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Longtime Amenia resident Juan Cedillo, above, was killed on Sunday, Jan. 16. David A. Trotta is being charged. The two were neighbors in the same Wassaic apartment building.

Widow speaks about husband's murder as suspect goes to court

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WASSAIC - More than one month after David A. Trotta, 26, of Wassaic was arrested for killing her husband, Vivian Serrano-Cedillo is hoping justice will be served as she continues to try to heal in the crime's aftermath.

Grateful to all who have offered their support in this difficult time

"It always amazes me how people come together during traumatic times." Vivian Serrano-Cedillo, widow

Cazeula in Dover Plains. Employed as a landscaper for Northwest Lawn and Landscaping,

Supermarket site-plan was indeed approved in 2013

A history of Hannaford and the NE Planning Board

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST - Last week, Millerton Square Plaza owner Skip Trotta went on the record sharing the good news that he is in contract with a prospective buyer interested in bringing a grocer to his now vacant plaza.

No application for plaza

While the article was surely welcome to readers, it misstated that "it seemed as if Hannaford would lease the space" from Trotta, who also indicated that an application had been

submitted to the North East Planning Board roughly a decade ago for the supermarket giant to do business in his plaza. That is not true.

Even Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver felt it worth chiming in to make a statement.

"I would like to go on the record, saying I felt we did everything we could to work with the proposed developer to get the supermarket project to completion, and the project was approved," said Culver on Friday, Feb. 25, "but I don't remember it ever having anything to do with Millerton Square Plaza. Maybe Skip

could refresh my memory." A call to Trotta for comment was

not returned by press time.

Hannaford history

The town records, this paper's archives and countless interviews show what actually transpired, is that on June 5, 2013, the North East Planning Board gave developer John Joseph (no relation), of Southern Realty and Development LLC (SRD) in Warwick, its stamp of approval to build a 36,000-square foot supermarket (later revealed to be Hannaford) off

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Hanlon gets bid from county **Dems for sheriff nomination**

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - Former Deputy Jillian Hanlon announced her candidacy for Dutchess County Sheriff on Monday, Feb. 21, with a wealth of experience behind her. The position was long held by the late Adrian "Butch" Anderson, who died in office on Oct. 5, 2021.

Hanlon is a retired deputy with 24 years working at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Up until 2015, she was known as T.J. Hanlon. That was the year Hanlon, who is Jillian Hanlon just won the nomination from the Dutchess County Democratic Committee to be its candidate for Dutchess County sheriff election in November.

ing a woman.

But she doesn't want that to be the focus of her campaign. She wants it to be about the more than 37 years in public service she spent in various positions, with the



after 45-year-old Juan Carlos Cedillo was stabbed to death outside of their Wassaic apartment house, Serrano-Cedillo recently opened up to The Millerton News about her husband and the events surrounding his tragic demise.

The recent widow said the couple was married for two years, living in an apartment house at 173 South Amenia Road.

Cedillo had lived in the town of Amenia for 25 years: Serrano-Cedillo said he lived in the Wassaic apartment where they made their home three years before they met.

While the couple didn't have any children, Cedillo had two daughters from a previous marriage: Mariana Cedillo, 21, of Wassaic and Alexia Cedillo, 16, of Millbrook.

His sister, Minerva Cedillo, owns the Mexican restaurant La

Cedillo is remembered as having a big heart, always willing to help anyone in need of assistance.

"He was a great person, he was a good friend, he was a good employee and we will miss him terribly," said Amiee Duncan, co-owner of the Millerton-based company that has a workshop in Wassaic. "This was truly a tragedy."

"He was a loving man who never held grudges and forgave with ease," Serrano-Cedillo said. "He appreciated nature and would never want to bring harm to anyone."

Explaining the layout of their apartment building, Serrano-Cedillo said six people lived on two floors. In addition to her and Cedillo, two other tenants occupied the first floor: Trotta and his mother.

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Craryville Gateway wants Copake solar project to hit 'pause'

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

Part II

COPAKE - Curious to see how Hecate Energy's Shepherd's Run Solar Farm project could become a win-win for Copake environmentally, area residents attended a virtual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, to hear Craryville Gateway's recommendations to improve the project.

The Millerton News published Part I with details about the meeting last week (go to www.tricornernews. com to read article).

Craryville Gateway (CG), which consists of representatives from the Columbia Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson, Sensible Solar for Rural New York and Friends of Columbia Solar Group (FCSG), formed last November after a public presentation by

Hecate Energy. FCSG Co-Chair Dan Haas explained its goal.

Shepherd's Run "must be the best it can be for Copake's environment, agriculture, residents and economy - while contributing significantly to New York State's goal of 100% clean power by 2040."

Haas noted CG wants to partner with Hecate as the energy company

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MILLERTON Millerton Village Board votes to sells historic building

Old Village Hall finally goes up for sale, bids wanted

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - The Millerton Village Board is hoping for the highest bidder as it drafts an RFP (Request for Proposals) to place the 19th Century Old Village Hall on the auction block, so to speak. The building sits in Millerton's Main Street Historic District, which was approved in 2010. The building also has state and federal historic designations.

According to Mayor Jenn Najdek, the board decided at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 (held a day late due to the Presidents Day holiday), to finally sell the currently-closed Village Hall at 21 Dutchess Ave. in Millerton.

The building has not been in use since 2020, when the board said the cost to make necessary repairs didn't make sense considering its annual \$800,000 or so budget. The heating system needed work, for one, but the building also needed to be brought up to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance, which would have added significantly to the price tag.

The entire village staff had to vacate Village Hall two years ago as it could no longer be heated during the cold Northeast winters. The municipal offices have been relocated to both 1 John St. and 50 Main St., until finally moving



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

The Village Board is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals to sell the old Millerton Village Hall at 21 Dutchess Ave.; it hopes to have it ready by next month.

to its current digs at 5933-59 North Elm Ave. (Route 22). Village Hall has been there since March of 2020 and according to Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer, who said the space is great, the lease to was just signed to remain there for at least a couple of more years.

Back in 2020, the Village Board also wanted to relocate the Millerton Police Department from the second floor to the ground floor of the Old Village Hall on Dutchess Avenue, where the Nutrition Center was formerly located.

"There were concerns from board's perspective, if we start laying it out, upon inspection, it would come out that this is wrong and needs to be re-

paired, etc.," said Najdek. "It was originally that we received that Community Development Block Grant for both the town and the village to make a joint municipal office, and make it ADA compliant. We did have an engineer look at it and a designer do so, but there were some structural issues in the basement...'

The mayor added what began as a \$300,000 project soon grew into a \$350,000 project. The board was concerned those costs would continue to grow, with no signs of stopping.

"The costs of really bringing

the building back to life were pretty high," she said. "And in years' past and in conversations with the town we thought down road it would be great for the two of us to have a joint municipal facility. But this building certainly would not have served that purpose..."

Of course, the Village Board considered other options to save the one-time firehouse, library and residence in the historic district.

"Our thought was to try to get grant funding to repair the building to its historic nature," said the mayor. "It served its purpose of a municipal build-

ing. But the cost of that, in my opinion, we discussed at the August board meeting, is overly burdensome. And then you could take out a state historic park preservation grant, but they have matching pieces. And then you think of what the village has going on now, and to spread ourselves thinner and do a construction project, doesn't make sense."

The last appraisal for Village Hall, which is a two-story fading gray shingled house with a third-story tower built in 1904 was in April of 2020 for \$165,000. Of course, since then, property values in the area have risen.

Its historic name, for the record, is the E.H. Thompson Hose Co. House/Millerton Public Library/Millerton Village Hall.

Victor Cornelius of Endeavor Municipal Development helped the Village Board assess its options for the building, and what different funding sources might look like for both the village and potential buyers.

Because of the building's historic landmark status, Cornelius explained the buyer has choices in terms of funding, including Preservation Tax Credits, which would allow the owner/developer to apply for 30% tax credits from both the state and the federal government for all construction costs related to the historic structure through the Department of the Interior's National Trust for Historic Preservation. (Each area of construction must cost in excess of \$5,000 to be eligible.)

There is also the possibility of tax deductions on easements, in which the owner/ developer would agree to a preservation easement on the building's envelope before closing on the property.

Doing so would "restrict façade changes to a pre-defined 'restoration' concept, keeping it aesthetically within the Main Street Historic District's preservation targets," according to Cornelius.

There are other options for both the buyer and seller.

Bottom line, said the mayor, Village Hall is a great building for the right use. Perhaps, she said, it could be bought and converted to help with the local housing crisis.

"It could be great," she said, adding she'd like the facade to remain the same and the board may add a stipulation to the RFP requiring that condition. "It needs some love... I'd love to see the exterior look as great as it should and have some real valuable use... I just want to create a little buzz."

Housing group learns of grant to help generate community engagement

Film helps explain conservation initiative

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN patricks@lakevillejournal.com

CORNWALL, Conn. -The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) has a short film on its website that introduces Follow the Forest, a conservation effort with nearly 50 partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

said the overhead shot (made with a drone), with the road slicing through the landscape, was chosen deliberately, to emphasize the man-made barriers that can impede the movement of wildlife.

Abbott said he met the filmmaker while the latter was the cinematographer on a short film called "The Loyalist" (2018).

