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Touching down

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The Frederick Gunn School, Washington, Conn., defeated Millbrook School 42-22 on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Millbrook. Andrew Rainville, '24, a starting tailback, scored on a dive.

Fire district spending to rise by 15.8 percent

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Commissioners of the North East Fire District officially approved their budget for 2023 at their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

All five Commissioners were present: Chairman Stephen Valy-ou, James Schultz, Jay Scasso, Larry Selfridge and Joshua Schultz — plus the Fire Chief Jason Watson and Secretary Katharine Schafer Reid. No members of the public were in attendance.

Legally, the Fire District is a municipality like the Town of

North East, Village of Millerton and the Webutuck School District, and has its own taxing authority. Taxpayers provide 100% of the cost of the all-volunteer fire department, which provides safety and fire protection to the Village of Millerton, the Town of North East and support to surrounding fire departments.

The Fire District tax rate for 2023 will be fixed at .97627 mills per thousand dollars of assessed property value. Translated, this means that if you own a property assessed at \$200,000 you would

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Pathogens Spread

Schools, nursing homes and hospitals face new threat

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

SHARON — The flu is back, coronavirus is circulating and respiratory viruses are targeting the young. This stew of sickness has schools, nursing homes and hospitals bracing for a long, hard third winter of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“What we are seeing is that the protective measures people had been taking up until this point are decreasing,” said Dr. Mark Marshall, vice

president of medical affairs at Sharon Hospital, referring to masking, meticulous hand washing and social distancing. “This is a big concern.”

Complicating matters, he said, vaccines are waning and the public is eschewing flu shots and boosters.

“It’s allowing the spread of respiratory illnesses. During the first big surge of COVID, we saw almost no influenza.”

The internist said he is concerned that the flu is returning “with a vengeance” and the public will face sev-

eral dangerous pathogens all at once.

“The flu season is earlier than expected,” said Marshall, partly because of increased social activities and waning immunity. People who were used to getting seasonal flu shots or even the virus itself, he said, had built up antibodies. But that has not happened since the flu skipped two seasons.

Also concerning is a rapid rise in respiratory illness, such as RSV, or

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Evan Gora, forest ecologist, getting ready to land at one of the research sites in Panama, where he will study lightning strikes in the forested areas.

Lightning’s impact on forests’ big trees

By **JUDITH O’HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — There was a time when trees were thought of mostly for building shelter or providing fuel, for warmth, light or cooking.

Today, trees are the subject of research and study through many programs at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. On Thursday, Oct. 20, one of its scientists discussed the impact of lightning on tropical forests, what the future holds for those forests and what it could mean for the Northern Hemisphere.

Cary’s President, Josh Ginsberg, had the conversation with Evan

Gora, who holds a doctorate in Forest Ecology from the University of Louisville. His specialties cover plant death and decomposition, as well as the causes of death, such as lightning. Gora, a Cary scientist, is an Earl S. Tupper Fellow and works with Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Ancon, Panama.

The studies are taking place in Latin America, Rwanda, Brazil, Uganda, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Scientists, ecologists, tropical ecologists are researching and studying the trees in these forests due to the fact that many of these trees are very old, some as

See **LIGHTNING, A8**

Village board elections: two seats, four candidates

By **JUDITH O’HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — There are two seats open on the Village of Millbrook Town Board, with four candidates in the running, two of whom are incumbents. Two are Republicans, two are Democrats.

The term for a trustee is four years.

Buffy Arborgast

The incumbents are Buffy Arborgast, a Democrat, who was appointed to the board in 2021 to fill an unexpired term. She is currently president of the Millbrook Business Association, and is the proprietor of Babette’s Kitchen.

Asked about her accomplishments during her time on the board, she said, “I feel I have learned a lot in the time I have been serving on the board. I was part of the village budget process for the first time. We got the budget

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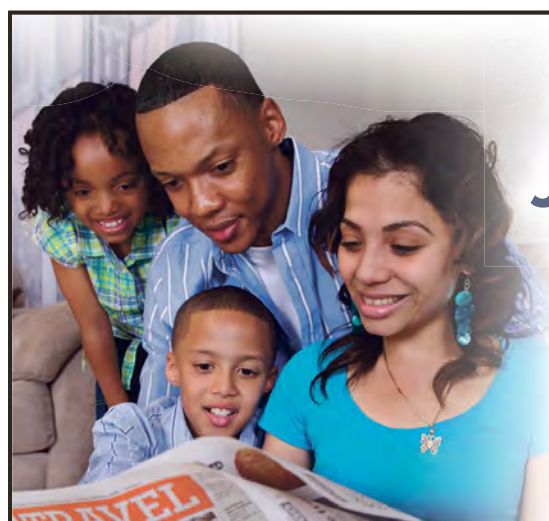
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NECC launches early learning program

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The happy sounds of learning and play are once again coming from 11 Park Street in Millerton as the North East Community Center's Early Learning program is up and running as of Monday, Oct. 17 when it's state license became effective.

The building, which had been the home for the Astor Head Start program, is now providing a space for the NECC program that Manager Raina Cashdollar says is providing a critical service for area families.

For the past eight months, Cashdollar and her staff have been preparing for the big day as they focused on training and readying classrooms with cheerful painting and new bookcases as they made the space their own for the program which runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday with plans to eventually add Saturday hours and serve 32 children.

Delighted to have the state's go ahead after meeting its exacting standards, Cashdollar said, "We have been waiting so long. For me it's a dream come true. And for my staff, I think they are just so excited to be able to begin implementing the training that we've done over the summer and of course all the fun material that we've gathered and strategically placed around our classroom

to elicit inquiry and discovery — and — just fun!"

The new program, which has openings for children between the ages of 18 and 48 months, is taking the place of the both the Astor and NECC children's programs. As is the case with all new programs, not everything that is needed is available from day one and the Center would be happy to receive contributions from the community.

Classroom could use blankets, new tables and chairs, and toddler beds

Outside, there is a need for non-motorized riding toys and helmets. Cashdollar notes they also allow children to "practice their gross motor skills and strengthen their social — emotional skills by learning how to share."

Anxious to provide as much support as the children might need, she is also hoping for donation of "mittens, gloves, rain or snow boots, snow pants and even winter jackets or sweaters so we have extra so that children don't miss out on outdoor time" as well as diapers for "emergency situations."

Books are also high on Cashdollar's wish list as she explains that reading "encourages all kinds of learning and development of skills, so reading is huge part of what we do here at the Early Learning Program" as the children take their first steps into reading, thinking and writing.

She adds that while the

small playground adjacent to the NECC Building at 51 S. Center Street is still available to the community, the new program is also accepting donations that can be put aside as they aim toward purchasing updated outdoor play equipment.

The staff includes one bilingual member; an on-site cook who provides breakfast, lunch and a late afternoon snack; and one lead teacher and an aid for each of the two classrooms. More professionals will be added when the program reaches its full capacity.

As a mother, Cashdollar recognizes that finding day care is always a challenge that is "almost impossible" to surmount. Some of the problem involves cost. While expensive, she says the Center's rate of \$55 per day or \$275 per week for toddlers and \$52 per day or \$260 per week for pre-school is below the "market rate." She says the staff helps families apply for subsidies.

Currently, the program is fully staffed with lead teachers and assistants, but as it evolves they will be looking for an additional assistants as well as another lead teacher when the Saturday program is added. Training and professional development funding is available.

At the end of the Center's

NECC bilingual family program

MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC) is now offering bilingual case management services in two new satellite locations.

Walk-ins are welcome at



PHOTO BY RAINA CASHDOLLAR

This freshly updated classroom, one of two in the newly approved North East Community Center's Early Learning program, provides a happy space for all to interact as the children play and learn in a clean and safe environment. Enjoying their time together are Goldie Whalen-Smith, left, and Iris Espinosa-Lopez.

first official week Cashdollar said, "I am so excited to get to know families in this community and partner with them so we can continue to offer these much needed supports."

For more information, go to neccmillerton.org/early-learning-program or call Cashdollar at 518-789-4259 x 110.

Noonan becomes Eagle Scout

MILLBROOK — Declan Noonan of Dover has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Declan was an active member of Boy Scout Troop 31 of Millbrook. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on March 22, 2022, and also received an Eagle bronze palm for earning five additional merit badges beyond the 21 required for the

Eagle rank (total of 26 merit badges).

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Declan led his fellow scouts in constructing eight bat racks for the Dover Little League fields.

Noonan is currently attending Buffalo State. He is a freshman, playing football and majoring in Criminal Justice.

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 an additional hour of travel time. For more information go new.mta.info/alerts.



SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

At the October 16th Rally to Save Sharon Hospital, our federal representatives joined our community in support of keeping the maternity unit and ICU open at Sharon Hospital:



US Senator Richard Blumenthal

"We need to fight, not only for a woman's right over healthcare decisions when it comes to whether and when to have children - and I trust women to make those decisions, I don't trust politicians to make those kinds of decisions for women. But we need services that provide for adequate delivery and maternity care. That's a part of being a hospital. You don't get to pick and choose what it is to be a hospital. To reduce the quality of an intensive care unit and call it a "progressive unit." Now, I'm a progressive and I'm proud to be a progressive - but I want an Intensive Care Unit not a progressive unit. And when you start reducing the quality of healthcare and eliminating services, it's a very slippery slope because once you start putting profit above patients there's no telling where it will lead. And we're going to stop that. ... we're going to make sure that it remains a quality hospital worthy of the men and women of Sharon and Connecticut, all of this region, we're going to keep fighting."



US Representative Jahana Hayes

"It is so incredibly important that we keep maternity and women's health services here at Sharon Hospital. ... I was able to secure in the last year \$400,000 for Sharon Hospital for Telehealth services, because they said they need help. 'We need Federal funding to expand access and services at this hospital.' And all of us stood up to show them that you have partners at the Federal level who are here to help you with whatever you need - and then two months later - TWO MONTHS LATER - they came out after receiving that funding and said that they're still going to go through with that same plan. Not on my watch - not on my watch!! We have done everything in good faith to meet them in the middle like Maria [Horn] said, to help get resources, to help bring down the cost, to help mitigate some of the problems and challenges that they are talking about. But you cannot ask for help when your mind is already made up that this is what you want to do. And even more importantly, you cannot leave the people in this part of the state with no access to care. That is a dangerous, dangerous, dangerous proposition. ... People are not going to make the choice to raise their family in a community that doesn't have healthcare."

