outside with their requested items.

For home delivery, patrons may reach out via phone or email at director@amenialibrary.org to arrange for home delivery of their items.

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

#### Free, bi-monthly lunches at Lyall

MILLBROOK — The Lyall Memorial Federated Church invites all in the community to come to the church at 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook, to share in a lunch of soup and sandwiches plus dessert on the second and fourth Thurs-

The meals are free and ev-

day of each month.

eryone is welcome; donations are appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Bob Tierney at 845-677-4458 or bobtier03@gmail.com.



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#### Thomas Henry Tom' Dean

long area resident died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, following a brief illness. Tom worked as a laborer and equipment operator for the Vil-

lage of Millerton Highway Department for over 29 years prior to his retirement in 1991.

Born June 16, 1937, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Martin A. and Marjorie (Bussett) Dean. Tom attended school locally and married Violet "Vi" Macneil on July 1, 1961, in Sharon. Mrs. Dean died in 1989. Tom was a former member of the Millerton Gun Club; a longtime member of the Men's League at Washington Lanes and he enjoyed socializing with the members of the Millerton Fire Company. Seasonally he enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many friends. Tom is sur-

MILLERTON — Thomas vived by his daughter, Vicki Henry "Tom" Dean, 85, a life- Horton of Lakeville, and his

son John H. Dean of Millerton. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was also predeceased by four brothers. Marty Dean, Dave

Dean, Dan Dean and Ernie Dean and his son-in-law John Horton.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will take place at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton privately. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

### Worship Services

Week of November 6, 2022

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

#### The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy!
(860) 435-2442

### St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290

#### **North Canaan** Congregational Church, UCC

Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232

FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY. A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House. 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm

ww.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org The Lakeville United **Methodist Church** 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School earts - Open Minds - Oper Pastor Joy Veronesi

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

860-435-9496

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

#### **Promised Land Baptist Church**

29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT ere you will find: A Warm Welcome. Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org

#### Falls Village **Congregational Church** 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village

10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194

#### **The Smithfield Presbyterian Church** 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m.

www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building

#### **Canaan United Methodist Church** 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service

"Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doo Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!

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 **Episcopal Church** 40 Leedsville Road

Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality

#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

**484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock** In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627

#### **Unitarian Fellowship** of NW CT WE ARE NOW

MEETING IN PERSON! Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact to Loi at jokiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome

#### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS **PARISH**

4 North Street Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am
Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078

#### **UCC in CORNWALL** Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am

Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities
Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community

#### **Sharon Congregational**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services In-person Bible study will be held Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., light supper included Contact us at 860-364-5002 or

#### info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org **SAINT KATERI**

**TEKAKWITHA PARISH** 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridge SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard

#### 2022, at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. Lori worked for ARC in Wassaic for over 23 years before retiring in

Lori Jean Parsons

Born September 15, 1959, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late William Parson, Sr., and Elizabeth Ann (Milton) Swartz.

Lori was a graduate of Webutuck High School and furthered her education at Bard College in Red Hook and Marist College in Poughkeepsie. She adored her three cats and enjoyed gambling and playing cards in her spare time. She will be dearly missed by her loving family. Lori is survived by three brothers, William

PINE PLAINS — Lori Parsons and his wife Rosie of Pine Plains, Dennis Par-

sons of Ancram and David Parsons of Ancramdale; two sisters, Kathleen Sigler and her longtime companion Don Bird of Stanfordville, and Pamela Miles and her husband Mi-

chael of Ancramdale. Lori is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Donna DeWitt of Millerton.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



HOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALF

From left, Rotary President A.J. Stack presents a mock check to Lila Meade, Srashta Maharjian and Dr. Andrew Meade. The Meades cofounded the Vassar Haiti Project. Maharjian is the current student president of the project. The event was held at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

### Rotary benefits Haiti project

By JUDITH
O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Milbrook Rotary Club's yearly social event, Mingle at the Millbrook Vineyard, held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, attracted about 60 guests, offering wine, finger foods and homemade cookies made by Rotarians.

The event is a time for people to reconnect and to discuss Rotary projects of the past year and those in the coming year. Rotary provides school supplies to local children at the beginning of the school year. It also helps with local food drives, including the food bank at St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry of Amenia; it has worked with the local 4-H Club and donated large numbers of PPE masks along with food at food banks during the pandemic.

One of the main projects of the club is the creation of the free Millbrook Business Directory. Local businesses pay for advertising, so it's a fundraiser that helps everyone involved.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$5,000 check to the Vassar Haiti Project.

Rotary President A.J. Stack, presented a large mock check in that amount to the founders of the proj-

ect, Vassar College Director of International Services Dr. Andrew Meade and his wife Lila. Meade spent time in Haiti as a youngster, so this cause has always had special meaning for him. The project was founded in 2001.

"We're so grateful for our partnership with the Millbrook Rotary, they have been the best of partners for many years," said Lila Meade. "While Haiti is going through a horrible situation politically and with gangs just now, we are very lucky to be able to continue do our work in the rural mountains of Haiti," she added.

Also at the presentation was student Srashta Maharjian, a Vassar senior, and current student president of the project. When asked about the project, Maharjiana said she was proud of "bringing clear water to villages in Haiti; helping to build solar labs for a medical clinic, and bringing education for so many, including adult education, to the people of Haiti."

The Meades pointed out that a Zoom art sale and auction last spring raised enough money to support a medical clinic in Fiervil, Haiti, for a full year. Other sales were held in Martha's Vineyard more recently; another will be held in Washington, D.C., in November. Communities in many rural areas in Haiti benefit from

the project.

"The Millbrook Rotary is very pleased to support the Vassar-Haiti Project in their continuing efforts to raise the quality of life for our sisters and brothers in Haiti," said Stack.

The Vassar-Haiti Project, which engages Vassar students as part of its mission, is a 501(c)(3) that buys and sells original art work from Haiti and the profits, as well as grants and donations, are used to help create sustainable development in Chermaitre, Haiti. The group works with community organizations and businesses to promote learning and awareness of Haitian culture and society. Student visits are arranged to the area, which is located 2,500 feet above sea level, on a hill with difficult accessibility and no roads, electricity or running water.

The mission is a threefold one: to support education in Chermaitre; to promote the art of Haiti and
support the livelihood of
hundreds of Haitian artists
and artisans; and to educate
the students and the community in the principles and
practices of global citizen-

To learn more about the Vassar-Haiti Project go to www.thehaitiproject.org. To learn more about the Millbrook Rotary Club go to www.millbrookrotary.org

# Millerton man with MS hoping for service dog

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

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MILLERTON — Joseph Cawley would like to get a dog. Not just any dog, but a specially trained dog who can make life easier for him as a man suffering from the debilitating effects of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Cawley lives alone in the house that belonged to his father. A native of Millerton, he attended Webutuck schools and worked for New York State, sometimes for the Department of Transportation, for almost 30 years. Until 2020, he was employed and has long been affiliated with the Millerton Fire Department. He also spent many hours at Ground Zero in the days following the 9/11 attack.

Since the MS diagnosis a few years ago, the disease has progressed, making it harder for him to manage. MS affects his balance and mobility. The potentially disabling disease of the brain and spinal cord causes the immune system to attack the protective sheath that covers nerve fibers, causing communication problems between the brain and the

Symptoms of MS can vary depending on the amount of nerve damage; some people with severe MS may lose the ability to walk independently or even walk at all; others may experience long periods of remission without any new symptoms, but there is no cure for it.

Every day is a challenge for Cawley, and for the most part he is confined to his home, as he is at risk of falling. He can still drive, but walking and stairs are a problem. Besides an outof-town hospital trip once a month, he has other needs such as shopping, cleaning and caring for himself.