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - The Millerton-North East working group of the Tri-Town Coalition housing group assessed the benefits of the Housing for Community Mini-Grant program presented by Hudson River Housing at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Members gathered via Zoom for their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Hudson River Housing Director of Strategic Initiatives Elizabeth Druback Celaya took the helm to outline the grant program's objectives and benefits. Funding for the program was provided in whole by the Foundation for Community Health, which "invests in people, programs and strategies that work to improve the health of residents of the northern Litchfield Hills and the greater Harlem Valley." The program's purpose is to support municipalities in northeastern Dutchess County "in the implementation of creative community engagement efforts centered on housing affordability." Those include strengthening and supporting continued community engagement; strengthening ties between decision-makers and those most impacted by policy decisions;

and deepening the broader community's understanding of housing affordability.

She added it was also specifically created "to build upon the efforts of the Tri-Town Coalition."

The grant applications were due online on Tuesday, March 1. Celaya said applicants were able to request up to \$5,000 to start projects to increase meaningful and relevant community engagement in one or several northeastern Dutchess County communities.

and utilization of community partnerships; their alignment between the use of requested funds and proposed activities; and the proposal's relevance to current community context.

Examples of eligible organizations include town governments, town-sponsored boards or committees or nonprofit or faith-based organizations that partner with town-sponsored board(s) and/or government(s).

Eligible organizations should serve at least one of the following towns, villages to Hudson River Housing for its Housing for Community Mini-Grant Program. Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said the board unanimously voted in support of the application.

Awards will be announced on Thursday, March 31, and the project period will run from Friday, April 1, to Saturday, Dec. 31.

Awarded funds could go toward material and personnel costs; technology needs; costs associated with facilitation and/or speakers; and stipends

In a nutshell, Follow the Forest is an effort to protect and connect large, forested areas from the Hudson Valley to Canada, enabling wildlife to move freely between them according to their migratory needs and in response to the changing climate.

The short (two and a half minutes) film includes familiar landscapes, including an overhead shot of Route 7 where Carse Brook runs beneath the highway and into the Housatonic River.

HVA Regional Conservation Director Tim Abbott worked with filmmaker James O'Connor on the short film.

In a phone interview Thursday, Feb. 3, Abbott

Abbott said he enjoys Revolutionary War reenactments and was hired as an extra for the film.

Asked if that meant he was "charging around in costume with a musket," Abbott replied in the affirmative.

The purpose of the Follow the Forest film is two-fold, Abbot said.

The first is to make the general public aware of the project.

The second is to provide Abbott "with a credible way" to connect with other conservation groups beyond the Housatonic River watershed.

To see the short film and for more information on Follow the Forest, go to www.hvatoday.org.

Examples include (but are not limited to): marketing campaigns; educational community gatherings and conversations; engagement around zoning or planning opportunities; storytelling; participatory arts-driven activities; and creative use of virtual tools and platforms to be used for further engagement or understanding.

Celaya later projected images of past projects to provide a clear visual of the kinds of projects supported by the program.

Applications will be reviewed based on their approach and rationale toward community engagement strategies and activities; their strength

or hamlets in northeastern Dutchess County: North East, Millerton, Amenia, Pine Plains or Wassaic.

The North East Town Board was among those that applied. It convened for a special meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 28, to approve an application

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The State of Connecticut opens an investigation into Nuvance's action regarding the closure of the ICU.

In a letter dated 3 February 2022 from the Office of Health Strategies (OHS) Deputy Director, Kimberly Martone, to Nuvance Health VP Planning, Sally Herlihy, regarding Sharon Hospital's Compliance with 18-32238-CON, Ms Martone concludes:

"Given the apparent inconsistency in the Hospital's actions and statements concerning its compliance with the Settlement, OHS is hereby initiating an investigation into this matter to gather and review additional information relevant to assess the Hospital's compliance with applicable statute and the Settlement."

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AMENIA



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From left, Cesar Villa, a donor specialist from the New York Blood Center, prepped Edward DeLaPena, a longtime donor at Amenia's blood drives, for his latest donation at the blood drive held on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 23.

Have a heart, give a pint

AMENIA — With February nationally celebrated as Heart Health Month, the town of Amenia invited residents and those living in neighboring towns to show some love and make a donation to the blood drive held inside the Amenia Town Hall gymnasium on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Donations could be made all afternoon and into the evening, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Donors, both new to the practice and those who have done so many times before, readied their arms for their precious donations that could help save lives. Blood banks and hospitals are facing critical blood shortages presently, made even more challenging due to the current health crisis.

Last week's donors were assisted by specialists from the New York Blood Center. Their acts of kindness

were much appreciated, and made the donations seem smooth and painless, according to those who gave blood. — Kaitlin Lyle

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Violation of protective order

Thursday, Feb. 17, Deputies responded to 144 Scott Drive in Amenia for a reported Order of Protection violation involving a neighbor dispute at that location.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Robert Lugo, age 78, for Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree.

Lugo is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date. with making a False Written statement.

Jasmin is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

Lumber yard burglary

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 528 Old State Route 22 in Dover at the J&J Log and Lumber Company for the suspected burglary of tools from several garages.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division. **Barbershop burglary**

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 3304 Route 343 in Amenia for the suspected burglary of a criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.com.

Are accessory dwelling units answer to housing?

River Housing plans to hold

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Kicking off 2022 with high hopes, the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) made efficient use of its first two meetings of the year assessing recommendations from the consulting firm AKRF; its housing survey and future listening session; and other matters related to affordable housing in the local region.

January meeting

The board convened via Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. for its first meeting of 2022. Acting as the AHB's Town Board liaison, former group Chairman Leo Blackman spoke first. He suggested it present recommendations from AKRF to the Town Board "for funding as a priority."

AKRF presented its recommendations this past December as part of a study to encourage affordable housing, zoning changes, etc.

AHB member Stacy Mantel suggested postponing AKRF Town Planner Ashley Levy's presentation to the Town Board until after the AHB clarifies regional housing needs.

Fellow member Jeff Barnett-Winsby said the AHB's role is "to recommend properties to develop and make changes to code so Amenia is attractive for developers to build affordable housing."

Now that the Tri-Town Coalition housing group and the Regional Planning Association have had their third virtual training session to enlist "Housing Ambassadors," the AHB considered scheduling a public meeting.

Blackman said Hudson

a "Regional Convening" session in the spring and asked if the Housing Board should also have a session so local residents can speak about Amenia's housing needs.

Barnett-Winsby said the group should aim to reach the 20% of people who responded negatively to AHB's housing survey. He suggested it hold multiple smaller, shorter sessions at local sites, such as the firehouse and the library. AHB member Alison Francis agreed it made sense to bring the sessions to local residents.

Regarding the survey, AHB member Charles Miller suggested documenting both the results and the initial research to make the information useful, especially for Town Board presentations, informational meetings and eventual Requests for Proposals (RFPs). He also suggested assembling their property and wetlands maps, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and zoning information.

Later that night, Miller was unanimously elected the group's new chairperson.

February meeting

The AHB met via Zoom again at 10 a.m., and spent the majority of Sunday, Feb. 6, discussing AKRF's recommendations. Members reasserted they want to suggest changes to the Town Board with hopes it will utilize a planner to rework local housing requirements. Going forward, Miller asked that AHB members familiarize themselves with Amenia's zoning code.

Regarding financial incentives, Blackman said he felt the AHB should support land donations; he shared his thoughts on pre-approved sites that could be developed.

Barnett-Winsby suggested a generic environment impact statement (GEIS) to speed up the approvals process, while Councilwoman Vicki Doyle (also Town Board liaison to the AHB) asked for AKRF's feedback on GEIS success.

The AHB agreed it should "support a streamlining of requirements to incentivize housing development, such as utilizing GEIS's and identifying sites for redevelopment."

In terms of accessory dwelling units, Blackman said the main issues are financial incentives and the lack thereof, which can prevent people from converting their homes to ADUs.

Barnett-Winsby suggested an informational campaign and property tax abatements as a solution, as well as lowering the square-foot minimum requirements. Miller suggested funding and septic capacity could be barriers to the ADU process.

While the board didn't have a consensus around multi-family zoning, its members had consensus around supporting multi-family units in town centers.

Emails news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com







Intoxicated male

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 65 Old Branch Road in the Town of Dover and attempting to enter the caller's residence.

The investigation revealed that a 26-year-old male was highly intoxicated and was at the wrong house.

The matter was mediated without further incident.

Stolen vehicle falsely reported

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 4 Benton Road in the Town of Amenia for the report of a stolen vehicle.

The caller reported that his vehicle was stolen from 3171 Route 22 in the Town of Dover. A further investigation revealed that the caller had allegedly filed a false report and given a false written statement surrounding the stolen vehicle report.

The vehicle was located, and the complainant was identified as Adam Jasmin, age 28, who was charged barbershop.

An employee reported to the owner of the business that the side window had been damaged and the cash box had been taken.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division. **Domestic disturbance**

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 6087 Route 22 in North East for a physical domestic disturbance that was called into Dutchess County 911 as an open line.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Adam Alexander, age 28, for Attempted Assault in the 3rd degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree.

Alexander was arraigned in the Town of North East Court and was to appear in court at a future date.

Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected

WASSAIC IN BRIEF

Spend an evening with a psychic medium

On Friday, March 4, the local community is invited by the Wassaic Firehouse Auxiliary to an awe-inspiring, entertaining and moving evening with psychic medium Karen Kilmartin.

The fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. at the Wassaic firehouse at 27 Firehouse Road in Wassaic. Kilmartin will share messages of love and hope from those missed by their loved ones.

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HEALTH

Doctors in the region who are associated with Sharon Hospital have expressed outrage at what they consider to be dishonesty on the part of Nuvance.

Connecticut begins investigation of Nuvance; doctors speak out

By CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

SHARON, Conn. – The

Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) has begun a new investigation into Sharon Hospital's parent company, Nuvance.

An earlier investigation was started last October. The new investigation was launched on Feb. 2 and cites "discrepancies between the conditions described in the 4/19/21 Settlement Agreement and Sharon Hospital's statements and actions as well as comments from members of the community," according to Tina Hyde, Manager of External Affairs for OHS, in response to a query from The Lakeville Journal.

The state has sent a list of 33 questions to Nuvance, with many of them focusing on the nonprofit hospital group's efforts to recruit new staff for the labor and delivery unit.

In response to a query about the investigation, Dr. Mark Hirko, president of Sharon Hospital, sent the following statement: "The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) recently notified Nuvance Health that it is investigating Sharon Hospital's compliance with the 2019 settlement agreement regarding the affiliation of Western Connecticut Health Network, Inc. and Health Quest Systems, Inc.

"We appreciate OHS's close attention to these matters and are confident that OHS will find no wrongdoing in its investigation. The independent monitor approved by OHS and retained by Nuvance Health to assess our compliance twice yearly continues to report that we are fully compliant with the settlement agreement, with the most recent positive asNuvance's plan to close labor and maternity; to close the intensive care unit; and to limit surgery to daytime hours.

The doctors then sent a letter to the state's OHS in December with a list of concerns about "Nuvance's response, dated Nov. 22, 2021, to your questions, dated Oct 29, 2021, about possible noncompliance with the CON of Nov. 2.2018

"We believe that many of Nuvance's responses are misleading or inaccurate."

At that time, most of the doctors did not want to be interviewed on the record about their concerns.

Last week, by contrast, several doctors asked to be interviewed and to be allowed to share their concerns.

It's not possible to convey everything that was said in three interviews (one with two physicians in person, two with two physicians by phone) with this reporter, but there is a general sense among the doctors that Nuvance is not living up to its promises to serve the community; that the company is rushing ahead to close sections of the hospital without waiting for the state's permission to do so; that if Nuvance is allowed to go ahead with its stated intentions the community will suffer badly; and that a solution must be found.

Labor, maternity and OB-GYN

One of the first to comment about his concerns was Dr. Howard Mortman.

Mortman has been with Sharon OB/GYN Associates since 1991. He and his family live in Sharon, and he is passionate about the need for Sharon Hospi-

tal to maintain its maternity unit to protect the safety of

as well, and Mortman believes that OHS told Nuvance they would not be given permission to buy Danbury unless they kept maternity in Sharon open.

Labor and maternity remained, but Nuvance has continued to say it will be closed. Mortman said this has led to maternity nurses leaving to seek more stable employment elsewhere; he also said that "within the last year, Nuvance has tried to recruit our most vital labor and delivery nurse our nurse manager — away from Sharon Hospital to Danbury Hospital."

Delivery rate remains stable at Sharon

Nuvance's stated plan to close maternity has not discouraged mothers from planning to give birth in Sharon. Mortman said that three and a half years ago, when the first announcement was made that maternity would close, deliveries dropped to 180. But in the year following, it rose to 210 and has remained there.

"Our numbers are stable even though in COVID there are fewer babies being born," Mortman said. Nuvance's own dashboard of statistics shows that Sharon Hospital has the highest scores for safety and patient satisfaction among the seven Nuvance hospitals, he said.

"And that's with no public support from the company for our unit."

Recruitment of high-quality doctors

Nuvance has also said that new doctors can't be recruited for labor and delivery, making it unsafe to deliver babies in Sharon. But Mortman points to the hiring this year of Dr. William

"ER doctors are not gualified to be the

has offices in Torrington, Winsted, Avon - and at Sharon Hospital, although the group has no ties to Nuvance. The group also has a num-

ber of RNs and APRNs to assist in care.

"Our only affiliation with Nuvance," Kavle said, "is they employ us independently to cover the labor and delivery unit. Dr. Jason Perkel and I cover the unit usually four out of seven days and two weekends out of each month. The other doctors who cover are Amy Tocco and Suzanne Lefebvre."

> Maternity is the gateway department

Kavle has multiple concerns about Nuvance's plan to close labor and delivery, ranging from patient care to a more global concern about the community.

"At every other hospital I work with, there is an understanding that maternity is the entrance into primary care for the community," he said. "When you lose that, the next thing you lose is primary care and then you lose specialty care and the medical options for patients become smaller and smaller."

Kavle noted that primary care options in the region are already severely limited, and there have been no improvements despite Nuvance's promise that they would work hard to recruit new doctors. He agrees with Dr. Mortman that Nuvance in fact seems to be trying to discourage doctors and nurses from remaining and working in Sharon.

"I hear from the primary care doctors who work for Nuvance that they are unhappy with their contracts and their low pay and that they are unhappy that they are only allowed to refer their patients to Nuvance doctors. Nuvance may say they want to help but point of view; he and Mortman agree that many of the "travelers" are highly competent. But that cost adds to the amount of money that Nuvance claims is being lost every year at Sharon.

The dangers of a distant hospital

Northwest Hills Pediatrics will not leave Northwest Corner families without care, Kavle promised.

"Our primary care pediatric practice will not leave

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Sharon if Maternity closes. We will continue to provide excellent primary care to our patients in the outpatient setting. Remember, we were recruited here when the previous pediatric group which was

employed by HealthQuest left en masse over difficulties they were having with that administration."

However, he said, once the labor and delivery unit closes, the pediatricians will no longer have hospital privileges.

He gave the hypothetical case of a mother in her 28th week having an emergency delivery. If there is no longer a labor and delivery unit, that delivery will be handled by emergency room doctors who are not specialists in obstetrics.

"An ER doctor trying to deliver a baby is like me trying to treat a heart attack," Kavle said.

Nuvance has said that mothers can go to its hospital in Danbury, which is a onehour drive if there is no snow on the road and no traffic.

Kavle points out that if a pregnant woman in, for example, Cornwall is in medical distress, the ambulance will take her to Sharon Hospital and that is where she will remain. The volunteer ambulance can not travel the extra distance to the larger, more distant hospital. "Once that mom and baby are there, it's hard to move them. That means the delivery will be at the ER in Sharon with no OB-GYN and no pediatrician there. It's danger-

There is still a thriving OB-GYN practice in the area, and a strong pediatric practice. But many of the primary care physicians are so busy they can no longer take new patients; and many of them are in the early to mid 60s or older and are beginning to contemplate retirement.

Michael Parker is a primary care physician who has had a practice in Sharon for 33 years. He said that Nuvance has been very clear that

its goal is to "change Sharon Hospital to a small rural facility of limited capacity."

The hospital would essentially become a hub, with most patients transferred to the company's other, larger hospitals in

Poughkeepsie and Danbury. "They have made no at-

tempt to make our hospital solvent," Parker said. "And in fact, they hinder our ability." The doctors

are not consulted

Dr. David Kurish, an independent physician who has had a practice in Sharon for 40 years, is similarly concerned.

He concedes that it's expensive to run a hospital and that the maternity unit probably does lose money for Nuvance.

"But it's an essential service."

Like most doctors in the region, he said that even though Nuvance is a medical group and a nonprofit, he trusts them less even than Essent, the company that bought Sharon Hospital in 2002 and converted it to a for-profit entity.

sessment reported in December 2021.

"Sharon Hospital's plans to phase out Labor & Delivery services and to consolidate our ICU services into a new, modernized Progressive Care Unit continue in compliance with OHS requirements. We remain committed to our Sharon Hospital transformation plan, which will ensure Sharon Hospital's long-term stability and allow us to continue to best meet the needs of our community into the future."

Doctors say they see dishonesty

Nuvance, which was still known as Health Ouest at the time, promised the state in 2018 that it would keep the labor and delivery unit at Sharon open for five years.

Without waiting for the state to approve the plan, Nuvance has already announced that it will close maternity in Sharon this year.

Doctors at Sharon OB/ GYN say that Nuvance has sent letters to their pregnant patients telling them they will have to deliver their babies at another hospital and that Sharon's unit will close in spring.

Doctors in the region who are associated with Sharon Hospital have expressed outrage at what they consider to be dishonesty on the part of Nuvance, and efforts to actively make it difficult for doctors and staff to care for patients.

Last October, members of the regional medical community voted 25 to 1 to oppose mothers and children in the Tri-state region.

Mortman will put children at particularly objects to Nuvance's claim doctors at risk and that it's unsafe to deliver babies at Sharon Hospital because the

staff is small at Sharon OB/GYN. Mortman points to the many babies delivered safely through the years here.

Nuvance commissioned a study last spring by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Mortman believes they were hoping the study would support their claim of unsafe conditions.

"That blew up in their faces," Mortman said. "ACOG gave us a perfect chart review, which is very rare. And they said we provide a vital service to this community, that Nuvance should do everything in its power to support us, that we are a gem."