There is still time for you to help! While we wait for the new date for the Public Hearing regarding Nuance's application to close maternity at Sharon Hospital, you can still email your testimony to ohs@ct.gov to tell the state why you think keeping maternity at Sharon Hospital is important. Learn more at www.savesharonhospital.org



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OUR TOWNS

A mission to build community and love of shared music

By JANET MANKO
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MILLERTON — There is a landmark just off the Harlem Valley Rail Trail that can't be missed when taking a walk, run or ride up the trail: The Music Cellar. The deep red building with the open porch welcomes anyone who is drawn by the sound of music of all kinds, and that is happening just about all the time there.

It began around 2010, according to Jonny G., owner and instructor (also known as Jonathan Grusauskas of Ilespecial, described as a progtronic power trio on their Instagram page, @lespecialmusic, and website, www.lespecial.net. They are touring all over the country right now.) The first iteration of the Music Cellar was on South Center Street, underneath Oblong Books where the T-Shirt Farm is now located. "It was more like a Music Closet," said Grusauskas in a recent phone interview. "That's how small it was."

Now, there is much more space for instruments of all kinds, for which there are individual instructors for private lessons, especially guitar, bass, drums and piano. There are also group lessons for younger children, a "toddler jam." Asked who the children say are their



The band members of Ilespecial relax on the Music Cellar porch: From left, Luke Bemand, Rory Dolan and Jonathan Grusauskas.

musical idols, Grusauskas wrote in an email, "It really runs the gamut: Metallica, Taylor Swift, LCD Soundsystem, Polyphia, are just some of the bands that I've had requests for teaching their material to our students. The geezer in me is pleased that kids still listen to music with guitars in it, as virtual music is huge right now. Like my 4-year-old student, Isaac, loves Tom Petty, and can recognize his songs within one second of hearing the intro. I'm not so sure our toddler jam participants have idols beyond

their parents and instructors, but our older students show me lots of music I've never heard before. They're probably my greatest source for current music! Of course I try to show them classic stuff like James Brown, John Coltrane, Louis Armstrong, Eddie Palmieri, which can be met with varying levels of enthusiasm. Every student is different, and getting to know what gets their wheels turning helps us shape our approach to teaching them."

When asked about activity with lessons at any given time



Jonny G shares his love of music with a student during a guitar lesson.

in the building, he wrote that his goal is to fill the daily schedule so someone is always learning there. "We certainly have lessons every day, of all age ranges, taught by myself and five wonderfully talented instructors. Monte Stone teaches vocals; Mason Harney teaches piano, guitar, and songwriting; Michael Lesko teaches drums and songwriting; Rory Dolan teaches drums; and Li Sabas teaches guitar and coaches band rehearsals, like the wonderfully talented family band 'The Sayers.' I teach drums,

guitar, keys, and a little trumpet, as well as recording and music production via the Ableton Live software. Charlie Keil, who was one of my teachers as a kid, and who taught some of MY idols at SUNY Buffalo (the percussionist and drummer for the jam-band moe.), teaches percussion every Sunday at 3 p.m. Charlie's mission is our mission, to provide an encouraging environment for the building of community and intra-personal skills via musical skill building. In short, to get kids grooving together, at the earliest possible age!"

The Music Cellar provides musical accessibility, he wrote, in the face of budget cuts and lack of prioritization of the creative arts and music in school curriculums. "Music is not a specialization, it is a human skill that connects us all through rhythm, harmony and movement. Music theory

is a science of its own kind, ethnomusicology teaches us about the world and its cultures, learning to play in concert with others is hugely and obviously applicable to the development of a young person, and the discipline required to uphold a practice regimen on one's instrument has benefits innumerable."

The goal for the future is to be able to sustain the model of offering music lessons for all, on a "pay what you can afford" basis.

There are also bike rentals at the building, which are set up so that bikes can be easily rented off the front porch with no need for lesson interruptions by just texting 860-806-1442. Contact the Music Cellar through Jonny G, owner/instructor (guitar/drums/keys/trumpet/recording/bikes) at 860-806-1442 or musiccellarlessons@gmail.com.

Delighting in the down to earth humor of Roy Blount, Jr.

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY — First of all, the name is pronounced "Blunt." With that bit of business out of the way, talented author and humorist Roy Blount, Jr. set about regaling his audience with a selection of stories that brought chuckles of recognition and more that elicited actual laughter. As they say, the audience was held in the palm of his hand.

Presented by The Salisbury Forum, the event was held on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, drawing a near capacity audience to the auditorium. Forum president Pat Jenny noted that the free program was sponsored by CT Humanities and numerous area residents through their donations.

Jenny's introduction noted that Blount, now a resident of New Orleans part of the year, and Mill River, Massachusetts, during good weather months was born and raised in Decatur, Georgia. College years were spent at Vanderbilt University.

Creativity is plentiful in Blount, leading him to make contributions along a variety of avenues, including as an author, storyteller, regular on PBS' "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me," and the former "Prairie Home Companion." His professional credits include accomplishment as an actor, screenwriter, poet and journalist.

"Two questions never to ask an author: 'How is your book coming?' and, 'How is your book doing?,' Blount advised early on, adding, "Clearly, liter-

ary recognition is not all that it's cracked up to be."

Years of his career were devoted to writing for "Sports Illustrated," an assignment that once brought him a trip to Los Angeles to interview NBA star Wilt Chamberlain, whom he found to be quite tall and living in a home with high ceilings. The audience rode along with that story, delighting in the seemingly spontaneous tangents because they always led seamlessly back to the original thread.

Stories of New York City and the theater world were next, with Blount suggesting that many plays could be made better if the production paused half-way through and opened up for questions from the audience.

That became Blount's cue to do the same, rather than waiting for the end. Questions were numerous, bringing him to reveal his age (81), not because anyone asked, but it did seem to fit in somehow.

From his residence in New Orleans, Blount said that he has noticed that the Missis-

sippi River is drying up, but in doing so, strange objects are being revealed, that were it not for the drought, would have remained hidden.

Blount spent considerable time hanging out with the Pittsburgh Steelers, he said, presumably again due to his time at Sports Illustrated.

The subject turned to actor actor Bill Murray and the film that cost \$40 million to produce, but it did not do very well, Blount recalled. The plot centered on the protagonist having inherited an elephant. The elephant behaved well enough on set but did not tolerate the other small animals essential to the plot.

"Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" is "fun backstage," Blount reported. Panelists do not know in advance what's coming, but they do know the general topic for the "Bluff the Listener" segment where panelists need to create a plausible, fantastic story. "Prairie Home Companion" was fun backstage also.

Blount said that he would like there to be a "Senior Jeopardy" for senior contestants

where ample extra time would be allowed to ring in with a response.

For senior citizens who occasionally forget the punch line of a joke or a key point in an anecdote, Blount chalks that up to "senior anecdotage."

Thinking back over his unmet career goals, he said that he would have liked to have appeared on "I Love Lucy," and he would have liked to attempt to "crack up" Queen Elizabeth.

In the musical realm, Blount said that he appears with a rock group of writers called "The Rock Bottom Reminders," not as a musical performer, exactly, more like a commentator or vocal interjector.

"We've been all over the country performing...not well," he added.

The Salisbury Forum is a local nonprofit organization, hosting speakers on a broad range of topics. For information and to learn about upcoming programs, go to www.salisburyforum.org.

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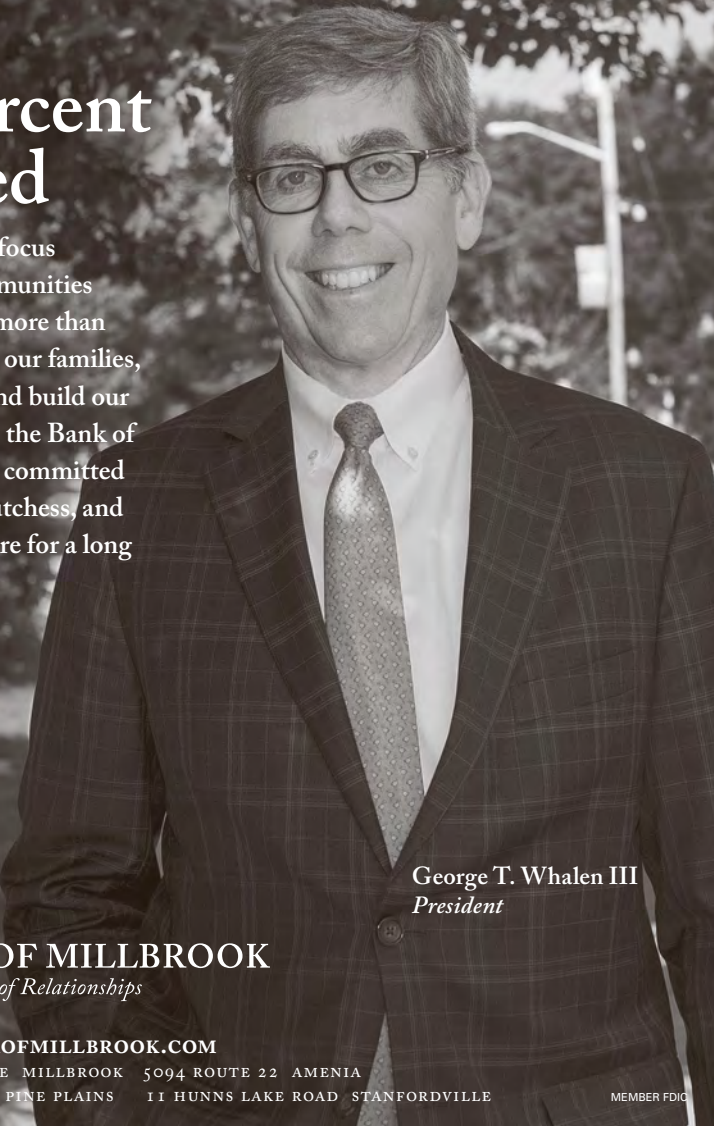
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Françoise Rubinsztein Friedlaender

SHARON — Françoise Rubinsztein Friedlaender, an early woman pioneer in business and science, died suddenly on October 10, 2022 in Sharon Hospital. She was 76 years old. Throughout her life, and against considerable adversity, she identified



independent financial analyst with Market Edge Inc., where she was nicknamed the "Excel Ninja." Meanwhile, she became an accomplished skier, motorcyclist, and scuba diver.