Cawley visited the non-profit Educated Canines Assisting Disabilities (ECAD) recently, at the Torrington (Conn.) Campus, and met with some of the staff and dogs. Liz Knowlton, the fundraising coach at ECAD, is helping Cawley to raise



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Joe Cawley of Millerton at Educated Canines Assisting Disabilities (ECAD) in Torrington, Connecticut, working with one of its service dogs.

funds to purchase a dog specially trained to balance and stabilize him.

To make this happen, Cawley needs raise funds; the cost is approximately \$24,500.

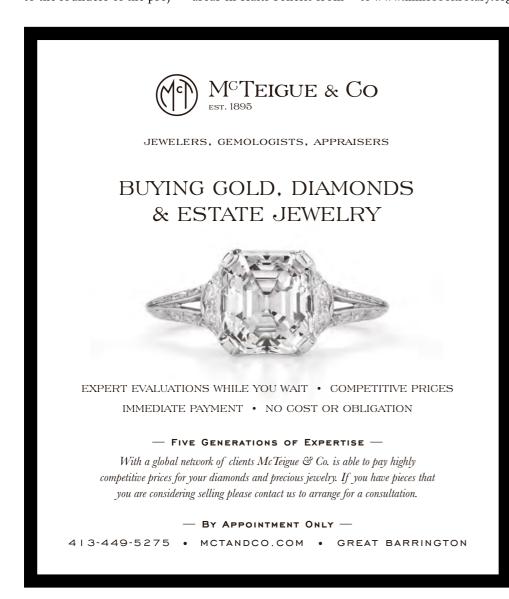
Training the dogs is intensive and expensive. The service dog recipient also has to be trained in how to work with and handle the dog. The dogs can help in many different ways, fetching, stabilizing, making walking and everyday chores

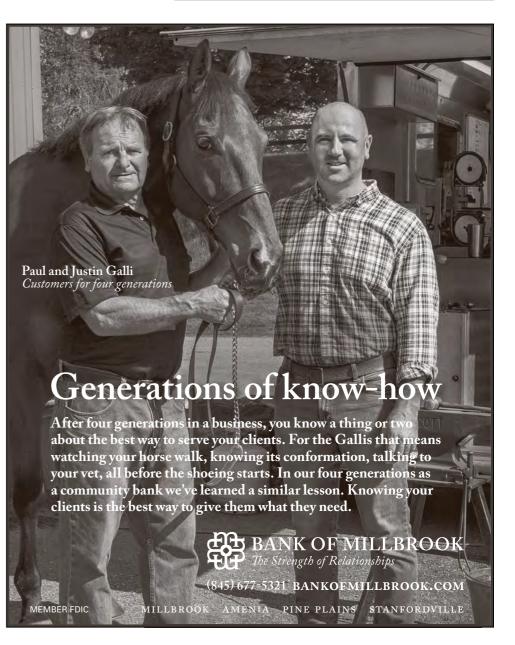
"In my experience," says Knowlton, "donations for children come in quickly, but a gentleman like Joe can be a tough case for getting donations, so any kind of community engagement will be much appreciated."

ECAD Service Dogs have helped more than 300 disabled clients with over 50 different disabilities. Some of these disabilities include but are not limited to MS, Parkinson's Disease, Sleep Apnea, Friedreich's Ataxia, Vertigo, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, and Spinal Cord Injuries. Many have also enabled veterans to live a better quality of life.

For those who would like to help Cawley get a service dog and training, donations can be made at: https://connect.clickandpledge.com/Organization/ecad1/campaign/JosephCawley.
To learn more about ECAD, go to www.facebook.com/ECADServiceDogs





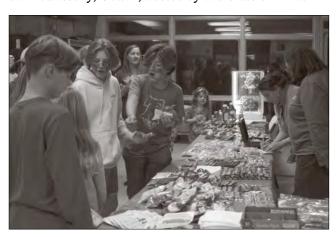




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#### Wizardry at Stissing

The Harlem Wizards entertained at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains on Wednesday, Oct. 19, hosted by the Class of 2024.





Pine Plains library hours, closed Mondays

PINE PLAINS — As winter approaches, the Pine Plains Free Library has made the decision to close on Mondays beginning Monday, Oct. 31. This decision is based on careful consideration of several factors, but the library does understand this can be frustrating for regular Monday

patrons. If you have any questions or concerns, email director@pineplainslibrary.org or give a call at 518-398-1927.

All other operational hours will remain the same: Tuesday, 12 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 12 to 6 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Send news items and briefs to editor@millertonnews.com

#### Library offerings for Decorating Day

PINE PLAINS — For Town Decorating Day on Saturday, Nov. 26, the Pine Plains Library will offer some free soups, coffee, and tea at the library between 1 and 4:30 p.m. The library will also be hosting its first-ever Silent Bake Auction (a silent auction on local baked goods) from the town's local home, and professional, bakers. All proceeds will go to support the Pine Plains Free Library.

## **Peace Sanctuary maintains** core location in Wassaic

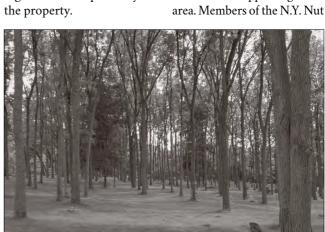
By JANET MANKO publisher@lakevillejournal.com

WASSAIC - There are new owners for a portion of the property surrounding the World Peace Sanctuary, but the center still owns 26 acres of land and its building and sculptures, according to Matthew Darnall and Kathleen P. Kiernan of White Plains, who purchased the property the Sanctuary had put up for sale.

"We've only owned it for a month," said Darnall, who said in a recent Zoom interview that he found the property after hiking nearby during CO-VID with his foster brother.

"I am from Northern California in the redwood forest area, so have hiked around the region and liked going to forests that maintained the trails, and liked properties that were an open, natural place."

Final plans for the property aren't clear but they had promised not to subdivide. Their goals are along the lines of farming, hiking, maybe planting apple trees, and caring for the trees presently on



The Sanctuary Grove is a well-kept wooded area emanating peacefulness on the property.



The Sanctuary's front garden includes a peace pole.

"There may be one house eventually," Darnall said, "but being so new to owning the property we don't know when that might happen."

Interestingly, a large group of the current trees are hickory trees that were grafted in the 1930s to keep them from disappearing in the

Growers Association have an ongoing interest in the trees there, and will work with the owners to ensure their good

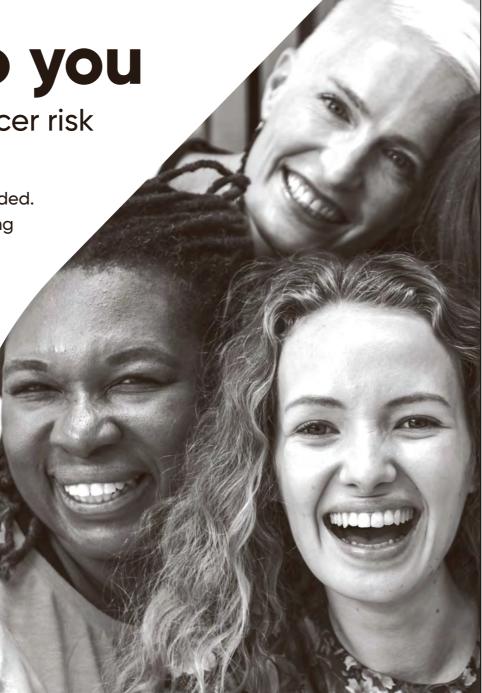
Darnall said, "You can see on the hickory trees the lines and bands where the grafting happened. It almost looks like a flood line, which I was accustomed to seeing in northern California."

Ann Marie Robustelli, director of programs and business administrator at the World Peace Sanctuary, said in a recent interview that all at the sanctuary are very pleased with their new neighbors on the land they sold to Darnall and Kiernan. "It's a great partnership," she said. "Their thoughts on how to use the land are completely aligned with our mission at the sanctuary. It's all about sustainability and the power of intention."