Mortman also says that Nuvance is talking about the closing of the labor and delivery unit as a done deal. In fact, he said, the state's OHS has to give Nuvance permission to do so — and that permission has not been given yet.

Nuvance first tried to close labor and delivery three and a half years ago. There was an enormous public outcry in opposition to the plan. At that time the company wanted to take on Danbury Hospital

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versity. and for children. It "He's a superstar, and risk, mothers at risk, we were able to recruit him even though the hospital at risk." Nuvance Dr. Howard Mortman saying they're going to close

> Mortman said. "We have a rotation of five OB-GYN doctors; that is an abundance of providers."

maternity,'

However, he said, it will in fact become unsafe to deliver babies in Sharon if the maternity unit is closed.

At the moment, Nuvance is training the emergency department doctors in how to deliver babies in situations where a mother can't be transported in time to Nuvance hospitals in Danbury or Poughkeepsie.

Pediatric and obstetric emergencies

Mortman's decades of experience as an obstetrician have taught him that any delivery can suddenly take a bad turn in any number of unexpected ways.

"ER doctors are not qualified to be the last person available to care for obstetrics and for children," he said. "It will put children at risk, mothers at risk, doctors at risk and the hospital at risk."

An important partner in every birth is the pediatrician. Edward Kavle is one of three physician owners at Northwest Hills Pediatrics, which in reality, people aren't being recruited."

Within their own practice, Kavle said Nuvance has been unprofessional in the way it handles financial matters. It took several months to renew the practice's contract with Sharon Hospital.

"To get our contract renewed took five months and two or three month-long legal extensions of the previous contract," Kavle said. "I remember calling the administrator on call on a Wednesday night and telling them I could not work after midnight on the final day of the termination of the contract extension. That was what it took to get the contract done."

Nuvance also delays making its payments, Kavle said.

"We are paid monthly by Nuvance. During the past few years while we have covered the unit it usually takes Dr. Perkel multiple contacts with them for us to get paid every month."

Several doctors have also reported small roadblocks thrown into the path of them getting their work done, things like supplies and cleaning of facilities.

Like Mortman, Kavle said he has seen nurses leave Sharon Hospital because Nuvance has been consistently saying they will close labor and delivery, leaving those nurses unemployed.

Nuvance has been paying "traveling" nurses a premium to staff the hospital in recent months. This is not necessarily a bad thing from a medical

Nuvance cites the example of New Milford Hospital, which no longer has a labor and delivery unit. A similar case is Winsted.

"Those hospitals are different," Kavle said. "You can get from Winsted to Charlotte Hungerford in Torrington in 8 minutes. You can get from New Milford to Danbury in 25 minutes."

In the Northwest Corner, the one hour drive will be challenging enough in summer.

"But in winter? I was only working here for a week before I realized that I had to have snow tires," Kavle said.

A shortage of primary care doctors

It isn't only the maternityassociated doctors who have concerns about Nuvance and its plan to close labor and delivery as well as the intensive care unit, and to reduce surgery to only daytime hours.

The primary care doctors also have concerns about Nuvance and its future plans, and its treatment of the Sharon Hospital medical community.

"Under Essent, we had oncology, pain management, a state of the art maternity unit - that they built. I would have stacked our hospital up with any hospital in the country. We had a lot to work with then. But since then, it's been cut, cut, cut. And the doctors have had less and less influence over what happens.

"Now we have no influence."

Dr. Parker agreed, and said that Nuvance has not been honest about its efforts to work with and communicate with the doctors.

"They have not been willing to talk to the medical staff. They've never invited the medical staff to discuss a way forward."

Kurish said, "I hate to see it all destroyed because of dollars."

He leans toward a return to community ownership of the hospital. If it's true that Sharon is losing about \$5 million a year, he said, it might be possible to raise that money from local donors.

He is encouraged that the state is actually looking into Nuvance and whether it is in compliance with its earlier Certificate of Need.

"It's a breath of fresh air that there is a problem, and looking into it."

But Kurish wonders whether the state will have the clout to stop Nuvance from closing the hospital – which he feels will be the inevitable outcome.

"I don't trust Nuvance," he said. "Not at all."

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OBITUARIES

Jim Charlton

LAKEVILLE — Jim Charlton of New York City and Lakeville died on Feb. 13, 2022, from complications of the seasonal flu. He was 82. A longtime fixture in the West Village, he liked to say he lived only a few blocks from where he was born: St. Vincent's Hospital in 1939. However, his baseball-formative years were spent in Chicago, making him a life-long Cubs fan. He graduated from New Trier High School and Western Michigan University. He also had strong childhood ties to Lakeville, spending time here with his grandmother and attending third grade at Salisbury Central School. Coming back to the area as an adult brought him immense pleasure.

Jim spent his professional career in publishing, beginning in the 1960s as a book salesman at Doubleday and rising there to editorial director in the book clubs. He left in 1978 to become editorin-chief of Quick Fox Publishing. In 1982 he formed James Charlton Associates and over the next three decades he packaged, agented, edited and wrote books on a wide range of subjects with a particular passion for baseball history. From 2002 to 2008 he was also the Publications Director for the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), a perfect professional match. He was a board member of the Pushcart Press and a member of The Century Association.

eryone who experienced his generosity and warmth, his intelligence and humor, his optimism and kindness. He loved music and wine and the print edition of just about anything. But nothing delighted him more than bringing together his beloved family and friends for lively conversation.

He met his wife, Barbara, in 1978 at a Sunday afternoon jazz party in Greenwich Village; they married in 1982. She survives him along with their daughter, Meg Charlton; his children Anne Russell, Kevin Charlton and Tim Charlton; their spouses Jeff, Amy and Dominique; and his seven grandchildren, Tyler, Sarah, Sam, Harry, Will, Spencer and Preston. He also leaves Peter Schmidt-Nowara, who was like another son; his niece and nephews, Kris, Mike and Brian Mackerer; his cousin, Catherine Charlton; and countless friends from all corners of his life and countless corner barstools.

the Pushcart Press and to the Western Michigan University Seita Scholars Program.

A memorial service will announced.

Natalie Funk

SHEFFIELD — With great sadness, the family of Natalie

Funk, 93, share the news of her peaceful passing on the morning of Feb. 22, 2022.

Natalie H. Funk, born Oct. 13, 1928. was the daughter of Polly (Palmer) and William Hall.

She was educated in local schools and graduated from Sheffield High School in 1946. She then attended RusJim was treasured by ev-

Donations can be made to

be held at a future date to be

Berkshire Regional School District at Mount Everett.

She was active in 4H activities for 20 years, Life Member of Eastern Star and a member of the Canaan Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for 35 years.

Natalie was well known in the area for making wedding cakes, bridal attire and catering for years through her business called Custom Bridal.

Marvin Douglas Hill Sr.

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Fredericka Parker

of Poughkeepsie and Barbara

Young of Princeton, N.J.; his

sister-in-law Jeannine C. Hill

of Greenwich, N.Y.; his long-

time companion, Beth Rhodes

of Boston; his dear friend Kate

King; and several nieces and

he was also predeceased by

his former wife, Helen Hill;

his son, Russell Hill; and his

brothers, Kenneth, Porter and

on Friday, March 4, from 11

a.m. to noon at the Scott D.

Conklin Funeral Home in

Millerton. Funeral services

will take place at noon at the

funeral home, the Rev. Wil-

liam Mayhew officiating.

Burial will follow at Amenia

Island Cemetery in Amenia

with United States Army

Honor Guards in attendance.

be made to the Millerton

American Legion Post 178,

155 Route 44, Millerton, NY

12546; or VFW Post 5444,

Route 22, Dover Plains, NY

To send an online condo-

lence to the family please visit

www.conklinfuneralhome.

Memorial donations may

Calling hours will be held

In addition to his parents,

nephews.

Gilbert Hill.

AMENIA - Marvin five children, Wanda Hill Douglas Hill Sr., 86, a long- and Margaret Hill of Virgintime area resident

formerly of Boston, Mass., died peacefully on Feb. 22, 2022, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. N.Y. Mr. Hill worked

as a professional security guard for Boston City Hospital in Boston for over 20 years. He retired in 1987.

Born July 14, 1935, in Amenia, he was the son of the late Mildred (Carl) and Frederick Hill

He attended school in Amenia and enlisted in the United States Army, where he served as a military police officer before being honorably discharged.

Mr. Hill enjoyed biking on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, driving to Boston to visit his relatives, nature walks, playing pool, perusing through family photo albums, attending live venues at the Sharon Playhouse especially musicals and plays, listening to R& B music from James Brown, The Dells and The Temptations, good food and going to car shows. He was known as a man of great wisdom, great sayings and had an infectious sense of humor.

He had a very caring heart and often took care of family and friends that were in need at his own expense. He was of the Presbyterian faith and attended church in Amenia for many years with his family.

Mr. Hill is survived by

June Rosalie Feathers

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NORTH CANAAN -June Rosalie Feathers died Feb. 23, 2022, at the age of 96 while a resident of Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation in North Canaan.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Bristol, Conn.

She was married to John Feathers for 64 years. They raised four children in their home in the Canaan Valley.

Our mom was a quiet,

son, Todd, predeceased her, John in 2011 and Todd in

daughter, Pam, and her husband, Joe Rieger; and her son, Chad, and his partner, Brenda

She is also survived by her sister, Joyce Chrzanowski; as well as 10 grandchildren many great- and great-g grandchildren. Services will be held spring at the family's co nience.