In 2000, she used Match.com, then a new online innovation, to meet her third husband, Jonathan Friedlaender, a biological anthropologist (he had also been married twice before).

One day, when she realized he was stymied analyzing all the biological data he'd collected, she suggested she might possibly be able to help (she did!). Thereafter she became fascinated with the developing field of bioinformatics, which had not existed when she was in graduate school.

She became an author on over forty research papers in childhood growth and development, human population genetics, and Neanderthal genomics, particularly concerning people in the Southwest Pacific and East Asia — another remarkable achievement. Her analytic skills and artistic illustrations clarified the often complex and cumbersome results of her colleagues.

These papers in genetics and anthropology revealed that people in this region have connections to especially ancient human migrations from other parts of the world no one had imagined, going back 30 and 40 thousand years.

Françoise and Jonathan moved to Sharon in 2007 and delighted in the natural beauty and outdoor activities of Litchfield County while they continued their work online. She never missed an opportunity to speak French, whether with new acquaintances or the local French club.

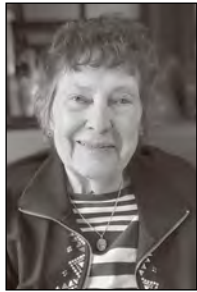
Their relationship blossomed and their partnership carried them until her untimely and sudden death with much love and fulfillment, even when facing serious health challenges to them both.

To her last days they remained as devoted to each other as newlyweds. Her friends will remember and love her particularly for her generosity, bravery of spirit, and kindness. She often said she had lived the American Dream.

While Françoise had no children, she delighted in becoming a grandmother to Jonathan's granddaughter. She is survived by her half-brothers Daniel Delmont, Jean-Michel Salzensteijn, Louis Salzensteijn, her beloved husband Jonathan Friedlaender, son Benjamin and daughter Mira Friedlaender, Colin Wright and granddaughter Artemis Wright.

Clara Else Schumann

NORTH CANAAN — Clara Else Schumann, 90, passed away peacefully October 12, 2022 at Bentley Assisted Living in Branchville, NJ with her family and Bentley staff nearby. Prior to Bentley, Clara lived at Knoll Heights Village in Sparta, NJ for ten years where she had many friends. Born November 23, 1931, at Geer Memorial Hospital, Canaan, CT, Clara grew up in the 1930's and 40's at The Maples, a guest house, with a tea room and restaurant, catering to folks escaping the city, owned and operated by her parents, William and Katherine Schumann. The war brought changes and The Maples became more of a boarding house until it was sold and torn down in 1960, leaving childhood memories shared for the rest of her life with all who would listen. Along with The Maples, Clara's father, "Willie", owned the gas station next door and Clara would often tell the story of greeting First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt with a curtsy at the station as the presidential vehicle was being gassed up for a trip up Rt.7 to Lenox, MA. Clara was chosen homecoming queen at Housatonic Valley High School in 1948 and her children do treasure those photos! Clara's heart was in Canaan even though she had moved away in 1960. She took after her own mother with her love for travel and adventure. She also enjoyed the Jersey Shore,



ballroom dancing, antiques, reading, scrabble and cards. She encouraged her children to be the best they could be, supporting them with acceptance and unconditional love. She was a friend of Bill W's for more than 50 years where she was an inspiration and help to many. She is retired from Dragoco where she was the receptionist.

Clara is predeceased by her daughter Kathy Suydam and grandson Jesse Suydam. Clara is survived by her cat Sweetie, daughter Kim DeWitt; son Kurt Suydam and his wife Lynne Kelly; granddaughter, Megan Worsley; great grandchildren, Brianna, Gavin, and Heather Suydam, Desiree Mould and her husband Christopher Mould and a great, great grandchild Jesse Mould. Clara's last years at Bentley Assisted Living were a true gift of community in which she thrived and in many ways was reminiscent of her youth at The Maples. Clara often spoke of her "table" and friendships made, introducing her children to all. Everyone at Bentley remembers Clara as being positive, fun, and caring. We are so grateful to the Bentley staff who have been so caring to our mother and helpful to the family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be offered at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com.

Civics through the library

MILLERTON — Chase Dobson, a senior at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., will present a series of Zoom Civics classes through the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., on Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9 and

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

COVID-19 vaccines offered at Pine Plains Pharmacy

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Pharmacy continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to local residents. Vaccines are available, Monday through Saturday, by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 518-398-5588.

Those who would like to take a rapid COVID test may

do so at the Pine Plains Pharmacy for \$95, or a PCR test for \$250. Call the number above or go to the Town of Pine Plains website at www.pineplains-ny.gov and click on the link for the intake form.

The Pine Plains Pharmacy is located at 2965 Church St.

John William Clouser Sr.

FALLS VILLAGE — John William Clouser Sr., 68, of Falls Village, died on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington from complications stemming from a long illness.

Born on April 12, 1954, in Great Barrington, he was the son of Floyd A. Clouser Sr. and Margaret R. (Winters) Clouser.

Throughout his life, John enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, horseshoes, and working on cars.

Before his retirement, he worked for many years at Specialty Minerals in Canaan, and Custom Extrusion in Sheffield, Massachusetts as well as multiple positions in southern Vermont, the Berkshires, and northwestern Connecticut.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife Nancy Clouser; his granddaughter Katherine Ketchen; and his sister Judy Kot.

He is survived by his two adult children, John Clouser (Ruth) of Ashley Falls, and Kim-

berly Ketchen (Christopher) of Lenox, Massachusetts as well as four grandchildren — Caleb, Kaya, Charles "Jack", and Henry. He also leaves three brothers Elsworth Clouser (Louise) of Nassau, New York, Floyd A. Clouser, Jr. (Lynn) of Sheffield, and William N. Clouser of Murphy, North Carolina; one sister Joyce M. Trudeau (Herman) of North Egremont; his former wife Cathy Fletcher (Keith) of Sheffield; and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and extended relatives.

Calling hours will be on Monday, Oct. 24 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Finnerty and Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to Habitat for Humanity in care of Finnerty and Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. To send remembrances to the family go to www.finnertyandstevens.com.

More obituaries appear on Page A7.

Worship Services

Week of October 30, 2022

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

<p>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) 455-2442</p>	<p>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 860-564-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-455-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>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 860-824-7252</p>	<p>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 trinitylimerock.org (860) 455-2627</p>
<p>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 www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>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 Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-455-9496 Lakevilleumethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 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</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where 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</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT 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</p>
<p>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</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>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</p>	<p>Millertton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millertton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-5158</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>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.</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Tespis Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	<p>Millertton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millertton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-5158</p>

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Millbrook volunteer fair draws 16 organizations

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — Millbrook Library's Library Clerk and Adult Programmer Kristen Perkins was delighted by the response at the volunteer fair held on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Sixteen organizations attending, and a great many patrons visiting the displays and talking to the volunteers about the actions they perform.

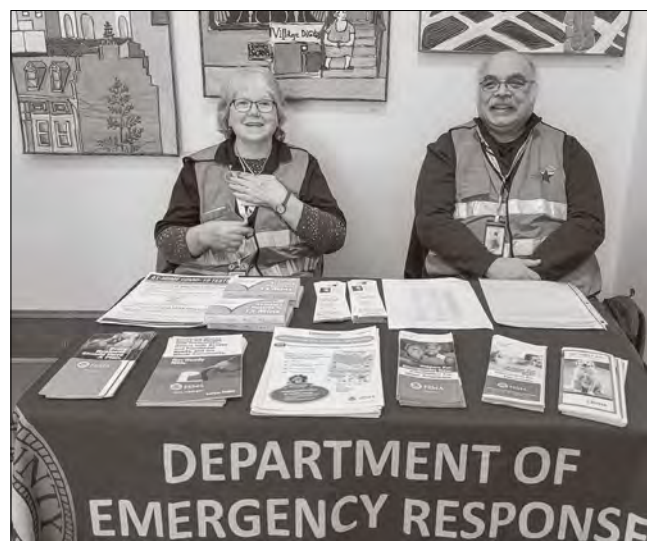
"We were so excited to have these organizations at the library. It's the first of what we hope to be an annual event, and we're looking forward to connecting our community with local nonprofits making a difference in the coming years," said Perkins.

The sunny day allowed for many of the groups to set up their tables on the front lawn of the library while others were arranged inside around the first floor of the library.

The Alzheimer's Association was represented by Eileen Hendriksen of the Hudson Valley Chapter. Hendriksen told of the many ways to volunteer — as educators, representatives and promoters as well as supporting group facilitators.

Bonnie and Jim Soto manned the table for the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corp, Emergency Response, handing out information on understanding risks, making a plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed. They also had some excellent pamphlets on how to keep your pets safe.

The Northeast Dutchess Immigration Services (NEDIS) Grace Latino/Immigrant Outreach, Grace Episcopal Church,



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
Dutchess County Medical Response Corp with Bonnie and Jim Soto.

helps the immigrant community. They offer direct services, including help with food, rent, utilities and other essentials, as well as legal and medical referrals, and offer community leadership and educational support.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) offered advice in English and Spanish, on how to be an advocate for a child, in foster care in at risk of placement, as a CASA volunteer. They offer volunteers a 40-hour training program, and 20 hours of Family Court observation before being sworn in by the Chief Judge of the family court.

Robert McHugh and his son Jack Falk greeted those stopping by the Millbrook Historical Society table. The group offers free presentations on many different local historical people and events throughout the year and offer historical tours through the summer months. They also maintain archives in the Village Hall and are responsible

for the Museum in the Streets, the historical markers with pictures and stories that are found around the village.

Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) was represented by Ann Gifford and James Snyder. This adds to the cultural life of Millbrook, presenting summer and winter musical concerts, as well as supporting art and artists year-round.

