

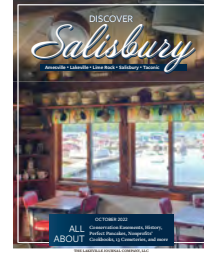


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Eddie Collins Memorial Park

A park reopens for the community

By **JOHN COSTON**
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MILLERTON – The reopening of Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Saturday, Oct. 1, drew hundreds of people from the community at-large to mark the completion of the first phase of the revitalization of the park that has served as the recreational center for the region for decades.

The party came to life starting around noon as the 100-car parking lot filled to capacity, forcing an overflow across Route 22. Families

arrived with strollers and excited children who ran into the wide-open spaces. Basketball games started immediately on the new basketball courts. Soccer players — young and old — took to the new regulation-sized soccer field. Mothers and fathers streamed into the expanded, repaired and resurfaced handicap-accessible playground.

The party atmosphere was fueled by rock music that filled the air, and food booths that served

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Watching the big boys.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Brody Reyes, 4, of Millerton, tried out the expanded, repaired and resurfaced playground on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.



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From left, North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, State Rep. Didi Barrett, Stephen Waite, Chair of the Park Project Committee, Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek and State Sen. Sue Serino. For more photos, turn to Page B3.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Dr. Ron Santos, right, director of Sharon Hospital's Emergency Department, reviews a patient chart with medical staff.

A day in the life of Sharon Hospital

Editor's note: Sharon Hospital's plans to eliminate Labor and Delivery and substitute its Intensive Care Unit with a Progressive Care Unit have captured headlines for months. This story takes an overall look at the hospital's services.

SHARON — A bloodcurdling wail from a young child in distress pierces the calm inside Sharon Hospital's Emergency Department, drowning out the soft, rhythmic beeps of nearby monitors. Doctors and nurses are huddled around the lone patient on this weekday afternoon in one of the department's 10 treatment rooms, which were

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filled to capacity the prior evening.

Dr. Ron Santos, who has served as director of the Emergency Department for 12 years, described the ED as a no-judgment zone, where all who enter are treated with equal doses of attention and care, whether they present in dire straits or for less-serious injuries or health issues.

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Save Sharon Hospital makes its case prior to public hearing

By **PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Save Sharon Hospital group held the second of three discussions Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Scoville Memorial Library about Sharon Hospital's application to close its

labor and delivery unit.

The state Office of Health Strategies (OHS) is holding a public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 18 (on Zoom) on the application from the hospital's owner, Nuvance, to modify the Certificate of Need that governs the hospital's activities.

Victor Germack began the presentation with background and a timeline on Nuvance's acquisition of Sharon Hospital.

He said "We have to tell the state we don't want labor and delivery to close."

See **SSH, A8**

Amenia holds first wastewater info session

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

AMENIA — Building on nearly six decades of discussion and study of wastewater treatment options essential to future development of the town's central business district, the Wastewater Committee has overseen the creation of a new plan.

The 2022 Sewer Feasibility Study is ready for residents to re-

view and comment upon.

The first of three opportunities to provide comment and ask questions was an information session held on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Town Hall. The Wastewater committee gathered for a roundtable discussion open to the public, intended to clarify the plan and discuss the next steps toward establishment of a local sewer district.

Creating a district is a necessary step in securing grant funding

to support the project, committee chairman Charles Miller explained.

A second public information session is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The third session will be a Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18, beginning at 7 p.m., accessed through a link to be posted on the committee's Facebook page and by means of a

See **WASTEWATER, A7**

Joseph steps down as Millerton News editor

By **JANET MANKO**
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MILLERTON — Longtime Millerton News editor Whitney Joseph has stepped down from her position. Joseph was with The Miller-

ton News for more than 20 years.

Joseph moved to Florida in the spring of this year, and decided to remain there permanently. She worked remotely for those months, but it became too difficult to have an absent editor for a community

weekly newspaper.

The Lakeville Journal Company is grateful for the work she put in during all those years at The Millerton News, first as reporter, then as editor, and wishes her the best in her future projects.



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OUR TOWNS

Troopers travel to Puerto Rico to help in storm's aftermath

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Heroes are heroes, no matter their location, and that designation now belongs to 50 New York State Troopers who dropped everything on Saturday, Sept. 24, to travel on a donated Jet-Blue flight from JFK airport to Puerto Rico to assist residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona.

According to Troop K Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks of the Salt Point Barracks, once there, Troopers were immediately sworn in as Puerto Rican police officers so that they could assist the local forces with the overwhelming needs brought on by lack of even the basic essentials such as food, water and electricity.

In addition to delivering life-saving humanitarian relief to those in need, Hicks said the officers began assisting in managing increased "crimes of opportunity that occur post disaster... in commercial businesses and homes that are unoccupied or damaged and so are easily accessed."

When responding on the devastated island, just as when answering a call close to home, Hicks said Troopers always go in "with a willingness to help and serve and do the best they can with the tools at hand."

The current response is typical of Troopers with most of those who go on special missions — volunteering, although some are assigned because they have specific skills, such as the ability to speak Spanish.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Fifty members of the New York State Troopers joined 75 Troopers from New Jersey at JFK Airport for a Sept. 24 flight to Puerto Rico to aid police after Hurricane Fiona.

He suggested that it might seem to make sense to draw those recruits from New York City with Troopers who might have a better grasp of the language and its colloquialisms, but he emphasized no one area can be tapped and leave coverage in short supply. Flexibility and creativity on the part of Troopers and schedulers are critical.

Hicks said that because burn-out can become dangerous, the island assignments might be limited to one or two weeks, depending on airport availability, before Troopers are rotated.

Recognizing that burn-out can happen on the home front as well, Hicks emphasized, "We of the State Police



acknowledge family support and the sacrifices that our families also make in supporting us to make sure that we can serve the people of New York and beyond."

Troop K Trooper Howard Dörner's bride was one of those once left behind. A third year officer and newly married with a two-week-old home, he volunteered for what became a life changing experience, spending two 15 day tours in the heart of Hurricane Katrina's 2005 Ninth

Ward destruction.

Expecting to find anti-police views in that dangerous area, Dörner said he was amazed at the reception the Troopers received as residents came to appreciate their contributions, even welcoming them into their homes, preparing meals and crying while expressing their thanks.

Dörner said he changed too, increasing in understanding and empathy.

And yes, he would do it again.

AREA IN BRIEF

Indian Rock Community Day

AMENIA — The one-room historic Indian Rock Schoolhouse will hold its annual Community Day celebration at 25 Mygatt Road in Amenia on Saturday, Oct. 15, from

10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The day will feature children's crafts and activities, local artisans and vendors, music, raffles, schoolroom tours and treats.

Light-Up Lantern Maker hour

PINE PLAINS — Make your own lantern to carry for candy hunting on Halloween. The Pine Plains Free Library will have a lantern making session on

Oct. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required. Contact the library for further information at info@pineplainslibrary.org or 518-398-1927.

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 South-

east, ending Nov. 20 if all goes according to plan. Riders are advised to allow for an additional hour of travel time. For more information go to new.mta.info/alerts.

Library plans blood drive Oct. 11

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Annex at 28 Century Blvd.

as part of the state-wide Library Give Back Month. Walk-ins are accepted, but to pre-register go to red-crossblood.org and use the sponsor code NEML.

Storytime with Tia at library

COPAKE — Young patrons of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library are invited to enjoy Storytime with Tia on Saturdays, starting at

10:30 a.m. For more information, call 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org. The Roe Jan Library is located at 9091 Route 22.

OFA needs help delivering

MILLERTON — The Dutchess County Office for the Aging's (OFA) Home Delivered Meals program is in immediate need of volunteer drivers to bring nutritious meals to homebound seniors in Millerton and nearby in northeastern Dutchess

County. To learn more, call the OFA at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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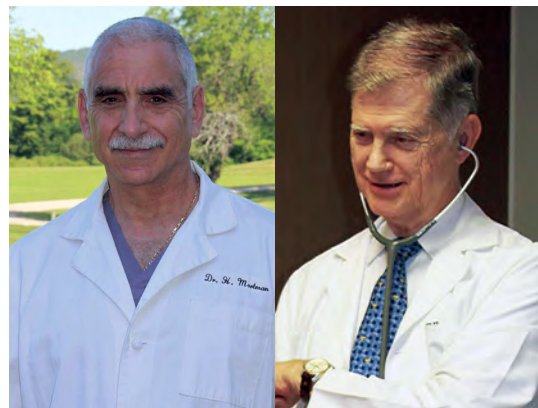
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SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

Upcoming Community Events:



Community members showed up to rally in 2021, and we will rally again on October 16!



Above, left: Dr. Howard Mortman has been delivering babies at Sharon Hospital since 1991. Above, right: Dr. David Kurish, an internist and cardiologist who has been treating patients at Sharon Hospital for over 40 years.