Carl James Jimmy' Blair

NORTH CANAAN - Carl James "Jimmy" Blair of Danvers, Mass., passed away Jan. 31, 2022, at Waterbury Hospital 34 days after a devastating motor vehicle accident in East Canaan. He was hit head-on by a FedEx truck whose driver had fallen asleep at 9:30 a.m. in December 2021.

Our precious brother was born 57 and a half years ago on July 4th 1964 in Stoneham, Mass., to our parents Fred and Janice (Coffen) Blair.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Linda Kane, two and a half years ago.

He is survived by his parents Fred and Janice Blair of North Bangor, N.Y.; his brother Clayton "Chuck" Blair of North Bangor; and his sisters, Kerrilee Mintz of East Canaan and Debra Blair Johnson of Hope Mills, N.C.; his beloved nieces, Kasey Arnold of North Canaan and Kirsten and Olivia Johnson of Hope Mills; his best friends of 44 years David Desrosiers of Winsted; and Larry Wittmore of Watertown, Mass.; his wife's sisters, Nancy, Mary, Susan and Sharon Kane; and his uncles, aunts and cousins and many more whom he counted as friends.

He is sadly missed and our hearts are broken.

He graduated with honors in 1983 from the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn. He spent the next 35 years living and working in the north shore of Boston area.

He loved to hike and camp and most recently kayaking.

He spent his life in the service of others and caring for and loving his family. He gave freely of his time and energy to help those in need. He was all about love and service.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com



1980 She is survived by her son, John, and his wife, Donna; her

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sell Sage College from 1946 and 1947.

She married the late James Funk in 1948, which ended in 1983

Natalie was elected as Sheffield town clerk in 1982 and served until she retired in 1999. During this time she attended the New England Municipal Clerk's Institute at Salve Regina in Newport, R.I., for three years.

She achieved the Certified Municipal Clerk title in 1986 and at the time was only one of 86 clerks to meet this level in the state of Massachusetts. Following her three years of study at NEMC, she was inducted into the Academy of Advanced Education, being one of only 12 clerks in Massachusetts at the time and the only representative of Berkshire County to hold the designation.

While serving as town clerk she served on various committees and was appointed to the Executive Board of Education, where she assisted in formulating the criteria for the other Massachusetts Town Clerks Certification.

She had served as a Justice of the Peace since 1982, appointed by five different governors, and performed over 250 ceremonies during this time

Natalie was previously employed by the Southern

Natalie loved traveling and one of the most memorable trips was hiking the trail to the top of Mount Vesuvius and gazing down into the steaming caldera. She was also lucky enough to visit Ireland and Italy.

Her greatest joy was being with her family. She is survived by three generations: Jeff Funk and his wife, Linda, of Housatonic, Mass., and daughter Elissa "Penny" Terry and husband Bob of North Canaan. She is also survived by her sister, Priscilla H. Rueger of Ashley Falls.

Natalie was predeceased by her loving daughter Maree Funk, who died suddenly in 2017.

She is survived by her four grandchildren, Maribeth (Weaver) Marchi of North Canaan, Heather (Weaver) Tallon of North Canaan, Gregory Funk of Milford, Conn., and Jeanette Funk-Gillis of Penfield, N.Y. The third generation includes eight greatgrandchildren, Brady and Connor Funk, Ben, Anna and Jackson Gillis, Camdyn and Gavin Tallon and Reagan Marchi.

Donations in memory of Natalie can be forwarded to the Ashley Falls Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 87, Ashley Falls, MA 01222; or the Canaan Fire Company, P.O. Box 642, North Canaan, CT 06018.



private person and enjoyed passing her time watching her beloved soap operas and sitcoms.

Her family was everything to her. We will miss her quick wit and great sense of humor. Her husband, John, and

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The Roeliff Jansen Community Library Bookshop in Copake will be open for a special one-day sale on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bookroom delights bibliophiles for a day

PPCSD 2022-23 budget review

COPAKE - Local bibliophiles have been waiting with baited breath for the upcoming sale at the Roe Jan library's popular book sale room. This weekend, their long anticipated wait will be over.

That's because just in time for the mud season, the FRIENDS of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library Bookshop will be hosting a special one-day sale of CD's and DVD's on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ing its first meeting in Febru-

ary with finances on the brain,

the Pine Plains Central School

District (PPCSD) Board of

Education (BOE) opened its

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can be viewed at www.ppcsd.

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The 7 p.m. Zoom meeting

The evening's 2022-23

three schools.

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The Bookshop is located right where patrons go to visit their favorite library, at 9091 Route 22 in Copake.

All discs, many of them recently donated, will sell for .25 cents each. After this weekend, the bookshop will close again until further notice.

For more information or to donate items, email caskahan@gmail.com.

For general library information, call 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org. - Carol Kneeland

BOE focuses on curriculum,

schools and athletics budgets

Fatal crash and serious crash within 10 days

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

DUTCHESS COUNTY - Throughout the past two years of the pandemic, there have been fewer drivers reported on the roads. Yet one phenomenon that has emerged during this time is that there have been more vehicular accidents.

According to the U.S. Government's Accountability Office, "The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that traffic fatalities during the first half of 2021 increased 18.4% since the first half of 2020. The estimated 20,160 fatalities during the first half of last year is the highest since 2006."

Certainly locally there are regular reports of vehicular accidents from both the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) and the New York State Police (NYSP). Just within the span of 10 days last week there were two very serious crashes in the Hudson Valley, one fatal.

Authorities are advising drivers who take to the roads to use extreme caution.

Union Vale fatality A driver lost his life in Union Vale, just outside of Millbrook, on Saturday, Feb. 12.

According to the DCSO, the one-car fatal crash took place at approximately 6:30 p.m. Deputies responded to the scene after getting a call about a serious crash that evening.

A preliminary investigation has shown that 28-yearold Union Vale resident Avinash Harrindranauth was probably speeding when he was driving a 2021 Audi Q5. He was traveling south on Verbank Club Road near North Clove Road when "he failed to negotiate a hillcrest and slight curve in the roadway," according to the DCSO.

After failing to make the curve, Harrindranauth's vehicle exited the roadway and struck a tree, stated the accident report.

Harrindranauth, who was the sole occupant, was transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital with lifethreatening injuries. He was later pronounced dead at the Poughkeepsie hospital.

DCSO Capt. John Watterson said the cause(s) of the crash is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and Crash Investigation Unit.

"However, at this time, unsafe speed is thought to be a primary factor," stated Watterson.

The DCSO was assisted at the scene by the NYSP, Union Vale Fire Department, LaGrange Fire Department and EMStar.

More information may be released as it becomes available, added Watterson.

Gallatin crash

Meanwhile, not too far away on the Taconic State Parkway in Gallatin, a woman had to be airlifted to Albany Medical Center, after having a serious accident with her sports utility vehicle.

Thirty-two-year-old Adriana Toma of Albany was driving southbound on the

She was flown to the hospital with multiple injuries; her condition was not known as of press time.

There were two children who were reported to be in the vehicle with Toma at the time of the accident; they were both secured in car seats and uninjured.

The children were taken to Albany Medical Center to be examined as a precaution, according to the Milan Fire Department (MFD), which responded to the scene.

Along with the MFD, the Taghkanic Fire Company also responded to the scene at around 2:53 p.m. The crash happened in the southbound lanes near mile marker 75-5.

Emergency workers had to extricate the victims from the vehicle with the Jaws of Life.

It took much engineering to allow for the Life Net helicopter to land. Media on the scene reported that the helicopter initially tried to do so at Lake Taconic, but traffic jams forced it to change direction and land in the northbound lane on the parkway. That lane was closed for nearly half an hour, with police redirecting traffic to smaller, local roads.

Meanwhile, cars were reported to have been sitting stationary in the southbound lane. Many finally turned around and found other ways off the parkway.

The southbound lane was closed for hours while police investigated the accident scene and tried to determine a cause.

Assisting at the scene were Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP), Community Rescue Squad, NYSP and New York State Park Police. The scene was cleared

shortly after 5 p.m.

The cause of Toma's accident has yet to be determined



PHOTO BY ROBIN GOTLIEB

Roel Jan Library Children and Youth Services Associate Tia Maggio held Storytime with Tia on Saturday, Feb. 26, and read "Fox in Socks" in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Afterward, everyone went sledding.

A Saturday with Fox in Sox' and sledding

COPAKE — About a dozen themes. or so local children attended a winter Story Time with Tia on Saturday, Feb. 26, from

"It was so nice to have a snow day," said Maggio afterward, adding that the group did some sledding together after reading their book.

The weekend's theme was

By KAITLIN LYLE move quickly enough to sekaitlinl@millertonnews.com cure somebody so that they'll be ready to start on July 1," PINE PLAINS - Launch-Timm said.

Timm also outlined plans for its new director of curriculum and instruction, which include instituting professional development for staff, summer curriculum grants and social emotional learning and grading for equity work.

Principals give reports lights for Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, Stissing Mountain Principal

Amid the budgetary high-Tara Grieb said the school is also maintaining a flat budget

Smith's instructional software and a "return to normalcy" plan that includes purchasing classroom furniture and instituting appropriate curricular resources to address learning loss along with technological support to bridge content access. Cold Spring Early Learning

Center Principal Gian Starr announced the school has a flat rollover budget for the 2022-23 school year and that funds were also reallocated from the equipment line to materials and supplies line per regulatory changes.