Dutchess Land Conservancy develops relationships with landowners and creates lasting land stewardship throughout Dutchess County. It is dedicated to preserving the scenic, agricultural, and environmental resources of Dutchess County. They provided information and handouts to those stopping by.

The Dutchess County SPCA, a non-profit, no-kill shelter, aids animals in need and secures permanent homes for adoptable pets. Offering practical and educational resources to the public, it advises for the highest standards of animal care and help keep pets in their



Northeast Dutchess Immigration Services, founded by Grace Church. From left, Evelyn Garzetta, executive director; Lisabeth Conti, Ben York, Rachael Langston and Millbrook Library's Kristin Perkins.

homes, investigate animal abuse and promote humane law.

CARE of DC is a non-profit pet rescue and adoption agency that also has a thrift shop in Wappingers Falls.

Food of Life Pantry at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church campus in Amenia has been operating for more than 12 years, serving food to insecure families. They are always able to use volunteers to keep their services going.

Dreaming of a Chance is a bird sanctuary serving a wide range of rescue cases. Currently, chickens, ducks, quails, one turkey, and their specialty, pigeons, live at the sanctuary. It offers volunteer spots for those interested in working with birds.

Hope Rising Farm is a "PATH" (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) Member Center and

offers opportunities for equine companionship for children and adults, ages and abilities. Many people were interested in this opportunity at the fair.

Mental Health America, Dutchess County is a not-for-profit organization located in Poughkeepsie promoting mental wellness through comprehensive care management, education, programs, advocacy, and community supports, including overall care management, recovery programs, respite care, resources for the homeless, community education, referrals, parenting education, and advocacy.

The Rotary Club of Millbrook has programs that provide school supplies to local children, offer scholarships to high school students each year, and provide Millbrook with a business directory. They have also worked with the local 4-H

club, and sponsor exchange students.

Lyall Memorial Federated Church can always use volunteers for their many programs, a food pantry, a lunch program, and various support groups. It also provides musical programs throughout the year.

The Friends of the Library works year round to help the library maintain their programs and their books and media collections through book sales, fund raisers such as the recent Golf Days at the library, and their Christmas Gift Raffle each year.

The Millbrook Fire Department was on hand with one of its trucks. Several firemen showed people, especially the children, how their equipment works, what to do in case of fire. Unfortunately, the firemen had to leave early due to respond to a fire call.

Woodruff named to top post in nursing at Sharon Hospital

SHARON, Conn. — Nuance Health has appointed Dawn Woodruff, MSN, RN, as Chief Nursing Officer of Sharon Hospital.

The appointment was made on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Woodruff has worked in the health care field for 35 years and at Sharon Hospital for more than eight years, most recently serving as Director of Patient Care Services since 2020.

Woodruff will lead the facility's nursing team through creation of "efficient nursing procedures, treatment plans, integration of new medical technologies," the hospital said.

"It is an honor to continue my journey as a nurse leader at Sharon Hospital in a profession that makes a profound impact on the lives of so many in our communities," Woodruff said in a statement. "I am committed to fostering an environment and culture of care that ensures every nurse can fulfill their passions and each patient receives the support they deserve, whether for routine lab work or an elective

procedure at our hospital."

Woodruff previously worked at St. Mary's Hospital, where she began her career at the bedside as a staff and charge nurse in the Intensive Care Unit. She has a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Connecticut.

The former Chief Nursing Officer, Christina McCulloch, became president of Sharon Hospital earlier this year.

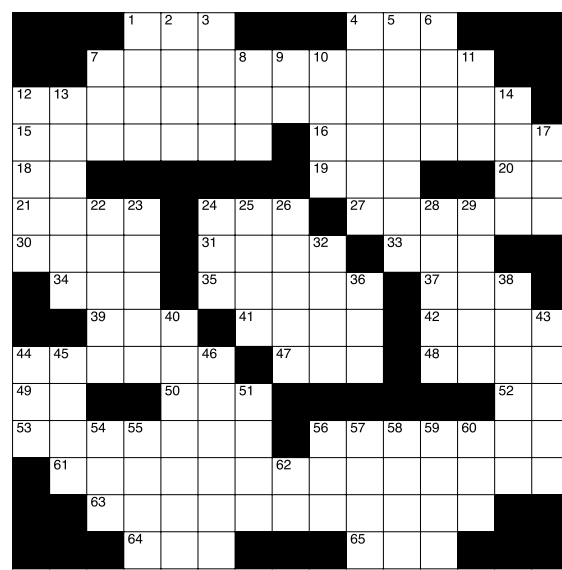
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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Unhappy
4. Clairvoyance
7. One who works under you
12. What happens there stays there
15. Not ingested
16. Got the picture
18. One thousandth of a gram
19. Breakfast item
20. About
21. Tall deciduous trees
24. Safe keeping receipt
27. Cowardly
30. Pueblo people of New Mexico
31. Herring-like fish
33. A very large body of water
34. Angle (abbr.)
35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
37. White clerical vestment
39. Cool!
41. Matchstick games
42. Thick piece of something
44. A state that precedes vomiting
47. Burned item residue
48. Jaguarundi
49. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
50. The home of "60 Minutes"
52. Dorm official
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. One who is learning the job
61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel
63. Attentively
64. CNN's founder
65. Criticize



11. Electronic data processing
12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director
13. Leaned
14. About aviation
17. Mountain is a popular type
22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border
23. Heroic tales
24. Soviet Socialist Republic
25. "Star Trek" villain
26. Hand gesture popular on social media
28. Renters have one
29. Tubular steel column
32. Database management system
36. Similar
38. Providing no shelter or sustenance
40. Death
43. What a sheep did
44. Midcentury Asian

- battleground
45. Horizontal passage into a mine
46. Mortified
51. Improper word
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. It can be hot or iced
57. Tough outer skin of a fruit
58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Misfortunes
60. Negative
62. Camper

Oct. 20 Solution

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CLUES DOWN

1. Fijian capital
2. Assist
3. Elected lord in Venice
4. The capacity of a physical system to do work
5. People of the wild
6. Parent-teacher groups
7. Midway between south and southeast
8. Moved quickly on foot
9. Handheld Nintendo console
10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright

Sudoku

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	1				2		6	
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			6			9		
	4				1			
8						7		6

Level: Intermediate

Oct. 20 Solution

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2	1	5	8	6	3	9	7	4
7	3	8	4	9	5	2	6	1
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OUR TOWNS

McEnroe's Fall Festival

McEnroe Head Chef Wade McEnroe grilled kebabs on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the McEnroe Organic Farms Fall Festival in Millerton. There were vendors offering samples and demonstrations, along with live music and pumpkin painting.



PHOTOS BY GRIFFIN COOPER

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.

Dated: October 18, 2022
Tracy Trotter
District Clerk
09-27-22

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items will be received at the Office of Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Avenue, PO Box 516, Millerton, New York 12546 until 9:30 AM. on the 3rd day of November 2022, at which time they will be read aloud.

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Relevant items may be bid F.O.B. or delivered. Bid period will be from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Bid winners will be notified in writing. All bids must be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid (01/01/23-12/31/23)". The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Information may be obtained by calling the Superintendent of Highways at 518-789-4850.

Robert D. Stevens
Superintendent of
Highways
Town of North East
10-27-22

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will conduct a third PUBLIC HEARING on the 3rd day of November, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Town of Amenia, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to the renewal of Cablevision Systems Dutchess Corporation Franchise Agreement with the Town of Amenia.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement

between the Town of Amenia and Cablevision Systems Dutchess Corporation is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) and is otherwise exempt from environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the revised Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours, at Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov or by email upon request to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner at dmklingner@ameniany.gov

Dated: Amenia, New York
October 6, 2022
BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE
KLINGNER,
TOWN CLERK
10-27-22

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of said Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Preliminary Budget is available for review Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Amenia located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. It can also be downloaded from the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov or available by email upon request to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, at dmklingner@ameniany.gov

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed salaries of each member of the Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Justices are as follows:
Supervisor: \$26,613.00
Councilman (4) Each: \$6,273.00
Town Justice (2) Each: \$18,744.00
Town Clerk: \$36,950.00
Superintendent of Highways: \$67,917.00
Dated: October 20, 2022

Amenia, New York
BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE
KLINGNER,
TOWN CLERK
10-27-22

**TOWN OF AMENIA
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Article 16, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2022 to consider the application of Troutbeck Holdings LP for Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review approvals to authorize its adaptive reuse proposal for a 43.5 acre parcel located at 515 Leedsville Road, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Tax Parcel # 132000-7267-00-227675) (the "Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman
Town of Amenia
Planning Board
10-27-22

**TOWN of NORTH EAST
Millerton, New York
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North East for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, where it is available for inspection by any interested person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. FURTHER NOTICE IS

HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the North East Town Hall at 19 No. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, at 7:15 PM, on the 10th 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: \$25,375
Councilmen (4): \$5,680
Justices (2): \$17,540
Town Clerk: \$34,650
Assessor: \$35,300

Dated: October 14, 2022
By Order of the
Town Board
Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk
10-27-22

Legal Notice

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

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

Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Legal Notice

The South Amenia Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held Friday, October 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Parish House of the South Amenia Presbyterian Church for the election of officers and trustees and the transaction of other such business as may legally come before it.

Aimee C. Duncan
Secretary
10-27-22

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

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OBITUARIES

Neil Scott

LAKEVILLE — Ever the quiet force, Neil Scott passed away peacefully at Sharon Hospital on Oct. 12, 2022, after 94 years of a remarkable life. Born in Bolton, Great Britain, in 1928, Neil spent an active youth sailing, rowing, fishing, and hiking around the Isle of Man, a small island between England and Ireland. He attended King William's College on the island through his high school years, then was conscripted into the Royal Air Force. Always a man of wry, understated humor, asked what he did in the RAF, his reply was "played six-a-side hockey in the hangars."



Following the RAF, Neil attended Keble College at Oxford University from 1950 to 1952 where he studied chemistry and won numerous rowing cups for Keble. He then taught chemistry and coached rowing at The King's School, Canterbury from 1953 to 1969. At King's Neil met and married his wife Jill. Seeking new adventures, Neil moved with his young family to Quebec in 1969 to teach at Stanstead. A year later, Neil was recruited by The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville to teach chemistry. While at Hotchkiss Neil also started the sailing program, and later coached girls' varsity field hockey, both teams winning championships in short order.