Community Roundtables

Learn what's happening at Sharon Hospital from the doctors themselves. Speakers include Dr. Howard Mortman and Dr. David Kurish. Attend one or attend them all! No reservations needed.

Millerton, New York:
Wed, October 5 at 6pm
Northeast-Millerton Library Annex

Kent, Connecticut:
Wed, October 12 at 6:30pm
St. Andrew's Parish,
1 N Main St, Kent.

All events are sponsored by Save Sharon Hospital, and are not affiliated with the venues where the events are held.

Rally to Save Sharon Hospital

Hear from our public officials, doctors, and fellow community members on how you can help save Maternity and the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

Sunday, Oct 16 at 2pm
at the Sharon Town Green

Testify at the Public Hearing

against NuVance's application to close Maternity.
• Written Testimony: Email OHS@ct.gov by Monday, Oct. 17.
• Oral Testimony: Sign up via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct 18 at 2pm. Public Testimony starts at 3pm. For the Zoom login and further information, please visit our website.

Tuesday, Oct 18 via Zoom
10am: Hearing begins
3pm: Public Testimony begins

Save Sharon Hospital, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization composed of volunteers and healthcare professionals from the Northwest Corner and the neighboring New York area who are concerned about the continued quality and availability of healthcare in our region. We are committed to supporting and maintaining the full range of services at Sharon Hospital.

www.savesharonhospital.org

Big scrub for old headstones

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

SPENCER'S CORNER — History buffs should don their oldest clothes and head to the Spencer's Corner Burying Grounds at the corner of Merwin Clark and Rudd Pond Roads on Monday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. to join in The Big Scrub, an effort to clean some of the many gravestones in need of care.

The project, under the direction of Claire Goodman, president of the Friends of Spencer's Corner Burying Ground (FOSCBG) which was approved as a non-profit corporation in March 2022 is designed to help preserve the area's heritage and to pay homage to those who have come before.

Volunteers are welcome with training and even soda and beer, and equipment supplied. That includes gloves, nylon brushes and an ecologically sound compound, D2, which is formulated to remove years of accumulated growth and grime while allowing the stone's desirable patina to remain.

The spray will be applied the day before The Big Scrub which will allow for careful but easy scrubbing followed by water and a remarkable shedding of the ages.

In some instances, second or even third applications are necessary, but she says that some stones have already been cleaned, allowing for accurate readings of names, dates, and other information.

The new information is being used by architect and FOSCBG board member Laurie Kerr to create a grid of the grounds and its inhabitants. She, with the aid of her nephew and his camera drone, used black and white winter photos to provide the basis for the architectural grid.

All information will eventually



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Some of The Friends of Spencer's Corners Burying Ground as pictured in a May 12 issue of The Millerton News following a May 7 cleanup at the site. From top "left, Charlie Campbell, Ralph Fedele, Tom Thornton, Lyman Terni, Justin Sinisi, Alice Quinn, Laurie Kerr, Jack Campbell, Jim Campbell and Claire Goodman.

be available to amateur genealogists as the group moves forward in it preparation of a pamphlet and web site.

With many stones in poor condition or even flattened and hidden by years of weather and frost upheavals, the organization has also begun to work with Connecticut's Monument Conservation Collaborative for an eventual excavation to be funded by donations and grants.

Already acknowledged by a state historical marker, Goodman says the organization has also begun work for on a complex application to the National Registry of Historic Places as inclusion there allows for many grant applications.

The burying ground and the nearby original Spencer house are all that remain of a small community including a Baptist church, post office and general store located on the edge of the rutted Salisbury Turnpike, which was used to transport goods from this iron rich area to the Hudson



Claire Goodman works to clean a gravestone.

River. At least one stone is dated 1701, part of an estimated 400 burials which include ancestors of some of the area's oldest families. Goodman is hopeful that as more descendants learn of the project they will provide information which will supplement that already gleaned from library and Historical Society records. She said some of the most valuable is in handwritten notes for historically based articles written by Chet Eisenhuth and published in the 1960's in the Millerton News. For more information or to make a donation, write to Goodman at PO Box 1031.



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Greg Melnick and Josie LaRiccia of Hawthorne's Josie's International School of dance entertained audiences at last year's North East Community Center's Hispanic Heritage Festival.

Hispanic Heritage festivals on Oct. 8

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

Civic pride will be on display in Millerton and Millbrook on Saturday, Sept. 8 as both communities celebrate Hispanic Heritage Festivals.

Griffin Cooper, marketing and outreach coordinator for the North East Community Center, said the Hispanic Heritage Festival is set to honor members of the Hispanic community while welcoming all to the celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. at the NECC headquarters at 51 South Center St. in Millerton.

Music by performers Tres Gatosnx Latin Jazz band, and Greg Melnick, the guitarist for Josie's International School of Dance in Hawthorne, will invite dancing by all. Children will be invited to participate in coloring activities. Snacks and drinks will be available at

the free rain or shine event.

Fall in Love with Millbrook, A Celebration of Art, Dance & Music is presented by the Millbrook Arts Group and the Millbrook Library, according to Library Director Courtney Tsahalís. The day will kick off with a Plein Air painting workshop from 9 to 10:45 a.m. on the library lawn at 3 Friendly Lane and the Farmers Market on Franklin Ave. from 9:30 until 1:00 p.m. The Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival and Music in the Street will follow at the same location from 1 to 2 p.m. Pumpkin painting on the library lawn will run from noon until 1:30 p.m.

For more information on the NECC call 518-789-4259 x 129 or go to neccmillerton.org. For the Millbrook Library call 845-677-3611 or go to millbrooklibrary.org.



PHOTO BY COURTNEY TSAHALIS

Library fundraiser

The Millbrook Vineyards & Winery was the setting Saturday, Sept. 17, for a Pages and Pinots fundraiser for the Millbrook Library. According to Library Director Courtney Tsahalís, people came out to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, take in the views, and support the library in its ongoing efforts to raise funds necessary to replace the building's heating and air conditioning system. Among those present were Nan and David Greenwood, center, and Mike Herzog. Sharon Mahar, at right.

— Carol Kneeland

Rules and deadlines for voting eligibility

Deadlines for citizens who wish to vote in the Nov. 8 elections are quickly approaching. According to the New York State Board of Elections website, in person registration must be complete by Oct. 14, which is also the postmark deadline for mail in applications. Those must be received by the Board of Elections by Oct. 19. Newly naturalized citizens sworn in or service members honorably discharged after that date have until Oct. 29.

Registered voters' change of address forms must be received by Oct. 19.

Absentee ballots may be requested by mail, telefax or the site portal by Oct. 24 with Nov. 7 as the in person deadline. Those ballots must be postmarked or delivered in person by Nov. 8.

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections site, "Absentee voters may no longer vote in person on a machine."

There is never any charge to register or to vote.

For questions or more information go to the state site at www.elections.ny.gov or call the Dutchess County Board of Elections at 845-486-2473.

'Samuel Clemens:

Tales of Mark Twain' Oct. 16

Residents throughout the area are invited to a benefit performance for the Amenia Lions Club, of the one-man show written and performed by Joe Baer about literary legend Mark Twain.

The special matinee performance will be on Sunday,

Oct. 16, at 2 p.m., at the Amenia Town Hall located at 4988 Route 22.

To purchase tickets for the one-time-only show, email AmeniaLionsClubJM@outlook.com.

Advanced tickets will cost \$15 per person.

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OBITUARIES

Irvin G. 'Tarzan' Machia

FALLS VILLAGE — Irvin G. "Tarzan" Machia, 85, of 26 Rt. 63 died Wednesday morning Sept. 28, 2022, at the Sharon Healthcare Center. He was born July 26, 1937, in Warren, Vermont, son of the late Charles and Larena (Jones) Machia.

Tarzan was a self employed logger. When he wasn't in the forest he could be found working at the Falls Village Saw Mill. He loved horses, and enjoyed spinning a story. But his true passion was the love he shared for his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children; Margaret; Irvin Jr.; Charles; Larena; JoEllen; and Amanda. his siblings: Alice; Mary; Beverly; Florence; and Eddie. Tarzan is also survived by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two wives Judith and Evelyn; his daughter Karyn in 2015; and his sister Fredrika.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018

Email obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Jeannette M. Wright

Jeannette M. Wright, born April 5, 1963, passed away Sept. 29, 2022, at Sharon Hospital.

Jeannette brought joy to those who were fortunate enough to be family or friends. She had a passion for culinary and shared the fruits of her labor with many. She met you with a smile, offered help to those in need, and left you feeling better about yourself. Her laugh was infectious. She fiercely loved her animals, St. John, Queenie, Topaz, and Lulu, all of whom she rescued.