Looking toward next year, he said he hopes to replace playground equipment that has degraded and added additional parking spaces at the school may be necessary, given an increase in vehicles. Scott announced the Athletic Department has also maintained a flat budget for next year, and that one of the items it is working toward in 2022-23 is obtaining an additional bus for Friday evenings at 5 p.m.

tions were delivered to the BOE by Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Monica LaClair, all three building principals and Athletic Director Rob Scott.

Presenting the curriculum and professional development budgetary highlights, Timm said the district is maintaining a flat budget for the 2022-23 school year.

He reported the PPCSD is also in the process of collecting applications for a new director of curriculum and instruction, as he will be stepping into the role of superintendent of schools. Current Superintendent Martin Handler plans to retire at year's end. Timm said there are a good number of candidates who look promising.

"Our plan is to hopefully

for 2022-23.

The middle/high school is in the process of phasing out of the Chinese language program due to low enrollment and interest. The district is looking into plans for a middle school summer experience program.

Grieb also highlighted some of the school's pre-pandemic planning that she would like to see carried out in the future, including making the school's courtvard more usable and creating outdoor learning spaces.

Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center Principal Julie Roberts reported the school is maintaining a flat rollover budget for next year and funds were reallocated from the budget's equipment line to materials and supplies line as per regulatory changes.

Other budgetary highlights featured a decrease in Seymour

Listed in the budgetary highlights, Scott talked about needing uniforms for junior varsity and varsity volleyball, winter and spring track, football, modified track and possibly varsity boys and girls basketball.

He added the department is also looking at potentially resurfacing the track, installing a new scoreboard and updating the weight room.



parkway on Monday, Feb. 21, in the Columbia County town of Gallatin outside of Pine Plains when her 2019 Dodge Durango reportedly drove off the roadway and struck a series of trees.

According to the accident report from the NYSP, the vehicle became airborne, flipped over and then landed in the center of the road.

It's unknown at this time why Toma's vehicle veered off the road.

children and youth services associate, shared stories and related activities for the young patrons in the Children's Room, as she does every Saturday morning. Check out the library's Facebook and Instagram pages for weekly

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roe

Tia Maggio, the library's

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"Celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday." The famous children's book author would have turned 118 years old this past weekend. The children read "Fox in Socks" together with Maggio leading the way.

- Whitney Joseph



The Lakeville Lournal **Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary**

April 22, 1937 Our advice to snowbirds headed through the Southwest in the 1930s? Pack masks in case of dust storms--so common in those days, the area became known as The Dust Bowl.

The Lakeville Journal celebrates 125 years of continuous publication.

Watch this space for a look back through our reporting history.



The great dust bowl of the Southwest is preparing for recurrence of the disastrous dust storms and residents of the threatened localities are acquiring masks. These are effective protection from the dust, but lovers find them inconvenient, as may be seen in this photograph

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said it's committed to "community partnership, trust and respect," adding all parties have begun an open dialogue. Above all, Haas emphasized the Feb. 17th virtual talk was a forum for the community. While CG was there to present its ideas, the goal was just as much to hear from the residents.

State process

Setting the scene for what's happened so far, Scenic Hudson Land Use and Environmental Advocacy Attorney Audrey Friedrichsen reported that last May Hecate transferred from New York State's Article 10 process to the new 94-C process. That requires renewable energy projects larger than 25 megawatt (MW) to be permitted by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES).

Proposing a 60 MW solar project, Hecate held an open house for Copake last November and stated its intent to file its application under 94-C on or about Friday, Feb. 18.

Now passed the end of the required 60-day public notice period for Hecate to file, Friedrichsen said Craryville Gateway used the time to examine the project and identify ways to improve it.

The group met with Hecate to present its vision to redesign Shepherd's Run. It requested Hecate "pause" its application to ORES to fully consider both the group's and the public's recommendations

Redesign proposed Acknowledging the im-

SPORTS **IN BRIEF** Basketball Saturdays

WASHINGTON -The Town of Washington Recreation Department is offering LMC Basketball Clinics on Saturdays, from March 15 through March 21, for grades one and two and three through five, in the Guertin Gym at Millbrook Village Hall.

provements Hecate has made to its initial proposal and responding to community concerns solicited by the group last year, CG outlined a reenvisioned Shepherd's Run that seeks to protect the environment, homeowners and agriculture and benefit the community.

Detailing the finer points of each project element, CG explained that, to make its vision a reality, it needs largescale partners. In addition to Hecate and Copake, this includes project landowners, local farmers, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, the Columbia Land Conservancy and others.

If done right, Shepherd's Run could be a model for the nation, believes those behind the CG remodel.

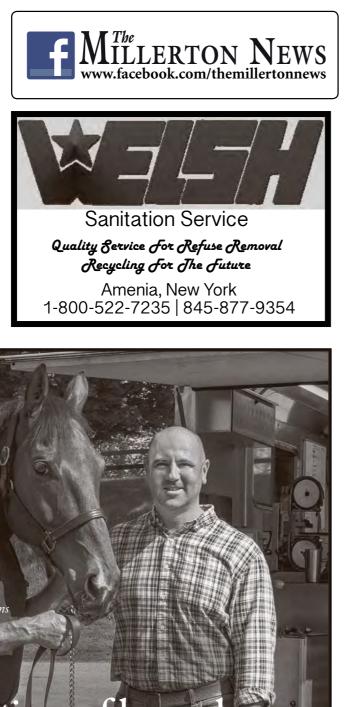
Host-Community Agreement proposed

Craryville Gateway proposed all project benefits be locked into a legally-binding Host-Community Agreement between Copake and the project's owner/operator. The group said that would allow Copake "to enforce initial and ongoing commitments with meaningful financial security and enforcement mechanisms even if the owner changes."

It added that a community-based partnership would allow Copake to achieve climate-scale solar and support New York's renewable energy goals.

Meanwhile, by pausing its application to ORES and spending the next few weeks incorporating the community's recommendations, Hecate would reinforce its commitment to being a community partner and secure community support for Shepherd's Run, said CG.

Throughout the evening's



feedback session, Craryville Gateway received praise on its work identifying recommendations for enhancing the project.

Thanking its members for their hard work and cooperation, Hecate Energy Project Developer Alex Campbell said, "We're very excited to continue our work with the working group and realize as many of these recommendations as possible and make this a project we can all be proud of."

Hit pause button

However, as mentioned in last week's article, town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler wrote in the Feb. 15 Copake Connection town newsletter she had learned Hecate announced it intended to file an application on Feb. 18, just 10 days after receiving the working group's report.

"If Hecate is serious about its stated intention to be a collaborative community partner with Copake," wrote Mettler, "it will hit the pause button and take the time to modify its Shepherd's Run proposal to incorporate the working group's recommendations into the siting permit application."

Along with praising CG's presentation and labors, community members posed questions at the virtual talk about whether the solar farm's life could be extended; how Copake would enforce accountability; the annual production of renewable energy; the total project cost; and what happens once the state approves the project.

The entire presentation may be viewed online at www. craryvillegateway.org; residents may share feedback by emailing craryvillegateway@ gmail.com.

it through wild weather

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. - Despite the wrong kind of precipitation and wildly fluctuating temperatures, the Junior Nationals ski jumping and Nordic Combined championship events were held in Salisbury and Cornwall Feb.

22 through Feb. 26

Willie Hallihan from the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) said "Weather was definitely the lead story. For Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the stories were ones of woe: rain, record warmth and, on Friday, a snow storm.

"But the men and women of SWSA, working most of Wednesday night and all day

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32. Showed old movie

35. Important event on Wall

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Thursday, put everything back together again so that Thursday and Friday nights as well as Saturday morning the conditions were excellent at Satre Hill, as were the course conditions at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area."

For more on the competition, and to see some fabulous photos, go to www.tricornernews.com.



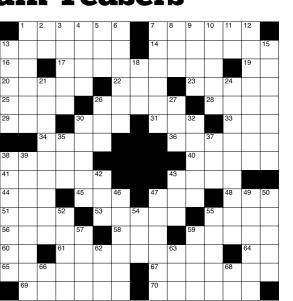


Junior Nationals makes

Brain Teasers CLUES ACROSS 1. Neckwear 7. Fish parts 13. Cooking 14. Quality 16. Rural delivery 17. Popular superhero 19. Partner to Pa 20. Shivering fits

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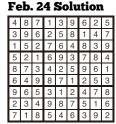
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Asked about her husband's relationship with Trotta and if he was a good neighbor, Serrano-Cedillo replied she wasn't aware that her husband even knew Trotta outside of being neighbors.

She didn't recall any conversations between them and described Trotta as being very quiet. She said Trotta usually walked by without saying a word.

"The truth is, I didn't learn his name until after the tragedy," Serrano-Cedillo said.

She added she didn't remember the police ever coming to the house for any complaints about Trotta, though she noted the entrance to his apartment was located on the other side of the apartment house.

Going back to late Sunday morning, Jan. 16, the day of the crime, Serrano-Cedillo said she was home when her husband was killed. She witnessed the whole event. She said she doesn't know why her husband was attacked, adding it all happened quickly.