**Sharon Hospital** 



### **SPORTS**



The Esopus Creek near Phoenicia, N.Y. offers big water and a good look at the autumn foliage.

# Award-winning fishing columnist mails it in

PHOENICIA. N.Y. — By the time this edition of this award-winning fishing column is published, I will be back from a week's vacation near the Esopus Creek in Phoenicia. N.Y.

It was a pleasant week. The best feature of the ancestral estate is the almost complete lack of electronic communications

We do not have cable or internet. A usable cell signal requires a five-mile drive. And every time it rains, the landline sounds like a transmission from a cold and distant

So no streamside updates this time. This edition is filler. Darn good filler, but filler nonetheless.

Here are some websites and bloggers I follow regularly.

Troutbitten (www.troutbitten.com): Produced by Dominick Swentosky out of central Pennsylvania. Extremely detailed advice on gear, rigging, and tactics. This is the man who introduced me to the Bread and Butter nymph, which has become my go-to fly for all freshwater species.

Drew Lookn Fishy (www. youtube.com/c/Drew-LooknFishy): This guy has figured out how to spend a lot of time driving around the West fishing and camping out of his truck. Lots of dry-dropper rigs on small and mediumsized streams. Never gives directions, which is good, as these locations are mostly unspoiled. Bonus points for chanting "Hey, bear!" as he makes his way through the undergrowth, and for securing his net to the frame with

Alvin Dedeaux (www.youtube.com/c/AlvinDedeaux-FlyFishing): The chatty and

### **TANGLED LINES**

Patrick L. Sullivan

humorous Alvin Dedeaux is a Texas guide specializing in fly-fishing for bass. Lots of inthe-boat stuff. When I retire, I'm going to hunt Alvin up and spend a couple days on his turf, if only for the running commentary.

At the Orvis website, there is a "how to" section that has lots of good stuff (www.howtoflyfish.orvis.com).

The king of this particular hill is Tom Rosenbauer, who is to fly-fishing what Bob Vila is to home improvement. (I am not the first to make this observation.)

Rosenbauer has the gift, in writing or on video, of making the obscure comprehensible. One video has him with Euro-nymphing guru George Daniels, who writes books I don't understand.

When he's talking and demonstrating, however, prompted by regular guy questions from Rosenbauer, it becomes clear. Bonus points for shooting this video on the Farmington River.

Let's wind this up with Connecticut's own Steve Culton, the courteous and popular proprietor of Current Seams (www.currentseams.com).

Culton is something of a boss fisherman, equally enthused by stripers and wild brookies.

I had the pleasure of fishing with him on the Housatonic a couple years back. Neither one of us did much, which pleased me in a perverse way.

And I learned a lot. You will too.

# Danielle Scalewicz named **Town Recreation Director**

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Judith@millertonews.com

MILLBROOK - Danielle Scalewicz is the new Recreation Director, a year-round position that includes not only the scheduling of sports teams and clinics throughout the year, but also the annual summer camp and several special events during the year.

Szalewicz, a resident of Clinton Corners for the past 26 years, is familiar to the Town of Washington Recreation Department, having been employed by the town from 2003-2015 as Kindergarten Director, Arts and Crafts Director, CIT Director and Camp Director.

She has served as Head Teacher at the Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center (MECEC) at Lyall Church, Since 2010, Scalewicz has been the Director of Small Circle of Friends, a Toddler program also located at Lyall Church, which she still heads.

Having worked with Millbrook children for so many years, the move is a natural one for Scalewicz.

She has a lot of energy, and knows where to direct it. After starting the position in Sept,. she took on the role with ease, and coordinated the Trunk or Treating so that it went without a hitch even though it was on the same day as the soccer finals. Her next events are a Candle Making

### Senior Balance and Strength Classes

COPAKE - Senior Balance and Strength Classes will be held on Thursdays, from 9 to 10 a.m., courtesy of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

Dr. Paul Spector leads his popular Balance and Strength Class on Zoom. These classes introduce exercises that improve postural stability, core strength, spatial body awareness, sensory integration, agility and coordination.

For more details, including login information, go to www.roejanlibrary.org/ adult-programs/.

> Email news and photos to editor@ millertonnews.com



Danielle Scalewicz, new Recreation Director, Town of Washington.

class, and another favorite, building Gingerbread houses.

Because of the pandemic, the last couple of years the Gingerbread House events were pickup the kits, take home and assemble. This year, families are invited to gather at the Millbrook Firehouse to build their houses together. It will also be a meet and greet with Santa, and refreshments will be provided.

Scalewicz is the mother of three children, Casey, 26 who lives in Minneapolis; Samantha, 24, who lives in New Jersey and Stephen, 21, who still lives at home. All of them are graduates of Millbrook Central Schools and participated in the TOW recreation programs. They also worked at the TOW summer camp.

Mike Murphy, town councilman and liaison to the Recreation Department, said that Scalewicz had been interviewed by the Board and the Recreation Commission.

The position was effective Sept. 21. It amounts to 30 hours per week.

With all of her experience with youngsters, her own and those she has worked with over the years, Scalewicz has a very good idea of the direction she wants the recreation department to go.

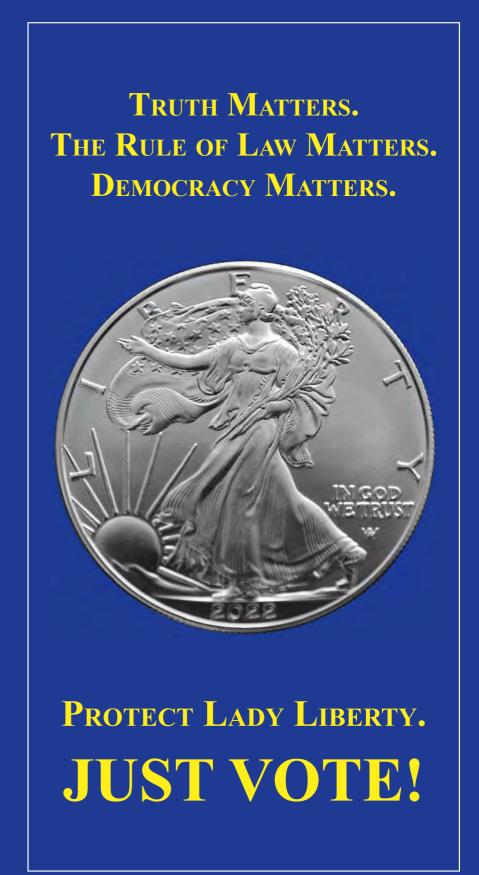
"I strongly believe in offering opportunities that will foster a strong sense of community," she said. "We will be revamping the building at the town park to have programs that will create a sense of community. My goal is to have programs from toddler to seniors."

Scalewicz works with the TOW Recreation Commission, made up of six members. President of the Commission, Jason Zmudosky stated, "We are excited to welcome Danielle as our new recreation Director. She brings lots of experience to our town programs. Stay tuned for many new programs and events."

Dawn Tompkins, Commission Secretary, says, "I'm glad to have Danielle on board, she brings a breath of fresh air, which we need." She is also looking forward to great new activities for kids, families and seniors. And member Kim Moffitt adds, "We look forward to bringing many community members together through the activities we are planning to hold."

For information on programs and events, go to www. washingtonny.org/recreation





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#### **TAXES** Continued from Page A1

year. Kennan explained that the town, along with Amenia and Dover, are in the third year of a five-year contract with NDP EMS, Northern **Dutchess Paramedics.** 

Given the impact of inflation on fuel and salaries, Kennan is not optimistic about negotiating a better price in two years' time and expects ambulance costs to rise dramatically in 2026. All town employees and elected officials are receiving a 5% salary increase in 2023. In 2022 when annual inflation is expected to reach 8% by year end, salaries were upped only 4%.