Jeannette leaves the physical world of her family, which includes her father and stepmother, Hervey and Marilyn Wright, sister Joan and husband Jerri Wingard, brother Michael Wright, stepsister Mary Wilbur, stepbrother



James Wilbur, stepbrother Sean O'Neal and his partner Brandy, and stepsister Kathleen O'Neal White and husband Doug, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Jeannette was predeceased by her mother Judith Wilbur, sister Kimberly Wright, and nephew Steven Wingard.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at Goshen Center Cemetery in Goshen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Little Guild in Jeannette's name. Your donation can be sent to The Little Guild 285 Sharon-Goshen Road, West Cornwall, CT 06796. Jeannette was an advocate for animals that were abused or needed homes.

Mary T. Kirby

SHARON — Mary T. Kirby passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

Calling hours at Kenny Funeral Home are Thursday, Oct. 6, 4 to 7 p.m. and funeral is at St. Bernard's Church, Sharon, Friday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Millerton News.

Lee Minoff

SHARON — Lee Minoff, a writer and psychoanalyst, died Sept. 29, 2022, following a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

A funeral service will be held, at a time to be determined, at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, Queens, New York.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Millerton News.

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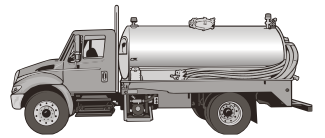
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Audubon hosts its first carbon capture panel

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Although the rate of progression is imperceptibly gradual, climate change spurred on by carbon in the atmosphere is relentless, a force that needs to be resisted.

In an effort to inform area residents of the perils and actions that can be taken, Sharon Audubon Center convened a gathering of nonprofit organizations dealing with conservation and a panel of experts to present information about trends and corrective actions.

The conference that drew over 125 participants was held at LionRock Farm in Sharon on Sunday, Sept. 25, and was titled, "Connecting Carbon, Climate and Conservation." The focus of the program was an effort to define ways to capture carbon through forest management and by effective plantings, helping to fend off the effects of climate change.

"Considering climate change to be the most significant threat to birds, Audubon has no choice but to be involved," said Eileen Fielding, center director at Sharon Audubon.

"The idea [for the event] has been in the works for a while," said John Brett, chairman of the Audubon Stewardship Board, during an interview just before the start of the panel discussion.

"The aim is to bring together nonprofit organizations with like-minded perspectives on the issues. We'll do more," Brett said.

Sponsors of the event, in addition to Sharon Audubon, were the Sharon Land Trust, Salisbury Association Land Trust, Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, Great Mountain Forest (GMF) and the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA).

According to Brett, the idea came about during a dinner conversation he had with Roger Liddell of the Sharon Land Trust and Joshua Ginsberg of the Cary Institute in Millbrook, New York.

Nonprofit organization representatives providing information and distributing literature were Tom Zetterstrom of the Housatonic Valley Association and David Beers, a private lands forester serving western Connecticut.

"Focusing on clean-up, how do we get the carbon out of the atmosphere?" asked Fielding kicking off the discussion.

Panel member Matt Gallagher, director of programs and operations at GMF, responded that carbon is one



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Climate change and carbon capture were the focus of a panel discussion hosted by the Sharon Audubon Center on Sunday, Sept. 25, at LionRock Farm in Sharon. Eileen Fielding of Sharon Audubon kicked off the discussion.

of his key management objectives.

"Carbon pools store carbon," Gallagher explained. The variables are the quantity stored and how it changes over time. "Both are necessary to mitigate climate change," he added.

"Sequestration" is the process of removing carbon from the atmosphere, Gallagher said. Strategies can include protecting forests from other uses, increasing diversity, increasing numbers of young trees, increasing structural complexity within forests (young, medium and mature stands) and increasing the use of wood products because harvested trees make room for new growth.

Speaking of the watershed area stretching from Pittsfield, Mass. southward to Long Island Sound, Julia Rogers of HVA spoke of the "Follow the Forest" program. She advocated maintaining forests as forests, important

to wildlife and using plants that will withstand the progression of climate change.

Rogers said that just protecting segregated blocks of forested land is not enough. Mapping connections among the blocks is essential in order to see what should be happening at the local level.

"Understanding how we fit within the matrix is an important goal," Rogers said. "We are all members of small communities."

Dan Carr of Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, a nonprofit supporting the local food economy by helping to make local small farms viable, said that his organization offers technical assistance to agricultural start-ups, business planning, website design and helps with low-interest, flexible loans.

Also of Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, Ben Crockett described the concept of climate-smart agriculture with minimal soil disturbance. Pe-

rennial crops requiring less tillage include asparagus and rhubarb.

"You have to know that the trees will be there in 50 to 100 years," Crockett said, stressing the importance of a farm having long-term tenure.

"A carbon-rich soil is essential to successful farming," Crockett added, stressing the importance of reduced soil disturbance. He was encouraged by noticing that local dairy farmers are engaged in no-till farming. Organic matter promotes the growth of beneficial fungal colonies, he noted.

Summarizing common themes voiced by the panel, Fielding presented the effects of climate change on bird populations, citing examples of decimated populations.

"The biomass of birds has declined," Fielding reported. "The population has declined by half in the past 50 years," she said, adding that if the average temperature increases by three degrees centigrade, two-thirds of birds will lose their habitats.

"We can increase the amount of carbon we are sequestering," Fielding said, noting that the state is now 60% forested. She added that 80% of that forested land is privately owned, but over half of those privately-owned parcels are in the hands of small landowners.

Discussion with the audience turned to invasive plant species plaguing the area and how best to eradicate them, including biocontrol methods.

Liddell noted that mugwort, an invasive, produces up to 200,000 seeds per plant.

Emphasizing that residents need to remain informed, Liddell said that he hoped that the event will be the first of multiple meetings when organizations gather to offer informal discussions guided by conservation experts.

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<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>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. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>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</p>

Harvesting at the Farmers Market



Maggie Webb, 10, of Salisbury bought pumpkins from Jon Willmott of 6 Acre Farm in Millerton on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Millerton Farmers Market.



Rebecca Keep of Millerton shopped for greens on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Millerton Farmers Market, where Dominic Palumbo, owner of Moon in the Pond farm in Sheffield, Massachusetts, offered an array of fresh produce.



PHOTO BY JIM MILLER

Highway summer intern Quentin Dipippo, residents David and Erin Robertson, student volunteers Aiden Damon and Jake Wolfmann and resident volunteer Craig Murphy helped unload the Robertson's trailer.

Ancram fills three dumpsters at Clean-Up Day

ANCRAM — Town of Ancram Highway Superintendent Jim Miller said that the town's annual clean up event

that was held on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, was a great success.

"We filled three 30-yard Dumpsters and another of metal items that will be recycled," Miller said. "Also, numerous tires were brought in as well."

Residents were asked to make a donation of a nonperishable food item; all donations were given to the Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association's food bank program.

A number of folks from around town assisted Highway Superintendent Jim Miller, including local high school volunteers Aiden Damon and Jake Wolfmann, residents Dick Novik and Craig Murphy, highway summer intern Quentin Dipippo and Highway Department employees Jim Murphy and Willy Baker. Town Supervisor Art Bassin and Town Councilman Hugh Clark also participated.

— Whitney Joseph

Millerton library craft fair scheduled Oct. 8

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Hometown pride is a wonderful thing, but with so many New England towns having been settled just a short horse ride away from one another, it's not unusual for residents of one to be involved with another just across its border. That's especially true when there's a fun activity to join such as the NorthEast-Millerton Library Craft Fair set for Saturday, Oct 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An annual event since 2012, the Fair has drawn visitors from as far away as New York City while raising much needed

funds for library projects.

The short jaunt to Millerton is well worth it according to Fair regular and Lakeville, Conn., resident Virginia Littauer, who has been a shopper there ever since she first spotted a sign advertising the event on a drive to Lakeville from Larchmont where she worked as a hospital nurse.

Always concerned about her patients and looking out for both their physical and emotional well-being, following her first visit, Littauer made a point of stopping in at the Craft Fair each year to purchase gifts to distribute to the bedridden in an effort to make their enforced Christmas stays more festive.

Now retired, while she no longer needs to purchase the many armloads of treasures she once did, she still makes the annual visit to the Craft Fair. She said, "I always like to see home-crafted things and give support because I'm an avid knitter, and I always appreciate what other people make." Even with no patients in need, she said, "I always buy something and give it away."

Littauer says she will "Absolutely will be there." Ever enthusiastic, she adds she will, "try to get a group together" to join her.

Available purchases will range from knit and fabric goods to jewelry, woodwork-

ing, art work, jams and jellies, baked goodies, and raffle baskets donated by local merchants.

The offerings mainly come from several dozen artists, artisans and crafters from Millerton and North East, including Carol Loper and Diane Price who have made hundreds of donations and potter Randi Kish, but according to Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, just as shoppers do, contributors also come from the surrounding area.