"I tried screaming and calling for help, but it seems no one else was home that day," she recalled. "My adrenaline kicked in the minute I saw David on top of my husband striking him. I don't know where the courage came from — except from God — because it didn't take me long to spring into action." She said she grabbed the weapon out of Trotta's hands, pulled him off her husband and held him down until the first police trooper arrived. In the seconds before she seized the weapon and the troopers appeared, she managed to call 911.

While she said she was on the phone and holding down the suspect, Serrano-Cedillo said two cars stopped — a moment that stands out vividly in her mind. She thought help had arrived, but said the first person who pulled up simply asked if anyone had called 911 before getting back in his vehicle and leaving. The second motorist exited his car, surveyed the situation and left without saying anything.

Serrano-Cedillo's emergency call was placed at 11:51 a.m. and help arrived shortly thereafter. Despite the life-saving measures administered by medics and the Rescue Squad, Cedillo was pronounced dead at the scene.

Trotta was arrested at the scene and charged with Murder in the Second Degree, a class A-1 felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor.

A motive has not been identified at this time, according to prosecutor Sarah Thompson from the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office.

Thompson reported Trotta was scheduled to appear in

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DCSO, the Corrections Office, EMS, Fire Service and Critical Infrastructure.

Hanlon believes she has the necessary leadership experience and education for the job. She earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia-Greene Community College and a Bachelor's Degree from Marist College in Organizational Leadership and Communications.

If she wins the election she will be making history as the first openly transgender sheriff in the U.S. She was the first transgender person in the DCSO when she transitioned seven years ago. iff. She was the spokesperson for the DCSO for 12 years. She also worked on several Democratic campaigns, including those of the late former NYC Mayor David Dinkins; former U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer of California; and current Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf.

primed her for the role of sher-

Hanlon also helped the DCSO write its emergency policy during the COVID pandemic. She made sure all deputies and correctional officers got tested as well as trained to conduct fit-tests for N-95 respirators, and were in compliance with OSHA standards. son in the DCSO, Hanlon said she knows something about truth and courage.

the Dutchess County Court

on Tuesday, March 1, before

the Honorable Jessica Segal,

pursuant to an indictment re-

Acknowledging it will take

time before she can pick up the

pieces of her life again, Serra-

no-Cedillo said she's leaning

on God, prayer and faith to

my hope is that justice be

community has stepped for-

ward with compassion, both

through words of support and

financial donations made via

family with cost of tragedy,"

Amenia resident Paul Winters

was one of the first to create a

GoFundMe page to help with

funeral costs and medical bills.

Raising a total of \$8,790, Win-

the "Donations for Juan Car-

los Cedillo's Daughters" page,

while Dover Plains resident

Tyler Irish set up the "Help

Cedillo Family with Funeral

and Memorial" page on behalf

"It always amazes me how

people come together during

traumatic times," Serrano-Ce-

dilla said. "I am grateful for all

who have been in contact with

me and have either given their

time, resources and support in

of Minerva Cedillo.

one way or another."

Mariana Cedillo established

ters' page has since closed.

Entitled "Help the Cedillo

"When it comes to David,

These past few weeks, the

help her heal.

served," she said.

GoFundMe pages.

turned by the Grand Jury.

"Seven years ago last week, I accepted my truth," she said. "It was the scariest thing I had ever done, but courage is putting one's fear aside, regardless of personal cost. Representation matters. We exist, and it is critical that we show that it is possible to live authentically and to thrive."

Hanlon added she was active in the LGBTQ community, even before she transitioned. She liaised with the Governor's Office on issues important to the transgender community.

Born in Claverack, Hanlon,

HANNAFORD Continued from Page A1

Route 44 in the town's Boulevard District. Joseph had spent more than two years before the Planning Board in the site-plan review process.

Initially, the developer would not reveal who his client was; an article ran in the Feb. 17, 2011 Millerton News quoting Joseph saying, "I cannot tell who my tenant is right now," promising this reporter she would be the first person he would call.

Details that were known back then included that the applicant wanted to construct a large, brand-new supermarket from the ground up on a 10-acre lot owned by Harlem Valley businessman Robert Quinlan, to be leased by the grocery store.

The property was adjacent to Thompson Plaza, where the former Kids Time and Avocado Café were located, with frontage on Route 44.

Plans were for one common entrance for both the supermarket and Thompson Plaza, with the supermarket having its own parking lot.

There were extensive studies conducted; the applicant had hired local engineer Rich Rennia to work on the project.

For the Planning Board, then-Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski and Building Inspector Ken McLaughlin worked to study issues such as parking, paving, the water supply, sprinklers and more.

Then there were other concerns, like bog turtles. For that, the town's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) was called in, as the turtles are an endangered species and its habitats require protection.

Michael Klemens, a research and policy conservationist who was with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook at the time, became involved in the project.

Why not the plaza?

In 2011, Joseph was asked why his client was building new rather than taking over and remodeling the existing Grand Union at Trotta's plaza. He acknowledged it had tried. He responded in the Feb. 17, 2011 article:

"We did make an effort to purchase the lease and occupy that space from C & S Wholerett. "These are the people who caused all the problems and are why we don't have a supermarket. That's a fact. I'm getting sick and tired of people saying, 'Why don't we have a grocery?' We did all the right things and we approved it. It's like I spend my life trying to defend what I do and I don't even get paid for it."

Barrett explained that Kroeger, who owns Calsi's Market in Wassaic, started a group called the Ten Towns to Preserve Main Street. It included local grocers concerned a large supermarket could undercut their prices and take away their business.

As Kroeger lives in Amenia, and had no ties to Millerton, she recruited the late Anne Veteran to join an Article 78 lawsuit and give it what is called local "standing." The suit claimed the Planning Board's environmental review process was faulty.

Noah and Dan Katz, owners of Foodtown in Amenia, now Freshtown, also fought the Hannaford application. As C & S clients, the brothers lobbied the project and threatened not to do business with the wholesale food supplier, said Barrett.

"That's why it didn't happen... [but] we approved it, then it immediately was sent to Article 78 by Anne Veteran, who was backed by Sharon Kroeger and the Katz brothers, who went to the Southern District Court in New York, which is notorious for sitting on things for a year, which they did," he added.

Lawsuits tossed by courts

"Then they threw it out," Barrett said. "Then they turned around and sued the town again with another Article 78, and tied it up in Southern District Court for one more year."

On May 4, 2016, a ruling was handed down by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, dismissing the appeal against the Planning Board and SRD to block the market.

Just like at trial, in appeal,

the case lost a second time due to lack of standing. The other complaints were deemed inconsequential, said Planning Board Attorney Warren Replansky at the time.

As Barrett put it, "Hannaford, in the meantime, got tired and went away."

Hannaford too large

What also happened, as stated in last week's article, is that the Justice Department got involved. It ruled Hannaford had become too large in the Northeast and needed to sell off some stores rather than open new ones. It did; the Maine supermarket company merged with Stop & Shop in North Canaan, Conn., to bring goods to area shoppers.

At the same time, Joseph stopped appearing before the Planning Board without explaining his reason for doing so, according to its members.

We need a market

Culver said he was sorry that happened.

"At the end of the day, the town needs a supermarket, but some of that is outside of our control," he said. "There is not a single law we can change that can make that happen: not density, not population, all of those things are outside of our control.

"But I look forward to whoever comes to the plaza," added Culver, "if they even have to come to us; if they stay within the building there may not be much we have to say about it anyway."

Planning Board member Bill Kish, though, said "it is likely that whoever buys the Millerton plaza will need to work with the Planning Board. We will ensure that they feel welcome."

Barrett agreed the board will do all it can to ensure any potential application goes smoothly. He added whatever may eventually happen at the plaza, he just hopes it all works out and a grocer can move in and open as quickly as possible.

"Now we have to make sure we don't jinx a supermarket coming to the plaza," he said.



Hanlon retired from the force in November of 2021. While there she taught classes and mentored at the Police Academy.

Having a strong belief in community policing, Hanlon has developed initiatives in disaster preparedness, officer safety and was co-founder and leader of the Dutchess Law Enforcement Critical Incident Stress Response Team.

Hanlon has worked on the correctional side of law enforcement. She said one of her goals as sheriff will be to make changes in the jail system, citing overcrowding, staff shortages and long hours as sources of stress for correctional officers and their families.

Other negative impacts affect not only officers, but inmates, said Hanlon, and their physical and emotional health.

"The mismanagement at the current jail creates enormous legal liabilities for the county," she said.

Without a cultural change, said Hanlon, the new Dutchess County Jail facility, while less crowded and more efficient, will still not be able to improve the situation.

She would also like to see DCSO staff be paid a decent wage — without having to rely on overtime. Stating that currently deputies make less than what other law enforcement makes, Hanlon said the sheriff's office is losing good candidates to agencies that pay more and provide better benefits.

Hanlon listed other roles over the years that she said

She also has experience with budgets and policy. She said she is willing to work across the aisle to accomplish what needs to be done to run the sheriff's office smoothly.

"America is at a crossroads; it has fallen on us to determine what kind of society we wish to have," said Hanlon. "We need police to be more than managers of society, we need them to be leaders whose values are centered on integrity and fair play. And while the election to fill the vacancy left by Sheriff Butch Anderson can't address our national and global problems, it is important to have someone who can address them with a strong moral compass and strong leadership, especially when those problems visit us here in Dutchess County."