#### Revenue sources

Revenue generating activities contribute only \$448,110 of income to the town's budget. The largest single sources are sales tax sharing from the county of \$113,000, mortgage taxes of \$70,000 from the state and \$69,300 from the county for highway services. Fines generated by the Millerton Police, the Sheriffs and State troopers are projected to reach only \$18,000 of revenue and are more than offset by court costs.

Despite increased spending, town tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed value have gone down but taxes have increased. This is caused by the 12% increase across the board in town property assessments to keep all properties assessed at 100% of their market value. Rockethomes.com estimates that housing prices have increased 20.4% since September of 2021 while redfin.com estimated the increase more modestly at 8.9% so a 12% increase falls between those two estimates.

#### Assessments picture

Assessments are adjusted to reflect market conditions

ing on Sharon and Cornwall.

Many of the trees hit hard by

spongy moth two years in a

The hardwoods most se-

verely affected, mainly oaks

but also red maple and beech,

can generally regrow their

leaves once, although they

become more susceptible to

drought and disease. But the

Jeffrey Ward, who recently

retired from CAES, has been

following a forest stand on

Sharon Mountain where the

oaks were defoliated in 2021

and 2022. He noted that 70%

of them had recovered less

than a quarter of their foli-

"From experience and the

literature," said Ward, "this indicates that approximately

70% of oaks in those areas

will be dead within a couple

erpillars, which hatch in the

spring as tiny, quarter-inch crawlers and climb to the

canopy to start feeding on

leaves. Over the spring and

early summer, they will molt through four or five stages (instars), finally reaching about two to three inches in

It's the voracious appetite

of the later instars that we

typically notice, both because

of the leafless trees above and

the obnoxious frass or drop-

the caterpillars will stop feeding and pupate, emerging ei-

ther as a dark male moth or

the flightless white female

moth that lays her eggs in

tight clusters, by preference on the trunks of oaks, and

cover them with a tan-col-

ored felt made from her own

hairs. Where infestations are

heavy, egg masses can also be

found on the trunks of beech

and white birch, and even on

the sides of houses and in the

performs a winter survey

of spongy moth egg masses

across Connecticut, and

when the counts are alarm-

ingly high, as they were last

spring in western Litchfield

County, the state entomolo-

gist, Victoria Smith, will put

spongy moth infestation is

an introduced fungus, Ento-

mophagia maimagia, now en-

demic in the Northeast. When

spring rains are abundant, the

fungus becomes activated and

invades the bodies of late-

instar spongy moth caterpil-

lars, killing them. These can

The main check against

out a bulletin.

Each year, the CAES

wheel wells of cars.

In late June or early July,

The culprits of spongy moth defoliation are the cat-

age by late summer.

of years."

length.

pings below.

double punch is often fatal.

row are likely to die.

MOTHS Continued from Page A1

which affects the size of the assessed tax base up and down. In 2022 the town's tax base was calculated at \$598,420,402 which will increase to \$673,404,748 next

The Preliminary Budget package includes a 2022-2023 comparison of taxes. The bottom line for taxpayers is that anyone who owns property in the town outside the village assessed at \$400,000 this year has an assessed value of \$448,000 next year and will pay \$1,771.50 in town taxes, an increase of \$120.48 over 2022. If the property is located within the Village of Millerton, town property taxes on an assessed value of \$448,000 will be \$895.84, an increase of \$46.42. The lower rate within the village excludes the cost of the town highway department and other town-only expenses.

#### Village property owners

Separately village property owners will pay additional village property taxes. The biggest dollar impact of increased assessments at tax time will not be county, village or town taxes but school taxes. For both town and village residents in the Webutuck School District school taxes in 2023 on the same

\$448,000 property would be

In preparing the budget Kennan stated he recognizes the difficulty that those on fixed incomes have in paying taxes, but also the necessity to maintain a volunteer fire department, build a new highway garage and keep all other operating expenses as low as possible.

At the Town's regular board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, the 2023 budget will be discussed at 7:15 p.m. A link to the preliminary budget document is available on the town website: www.townofnortheastny.gov.

#### MOON ROCKS Continued from Page A1



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Ron Pastrano with a space rock at a moon rock exhibit on Thursday, Oct. 27, at The Fountains in Millbrook.

29. Pastrano has been at the Fountains for five years, but ill health kept him down for the past four years. This year he has regained his health, and is looking forward to holding a much larger presentation in spring of 2023.

Pastrana, 83, has led a fascinating life. Besides working closely with NASA, he was also a teacher and is an ordained minister. His degrees are in geology and history, and he also obtained a master's degree in counseling and sociology. Add to that a doctorate in science and theology, and you have a man of many talents, skills and aspirations.

In 1986 he was chosen by NASA to be an independent researcher, looking into moon rocks for almost 29 years. He left the field in 2014, when his wife became ill. During that time he shared his rocks and his findings with many people, including schools and private concerns as well as scientific

institutions. Although Pastrano says he has sold off most of his collection, it's hard to believe, because there is still so much to see and examine. Everything is carefully labeled, and what is significant is the age of some of these pieces of space rock. Many crashed to earth in the 1400s and 1500s, some later.

#### **Correcting Errors**

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One in particular is larger and heavier than most; it comes from Argentina, from an asteroid, and crashed in 1591, containing nickel and iron.

Another aspect to the collection are the tools of the trade, some very basic, some intricate and very expensive. One small hand held calculator, very old, is worth about \$4000. The rocks themselves are varied in color, weight, shape and size. One particularly interesting piece is shiny, black, smooth, but when a light is put underneath, pieces of gold shine through. "It's peridot:, said Pastrano. "You probably have jewelry made from peridot."

Pastrano is pleased that there seems to be a resurrected interest in space exploration recently, one of the reasons he is interested in getting a chapter of the International Space Society started in N.Y. He is not so pleased that there is so little education in space and space exploration is education, that there is no curriculum devoted to it. Pastrana plans to hold another exhibit in the spring, "Space-A

voyage of Faith and Science." This exhibit was a trial run for a larger vehicle. There is certainly enough material to hold another exhibit, and the interest shown in this event proves that people are still interested in space.

be seen hanging motionless on the trunks of trees, a grisly but welcome sight that signals the end of an infestation.

Some caterpillars manage to pupate despite the fungus, develop into moths, and lay their eggs for next spring's

To get a rough sense of the spongy moth presence in your area, locate ten or twelve large oaks and examine the trunks attentively for the tan, felt-like patches of the spongy moth egg masses. If you see none or only one or two on each tree, chances are you will escape a heavy infestation next year.

The CAES ranks anything less than 200 egg masses per acre as a light infestation. If you see four or five egg masses on many trees or, as sometimes happens, clusters of twenty or more, you might think of taking action.

A licensed arborist will have a variety of options for treating a backyard tree or woodlot for spongy moth, and the programs will range from benign to aggressive. The CAES website has a thorough and well-illustrated sec-

tion on the pest. If you decide to take matters into your own hands, you can either spray the egg  $masses\ with\ an\ agricultural\ oil$ or insecticidal soap, soaking them completely, or you can scrape them into a container and dispose of them (scraping the eggs onto the ground

doesn't work).

Will it protect your trees? Well, the first-instar caterpillars trail a fine filament behind them as they climb and use it to balloon in the wind, traveling up to 150 yards.

But each egg mass can contain up to 1,000 eggs. And they do make a satisfying crackle when tossed into the fire.



This is a flightless female spongy moth, who has laid her eggs on the trunk of an oak and covered them with a felted mat of her own hairs.

The Public Hearing to determine whether **Nuvance can close maternity at Sharon Hospital** has been rescheduled for December 6th. We will share the schedule details once they are available. In the meantime, you can still email your written testimony to ohs@ct.gov.