Neil arranged a year-long

teaching exchange in New Zealand in 1986, where he and Jill enjoyed camping, playing golf, and traveling around the islands as much as the teaching. He retired from Hotchkiss in 1993 and happily spent more time based in Lakeville, but out on the water whenever possible with his wife, children and grandchildren. Neil was a longtime volunteer for Reading for the Blind, and used his science expertise while on the Salisbury Town Sewer Commission. As a 50-year member, Neil firmly believed in the mission of the Rotary club, to provide service to others. His special interest was serving on Rotary's Scholarship Committee, following his lifelong love of working with students.

Neil is survived by his wife Jill, son David (Kari MacKay), daughter Carol, grandchildren Harry, Alex, Philip and Spencer, and his brother Ian. He is predeceased by his daughter Kathryn and brother Geoff.

We all miss him greatly. A memorial service will be held in The Hotchkiss School Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Neil's name to the Salisbury Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 287 Salisbury, CT 06068. Remembrances of Neil can be sent to briankenney@kennyfuneralhomes.com.

WEST CORNWALL — In recognition of her science, and her academic service as the Assistant Dean and as a Fellow of Berkeley College from 1975, advising countless undergraduates in their academic schedules and research theses, she ultimately retired in 1993 as Yale Emeritus faculty and a Koerner Fellow.



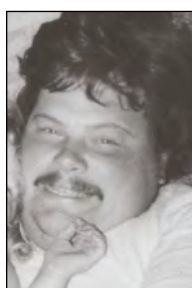
Throughout her career, as a pioneer and champion of women in science, she mentored many undergraduate and graduate women toward successful careers. As the Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women of the American Society of Biological Chemists and Carnegie Conference on Women Keynote speaker, she organized panels that focused

on helping scientists, especially women, along successful career paths. In a 1985 editorial, she wrote, "The need to ensure full participation of able and talented women in the active scientific community is clear. It is wasteful to train scientists who either leave science or fail to develop their full potential in science. Everyone gains by including able women in the profession." (BioEssays 1985 Vol 3 (2), p51) She had insatiable curiosity as both a scientist and lifelong learner. Perhaps less well-known, but no less awe-inspiring, was her ability to quickly assemble a meal for two or twenty from her freezer, and her penchant for organizing her kitchen like a laboratory with all reagents alphabetically organized by their chemical names. Zoe will be remembered for her

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George is survived by three daughters, Sherrie, Casey, and Mary Reid, two sons, Michael and John, four grandchildren: Abbigale, Emmaline, Tucker, and Maisie, and two siblings; Kevin and Lynn Scoville. He was predeceased by his brother, Donald, this past June 14th in Michigan.

A memorial service was held at the Pilgrim House in Canaan, CT on Friday, September 9, 2022. Memorial contributions may be made to the Housatonic Valley FFA Chapter at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School.



George S. Pollard, age 67, of Belden Street, passed away September 1, 2022 peacefully in his sleep. George was born on February 1, 1955 in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was the son of the late Kelly and Addie (Pixley) Pollard. George graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1973. George was introduced to farming at a young age, and it became a passion that he decided to dedicate his life to in one way or another. George shared this passion with his brothers, Kevin and Don, who started Pollard Brothers Farm, in Falls Village when they were still teenagers. From there, they grew the business and expanded their livelihood to

a larger farm in Lakeville, CT. Don later moved on to greener pastures in Vermont while Kevin and George remained on the farm in Connecticut. After many years of farming, George decided to try his hand at selling farm equipment, in partnership with Kevin, so they opened G&K Equipment in Canaan. As the farming chapters of George's life closed, he knew he had to do what he was good at, so he stuck to selling equipment. After all, George could sell a snowball to an eskimo. George worked at Salem Farm Supply in Claverack, NY until the day he left us. There he made great friends, sold lots of equipment, and bent over backwards for his clients, something he took great pride

George S. Pollard

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More obituaries appear on Page A4.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY OLIVIA VALENTINE

Millbrook falls to Salisbury 3-2

Millbrook players defend against Salisbury's Judd Phillips as he runs with the ball on Saturday, Oct. 22, in a match against Millbrook School in Millbrook. Salisbury prevailed over Millbrook in a 3-2 score.

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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FIRE DISTRICT *Continued from Page A1*

pay about \$196 next year to support the activities of the Fire District.

Separately, the Millerton Fire Company is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that raises money from the public to support the fire department.

The Commissioners opened the public hearing and presented a detailed line-by-line proposed 2023 budget totaling \$742,375, compared to the 2022 budget of \$641,005 — an increase in spending of 15.8% over 2022 and 75.8% over 2021.

Joshua Schultz explained that the budget is based on the previous year's expendi-

tures and is adjusted for inflation and projected capital expenditures for improving the fire department's buildings and equipment. This year's volatility in energy prices, inflation and interest rates were factors in the increased budget. For example, projected costs for propane went up 85% to \$12,000.

Major line items in the budget included the Capital Apparatus Reserve fund of \$173,230, which accumulates money to buy new equipment. There's a new rescue truck scheduled to arrive soon to replace a 20-year old vehicle. Property development is budgeted at

\$110,000 to pay for maintenance, repairs and upgrading of the fire department buildings. Schultz said the goal is to gradually update facilities and "maintain today for the future."

After closing the public hearing, a vote was taken to unanimously adopt the 2023 budget as presented. The projected \$742,375 in expenditure was already included in the Town of North East budget, which was approved on Oct. 13 and becomes part of the town tax levy after a public hearing on Nov. 10.

After approving minutes of previous meetings and accepting the Treasurer's

report that included a current cash banking balance of \$573,838, the Commissioners moved on to approving expenses for organizing personnel files and purchasing new flashlights. A discussion followed about participating in the holiday parade of lights before the meeting was adjourned.

Speaking to The Millerton News after the meeting Commissioner Joshua Schultz commented on the budget. "We as a board did our due diligence to ensure the fiscal needs of the Fire District will be satisfied while trying to minimize the impact on our constituents."

COVID-19 *Continued from Page A1*

Respiratory Syncytial Virus, a childhood lung infection that can cause severe illness, he explained.

"There has been a huge spike in RSV this year, earlier and bigger than we've seen previously."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting a surge of RSV in Connecticut as well as New York and New Jersey. The surge is so severe that Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford has considered calling in the National Guard.

Children under the age of 2 are especially vulnerable to serious illness from the virus, which causes swelling and secretions in their small airways, said Marshall.

Youngsters, he said, also tend to be vectors for respiratory illnesses and can easily spread viruses to family members, and parents will then take it into the workplace.

A 'fluid' situation at Geer

In recent weeks, the Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan has seen an uptick of COVID-19 among staff and residents, as well as an outbreak of respiratory illness among residents on the nursing and rehab center's second floor.

As of Friday, Oct. 21, 19 residents and six staff members had tested positive. Since mid-October there has been a gradual uptick, and all units at the nursing center now have residents who have tested positive for the coronavirus, according to Geer officials.

"It's important to note that many of these people were asymptomatic or had mild to moderate symptoms and are showing improvement daily," said CEO Kevin O'Connell, who noted that the situation "remains fluid."

O'Connell said he has been in close communication with the Connecticut Department of Public Health Epidemiology office and is following all recommended mitigation and testing strategies and has implemented universal use of N95 masks and eye protection for all staff in resident care areas, an added mitigation strategy.

Visitation at Geer remains open, but O'Connell advises anyone who is sick or has been exposed to anyone with known or suspected COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses postpone their visit.

The COVID-19 positivity rate in Litchfield County, he explained, "remains high, around 11.18%."

In Salisbury, the Noble Horizons Senior Community is "down to two or three individuals who will likely be off precautions tomorrow," Administrator Bill Pond reported last week.

Outbreak reported at Salisbury Central School

An outbreak of COVID-19 cases among seventh-grade students at Salisbury Central School was reported on

"The protective measures people had been taking up until this point are decreasing. This is a big concern."

*Dr. Mark Marshall,
vice president of medical
affairs at Sharon hospital*

Wednesday, Oct. 19. Administrators believe it was tied to social events, held privately, over the weekend.

"I think what we are seeing in the region is kind of typical of what we're seeing in the state," said Lisa Carter Region One's superintendent of schools. "It's less than 10%, but I can say that we do have COVID in our schools," she said.

Carter said all of Region One had not had a positive case of COVID since the beginning of October, so the recent outbreak in Salisbury caught everyone off guard. There was no data that supported that school-sponsored social events should be canceled, she said. "The high school had its homecoming dance on Friday [Oct. 21], and we didn't have a single case reported."

Carter said she does not feel that the recent outbreak is cause for alarm. "We will be on the lookout, we have COVID tests for students, and we will monitor the situation. We know what the virus is and how it works, and parents know to test if their child has signs of illness and to keep them at home."

Unlike early in the pandemic, she said, there is no longer an option for remote learning. "The best tool we have is to communicate when we do have these clusters."

Sharon Hospital braces for higher numbers

Sharon Hospital has had surges of COVID-19 throughout the summer, with an average of one or two positive cases daily, but hospital officials are now "bracing for higher numbers."

"Going into the cold season, it's not surprising to see an increase," especially as new variants form, said Marshall. "We've identified a number of people who were asymptomatic and admitted for other reasons who tested positive." What is also concerning, he said, is that they are presenting sicker than usual.

With winter holidays looming, Marshall is urging people to make sure everyone in the family gets a flu shot, and a booster, as soon as possible, and that they return to some of the protective habits they developed while fighting COVID-19 in its early stages.

"The good news is that this year's flu vaccine should be highly protective."

CANDIDATES *Continued from Page A1***Buffy Arbogast**

under the tax cap and we now have a surplus, which is even better. We have been working on updating outdated village codes, infrastructure projects like sidewalks and the sewer treatment plant. We have also been working on getting electric car chargers installed. These are the big projects but as you know a lot more goes on than people realize. I like to say it takes a village to make sure our village runs smoothly."