Ynez Kilmer of Amenia, a member of a knitting and crochet group at the Annex's Senior Friendship Center, has contributed warm items for years and is now donating

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Salisbury Association

24 Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Fri. & Sat., 10 am – 3 pm Sun. Visit the Land Trust's exhibit "Come Into the Forest." Learn about the importance of forests—from the air we breathe, to clean drinking water, to the diversity

of life. Forests matter much more than we may realize.

Salisbury Congregational Church

Friday & Saturday
10 am – 4 pm Quilt Show (church); Treasure Trove Tag Sale (Parish Hall)

St. John's Episcopal Church

Friday & Saturday
10 am – 4 pm Baked goods and coffee. Left Bank Bookstalls (outside)

Hot Dog Tent

outside Congregational Church
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11 am – 2 pm Offers hot dogs, chili dogs, soda, cider, water and more.

Interlaken Inn

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5 pm – 9 pm Complimentary appetizer with the purchase of an entree at Morgans at the Interlaken.

Friday, October 7th

Friends of Scoville Library

9 am – 10 am Giant Book Sale – Early bird buying \$10 per person. 10 am – 4 pm Free admission to Giant Book Sale in the Wardell Room.

Saturday, October 8th

Children's Street Fair

along Library Street
10 am – 4 pm Salisbury Central School 8th Grade offers games, face painting, and popcorn.

Danny Sings - The Buttons

Garden beside the Library
10 am Children will enjoy a musical romp with improvised

songs and a cannon of loved music.

Free Magic Shows with Peter James

along Library Street
11 am – 2 pm Sponsored by Salisbury Congregational Church.

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at Salisbury Congregational Church
10 am – 4 pm Country Store featuring baked goods, preserves, Greek pastries and foods, cheese, local maple syrup and honey, olives, breads, pies, herbs, cookbooks, and more.

Noble Horizons

tent on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Come and decorate dog-edible biscuits for your favorite pet!

Friends of Scoville Library

10 am - 4 pm Giant Book Sale in the Wardell Room. "Book Bag Sale" from 3 to 4 pm; \$10 a bag.

National Iron Bank

tent by Library
10 am – 4 pm Stop by for refreshments and information about the special presentation by Martha Graham dancers in the Buttons Garden beside the Library at 3 pm.

SOAR

on Library lawn
10 am – 3 pm Pop-Up Crafts featuring a variety of autumn crafts and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Plus lots of pumpkins to decorate and henna by Nicky and SOAR students from the Salisbury Central School Enrichment Program

Indian Mountain School

on Main Street
10 am – 3 pm Slimetastic! Volunteers from Indian Mountain School invite

participants to make slime. A selection of fun additives that sparkle and spook will ratchet up the fun.

Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service

8 Undermountain Road, across from the White Hart Inn
11 am – 4 pm SVAS Open House! Everyone is invited to stop by and see the vehicles and equipment and speak with members to learn about joining the squad. Enjoy cider and donuts. Games for kids!

Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary

on Main Street
11 am – 3 pm Food Tent offering comfort food – chili and cornbread, mac and cheese, baked potatoes with toppings, soda, and water.

Salisbury Band Quickstep Hotshots

Bandstand on Library lawn
Noon – 1:30 Enjoy live music; sponsored by the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Salisbury Community Dog Park

on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Stop by and learn about our Community Dog Park.

Housatonic Child Care Center

tent on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Information about our organization and games for the kids!

Annie's Fair Trade

on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Hand-poured and hand-painted candles from South Africa. Certified Fair Trade (most of the artisans are women) and a portion of the proceeds goes to Save the Rhino. Great gifts and hostess presents!

Salisbury Rotary

on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Stop by and

learn about the organization and its many service projects.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) Robotics Team

10 am - 4 pm Bake sale and demonstration of student-built robots that compete in a Robotics Competition.

Martha Graham Dances

Buttons Garden outside the Library
3 pm National Iron Bank presents two iconic Martha Graham dances, Lamentation and Satyric Festival Song, performed by Graham 2. Afterwards, Graham dancers will teach children, of all ages, how to express themselves through movement in their own tube of fabric. "Graham" crackers and apple cider will be served.

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission

on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm SAHS will have information on the affordable housing organizations in Salisbury, as well as details on their community events. Stop by for answers to all of your housing questions!

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau

on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Learn about HYSB and have fun playing some yard games!

Salisbury Bank

10 am – 4 pm Stop by our

booth for donuts, apple cider and other goodies!

Cub Scouts

on Main Street
10 am - 2 pm Pack 22 is handing out lollipops. Learn about Scouting and our upcoming events.

Sunday, October 9th

Salisbury Congregational Church

Noon – 3 pm Treasure Trove Tag Sale – Half-price sale on everything! (Parish Hall)

St. John's Episcopal Church

11 am – 2 pm Left Bank Bookstalls (outside)

Musical Performance by the Joint Chiefs

on the White Hart lawn
1 pm – 3 pm Enjoy live music by the popular Joint Chiefs!

Salisbury Winter Sports Association

at the Ski Jumps
1 pm – 4 pm 13th Annual Brew-Ski Fest sponsored by Stateline Wine and Spirits. Sample over 150 beers and ciders from 40 breweries while listening to live music by "The Steve Dunn Band" Brats, burgers, and dogs for sale by Sunday in the Country Food Drive. Tickets are \$30 at Stateline Wine and Spirits in North Canaan; call 870-824-7295 or online at jumpfest.org or brewskifest.com. Tickets are \$35 at the gate.

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Friday & Saturday, 11am-2pm

SALISBURY BAND HOTSHOTS
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Saturday, 11am and 2pm

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Friday, October 7
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Saturday, October 8
Friends of the Library Giant Book Sale!
10am - 4pm

Danny Sings About Everything!
10:30am

Children's Fall Crafts
10am - 4pm

Salisbury Band Concert
12 - 1:30pm

NATIONAL IRON BANK PRESENTS
Martha Graham Dance Performance
3:00pm

Two iconic Martha Graham Dances, Lamentation and Satyric Festival Song, performed by Graham 2 in the Buttons Garden at the Scoville Library. Afterwards, Graham dancers will teach children, of all ages, how to express themselves through movement in their own tube of fabric. "Graham" Crackers and apple cider will be served.

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OUR TOWNS



Mike Farmer and his 1900 braiding machine were on display on the Friday to Sunday, Sept. 23-25 weekend at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association's Fall Festival in Kent.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN
Baldwin Locomotive provided rides at the festival.

People, old-time machinery mix at fall festival in Kent

By LANS CHRISTENSEN
Special to The Millertown News

KENT, Conn. — The Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) presented its 37th annual Fall

Festival Friday, Sept. 23, to Sunday, Sept. 25.

The past two years were overshadowed by COVID-19 for this popular and well-attended event.

But not for the 37th year

of the festival. Crowds turned out in number and enjoyed fall weather as they explored and shopped at the displays.

CAMA's focus is to show and educate people about the industrial and agricultural machinery used in years past. The variety of machinery is beyond measure: full-size tractors, the monumental Wolverine diesel engine, and one-lunger steam engines — all powering machinery of

every kind.

The sawmill was in operation, reducing logs into usable planking. Log splitters, shingle makers and corn processors were all humming and chugging and doing what they were meant to do.

CAMA's 8 acres were also filled with tag sale vendors and displays of every imaginable "must have" tool and accessory, and plenty of "what's this" items.

WASTEWATER *Continued from Page A1*

town-wide mailing.

"It's amazing that in all this time nothing has changed," said Town Board liaison Leo Blackman, referring to the decades of study and proposals.

"This is the moment," Blackman added, citing availability of generous federal and state project funding for which the town seems fully qualified.

Preliminary plans prepared by the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond envision installation of 1,000-gallon septic tanks on most residential properties in the district.

The tanks would not require the usual leach fields, however, and some smaller properties could share a tank. Because of soil characteristics, small lot sizes and significant wetlands throughout the proposed district, the engineers recommend a system of pumps to carry liquid wastewater from the septic tanks to a treatment site, eliminating the need for leaching space.

The solids would remain in the tanks and be pumped out for treatment at sewer district expense every three to seven years.

The wastewater pipes to the treatment site would be installed by underground horizontal boring, rather than by trenches, according to the proposal reviewed by Miller.

Discussion focused on the need for increased housing density in the town center, with more tenants coming to live in apartments that might

be situated on upper floors of existing buildings. At present, housing capacity growth is limited by insufficient septic support.

Blackman said that the ability to add more apartments would contribute to the town being more affordable. Additionally, he noted, if upper floors can be used for apartment living, then the assessed value of the building will rise.

Local architect Darlene Riemer asked about the town's access to grant funding. Miller explained that the necessary step to begin the application process is for the town to form a sewer district. Federal infrastructure funding could cover half of the project costs, and state funding could add another 25% of coverage.