#### Thank you to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, who has already submitted his testimony to the **CT Office of Health Strategy! Here is an excerpt:**



**US Senator Richard Blumenthal** speaking at the October 16, 2022 Save Saron Hospital rally

"I strongly urge the Office of Health Strategy to reject the application of Vassar Health Connecticut/Nuvance Health to termination of certificate of need for labor and delivery services at Sharon Hospital. The health interests of the people in northwestern Connecticut require the provision of a comprehensive suite of health care services at Sharon Hospital including, critically, labor and delivery.

Certificate of Need (CON) are not just about dollars and cents. Ending a CON service cannot be justified solely because the holder cannot make a profit on a discreet health service. It cannot be ended because the holder finds it difficult to fill certain health care professional positions.

Rather, the key word [in] CON is need. And in this instance, it is clear that Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery services are critical to ensuring people in the region have [a] safe, readily accessible place for their maternity health needs. ...

Yet, here we are today – again fighting [for] the rights of the people of Northwestern Connecticut for comprehensive, quality health care at Sharon Hospital. ...

OHS must stop these health care moves that are based on economic interests rather than health care needs.

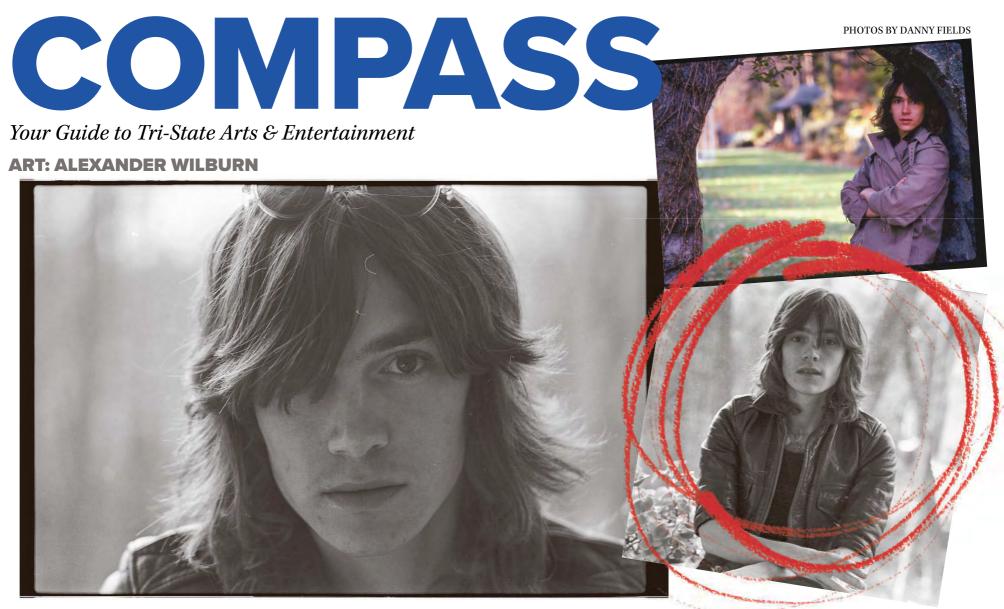
OHS must reject the proposed termination of Sharon Hospital's CON for labor and delivery needs."

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# The last pictures by Dorian Gray

uncan Hannah was cool his whole life, which is pretty impressive considering most people aren't even cool for a year. He also stayed cool while living in Connecticut, which is a bit like breathing on the moon.

I first met Hannah on a snowy morning in 2018, during a bitterly long New England winter that would last through May. I was at his home in West Cornwall, a short walk from the covered bridge, to interview him on the release of "20th Century Boy," a published collection of the personal diaries he kept from 1970 through 1981.

In old photos next to Debbie Harry and Andy Warhol, Hannah appears as the portrait of effortless youth; smooth chest, bedroom eyes, a cigarette dangling from his lip. When not painting, he lived it up among the luminaries of New York's grimiest decade, bumping shoulders in the dirty downtown bathrooms of Max's Kansas City,

CBGB, The Mudd Club. "A great cross-section of lunatics and rock stars," Hannah told me.

At 65, layered in a pink button-down, olive

sweater vest, and corduroy suit, he had settled into the out-oftime style of the old prep establishment, just the kind he had bucked against. There was a playful wit to this later life style (perfectly captured in a 2019 Es-

quire Mag-

azine spread) a puckish nod to an Anglo-mania academia dress code that doesn't exist anymore least of all in today's prep school teachers.

We sat in striped club chairs against walls lined with hardbacks, Saki and The Secret History, Tom Wolff and Tom Swift.

Hannah showed me a fan letter he had received from a girl at Phillips Exeter Academy. She had read his diary excerpts printed in The Paris Re-



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN 'Joan' (2020) by Duncan Hannah

ckish view that autumn. nania The entries start in

1970 when 17-year-old Hannah was a real life angel-faced Holden Caulfield, flung out of his private boys' academy and into the hallways of a Minnesota public school. He grows out his hair and distributes

his own dirty 'zine, records all he takes in: the concerts, the albums, the film — The Stooges, David Bowie, "Chloe in The Afternoon." He gets into Bard and discovers de Kooning, gets hit on by Allen Ginsberg, loses 20 pounds and fakes a lurid gay life to dodge the draft, struggles with his art professor's criticism, meets many girls, and has sex the way no one born after the mid-80s has sex anymore, which is to say, thoughtfully. "We get horizontal, a nudging cunnilingus, she tastes like the sea," he wrote in 1973.

"I was thinking, it's so funny," Hannah told me as we talked about the fan/love letter, "she knows better, but she thinks she's writing to the 20-year-old kid."

What's so obvious to me now is exactly why the girl at Exeter was swept away by the diaries, that voyeuristic view into the inner life of the ghost of a boy long gone. No 21st Century boy could write the way Hannah did, because no one has a private life anymore. Our diaries exist online, soullessly and self-consciously

curated, eager to be discovered by an audience as we posture and pretend. If you don't take photo of yourself reading Keats, did it happen? But in sharing so much, we have lost the personal connection to ourselves. The dangerous thrill the girl experienced was reading secret, literary, lively written by a boy her age, lustfully connected his life, to himself, to his inner world of screw-ups, eroticism, beat poetry, and artistic discovery, none of it ever meant to be shared.

"Duncan Hannah finds himself in the very modern predicament of painting pictures that seem infuriatingly attractive. He has been called "the Barry Manilow of the New Wave" and the prophet of "the Age of Valium," Glenn O'Brien wrote in the Summer 1984 issue of ArtForum. "He makes beautiful paintings that, like beautiful boys and girls, look like they should be popular. If he's the prophet of anything it's that living and painting well is revenge enough."

His titillating oil paintings were as sincere as his diaries, Hopper minus event a hint of loneliness, a subdued pastel playground of coy pleasure, gamine elegance, and an endless array of perfect breasts — the dreamworld of a dreamboat.

Hannah died this year of a heart attack at 69. When I heard, I opened my copy of "20th Century Boy" and found a piece of hotel stationery he had slipped in, telling me to go read Tim Dlugos.

Dlugos was an openly gay young poet in the 1970s New York scene who continued to write as he died of AIDS complications at the end of the 1980s. In his most famous work "G-9," named after his hospital room, Dlugos writes, "Duncan Hannah visits, and we talk of out-ofbody experiences. His was amazing." He recalls Duncan's drunk nightmare in his dormitory at Bard, waking to find an imagined naked boy sleeping on the floor. "He struggled out of bed, walked over to the youth, and touched his shoulder. The boy turned; it was Duncan himself."

"Collected Works by the Late Duncan Hannah" is now on view at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., through Nov. 27.