Arbogast would like to continue as a Trustee for many reasons, including because she thinks the village board is moving in the right direction. "Mayor Tim Collopy runs a tight ship and likes to get things done. Our future should be about building a better tomorrow through solid infrastructure, green energy and a community in which everyone feels welcome. This is the way forward." She adds, "I love this community. I have been here for 20 years now and I feel it is time I give back. I own a business in Millbrook. I want to make sure this community stays vibrant."

Peter Doro

Peter Doro was first elected in 2021, and has been an active participant. As the sole Republican on the board, he

**Peter Doro**

says he finds himself often independent and dissenting, but thinks diversity is good for democracy, and that the most effective boards are divided boards. He said, "It's because of my family's love and support that I have the ability to even run for political office and I care deeply about the country's and Millbrook's future for my sons' sake."

Some of the items that Doro is most proud of having worked on during his term concern the outdoor dining rules and regulations that cropped up due to the pandemic. There were none, and some major efforts went into developing a code to make dining both feasible and safe. Everyone wants the restaurants to flourish, the residents to enjoy dining out, but above all, to be convenient and safe for all.

Another topic he believes needs attention is short-term rentals. He feels that many of the area short-term rentals, and/or bed and breakfasts, are no longer individually or family owned, and that these units are raising the price of homes in the area. He says there have to be rules put in place for their operation. This is something he hopes to work on if re-elected.

Patrick Murphy

New to the Millbrook

**Patrick Murphy**

political arena is Republican Patrick Murphy, a fifth-generation resident of the area, who said, "This is my first time running for public office." While this is his first foray onto the political scene, his family has served the community in political office. His uncle, Michael Murphy, was a former mayor of Millbrook. His father, William Murphy, was a Town Councilman.

At the age of 31, Patrick feels that Millbrook has been good to him and his family, and he'd like to give back. "It's good to be involved," he said. His family owns the Iron Furnace Restaurant in Verbank, and they also have been in the excavating business for over 35 years.

Joseph Libonati

The fourth candidate is Joseph Libonati, a Democrat, who said, "I was born and raised in the Hudson Valley and have been lucky enough to call the area home for most of my life." For the past eight years he has lived in Millbrook, and says he wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

"I've spent my career in communications. I most recently oversaw communications for Condé Nast and have worked in media and entertainment for more than



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Joe Libonati

30 years. My mother and sister live in Saratoga Springs. My dad and his family live in Ulster County."

Libonati feels that Millbrook is a great place to live, saying that the community is kind and welcoming. Why is he running for a seat on the board? "I felt it was time to give back to the community that has given me so much," he states.

Asked what he feels is the most pressing concern, he said that infrastructure is most vital, from maintaining what exists to finding new solutions for future challenges that preserve the Village's character and are kind to the Earth and easy on the wallet.

Also on the ballot is the following proposition: Proposal Number One, A Proposition: Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Act of 2022, "To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment; the 'Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022' authorizes the sale of state bonds up to \$4.2 billion to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects.

Early voting begins on Saturday, Oct. 29, and continues through Sunday, Nov. 6. Check out times on the Millbrook website, villageofmillbrookny.com. The voting site in Millbrook is at Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US 44, Millbrook, N.Y.

LIGHTNING *Continued from Page A1*

much as 1500 years, and others even older.

They are also large trees, and so have the biggest impact on the land that surrounds them. One of the most important functions of trees is in providing carbon storage.

This conversation was mainly concerned with how the very large and very old trees fare during climate change, as massive lightning strikes have become in some instances more frequent, and in some cases more intense. The older a tree is, the larger it is, the more carbon storage it provides. So each tree lost adds up to a large amount of carbon storage loss, and is a big influence on the ecosystem processes.

The study of these losses in the tropical forests will allow scientists to follow patterns, and to understand the importance of the morbidity of trees in the ecosystem, and enabling some predictions about the future of the forests.

The studies examine why trees die, how and when they decompose, what the condi-

tions are that determine this.

The reason studying lightning strikes is so beneficial to the studies is because the lightning hit on one tree can mean the death of many trees. The largest and tallest tree, the canopy tree, can take down surrounding trees along with catching fire itself. Lightning flows outward. It may kill five trees and damage as many as 18 trees — a significant amount of carbon storage gone.

Gora said that lightning strikes are hard to predict and just as hard to locate. But with climate change, some areas have seen accelerated events. Central Africa has seen a rise of about 50%. It has been estimated that in New York, by 2050, carbon storage will decrease by 25% to 50%.

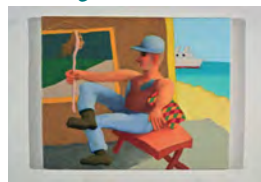
One method of finding the strikes is through the use of drones. Information gathered can be used to plan the planting of future forests. By knowing the causes of death, the trees best suited to withstand lightning strikes and

other hazards, newly planted forest can be planned to last longer and be safer from the usual causes of tree death.

Gora points out that there has been little investment made in tropical forests, and the study of tropical forests can be useful in helping to understand our local forests and their problems.

Studying tropical forests also can help in the planning of reforesting our own local forests. Lightning strikes are similar around the world, and they are massively misunderstood.

What can we do locally to help our forests to thrive, and reduce the carbon impact? Gora had some suggestions: minimize your impact by reducing your carbon footprint and offset the rest by decreasing your consumption of beef and palm oil. He also suggests supporting science by investing in the research needed to guide resilient management and reforestation. Lastly, he said, use your voice to advocate for the protection of old growth forests.

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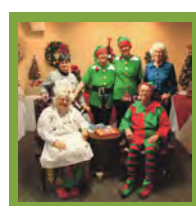
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ART: BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Who gets nude in the countryside?

This is the second part of a two-part series about nudity and censorship in the countryside art world.

Last week I discussed the regulations of Big Tech and online censorship as it intersects with the art world — internationally, in New York City, and even up here in Connecticut's Northwest Corner and The Berkshires, where gallery owners create their own art world for more rural communities. While digital algorithms can control what art is deemed "permissible" for public viewing on social media platforms, those same conversations — what art is appropriate for what audience — continue to happen among actual humans.

At the 2022 Spring/Break art fair on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, Connecticut gallery owner Andrew Craven showed a series of acrylic full-frontal male nude portraits by painter Bruno Leydet, but was unsure if he would show the same selection of Leydet's portfolio outside of the city. So I asked some of the major voices of the area's art world: knowing the audience in the countryside, would you show art that depicted full nudity?

CRAVEN CONTEMPORARY
Andrew Craven opened his contemporary gallery in Lakeville, Conn., in 2018 before moving to its current home in the walkable art hub that is Kent Barns in Kent, Conn. Craven has shown works by Alex Katz as well as more ultramodern artists like Linder, Erwin Olaf, Elad Lassry, and Ruben Nal-San Miguel.

"The audience at Spring/Break was across the board," Craven told me. "The gay men stop and look, the women stop and look... for the straight men it can be a mixed reaction, some can appreciate the art even though it's a male nude, but for others, I think it makes them uncomfortable. But I wouldn't suggest any of Bruno's work to be sexually explicit. He uses pastel palettes and patterned backgrounds, so even though they have nudity, they become much more playful. The body has existed in art for a long time, but generally there's been more comfort around seeing the female nude, particularly a fully nude female versus a fully nude male." He added, "What I haven't done and would not do is show work that was sexually explicit because



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

A detail from *Lorgnette* by Bruno Leydet

I don't think that would be right for the community, which has the sensibility of having families with young children. I think explicit work in Kent is hard. It would be one thing to have a disclaimer or a warning, which I don't think I would do anyway, but I have glass windows that I don't want to paper up."

KMR ARTS

Kathy McCarver Root is a photography dealer with a gallery in Washington Depot,

Conn., who has showcased prints by modern legends including Leo Fuchs, Mark Selinger and Sally Mann.

"I wouldn't have a problem showing work that's a bit more provocative if that's the right word," Root said to me. "I think that good art, great art, worthy art is work that gives you pause, and if there is a purpose for that type of subject matter — not gratuitous, I'm not really interested in having sensational works on the wall just for that reason — but if there's a purpose and a concept behind them then I would totally stand by that."

FIVE POINTS ARTS

The Five Points Gallery in downtown Torrington, Conn., is a nonprofit launched in 2013, and now includes The Art Center, an educational facility on the former University of Connecticut Torrington campus. Its gallery shows are often curated around a political or social theme, including climate change or Indigenous people.

"We've certainly had nude images in the gallery, but it wasn't for the sake of having nude images, the work would have to do with a contemporary issue," Five Points Founder and

Executive Director Judith McElhone told me. "The one thing I will say about nudes and that kind of material is that we're located near a children's museum and we have windows all down Water Street and Main Street, so we would not hang the work easily visible from the street."

THE WASSAIC PROJECT

Like Five Points, The Wassaic Project is a nonprofit educational space. A young, artist-run collective in Amenia, N.Y., it hosts multidisciplinary artist residency programs.

"I would certainly consider the inclusion of a piece that was sexually explicit," said Jeff Barnett-Winsby, a member of Wassaic Projects executive director team, which also includes Eve Biddle, and Barnett-Winsby's wife, Bowie Zunino. "If we have something that is potentially of a sensitive nature we do a nice warning, or put it in a space that can allow people or parents the choice if they want to engage with it. I would say in general we're not engaged with particularly controversial material, but we do show some things that are topical and can be challenging to some degree."

JAMES BARRON ART

James Barron is a modern and contemporary art dealer who opened his gallery in Kent Barns in 2013, with exhibitions that have included Jayne County, Ralph Gibson, and Beverly Pepper. He has sold work by Cy Twombly, Wolfgang Tillmans, and Alice Neel.

"I really objected to what happened in [Museum of Fine Arts] Boston with the Philip Guston show. I thought, really? You've got to have like five disclaimers, like 'You can exit the exhibition if you like through this direction?'" Barron told me over phone call from Italy. "I've never had a problem showing work up here, but my gallery isn't quite like the other galleries, like say, Andrew Craven, where if you peer in through the window you can see everything," Barron's less visible gallery is currently by-appointment viewing. "But the censorship in America is something I really object to. Look, I'm old enough to remember what happened to Robert Mapplethorpe in the early '90s. I'm not saying his pictures appear tame today, but I think we're all so accustomed to them now we don't look at them in the same way. At the time I remember [American conservative leader] Jesse Helms and all these horrible people saying, 'We're going to get rid of all the money for the NEA [National Endowment for the Arts].'"