There are two ways to form a district, Miller said. The first is for property owners to petition the Town Board, acquiring a sufficient number of signatures under a prescribed formula combining residential and business owners. The other method is for the Town Board to create a resolution to be voted on through a referendum.

With light attendance at the Oct. 1 meeting, the Wastewater Committee joined in urging residents to attend one of the next two informational sessions in October to learn more about the project that would impact the future of the town over the next 30 years.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Autumn Tasting: Cider at Innisfree

Enjoy Autumn Tasting: American Cider at Innisfree with Dan Pucci and Craig Cavallo on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$45; \$35 for northeastern Dutchess residents and Innisfree members; \$5 for family members under age 21.

Enjoy the beauty of Innisfree Garden and two great American ciders selected by Craig Cavallo of the Golden Russet Café & Grocery in Rhinebeck. Feel free to bring a picnic supper or pre-order local, seasonal food expertly

prepared by Babbette's Kitchen in Millbrook.

Craig Cavallo and Dan Pucci, co-authors of "American Cider," will discuss the two ciders that will be tasted, touching on the rich history of this ancient alcoholic beverage and the vibrant culture of farmers and makers who craft it today. They will be happy to answer questions. Copies of their book will be available.

Innisfree Garden is located at 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook; for more information, call 845-677-8000.

Hole-in-one for Millertown golfer

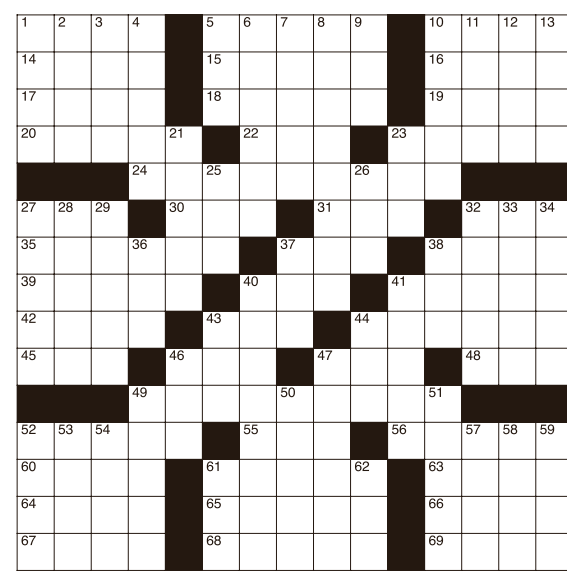
LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Rich Howard of Amenia had a hole-in-one on Tuesday, Sept. 27, while playing the par 3 fifth hole at The Hotchkiss School golf course.

Howard's shot landed on the green and curled its way into the cup. It was his first "ace" and it was witnessed by playing partner Al Dewitt of also of Millertown.

Brain Teasers

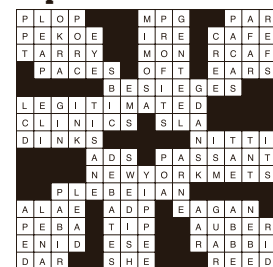
CLUES ACROSS

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- Hurt
- Icelandic poems
- A taro corm
- Metaphorical use of a word
- It fears the hammer
- Excessively quaint (British)
- Laid-back California county
- Cook in a microwave oven
- Not late
- Go from one place to another
- Peoples living in the Congo
- Angry
- Spelling is one type
- One who makes a living
- Indicates location
- Imperial Chinese dynasty
- Small water buffaloes
- Hungarian city
- Fabric
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Precursor to the EU
- Philly footballers
- Female sibling
- "When Harry Met Sally" actress
- Magnetic tape of high quality
- Insecticide
- Apparatus to record and transmit
- Some is considered "dog"
- Israeli city — Aviv
- Fencing sword
- Ottoman military title
- Wise people
- Cold wind
- Popular type of shoe
- Administrative district
- A way to reveal
- Cooked meat cut into small pieces
- Actress Zellweger
- Romanian city

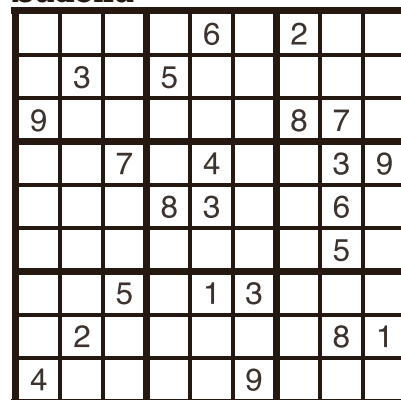


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- Rumanian round dance
- Widespread occurrence of disease
- A place to relax
- Feeling of listlessness
- Coat or smear a substance
- Wild mango
- Brews
- Belgian city
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Small amount
- Part of buildings
- Vietnamese capital
- Sailboats
- Shelter
- Terminated
- Discharge
- Snag
- Partner to cheese
- A container for coffee
- Spend time dully
- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume
- Type of student
- Erase
- Instruct
- Girl's given name
- Jewish spiritual leader
- "To ___ his own"
- North-central Indian city
- Greek alphabet characters
- Weapon
- Amounts of time
- American Nobel physicist vital to MRI's
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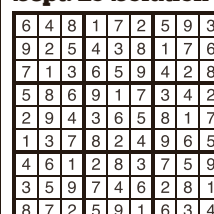
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Sudoku



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PARK REOPENS *Continued from Page A1*

tacos and other traditional fare. The hot dog booth ran out of buns, but hamburger buns became an option.

Parker Plouffe, a toddler from Sharon, enjoyed a hot dog without a bun. His mother said this is their preferred playground. There was face-painting, small horses for petting and the basketball got serious with a tournament and a referee. Free doughnuts!

A handicap-accessible walkway extends from a renovated pavilion to the Little League field.

The park is named after Eddie Collins, who played major league baseball from 1906 to 1930 for the Philadelphia Athletics and the Chicago White Sox. Born in Millerton in 1887, Collins was not only a big leaguer, he was Ivy League, having graduated from Columbia College. He also was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Stephen Waite, chair of the project committee for the park, recalled that he used to play baseball at the park as a youngster. "When my nephews started playing here," he said Saturday, "I saw that it had really deteriorated, and I thought we should get the community and its volunteers to make it a project." Waite, a quadriplegic from an accident 35 years ago, is proud of all the volunteer efforts and also of the fact that the park is handicap-accessible, which also includes extending the sidewalk along Route 22 to the entrance.

On Saturday, the air of success was punctuated with

news of a state and municipal grant of \$125,000 toward making the Little League field accessible to those in wheelchairs (the walkway and a set of bleachers to be installed in the spring). New York Rep. Didi Barrett (D-106) made the announcement, and she also gave Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek a New York State Assembly citation congratulating the village and its residents and partners for successfully completing this phase of the revitalization of the Park. More than 30 community partners teamed up to help with the day's festivities. Fundraising has raised \$2 million for the park.

Political leaders who attended, besides the mayor and Rep. Barrett, were Sen. Susan Serino (R-41), Gregg Pulver (R), chair of the Dutchess County Legislature and Chris Kennan, North East town supervisor.

The Millerton Police Department's Mike Veeder, officer in charge, was giving out bike helmets to children, carefully adjusting them for the right fit. The helmets were donated by the Stop DWI program.

The next phase of the work will include a pool and pool house and a recreational center with a community room, commercial kitchen, locker rooms and showers. The new swimming pool with a handicap-accessible entrance will also include a water slide and kiddie pool.

"The pool was the No. 1 interest," Waite said, "when we asked people what they wanted."

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"We're here to help people when they think they are having an emergency," said the physician. "We never want to minimize their concerns."

The ED, which is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year and on average treats about 40 patients per day, is often the first point of contact between patients and the hospital.

But it is hardly the only department in the 78-bed, 250,000-square-foot, acute-care hospital providing services to the community. On average, about 250 people receive inpatient and outpatient services in a single weekday, according to hospital officials.

A walk through the departments

A recent late September tour, guided by President Christina McCulloch, offered insight into the daily operations of the community hospital, from some of the traditional services available in the full-service community hospital, to new enhancements including a telehealth kiosk allowing virtual care for oncology, neurology and infectious diseases, enhanced stroke support and care, state of the art imaging and expanded senior behavioral health and women's health services.

McCulloch walks and talks as she approaches the Labor and Delivery unit, where two of the department's six beds are occupied. Except for the presence of a security guard outside the hallway leading to patient rooms, all is silent.

L & D, a year after plans to close were made public

Labor and Delivery, which sees less than one birth per day, has been a controversial topic since Sharon Hospital's parent company, Nuvance Health, unveiled plans a year ago to shutter the maternity unit and transform Intensive Care into a Progressive Care Unit.

McCulloch said the "long-term goal is to have everything available for women's health services outside of delivering babies, either here in Sharon, or to be able to connect people to services outside of our catchment area."