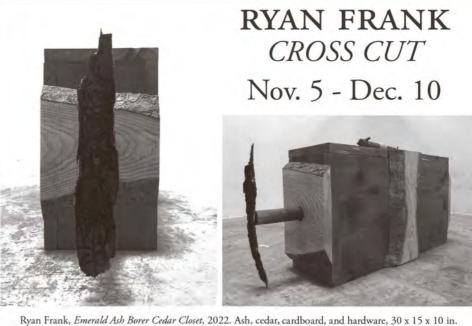




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### TRI-CORNER CALENDAR



**Triangle of Sadness** 



"I'm so tired of faking,

'cause I'm chained to my

bed when they're gone,

watching TV alone 'til

my body starts aching,"

phie Allison on her 2020

sings 25-year-old So-

breakout track "circle

the drain." A former

NYU student, Allison

was raised in Nashville,

Tenn., the music mecca

most Southern up-and-

comers dream of moving

to and being discovered.

start in Yankee territory,

Instead, she found her

Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.

later play that coined

demi-monde or "half-

the descriptive term

#### **Soccer Mommy**

In his 2014 dark satire "Force Majeure" the gleefully cynical observer of modernity Ruben Östlund showed us you never know who you are — or who you're married to — until disaster strikes. A little snow was all the Swedish direc-

#### **Uncaged**

Objet trouve or "found object" is the exaltation of the everyday, the unremarkable item pulled from the scrapyard and turned into art — think of Marcel Duchamp's porcelain urinal fountain or his bicycle wheel mounted upside down on a stool. Found sound we're probably more familiar with thanks to the work of Foley artists, a whole division of sound producers who use all sorts of objects to create the audio effects we hear on television, from footsteps to crunching leaves to laserbeams. In post World War II America, avant-garde John Cage took the noise of ordinary objects to create symphonic compositions no one else could have heard. His "Imaginary Landscape" series included parts for tin cans, electric buzzers, frequency recordings, and radios. In 1960 he performed "Water Walk" on the game show "I've Got A Secret" using among found songs — a

tor needed to unravel the relationship of two business-class yuppies on holiday with their children in the French Alps. In "Triangle of Sadness" (an early punchline title too good to spoil), he has a fuller cast of characters on board his

luxury superyacht, and therefore more disaster must be conjured to stir up his raging tempest in a teacup. The winner of the Palme d'Or at Cannes this year, the film stars Harris Dickinson and the late Charlbi Dean as two runway models and

PHOTO BY NANA WATANABE Tan Dun

bathtub, rubber duckies, a blender, and a watering can. His work "4'33" contains no purposeful sound at all, but as Cage said, "There's no such thing as silence." Cage's lifelong romantic partner was the influential American dancer and choreographer Merce Cunnigham, whose own exploration beyond tradition labeled him "the father of contemporary dance." The Bard Conservatory of Music will present a concert in honor of John Cage, with orchestral direction by Chinese-born American composer Tan Dun. In 2001 Dun won the Academy Award for Best Score for his work on Ang Lee's martial arts romantic epic, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." The score featured several cello solos played by Yo-Yo Ma, a frequent collaborator of Dun's.

"Uncaged" will be performed at Fisher Center's Sosnoff Theater at Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, N.Y., on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. as well as streamed live at www. fishercenter.bard.edu

social media influencers who straddle economic worlds in their of-themoment social class. They are beautiful people invited to beautiful places, cogs in the machine of digital marketing, their posh trappings disguising their low wages and working class hustle. Dickinson's hapless male model is a laughout-loud skewering of a man negotiating his own masculinity, well-versed in the theoretical gender debates of our time but completely unable to understand the actual women around him.

"Triangle of Sadness" begins at the The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. on *Nov. 4.* 

Class, cour-

tesans, and

consumption..

These were the

topics 23-year-

old Alexandre

Dumas dove into

with his semi-au-

novel recounting

his affair with his

Parisian mistress,

the convivial and

lady of the salon,

Marie Duplessis.

Grieving her death

by tuberculosis in 1847,

Dumas, the illegitimate

son of the famed "Three

the same name, penned

"La Dame aux Camélias,"

Musketeers" author of

highly-courted

tobiographical

Ian "learned the truth at seventeen," sad girl music has become a genre-spanning library on Spotify. Log on to find "sad girl workout," "sad girl country," and of course, 'tis the season, "sad girl autumn," indie anthems for when twilight falls early over the dead leaves and the season depression wraps you up in your unwashed duvet. These playlists, often accompanied by images of sweater 'n' schoolgirl uniform-clad Rory of "Gilmore Girls" or Irish heartthrob Paul Mescal in the S.A.D. (seasonal affective dis-

Decades after Janis

playing gigs in Brooklyn's up-and-coming (but now probably "arrived") Bushwick neighborhood. Soccer Mommy will performed at MASS order) inducing "Nor-MoCA's Hunter Center in mal People," are where North Adams, Mass., on

### Verdi's La Traviata

Soccer Mommy lives.



Marie Duplessis by Édouard Viénot

Camellias — a title that still feels illicit in its implication. The color of the camellias worn by the fictional courtesan Marguerite (French for daisy) indicated her availability to high-profile clients and noblemen based on her menstrual cycle. Dumas's



# work, including a At The Movies



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world" to describe the social scene of luxurious hedonism occupied by kept women and their paramours, was part of a wider literary interest in the subject during France's Belle Époque. Within that golden period of peace Honoré de Balzac and Émile Zola would also write about the seductive but socially frowned-upon world of prostitution. The subgenre was perhaps blithely perfected by a women — no surprise — with Collette's 20th-century novels "Gigi" and "Chéri." In Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi's adaptation of Dumas' story "La Traviata" (the fallen woman), the famed courtesan Violetta (a new flower) is wooed by an idealistic, and thoroughly smitten, young bourgeois. With any third act must come that blood stained handkerchief however, as disease and societal disapproval plague the happy union, ultimately tearing the two teary-eyed lovers apart.

"La Traviata" will broadcast as part of The Met Opera Live in HD on Nov. 5 at both Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

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### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### LEGAL NOTICE **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District (the "District") that a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District be and the same is hereby called to be held in said District in the Webutuck High School gymnasium, 194 Haight Road, Amenia, New York on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. prevailing time (the "Vote") for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

#### CAPITAL PROJECT **PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings, facilities, athletic courts, playgrounds and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings facilities, athletic courts, playgrounds and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$12,560,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,560,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

Qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the Vote. The District may require all persons offering to vote at the Vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots will be available for this Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or on the District's website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning November 6, 2022. The application must be returned to the District Clerk by November 29, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Vote, December 5, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Vote, December 6, 2022.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge  $and \, reasons \, therefore \, known$ to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/ her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the Vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Vote.

> Tracy Trotter District Clerk 11-03-22 11-17-22

> > 11-24-22

#### **Legal Notice 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 11-03-22

#### **Legal Notice Public Hearing** Village of Millerton Community **Development Block**

Grant Please take notice that the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, to invite the public for their input on

the 2022 Community Development Block Grant. All members of the public having interest in this matter are invited to attend.

By order of the Village Board of Trustees Kelly Kilmer, Village Clerk 11-03-22

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** TOWN OF AMENIA **SNOW REMOVAL BIDS** PERIOD 11/17/2022 -

5/1/2023

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for Town of Amenia Side Walk Snow Removal will be received until Noon on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, by calling (845) 373-8860 Ext. 125 or by emailing townclerk@ ameniany.gov. All bids must have proof of insurance for liability and property damage in addition to proof of Worker's Compensation coverage. All bids must also be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Snow Removal Bid 11/17/2022 to 5/1/2023".