CAROL COREY FINE ART

Carol Corey opened her gallery in The Kent Barns when she relocated from New York City in 2020 and has showcased work by artists that include German abstract painter Matthias Meyer and The New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast.

"I don't really represent any artists that work like that, so I suppose the answer is no. I just don't have any work like that," Corey told me. "What I have found when I moved up here, I had an expectation of what would appeal to an audience here, but it's much broader, and many preconceived notions have been dashed. It's a sophisticated audience." **STANDARD SPACE**
Brooklynite photographer Theo Coulombe opened Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., in 2017 featuring emerging artists, many heralding from Brooklyn as well. "I've at times here in Sharon questioned the

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR



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Jamie Drake, left, with designer partner Caleb Anderson.



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Bold

In the decades that glitzy interior designer Jamie Drake has been working in New York City he's been known for turning Park Avenue apartments into — well, to paraphrase Raymond Carver, what we talk about when we talk about Park Avenue apartments. His design stories feature seductive surfaces polished into glossy depth, 18th-century period furniture entwined with aloof urban cool, where Japanese lacquer can meet large-scale cobalt blue abstracts, and a crisp sense of structure dominates among the beaten bronze accents and crystal decor. Of course, these days the corporate

raider types that would have flocked to Park Avenue in the 1980s are more likely to be a new kind of power player, downtown in TriBeCa where the right gym membership can have you brushing shoulders with the private trainers to Taylor Swift and Anderson Cooper. Who lives uptown anymore? If anyone knows, Drake and his former intern turned business partner Caleb Anderson surely do, favoring clients with an IMAX-size view over Central Park.

Jamie Drake will sign copies of his new book "Bold: The Interiors of Drake/Anderson" at Carol Corey Fine Art in Kent, Conn., on Oct. 29 at 4 p.m.

Alex Katz: Gathering

The creamy spiral of the Guggenheim, like the interior of a cavernous conch shell, is now glowing with the canvases of Alex Katz, whose big close ups make the grand scale of this new show feel even grander. At 95, Katz, whose poppy, prismatic style flattens faces and flowers alike into their most central colors, continues to evoke a sleek modernity — just look to the cover of Millennial It-writer Sally Rooney's bestseller debut.

"Alex Katz: Gathering" is now on view at The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, N.Y.

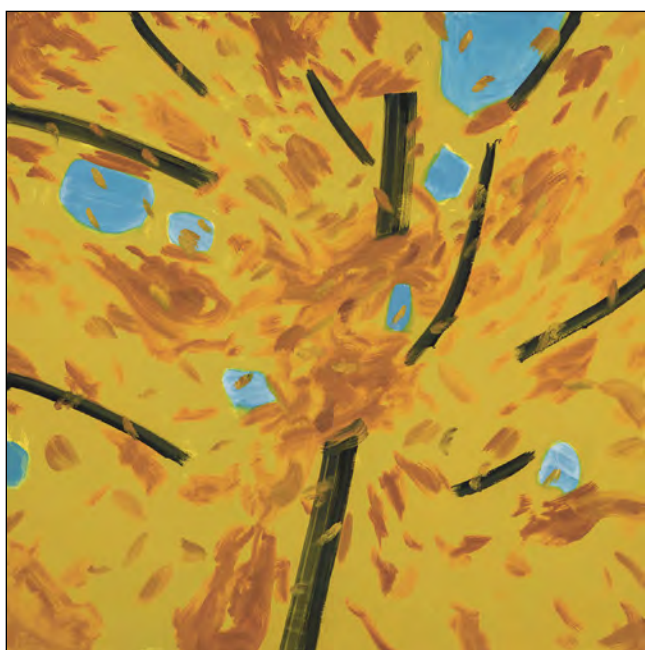


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Yellow Tree 1 by Alex Katz

Which Side Are You On

A thoroughly contemporary novel that both highlights the reactionary divide and the bridges that must be built between Gen Z and their parents, the debut work from Ryan Lee Wong is about the complexity of today's family conversations. In the wake of another murder of a Black man by a police officer, a Columbia University student returns home to announce his plans to leave school and put his full-time efforts into the Black Lives Matter movement. Instead, he's given a personal history lesson into his Korean mother's life-long struggles in her own activism. Wong deftly threads a dialogue between the experience of an aging generation and the action-driven politics of a young generation raised by the fear mongering of the 24-hour

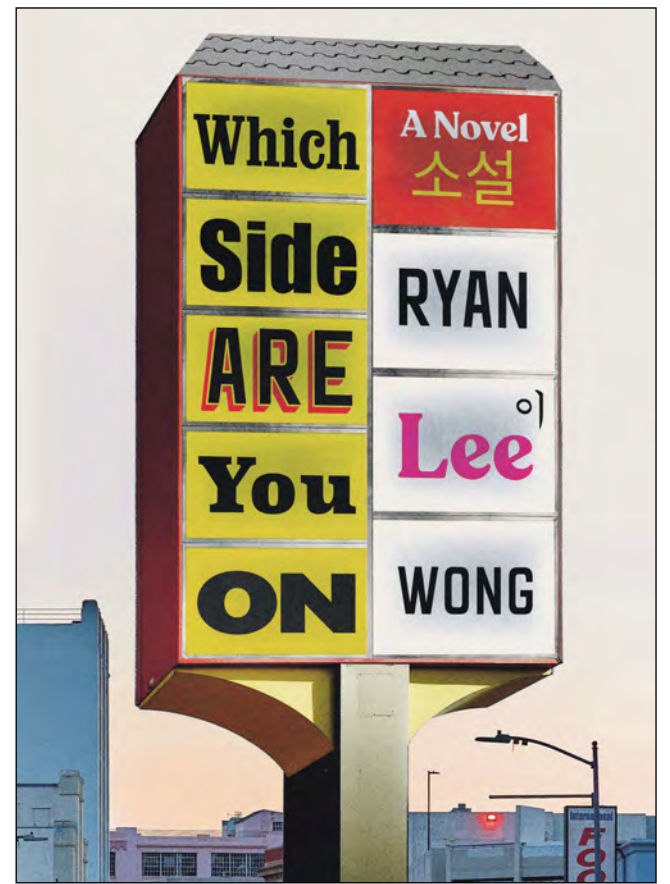


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news cycle. When tragedy slams into our Twitter Feeds like a daily meteor collision, how can a methodical point of view ever feel like the right

response to urgency? Ryan Lee Wong will discuss his novel at Northeast Millerton Library Annex in Millerton, N.Y. on Oct. 29 at 3 p.m.

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Collected Works by the Late Duncan Hannah

Duncan Hannah, a famous painter of nudes himself, died last year at the age of 69. He lived

the kind of artist's life the rest of us can only dream of, and on top of that, he wrote it all down.

His early diaries were published by Knopf in a volume called "20th Century Boy: Notebooks of The Seventies." Honoring his memory, a show of his paintings will open this weekend in his hometown of Cornwall. Check back next week as I discuss the death of life of the 20th Century Boy.

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Night of the Living Dead

Terror at every turn! It's not the 1960s as you remember them — or maybe it is. The year is 1968 and a 28-year-old director, with a budget of just a little over \$100 thousand, releases a movie about race, war, and police violence, about the world literally eating itself alive. Of course, horror is just fiction, right? The previous year police brutally attacked an anti-war protest at the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus, while bloodshed and flames consumed West Detroit during the 12th Street Race Riot. In 1968, the country's most promising arbiters of peace, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, were shot and killed. In the following year, Henry Kissinger would begin secretly bombing Cambodia. Meanwhile in George A. Romero's grainy, black-and-white film, a ragtag group of survivors takes sanctuary in a rural Pennsylvania farmhouse, attempting to escape the flesh-hungry grasp of ghoulishly transformed humans. Heralded as the defining influence of what would become the zombie horror genre, "Night of The Living Dead" was also ahead of its time in casting Black actor Duane Jones as its heroic lead. Educated at



Above, Duane Jones and Judith O'Dea hide out from the living dead. Below, Judith Ridley attempts an escape.

the Sorbonne in France, New York City-native Jones was a director in his own right, acting as

executive director of the Black Theater Alliance, as well as heading the literature department of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He died of cardiac arrest at the age of 51, but his performance here lives again each Halloween in the many independent screenings of this grizzly, politically-minded triumph of small budget filmmaking. If you don't know the ending, you may be shocked at how much it still echoes the headlines of today.

"Night of The Living Dead" is presented by the Boondocks Film Society on Oct. 29 at Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn., with a cocktail party. For tickets go to www.boondocksfilmsociety.org



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Tár

"Tár" is the cinematic watchword of the coming awards season, even if you don't know how to say it. Tar? Ter? Tah? What is that acute accent over the A, and what accent will Australian chameleon Cate Blanchett deliver to us on the screen? This is only the third film from director Todd Field, whose scant resume has nevertheless racked up plenty of nominations, but never an Oscar win. His 2001 debut "In The Bedroom," about two parents' grief when their son's romance with an

older woman ends in murder, earned a Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for its stars Sissy Spacek, Tom Wilkinson, and Marisa Tomei. What would prove to be his relatively quick follow-up in 2006, "Little Children," an adaptation of Tom Perrotta's novel, balanced the story of an affair between two suburbanites with the anxieties of a neighborhood sex offender. It earned nominations for Fields' and Perrotta's screenplay and actors Kate Winslet and Jackie Earle Haley. Quiet

but tense, Fields' films are intimate character studies pierced by violence and sexual transgression. Now 16 years later, "Tár" delves into the world of classical music, with many questions hanging over this film: can it take Fields to his first Oscar win? Can it take Blanchett to her third? And what brutality can take place within the life of a conductor? Is there a monster within the Mahler?