Finances are the driver

Nuvance leadership maintains the cuts are financially necessary to remain open and stable in the long-term, and are needed to staunch the \$41 million in red ink annually, a situation described as "unsustainable" in an independent analysis from the hospital consulting firm Stroudwater Associates.

Part of its transformative plan is boosting investments in key services tailored to the demographic it serves. Sharon Hospital's service population is older than Connecticut and national averages.

Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy (OHS) plans to hold a public hearing on Sharon Hospital's application on Tuesday, Oct. 18, via Zoom. "I am aware that Nuvance



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Dr. Amy Tocco, seated, reviews a patient's chart with lead nurse Tracey Waite, far right, and Dora Proe, center, who oversees the front desk at the hospital's Wound Care Unit.

has increased its social media and written communication about Sharon Hospital, which had been non-existent for years," noted Nancy Heaton, CEO of the Sharon-based Foundation for Community Health, which helped fund the Stroudwater report. "I know, too, that they have conducted many small community meetings in hopes of communicating directly with residents about their intentions."

Heaton commended the hospital for its recruitment and retention of physicians, especially primary care physicians, to the area.

Telehealth initiative

Soft light streams through the window of a cozy room with a small, round table, two comfortable chairs facing a very big wall monitor. Located just inside the entrance to maternity, the area houses a new telehealth kiosk. The fully staffed set-up allows patients to make face-to-face virtual appointments with an oncologist, neurologist or infectious disease specialist.

McCulloch explained that the kiosk was installed in response to needs expressed by the community for access to specialty services.

The telehealth kiosk fills that gap, she said. "A person can make an appointment to see an oncologist, then have labs and testing done here, without having to leave Sharon."

Transportation is a challenge in rural areas, made especially difficult in one with an aging demographic. Sharon Hospital's patient service area straddles the remote Connecticut/New York border area comprising 41,573 residents.

Thirty-five percent of the hospital's total service area population is from Connecticut and 65 percent is from New York.

Radiology, behavioral services

With a tap of a badge, the heavy double door swings open to the radiology/imaging department, where an average of 12 people visit daily. We are greeted by a smiling Ken DiVestea, the unit's director. A patient is currently occupying

vascular issues, return to their normal daily activities. The Wound Center's three clinic rooms have seen an uptick in patients recently, attributed to Waite's outreach efforts.

"I go around communicating with other providers, reminding them that we're here," said Waite.

Surgical services

Next, we arrive at the hospital's Surgical Unit. Dr. Mustafa Ugurlu, a general surgeon who has headed the department for the past six years, has just concluded a meeting with Susan Strobino, the unit's Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Strobino emerges from the office with an armload of surgical supplies, and Ugurlu takes a few minutes to reflect on a recent increase in elective surgeries.

"Good volume" is how Ugurlu described the pace of elective surgeries. The surgeon said patient feedback reveals they are willing to travel a little farther to receive a high level of care at a hospital that is not congested and where they don't face excessive wait times to book appointments. About 35 people per day on average are inpatients at the hospital.

Rehab a busy place

A small, green bean bag is hurtling toward my feet as I enter the hospital's Rehabilitation Department. Giggles erupt just around the corner, where a small boy is taking delight in tossing the bean-filled pouches down the hallway. Nearby, two patients are lying on benches awaiting the physical therapist's healing touch, and another is performing stretching exercises under the guidance of staff. Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to staff, are especially "crazy busy," when it's not uncommon for 60 to 70 patients to be booked for services with physical, occupational and speech pathologists.

"We see patients who have orthopedic surgeries and injuries, neurological disorders like Parkinson's disease and stroke, vestibular and balance disorders, swallowing and voice disorders, as well as children with developmental delays or orthopedic injuries," according to Melissa Braislin, director of rehabilitation services and cardiac rehab.

The hospital's rehab department also offers various support groups and activities to the public, including a Stroke Support Group, Total Joint Camp and an Arthritis Exercise Class. With the exception of the exercise class, those programs are free.

Braislin said the recent closing of Outpatient Physical Therapy at Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan led to an influx of appointments. "We have seen an increase due to Geer PT closing," said Braislin.

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Victor Germack questioned Nuvance's assertion that it is losing millions of dollars on maternity services.

He questioned Nuvance's assertion that it is on track to lose \$41 million with the status quo, adding that by his calculations the labor and delivery unit is breaking even or even showing "a small gain."

"My feeling is they want to turn it into a feeder hospital for their system," he said.

Dr. Howard Mortman, wearing a lab coat, gave several examples of clinical obstetric situations that require specialized care. He said emergency room personnel are not trained for such situations.

He said having no maternity unit makes the hospital less attractive to doctors who might consider starting a practice in the area.

He said the number of births at the hospital has been consistent in recent years.

"We're delivering babies all the time," he said.

Dr. Mortman criticized Nuvance for not making an attempt to work with doctors, the community, or the state to find a solution other than closing the unit.

During the question and answer period, David Singer

said SSH has applied for intervenor status at the Oct. 18 OHS public hearing.

If it is granted, SSH witnesses will testify (as opposed to making comments along with the general public).

Both Singer and Germack noted that OHS recently turned down a similar request to shut down the maternity unit at Windham Hospital.

"We can take some comfort in what happened with Windham," he said.

Both candidates for the 30th District in the state Senate were at the Sept. 29 event — State Representative Stephen Harding (R-107) and Democrat Eva Bernudez Zimmerman. Neither candidate intruded on the discussion or even identified themselves to the audience.

About 20 people attended.

SSH is hosting two more roundtable discussions: Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Northeast-Millerton Library Annex, and Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Parish in Kent.

SSH is having a rally Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at the town Green in Sharon.

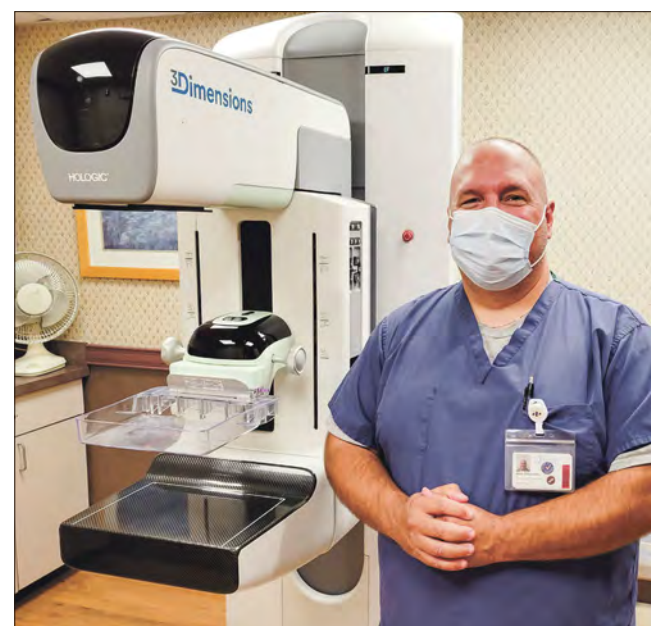


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Ken DiVestea, director of Sharon Hospital's Radiology/Imaging Department is shown next to the hospital's new, state-of-the-art, 3-D mammography unit.

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THEATER: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Black theater in a white town

In Central Harlem, N.Y., emerging Black writers come to Liberation Theatre Company to hone their artistry on the stage. Co-founder Spencer Scott Barros has forged a space to strengthen dynamic Black voices charged with something to say. This fall, he's far from home, up in the countryside of Connecticut, directing "A Raisin In The Sun" for Sharon Playhouse. He's a Black director working on an iconic Black play, in a town that's still 90% white. Barros isn't deterred.

Alexander Wilburn: "A Raisin in the Sun" — a staple of the American stage, but also a milestone for African American theater. The first Broadway production written by a Black female playwright and led by a Black director. What does the play have to tell us today?

Spencer Scott Barros: If we look at the state of race relations within the U.S. — Black people still don't make nearly as much as their white counterparts, that hasn't changed much from the '50s. Even the issue



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Spencer Scott Barros

of abortion, which is discussed in the play, is relevant with what happened recently with Roe v. Wade. The notion of Black people wanting to move to a better life, having dreams of a better experience, that's still happening, but now that happens through the lens of gentrification. So there are a lot of themes that are relevant for today's audience. This

story could still happen today.

As a Black director staying in Salisbury at one of the board members' guest homes, I could count the number of people of color I've seen on one hand. I'm sure people are looking at me like, "Who is he? Why is he here?" In the play, the character of Karl Linder doesn't want this family moving into

this all-white neighborhood because it will make the white people uncomfortable. People are much more savvy today, they wouldn't come out and say that. But you can sense there's an uncomfortability (sic). "Oh, you're just here for a short period of time? That's better, I can like you." But if I said I was looking at homes to buy? I'm sure I would be received in a very different light.

What's it like performing this show for a majority, if not completely, white audience?