The Amenia Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board meeting on November 17,

> Dawn Marie Klingner Amenia Town Clerk 11-03-22

#### **LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AMENIA** SNOW REMOVAL BIDS PERIOD 11/17/2022 -

5/1/2023 NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for Town of Amenia Wassaic Trail Snow Removal will be received until Noon on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Bidswillbeawardedatthe next scheduled Town Board meeting on November 17,

Dawn Marie Klingner Amenia Town Clerk 11-03-22

#### NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton, Dutchess County, New York on the 24th day of October, 2022, 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 Village of Millerton 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 if such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the

Constitution of New York. Kelly Kilmer, Village

Village of Millerton BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2022

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING COMPLETION OF EDDIE COLLINS MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENTS WITH AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$292,823, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOTTO EXCEED \$236,500 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SUCH REMAINING COST, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE **TREASURER** 

Objects or purposes: The Bond Resolution authorizes the completion of Eddie Collins Memorial Park Phase I improvements, including little league field handicapped access, walkway and bleachers and completion of driveway and Route 22 entrance, at an estimated maximum cost of \$292,823. The aforesaid purpose constitutes an unlisted action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

Period of Probable Usefulness: Fifteen (15) years pursuant to subdivision 19(c) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligations.

Maximum Amount of Obligations to be issued: The Board of Trustees plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$236,500, authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The remaining portion is to be financed from other available funds. A portion of the amount to be financed is expected to be paid or reimbursed from proceeds of the following grants awarded to the Village for the park project: CDBG

grants, SAM grant, New York State Parks grant, and MIG grant.

Delegation: The power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution, determine the form and terms of said serial bonds, and take certain other actions is delegated to the Village Treasurer, as Chief Fiscal Officer.

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, located at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York.

Dated: October 24, 2022 Millerton, New York 11-03-22

**PINE PLAINS** 

**TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING **CHAPTER 235** (TAXATION) TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE VII ENTITLED: "PILOT PROGRAM FOR TIER THREE

LARGE-SCALE SOLAR

**INSTALLATIONS**"

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Pine Plains Town Board shall hold a public holding on November 17, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 235 (Taxation) to add a new Article VII entitled: "PILOT Program for Tier Three Large-Scale Solar Installations". The said Local Law will require and owner or developer of a solar facility to enter into an agreement with the Town for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) in accordance with the provisions of §487 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. Any person wishing to be heard on said Local Law shall be given an opportunity to do so at said public hearing. A copy of the proposed Local Law will be available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office at regular business hours.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

October Dated: 20, 2022 Madelin Dafoe, Town Clerk

11-03-22

#### **TOWN OF PINE PLAINS** Pine Plains, New York **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Pine Plains for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person Monday through

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York at 7:15 p.m. on the 17th day of November, 2022, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified:

Supervisor \$22,000

**Budget Director** \$ 2,500

Councilpersons (4) \$6,800

Justices (2)

\$14,000 Town Clerk

\$24,000

Highway Superintendent \$54,000

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BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

> Dated: October 20, 2022 MADELIN DAFOE Town Clerk 11-03-22

#### VILLAGE OF **MILLERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton on November 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Village Hall located at, 5933 N. Elm Avenue., Millerton, New York to hear all interested persons regarding Local Law "D" of 2022 entitled "A Local Law to Add a New Chapter 41 Entitled " "Residency Requirements" to the Village Code to Allow Certain Public Officers and Employees to be Residents of Dutchess County, NY".

PLEASE TAKEFURTHER NOTICE that copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Village Hall, 5933 North Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York and at the village website, ww.villageofmillerton.net

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by directing comments in writing to the Village Board of Trustees, 5933 North Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York, 12546.

By order of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton dated October 24, 2022.

Kelly Kilmer Village Clerk Village of Millerton 11-03-22

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10-20-22 10-27-22 11-03-22 11-10-22 11-17-22

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### THE MILLERTON NEWS

**EDITORIAL PAGE B4** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

### **EDITORIAL**

### Vote; and appreciate those who guide us through the process

'ntil last year, for every election cycle in the life of this newspaper, there has by now been an endorsement editorial in this space. We have always welcomed the letters to the editor relating to election preferences, and this year those continue unrestricted. But as for the newspaper's endorsements, those have come to an end due to the nonprofit status granted to us in 2021.

It's not as if we've ignored our political candidates. That we would never want to do. They are far too important to our lives as humans, Americans and citizens. We have published profiles and interviews with various candidates, and then trust our readers to make their own informed decisions on the best people for the jobs

This is a particularly fraught election year, with the work of elections officials being questioned in some places as being partisan, deliberately inaccurate or just sloppy. In years of covering elections and their outcomes, however, the experience of this newspaper is that these folks are extraordinarily devoted to getting the votes counted correctly and as quickly as possible. There may be exceptions to that rule, but if these officials are continuously berated and threatened, as is also happening, those who do the work out of belief in our democratic system will step aside and leave it to others.

With fewer people running the elections, voting will become harder and more time consuming, as is already happening, even with early and absentee voting made more available through the pandemic. So now would be the time to thank those who do the work, and if longer lines due to turnout happen, to try to come up with constructive criticisms rather than angry ones.

And step up to work at the polls. As longtime poll workers age, or grow weary of being on the receiving end of abusive rhetoric, new ones need to take over if our system is to continue to function. If we can all take part in our elections, not only through voting but through ensuring that all can cast their ballots, democracy just might have a chance.

But still, of course, vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8. If we don't do that, we cannot complain about the governing that is happening once those who are voted in begin to implement their planning pre-election. And listen carefully to what those plans are, to better judge which candidates you want to have in office.

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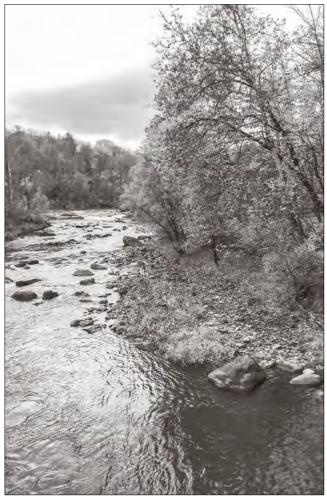


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Housatonic River in autumn



### It can mean life or death for patients in **Labor and Delivery**

As a physician who practiced emergency medicine at Sharon Hospital for 30 years, I read Dr. Nickles' Oct. 27 letter to the editor with much interest.

Dr. Nickles tries to reassure the Sharon Hospital community that the emergency department is ready to take care of all OB/GYN emergencies. That is simply not possible. Let's remember that an emergency department is not an operating room and that even the best skilled emergency physician and staff do not have the skill set of an OB/GYN specialist. True, in some if not most circumstances, a patient can be stabilized and transferred to another hospital for further care. In my experience, however, it may take up to 40 minutes for a patient to arrive at a neighboring hospital. That is assuming that an ambulance is readily available and that the road conditions are good.

That is time that a woman who has active internal bleeding as a result of a ruptured ectopic pregnancy or an unborn child who is experiencing intrauterine distress may not have. I have been in the position of taking care of those patients and I have always been grateful that an OB/GYN specialist could arrive and get the patient(s) immediately to the operating room when needed.

Let's remember also that Nuvance is not being asked to create a new service at Sharon Hospital. It is instead taking away a necessary, and potentially lifesaving, service that has been available to the Sharon community for nearly 100 years.

How much money does Nuvance need to save to justify a maternal death or a child that is so disabled that he or she will require specialized care for the rest of his or her

I am not sure what Nuvance means when it says it is following a "growth-based Sharon Hospital Transformation Plan", but I do know that closing the OB/GYN department at Sharon Hospital is a terrible idea and robs the community of an essential

Richard A. Bennek MD Merion Station, Penn.

### Let's Elect **Michelle Hinchey**

It is time for a change. This election year, Millerton is in a new State Senate District, and we have an unusual situation in which two incumbent NY State Senators are running against each other to fill that one new district Senate seat. One of them, Michelle Hinchey, is the right person at the right time for Millerton.