"Tár" will have an advanced screening on Oct. 27 at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

...who gets nude? Continued from page B1

content we were going to have in a show. Just before COVID, we had an artist here, Kristin Worrall, she's a performance artist who does baking. She did a full-on exhibit where she baked apple strudels in front of a live audience," Coulombe told me. "At one point she's using an apple peeler, where the core of the apple has to be pushed onto this sharp three-pronged thing, and she's pushing it in there, and her story becomes about the aspects of her life, about relationships, and there's a lot of allusions to anal sex. I was very concerned about this when the matrons of Sharon came to the show. When the

performance happened, these two older women — who will go nameless but are pretty up there in the Sharon community — they loved it. They heard these stories about being a woman, and dating, it's part of the dialogue of the world. There I felt like there was a crossover between what happens in the city and what's allowed to happen up here." Coulombe added, "Some of my initial concerns stemmed from some instances that happened at The Sharon Playhouse back in 2017. They had a director there, Morgan Green, who does experimental theater in downtown Manhattan, a friend of mine. She was

the director du jour at the Playhouse and I saw some incredibly negative responses the programming that she had going on. Literally, people would get up and walk out of the theater. It was very divisive and I heard people say 'This is the worst year The Sharon Playhouse has ever had.' But they were writing about it in The New York Times, and they had a full house because people wanted to know what the hell was going on. So it's an interesting gamble to have sexually charged work in a gallery here or content that's speaking to sexuality. Where some people say permissiveness, other people say freedom of expression."



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Making a difference to one's community: Save Sharon Hospital

When a controversy erupts in any area, there are often groups formed that react to it with alternative solutions or simple opposition. They operate with varying degrees of effectiveness. Those affected by such open discussion in a community can only hope that out of engagement might come a better outcome. After all, having more minds and hearts set to a problem should result in a wider range of options available for final resolution.

The ongoing discussion around the decisions being made at Nuvance for Sharon Hospital's proposed closing of Labor and Delivery and converting its Intensive Care Unit to a Progressive Care Unit has been made more nuanced and complete by the group Save Sharon Hospital (SSH). There have been multiple community meetings run by SSH in the towns served by Sharon Hospital in both northwest Connecticut and eastern Dutchess County N.Y. where physicians, and community leaders and members, have put forward the issues that are of such importance to all who live here.

Those meetings brought a much broader awareness of the proposed changes at Sharon Hospital to all the towns covered by it, and that is proven by more than 300 people attending the rally on Sunday, Oct. 16, in Sharon to have their voices heard on the issues. Giving the rally an even higher profile were state leaders from both New York and Connecticut, including U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5), Conn. state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), and chair of Dutchess County, N.Y., Legislature Gregg Pulver. (See the front page story Oct. 20 by Leila Hawken and Patrick Sullivan.)

Nuvance and Sharon Hospital's administration and board of directors need to take notice of the strong opinions being expressed at the meetings, the rally, and to the more than 50 testimonials sent to the Connecticut state Office of Health Strategy to comment on Nuvance's planned changes. The sense at the rally was that "putting profits before patients," as Blumenthal and others referenced, would only diminish the standing of Nuvance, and the credibility of its patient care, within the community.

So this group, Save Sharon Hospital, in this situation has truly made a difference in the way this controversy is being seen by those served by the hospital, and those in power in the states it covers. This is the moment when those in charge at Nuvance and Sharon Hospital should give credence to the arguments being made against their proposed changes and directly negotiate with the Save Sharon Hospital activists. Thanks to them for being persistent in a tough situation. Now, we can only hope for a better outcome if all can cooperate to come to a better solution for medical care available in Sharon.

Sharon Hospital needs to keep L & D

I am outraged by Nuvance Health's continued threats to close vital departments at Sharon Hospital when they have not yet obtained the necessary permission to do so.

For years now, Nuvance Health has been spreading the rumor that they are planning to close Labor and Delivery and make cuts to the Surgical Department and the Intensive Care Unit at Sharon Hospital. They started making these announcements long before they had even sent in their application to the CT Office of Health Strategy, whose approval is required. Instead, they seem to hope these rumors will help the departments "close themselves," by

frightening expectant mothers and other local residents into seeking care elsewhere, and nurses into finding other jobs.

I am a local mother who gave birth to my first son at Sharon Hospital a year and a half ago. My delivery was complicated, but my experience was made so much better by the fantastic Labor and Delivery unit and the amazing nurses and doctors who cared for me there. My husband and I hope to have another child someday soon but are now fearful of the potential risks and unknowns if we're forced to drive to some other, unfamiliar hospital an hour away.

Our area has undeniably

been changing since the pandemic began. More and more young couples and families are moving to this area, and among our friends our age, many hope to have more children. There is a great need for a reliable Labor and Delivery unit in our community, and we have it! And it's not something we can afford to lose. Having a baby, and especially getting great care while doing so, creates a bond between a family and a hospital, and keeps them coming back for future care. My husband moved to this area when he was 3 years old, and his younger brother was born at Sharon Hospital. Their family has been getting cared for at Sharon Hospital their whole lives. My husband even told me about Sharon Hospital early in our marriage, and how excited he was at the

Claire Owens
Millerton

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It's been over a decade since Didi Barrett was first elected to be our State Assemblymember, and she has shown time and time again that she shows up. She shows up when things are tough, and even more so when she's looking to fight for us, championing whatever our communities need to grow and thrive. She has helped our town leaders find creative ways to lessen budgetary burden, including finding \$500,000 in funding for the new Town Garage. She has invested in our children in so many ways, including this summer when she helped the NECC secure grants to be-

gin a sorely needed Day Care Center in town. Just in the last few months, she helped us make our busy town safer by supporting efforts to bring solar powered pedestrian crosswalks to Main Street. And that's just here in Millerton! Didi Barrett is a partner to our District. I call on all of my neighbors to re-elect her to keep doing good work on our behalf. We know Didi shows up when it matters. And now we need to show up for her during early voting from October 29-November 7, or on Election Day November 8.

Claire Owens



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Kathy Chow

Coordinator

North East/Millerton

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needs an effective Clerk. Fortunately we have that with Tilly...and have it in spades!

Please vote for Tilly to keep Town Hall running smoothly.

Jennifer Dowley,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One party rule is bad

Politics is not a game—it is about government policies that deeply affect all of us, directly or indirectly, and please be aware that elections, which decide these policies, have consequences.

In New York State, and at the National Level, we have seen the terrible effects of poor policies, especially under one-party Democrat rule. The Biden and Hochul administrations have been stumbling badly in almost all areas, and Biden's messaging has been

particularly incoherent.

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- Their support for the movement to defund police, along with no-cash bail policies, have resulted in an unprecedented crime wave;

- The open Southern border has led to an unlawful invasion of migrants and deadly drugs;

- The Democrats' war on fossil fuels caused record gas prices (and gasoline is the least of it—try buying a tankful of diesel fuel), and will cause fuel oil, propane, natural gas, and electricity prices to spike during the coming Winter.

Our experiment in progressive government has taught us all valuable lessons. Fortunately, Democracy need not mean permanent one-party rule by Democrats. Please keep this in mind when you cast your vote this November.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Chamberlin
Amenia Union

Another letter on page B5.

Vote for Congressman Ryan for U.S. Congress

Congressman Pat Ryan is the right choice to represent our community in N.Y. District 18 in the U.S. Congress. He is a fifth-generation Ulster County native, decorated combat veteran, small business owner and former county executive. He embodies the old-fash-

ioned values of integrity, honor and patriotism that are sorely missing in many of our elected officials today.

In his time in public service, Pat has focused on kitchen table issues, like bringing more good jobs to the area through spearheading the rehabilitation of the former IBM site (leading to more \$200 million investment in the region), never raising taxes and even cutting the gas tax by 50%. In congress, Pat is going after price-gougers, guaranteeing middle-class voters a tax cut, and making sure billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share. He believes women, not the government, should make their own choice about whether to end a pregnancy.

Congressman Ryan wants to ensure that our community stays safe. As county executive, Ryan increased funding to Ulster County's URGENT violent crime task force and voted for increasing law-enforcement budgets. He supports commonsense gun reforms that will help keep dangerous

weapons out of hands of criminals. He is committed to increasing mental health and addiction recovery resources. He also has taken action to address the threat that climate change poses. As a county executive, he started to Ulster County Green Careers Academy at SUNY Ulster and put the county's first electric buses on the road.

I wish we could go back to a time where more elected officials were like Congressman Ryan. When we could trust our representatives to speak the truth to us, act in moderation, know the limits of their power and put service to their country first. Let's join together in sending Pat Ryan back to Congress.

Jennifer Hand

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR *More letters on page B4.*

Sharon Hospital's ED clinicians are prepared for all patients

As Sharon Hospital continues the regulatory process for the proposed closure of the Labor & Delivery Department as part of the growth-based Sharon Hospital Transformation Plan, I want to reassure the community that our Emergency Department team is well-prepared to care for our patients. We are here and ready to support your critical medical needs every day, including those related to labor

and delivery.

Emergency Department providers have labor and delivery training as a foundational learning through their residency program when training to become a physician. Throughout the regulatory process to phase out Labor & Delivery, NuVance Health and hospital leaders have instituted additional clinical trainings to prepare staff to help mothers and babies through emergent situations. The trainings have and will continue into the future and are reinforced through simulated drills.

The Emergency Department providers and nursing staff are also completing Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) training that mirrors the training current Obstetrics and Pediatric providers complete. This training ensures the Emergency Department staff will be fully equipped to stabilize infants prior to traveling to one of the neighboring hospitals, in the event of an emergent birth that requires resuscitation.

While this training ensures we are prepared for any emergency, according to data from similar, nearby facilities who closed their Labor & Delivery units, we do not anticipate the proposed closure of Labor and Delivery

to result in emergent births at Sharon Hospital. We continue to ensure our teams, in partnership with local EMS personnel, are prepared for any emergency. We continue to meet on a regular basis with the local EMS squads to ensure continuity of communication across all areas as Sharon Hospital adopts changes.

Sharon Hospitals' Emergency Department is open for the community 24/7/365, equipped with staff that have undergone strong clinical training to handle emergent situations, including those surrounding pregnant women and babies in the community.

Together, we look forward to providing care for all members of our community when called upon.

Dr. Leroy Nickles
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