I had really great conversations with Justin [Bocitto, Playhouse Interim Artistic Director] and Michael [Kevin Baldwin, Director of Education] before I accepted the offer to direct. They were very honest about their 99% white subscription base. Outside of theater, I do diversity, equity and inclusion workshops for corporations. I'm very used to having uncomfortable conversations where I am either the only person of color in the room, or one of very

few. [A Raisin In The Sun] isn't an all Black cast — there is one major white character. For this theater, we're playing him as a mirror to the subscription base that comes here. He's a reflection of how they may be, or what may be hidden in their own subconscious. As I said, people today are savvy. They're not going to say, "I don't want these types of people living here." I think the mirror is: we like to say and do all the right things, we like to present ourselves as inclusive, but our actions may be doing something entirely different.

A really concrete example is that in the play, Linder refers to the Younger family as "you people." The actor Dick Terhune is so brilliant, he doesn't overemphasize it, but every time he says it, the Younger family has a different reaction to it, to the words "you people." I don't think Linder realizes he's doing anything, he's so used to having conversations in his all-white community. So I hope a predominantly white audience might look at that and think, "Hm, I wonder if every time I told a Black person they were so articulate or they spoke so well, did they receive it

as the compliment I was intending it to be? Or did they receive it as a racial slur they had to accept?"

Whom do you see as the invigorating voices of Black theater today?

For a while it felt like there was one kind of [Black] story that could be on Broadway and be successful. It would have to have certain types of characters that make non-Black people comfortable. I've noticed a change now where writers are saying, "I'm writing my truth and what works for me. If you get it, you get it, and if you don't, you don't." Donja R. Love is a playwright I absolutely adore, a queer Black playwright whose stories are centered around queer Black life, often around being HIV positive. Dominique Morisseaus — I love her voice, it's very rooted in her history and her Detroit upbringing.

They're telling their stories their way and they're not apologetic. Just as we can tell a thousand stories through a white lens, we can tell a thousand stories through a Black lens. As a Black man, I don't relate to every single aspect of every single Black play I see, but I do love hearing those voices.

"A Raisin In the Sun" opens at Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., on Oct. 7. For tickets go to www.sharonplayhouse.org

At The Movies



The first Harp Guitar Gathering™ took place in Williamsburg, Virginia in 2003.

It was conceived and organized by Stephen Bennett, who only intended it to be a one-time get together of players, builders, scholars and other aficionados of these instruments. It's taken place every year since, in 9 different states at this point.

The 20th Harp Guitar Gathering will take place October 28-30 in Sharon, Connecticut, at Silver Lake Retreat Center (223 Low Road).

It'll be hosted again by Stephen Bennett - who, along with his wife Nancy, moved to the Northwest Corner last year.

In case you're interested in hearing some harp guitar music, and really, why wouldn't you be?

A pre-Gathering concert will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 7:30 PM at The Center on Main in Falls Village. \$15 admission.

It will feature Harp Guitarists Andy Wahlberg (FL), Travis Bowman (AR) and Matt Thomas (VA).

There are two concerts which are open to the public: Saturday, Oct. 29th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, Oct. 30th at 3:00 PM.

Both will be in the building at Silver Lake called The Cedars. \$15 admission at the door.

Appearing at these two concerts will be Stephen Bennett (CT), Muriel Anderson (TN) and Dave Powell (ID), along with Andy, Travis and Matt (of the Wednesday night concert), among others!

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Jeff Wallace
'People and Places'
In Cape Cod Jeff Wallace spots a waitress, the seashore spattering sunlight across her skin. Back in his Brooklyn studio he recreates her gaze, gutting the interiors of old books, dyeing the pulp, and pushing it in place. The resulting portrait is, without the tinkering an oil painter might indulge, as immediate and impressionistic as his memory. Hung suspended in their frames, edges casting jagged shadow, the pieces are given proper weight as objects — Polaroids made by hand. *Now on view at Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn.*

Power Boothe 'Everything Trembles'
As the end of Furnace Art on Paper Archive's second season nears, the sole art gallery in Falls Village, Conn., has firmly established its identity, with large scale geometric abstracts that find detailed depth with primary colors and make bold use of white. In the penultimate 2022 show for Furnace, Power Boothe showcases a series both minimalis-
tic and kaleidoscopic. A professor of painting at the Hartford Art School with work in the collections of The Met and MoMA, Boothe makes abstracts easy to get lost in, playing with repetition and obsession. There's a dizzying effect looking deep into one — you're invited to stare. *Opens at Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., Oct. 8.*

Victor Mirabelli 'Black & White and In Between'
Looming Colonials by day, Colonials by night, Colonials painted in the shade of night. Victor Mirabelli's sparse oil landscapes, like variations on the creaky, far off Olson House in "Christina's World," suggest total isolation with the foreboding country homes as the only refuge. There are little signs of life in the tiny windows, but you can't help but feel as you observe the house, a presence within watches in return. *Now on view at Argazzi Art in Lakeville, Conn.*



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Rosemary's Baby
Terror of the Upper West Side co-op... The famed Dakota, with its dormers and gables, its Gothic Revival glamor, is the setting for this pregnancy pact with the devil. A pair of newlyweds (Mia Farrow and John Cassavetes) have a new address and a baby on the way, but the young housewife is isolated by the suspicious behavior of her neighbors. This spooky and stylish Academy Award-winner served as inspiration for director Jordan Peele while making his debut, "Get Out." *At The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. Oct. 8.*

Carrie The Musical
"Everyday, I just pray, every move I make is right," the young ensemble sings in "Carrie" the musical. "Will I be alone on Saturday night?" In 1988, the show answered that anxiety and closed after five performances. The adaptation of Stephen King's debut horror novel was the biggest bomb on Broadway. In 2012 the strange tale of Carrie White and her cruel classmates was retooled for an Off-Broadway revival that led to an Off-West End run in London. A cult musical with a Youtube following passionate for edgier, underground shows, Carrie lives — and sings — again. *At The Sherman Players in Sherman, Conn., through Oct. 22.*

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The Park Reopens

The reopening of Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton on Saturday, Oct. 1, drew hundreds of people from the community at-large to mark the completion of the first phase of the revitalization of the park that has served as the recreational center for the region for decades. For more, see Page A1.

Photos by John Coston and Olivia Valentine



Left, team members battled during the tournament. Right, Millerton Mayor Jennifer Nadjek showed off her dribbling skills on the new basketball court. Above, the mayor plays goalie as her niece, Allegra Najdek, 10, takes a shot.



Above, Mayor Nadjek interviewed the chair of the project committee, Stephen Waite, who gave so much time and energy to have a successful event.

Left, Mia Quiles, 8, shows stretching talent, and above, Parker Plouffe, of Sharon, enjoys a hotdog while watching basketball from the sideline.



Effie Clark, 6, of Millerton gets fitted for a free helmet by Mike Veeder, officer in charge at Millerton Police Department.

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EDITORIAL

Sharon Hospital's dilemma

The complexities of running rural businesses of any kind are legion. With medical facilities like hospitals the problems are only made worse by the need to provide such a wide range of services that it can become next to impossible to choose what is most needed by their patients.

Depending on the time of life needs change dramatically. Does that seem too simplistic? Or obvious? Until you live it, it's hard to explain why those services are key at any given moment. Your child broke their wrist playing baseball? The Emergency Department becomes crucial and irreplaceable. Your mother needs a knee replacement, and she really wants to do it close to home if she's going to do it at all? The orthopedic physicians are the most important to your family at that moment.

The problem with trying to meet all needs is that it becomes very expensive. And that is the argument Nuvance and Sharon Hospital use in defending their plans to close Labor and Delivery and change the makeup and name of the Intensive Care Unit. Yet when those departments are needed, those who use them cannot find another approach to the medical care they need very easily.

This is why the physicians at the hospital, and the group Save Sharon Hospital, are making their voices heard at past and upcoming meetings and demonstrations. Their concerns must be heard and addressed by the hospital's administration and ownership in order for medical care to be seen as accessible in the region, for those who live both across the line in New York and in the Northwest Corner.

Because if potential clients for the hospital believe it hasn't heard them, and won't fulfill their needs when they become urgent, they will surely make solid plans to get their health care elsewhere. That would put the long-term viability of the hospital in question, making its eventual diminishing a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Right now, the hospital has multiple services that do meet the needs of people in the region who need medical care. (See story, front page, by Debra Aleksinas.) It will be a balancing act for the administrators at Sharon Hospital and Nuvance (as well as the state compliance agencies) to decide what the formula should be to best serve their population, and ensure the longevity of the hospital. There are no guarantees; many rural hospitals across the country have greatly reduced their services or closed altogether, after all.

But these decisions should be made considering the advice and requests of the physicians and the consumers, that is, the rest of us who aren't medical professionals but need their care. Without firm acknowledgement that these concerns must be taken seriously, there is the chance that the hospital won't be able to serve its population's needs no matter what departments it tries to keep open.