Michelle Hinchey learned the value of public service from her father, the widely revered former U.S Congressman Maurice Hinchev. and she has already demonstrated her own ability to get things done in Albany. Since being elected in 2020, she passed over fifty bills in just two years, bringing Democrats and Republicans together for legislation to improve our upstate quality of life. Many of her bills like those expanding broadband and better healthcare access passed unanimously.

Importantly for Millerton, she also served as chair of the Senate's Agriculture Committee. She wrote legislation to make New York's farm to food bank program permanent. She drafted legislation to require government agencies that purchase food to spend more of their budgets with local NY farms. She also secured a large investment in rural and upstate housing through the State Budget. She secured over \$5 million to support our local police departments and first responders and to expand gun violence prevention programming. She boldly believes that reproductive care is healthcare, and that healthcare is a human right. She also fought for upstate universal pre-K expansion to help get parents back to work, created a tax credit for all COVID expenses incurred by small businesses, worked to suspend the state's gas tax, and to fully fund our public schools, thereby helping to hold the line on property

Michelle Hinchey is under 40 and understands how the issues of climate change, unaffordable housing for young families, and the lack of wellpaying jobs in the Hudson Valley impact the ability of young families to stay here.

I have seen Michelle Hinchey speak several times. She is smart, articulate, and extremely knowledgeable about the details of the many issues she addresses. She is passionate about serving as a State Senator, and it is clear that she deeply cares about the people in her district. She is the right person to be our next New York State Senator. She will serve Millerton's best interests. In this important election year, we need to elect Michelle Hinchey. Early voting is from Oct. 29-Nov. 7, and the final Election Day is Nov. 8.

Dean Nicyper Shekomeko (Town of North-East)

### **LETTERS TO** THE EDITOR

### **Vote Democratic**

because we, as a nation, as a unified people, are at this time in a position of great importance.

The results of the coming elections will determine whether we together decide to succeed as a society or continue to devolve toward disunion and destruction.

Supposedly, and ideally, we have a population of citizens unified under the idea of freedom and the established rule of law enabled by our Constitution. Because of our individual proclivities we have a populace with a large variety of ideologies under a larger ideal governing principal. Given a large enough sample of people you would probably find an almost 50/50 split between the risk or risk adverse, red or blue, Democrat or Republican. This balanced split is manifest in the current balanced Congress and the nature of our choice of recent presidents.

I could never understand, given a set of facts, how anyone could possibly not agree with me. I have come to realize that the contrary systems we have must be accommodated. Our work and solutions have always come through negotiation and compromise when that option was possible. This seems to be getting harder daily. Now that we have blatant disinformation and dishonesty, our ability to negotiate

is leaving fast. The issues that currently demand the most attention usually get the work, but resolution is hardly ever achieved. The choice we the people have in the electing of current candidates running for office will determine which of these issues

I am writing this opinion are addressed and how they are addressed.

> All, if not more, of these issues require work to enable our society to function as we now know it. However, two from the list now stand heads above the rest. If a great deal more effort is not considered and applied to the issue of climate change, anything else we apply ourselves to will not matter. The effects and repercussions of a swiftly changing climate around the world will affect and amplify the negative characteristics of all the other listed issues and would make dealing with the other issues untenable. Before throwing a lot of legislative weight at the climate crisis, we will also need a strong economy. If the economy is not strong, the electorate will not have the motivation to make the necessary changes to deal with this issue.

> I can't expect to change anybody's beliefs or opinions according to their ideological positions nor could I assume that presenting evidence that supports my position would hold sway to an inflexible ideology. To date, amongst the two major political parties vying for control of Congress, only one party has consistently presented platforms and proposed legislation to take on climate change while growing and stimulating the economy.

> One guess as to which party that is.

> I think one journalist I read said it quite succinctly. Elizabeth Kolbert said

> "We now have a choice between worse, or less worse. I think I'd rather have less worse. Vote, and vote considerately and appropriately.

> > **Scott Culbreth**

### **Participate: Vote!**

I sometimes wonder how important it is to vote; how much effect can one person's vote have? Nevertheless, I have never missed voting in any general or primary election. After all, it is the one chance I have, through my vote, to express my point of view and, perhaps, along with the votes of others, affect the future conduct of politicians.

If most people don't bother to vote because they feel that their one vote is not significant, our politicians will have no incentive to conduct themselves in the best inter-

As an ordinary voter, ests of the country. Indeed, it seems that many politicians feel that they can act primarily in their own self-interest, which often means catering to large corporations who lobby them, rather than considering the needs of individual citizens.

Also, in small towns, a few votes can be decisive in an election.

To ensure that our country succeeds, and to keep our democracy, I think that we must participate in it the main way we can — we must vote.

**Amy Rothstein** Pine Plains

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#### **OPINION**

### Do we really want to connect with the countryside any more?

nyone who lives in the city, any city, or large town thinks of the countryside as a peaceful place to go to unwind, to breathe the fresh air, for long spring and summer walks and recreation. In fall it is to watch the changing leaves. In winter enjoying the snow and winter sports. All year long, people seek out country farm market stands as a connection to nature.

There is a growing problem: All those people enjoying the countryside, all those people skiing or snowboarding, all those fall foliage spotters, all those bird watchers, and indeed, all those businesses reliant upon countryside visitors every weekend... not one of them fights for the true keepers of the countryside's vast acreage: farmers and ranchers.

In Switzerland they have

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

long seen the economic and tourist benefit of the Alps and alpine valleys being beautiful, with traditional Heidi-like farming, cows' bells clanging, and green grass replaced by ski-able snow in winter. They support this pastoral scene with government tax breaks for farmers that surpass what we dole out to farmers by about 65% per farm. The strange end result has been that all the time farming knowledge and livestock management has improved and when applied to the Swiss antiquated open pasture practices, their productivity has always stayed ahead of intensive farming

practices. Maybe the animals prefer the open air as well. In fact, in the early 70's, a referendum forced all the chicken farmers to abandon battery practices (caged animals, laying an egg a day, never walking, never touching another animal). The chicken farmers were certain this was the end of all affordable eggs and chicken. Within 2 months of being placed outside, free-range, they were laying more eggs, had fewer deaths and illness and, in fact, laid more eggs. Seems it was the improvements in foodstuffs and chicken care that was beneficial, not the cages they had been kept in.

Over a decade ago Britain too decided that the balance of benefit to the economy must favor the farmer and countryside. Over there, Ag Ministers labeled the farmers "the Keepers Of The Countryside" and came up with new promises in farming subsidies. Gone was dime one for intensive farming practices, which produce cheap meat, butter, eggs, and milk by factory means, replaced by subsidies for farmers who re-plant traditional hedgerows, re-stack stone walls, and "look after the land." New subsidies are pegged to acreage not density of animals per acre (a practice that once led to keeping animals in cages and feeding them high protein foodstuff). Four decades ago, people bemoaned the loss of paths along canals, historically maintained by farmers who grazed sheep there. Also gone were bucolic country walks, bared by landlords' "Do Not Cross" tape, soon replaced by "Sold" to a developer. In short the emotional impact had been

measurable on the people of

Britain. And then the economic impact also became measurable: inns closed, antique shops bust, restaurants empty, town budgets destroyed, property values plummeting, tourist sites standing vacant, and, certainly not least, the big hotel chains had to lobby Parliament to intervene.

So, the little guy and the big buy stood and spoke together: protect our asset, the countryside. Who better to do that than the guy who always has? Who better

qualified than the farmer or rancher. In a Magna Cartalike moment for the countryside, Britain changed priorities. Maybe we should wake up and follow Britain and Switzerland before it's too late here as well or do we need an asphalt jungle coast to coast to tell us how much we loved - and once depended on - open ranch and farmland?

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

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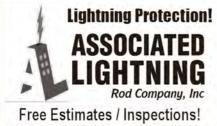
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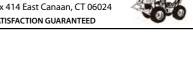
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