What a great party!

The Party in the Park on Saturday, October 1, was incredible. The turnout was fantastic despite the wavering forecast, with roughly 500 guests streaming into a revitalized Eddie Collins Memorial Park. We heard lots of laughter and saw many smiles. We mingled with old friends, made some new ones, and all were extremely pleased and impressed with the Park's transformation. Thank you to all who came. I hope you had as good a time as we did.

Thanks also to our participating partners who made it a true community event: the Millerton Library, North East Community Center, American Legion Post 178, Millerton Police Department, Esperanza and Mario's Kitchen, Hope Rising Farm, Bash Bish Bicycles, North East Ford, Webutuck Little League, and the basketball players competing in the three on three tournament. Great music by Jonny G and later, The Joint Chiefs.

Eddie Collins Memorial Park is now officially open and we hope it is used daily throughout the year. We invite you to bring your children to enjoy the newly cleaned and expanded playground, to play baseball, soccer, basketball, play music next to the pavilion, or have a picnic with friends beneath the trees. It's a community park and everyone is welcome.

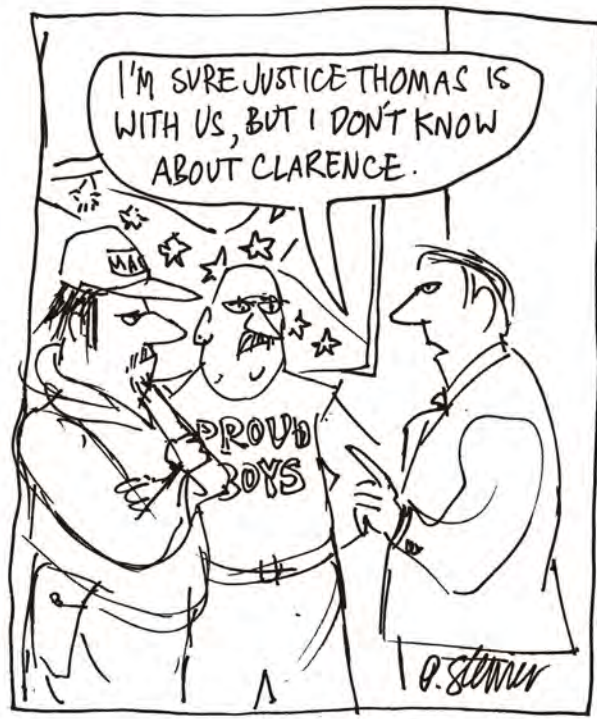
Thank you to those who donated time, labor, or funds to help complete the first phase of the Park's revitalization. A pool house and swimming pool are next! We'll need your help to get there, so stay informed by following the progress at www.millertonpark.org

Stephen Waite
Chair, Park Revitalization Committee

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The dishwasher debates

In most new homes there are a litany of appliances that buyers almost automatically purchase, one of which is the dishwasher. While ovens, refrigerators, washers, and dryers are used almost daily, the dishwasher is among the least-used appliances in American homes.

The global dishwasher market is well over \$7 billion and projected to grow by 7.5% to \$10 billion by 2025. Much of that future growth is due to smaller-sized food service organizations. This list includes companies, businesses, institutions, and organizations that prepare meals and serve them to consumers and other customers. Of course, restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, and catering businesses are included in this demand base.

On the consumer side, busier lifestyles, increased employment and the expansion of nuclear families in both the developed and developing world have contributed to dishwasher demand. The increased convenience of shopping, thanks to the internet, has also made the purchase of most household "white goods" easier and faster. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted supply lines, reduced travel, and increased prices for most home appliances, including dishwashers. However, these issues are beginning to lessen.

Dishwashers go back a long way. The first mechanical dishwasher was patented in the U.S. in 1850. It was made of wood and cranked by hand. Other machines improved the first, but few were commercially viable.

It required the widespread use of indoor plumbing and running water in the home before dishwashers could be considered as a viable household appliance. The postwar boom of the 1950s saw some of the wealthier households purchase such machines, but it wasn't until the 1970s that dishwashers became commonplace in both the U.S. and Europe. By 2012, over 75% of homes on both sides of the pond had dishwashers.

However, unlike other kitchen appliances like the refrigerator or the electric stove, the dishwasher has not proven to be indispensable. Today, more than 89 million American homes have a dishwasher, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, but almost 20% (nearly one in five), fail to use it.

A breakdown of weekly dishwasher use statistics reveals that about 4 in 10 households don't use theirs in a given week, and just 11% of Americans use it once a week. Only 11% use it dai-

ly. In our own household, I would guess we run the dishwasher every other day between the two of us.

The reasons for its scant use are varied. There will always be a segment of the population that simply distrusts technology of any sort. Then there are those, usually older folk, that grew up washing dishes by hand. They don't see a reason to start letting some automated contraptions do what a little elbow grease can do better, and in a shorter time period.

Recently, climate change and the resulting worldwide drought has added another reason for not using the dishwasher. The growing recognition of water scarcity and the estimated lack of access to safe water for an estimated 771 million people worldwide, according to Water.org, has influenced even more people to use their dishwasher sparingly. All in the name of wasting less water.

That is a mistake. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says that Energy Star dishwashers use nearly 5,000 gallons less water per year, compared to those who wash dishes by hand. This has not escaped the attention of companies that produce or sell products that require water to work. Proctor & Gamble, for example, the maker of the dishwasher detergent, Cascade, has argued and promoted the idea of "rethinking the sink." The company argues that skipping the pre-rinsing of dishes and instead running the dishwasher daily will save you gallons of water. Another detergent brand, Finish, sold by consumer products company Reckitt, is urging consumers to "skip the rinse" as well.

This summer, our area (Berkshire County, MA) is under certain restrictions to conserve water. I confess that my wife and I are in the habit of pre-rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. My thoroughly modern daughter, who uses her dishwasher daily, simply shakes her head at this practice. She says it is not only redundant but wastes water. I promise to stop that practice, and at the same time, up our use of the dishwasher further. What about you?

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An abortion perspective

Let me state, from the outset, that people are entitled to their beliefs, their wishes, and their emotional responses to what are serious issues. I do have a slight problem with some religious interpretations on scripture which are imposed on others. While I accept that all religions are based on faith and the interpretation of faith in scriptures (in one form or another), and that followers of those faiths are entitled, perhaps directed, to actually think and evaluate scriptures' meanings as humanity evolves, I do feel sometimes the zealot's approach to absolutism of such interpretation leads to wrong thinking.

The abortion issue is a serious one, never least for the unfortunate woman finding herself in such a dilemma. Leaving aside the science, medical fact, of what pregnancy is as opposed to the extension of a candlelight dinner, there are times when conception is unwarranted, undesired, and even forced – accidental or not. At that moment, the decision and responsibility of being pregnant is the woman's and the woman's alone.

Gisèle Halimi's plea in defense of Marie-Claire Chevalier, 16, who had an illegal abortion, 1972: "Women appear before men... And to talk about what? Probes, uteruses, bellies, pregnancies and abortions! Would you not agree that this is already where the fundamental and intolerable injustice lies? That these women have to appear before men?"

If the woman wishes to discuss her pregnancy with her family, her religious guide, her doctor, or even her partner, the fact is any opinion on her pregnancy remains hers – physically and physiologically. Reality check: only the woman is pregnant. Men who go around saying, "We're pregnant," really should reevaluate their self-importance and ego. Similarly, men should have nothing whatsoever to say about a woman's body, her right to choose, nor her

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

motherhood. The abortion issue comes down to fundamental tenets: Women are born capable of pregnancy, women are raised to believe they should become mothers, and so women are, in fact, indentured to become mothers.

At that abortion trial in France, Simone de Beauvoir testified: "The law is set up to oppress women... They must be conditioned. Maternity is exalted because... instead of telling a little two-, three-, or four-year-old girl, 'You will be destined to wash dishes,' she is told, 'You will be destined to be a mommy.' She is given dolls, and maternity is exalted so that when she becomes a young woman, she thinks of only one thing: to get married and have children. She has been convinced that she will not be a complete woman if she does not have children... Therefore, women must be enslaved to maternity. If they at least had the freedom to be mothers when they wanted to, how they wanted to, planning the births of children, it would leave them a lot of freedom on all levels... such a feeling of guilt has been put into the hearts of women that abortion becomes something traumatizing for them, as would not be the case at all if it took place under legal conditions. It is not at all a question of a procedure that automatically traumatizes women. It is a procedure that is traumatizing only insofar as [women] have been conditioned to make maternity into a veritable calling... I am actively fighting for their freedom: freedom to choose motherhood, contraception, or abortion. The fanatics are those mothers who refuse to accept that someone might follow a path other than their own."

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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BY ORDER OF THE NORTH EAST TOWN BOARD

Dated: September 8, 2022
Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss,
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Town Clerk
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