As the first transgender per-

57, has resided in Millbrook since 2021. When asked why Millbrook, she said, "I love Millbrook — the shops, the restaurants, it's wonderful."

She also had fond memories of the community from more than 20 years ago when she lived in the village with her first wife and their daughter.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the Dutchess County Democratic Committee endorsed Hanlon as its nominee for sheriff. Committee Chair Julie Shiroishi made the announcement on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Hanlon will face off against Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati, a Republican, who has filled Sheriff Anderson's shoes since his passing last fall. Imperati was temporarily assigned the detail by Governor Kathy Hochul; Anderson had been sheriff since 1999. salers [which owned Grand Union]," Joseph said, adding that his client felt Millerton was due for a new grocery store. "Repeatedly. And they told us the are happy where they are and that they are staying put."

This reporter tried to call C & S at the time for comment, but wrote in that same article "calls were not returned by press time."

Lawsuit another hurdle

Another challenge to bringing Hannaford to Millerton roughly a decade ago? Two Article 78 lawsuits were filed against the North East Planning Board and SRD. Both were dismissed, recalled Planning Board member Chip Barrett.

"Instead of blaming the Planning Board, people really need to go to Sharon Kroeger, and the Katz brothers who own Freshtown," said Bar-





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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

COOKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

What We Mean When We Talk About Pudding

ost Brits have at least heard Lof Coronation Chicken and have probably eaten it at least once. For those who haven't, it's kind of a curry-based cold chicken-with-sauce that was invented in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth's coronation luncheon. It was created by garden writer Constance Spry and Cordon Bleu London instructor Rosemary Hume, and was officially known as Poulet Reine Elizabeth.

This year marks the queen's 70th year on the throne. A Platinum Jubilee is being planned.

As far as I can tell this is the first regal celebration (since 1953, when **Coronation Chicken** was invented) when a bespoke recipe is being developed: Earlier this year, the famed Fortnum & Mason announced thatit's having a Platinum Pudding Competition, which is in mid-bake right now.

On Feb. 21, the panel of eight judges selected five finalist recipes. From March 14 to 21, the baker/chefs will meet up



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Fortnum & Mason is holding a contest to create a dessert to honor Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The famous Coronation Chicken, in this photo, was created for the queen in 1953.

in London at Fortnum & Mason to make their creation, just like on the Great British Baking Show.

Adding to the TV Cookoff Ambience: One of the judges for the Platinum Pudding Competition is GBBS judge Dame Mary Berry.

If you want to follow along with the excitement, you can go to www.fortnumandmason. com/platinum-pudding.

An essential question the website answers is one that perplexes many non-Brits: What exactly is a pudding?

SO MANY **KINDS OF PUDDING**

In America, when we talk about pudding it usually means some type of custard.

The Fortnum & Mason pudding page explains

gelatin or Jell-O). For the Platinum Pudding, entries are expected to be sweet, not savory; easy enough that the average person can make them at home; attractive and delicious; and they should have a story or history that makes them more than a bunch of ingredients.

HOW TO MAKE CORONATION CHICKEN

Returning to Corona-

CORONATION CHICKEN

Adapted from "A Week in the Kitchen" by Karen Dudley Serves eight

Eight boneless, skinless chicken breasts; salt and pepper to taste; olive oil; lemon juice

Two vellow onions, peeled and chopped; 2 tbsp. cooking oil; 4 tbsp. mild curry powder; 1 tsp. ground cumin; 1 tsp. turmeric; 1/2 tsp. chile powder; 1 cinnamon stick; 5 crushed cardamom pods (about a half teaspoon of powder); 1 bay leaf

4 tsp. tomato paste; 1/2 cup chicken stock; 2 tsp. sugar; salt and pepper to taste; 2/3 cup mayonnaise; 2/3 cup (150 grams) thick Greek yogurt; the juice of one fat lemon; 2 tbsp. chutney (you can use a winter compote of dried fruit or some marmalade instead)

Optional garnishes: toasted almond slivers; fresh coriander/cilantro

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Season the chicken breasts with olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Bake for about a half hour, until they're done. You can also poach the chicken in a bit of water, and then use the broth in your sauce.

Sauté the onions in the oil until they're translucent, about 10 minutes on low to medium heat.

Add all the spices and cook at medium heat for a few minutes; then add the tomato paste, chicken stock, sugar and salt and pepper. Cook for about five minutes, until the flavors blend and the spices are no longer powdery.

Let the sauce cool. Let the chicken breasts cool (you don't want to slice them while they're hot or they'll fall apart).

When the sauce is cool, add the mayonnaise and yogurt, lemon juice and chutney/ compote/marmalade.

Arrange the chicken slices on each plate and add the finished sauce over half the meat. Garnish if you like.

I personally think roasted carrots and potatoes make a nice side, to help absorb the heat. Rice would work, too. Traditionally, Coronation Chicken is served with some kind of cold salad.

CALENDAR

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A Celebration of Women's History Month

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Pam White (painter, photographer)



Reception Friday March 4, 2022 6 - 8 pm Show dates March 5 - 26, 2022 Thursday - Sunday 1-5 pm Kent Art Association 21 S. Main ST. Kent, CT. that, "Although the term 'pudding' has become synonymous with dessert in Britain, not all puddings are desserts, while all desserts are puddings in the modern sense of the word."

The page then goes on to explain the history of puddings and the differences between puddings: boiled and steamed; baked; bread; batter; milk; and "jellies" (which in the U.S. we would call

tion Chicken, a history of the recipe can be found at www.cordonbleu.edu/london/coronation-chicken/en. It doesn't specify that curry was used in honor of the link between India and England, probably because India had earned independence six years earlier, in 1947. But despite any official link be-

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tween the two countries,

Kent Art Association, 21

S. Main St., Kent, Conn. www. kentart.org Kent Art Association presents A Celebration of Women's History Month, March 4 to 26; Reception, March 3, 6 to 8 p.m

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www. hotchkisslibrary.org The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook, March 3, 7 to

8 p.m. (online).



Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon. Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org Radio Days, March 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. themoviehouse.net The Batman, opens March 5; Compartment No. 6, opens March 11; The Outfit, opens March 18; The Lost City, opens March 25.

Barrington Stage

Company, 122 North St., Pittsfield, Mass. www. barringtonstageco.org 10x10 New Play Festival, Feb. 24 to March 13.

Berkshire Theatre Group,

www.berkshiretheatregroup org The Black Legacy Project, March 6, 7 p.m.

TALKS

The Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www. cornwalllibrary.org Impact of Invasive Insects in Connecticut Forests with Rob Clark, March 5, 4 p.m. (online).

THEATER

TheatreWorks, 5 Brookside Ave., New Milford, Conn. www.theatreworks.us "The Extremists" by C.J. Hopkins directed by Francis A Daley, March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, April 1, 2.



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ART: SARI GOODFRIEND

Luminous Landscapes by **Photographer Nick Jacobs**

ick Jacobs has been a fixture in Cornwall, Conn., for many years. Never seen without his camera, he often bops around town with his manual portable typewriter in his Volvo station wagon. Speak with Nick for a moment and you'll feel like you've been let into a new way of seeing the world. He has an appreciation for the absurd and the ironic, but is also deeply sensitive to the beautiful banalities of life. His subjects often seem basic: a vintage kitchen fan, the chrome typewriter handle reflecting sunshine, clouds, the top branches of a tree catching the late-day light, but the way Nick sees turns everything into works of art.

A new exhibit of his photographs at the Cornwall Library is an opportunity for us to view the world with new eyes. The show opened Feb. 26 and



A new show of work by Nick Jacobs is at the library in Cornwall, Conn., until April.

remains on display until April 9.

The images in this exhibit are predominantly landscapes taken in

...pudding

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it does seem that curries make up a large part of the diet of many Brits, if BBC television programs can be believed.

I test cooked some Coronation Chicken this week and found it extremely scrumptious and hard to stop eating.

I ended up using a recipe from a cookbook by a famous South African restaurant ("A Week in the Kitchen"), which uses the curry sauce as a dressing on the side of sliced chicken breasts. Most recipes mix it all together in a kind of chicken salad.

I'll warn that this

recipe is hot and spicy; if you want it milder, leave out or decrease the chile powder. If you don't have cumin, cardamom and turmeric in your spice collection, ignore them and/or increase the curry powder to compensate.

This dish is extremely fragrant, and will leave your entire home smelling like curry for about 18 hours. The recipe calls for eight chicken breasts; you can make as much chicken as you want with no problem. I haven't tried to do the math to decrease the sauce quantity.

two places: the Coltsfoot Valley in Cornwall Village and under the concrete spandrel highway bridge that crosses the Housatonic River in Cornwall Bridge.

Like many Cornwall artists, Nick finds peace in the stunning nature of the region. He writes, "Often at sunset I walk in the Coltsfoot Valley ... and I've shot many photos there, in sunshine and shadow and in the serpentine fogs that can roil their way slowly

north from where they originate at the far end - very possibly the result of descending katabatic hillside winds."

Jacobs has worked as a commercial photographer in New York City, with emphasis on fashion and jewelry; and, later in Connecticut as a garden and human interest photographer for White Flower Farm and various magazines.

He has worked as a photojournalist in Brazil, France, Ireland and Ukraine - photographing children suffering from the after-effects of the Chernobyl disaster. Locally, he has taught at the Brookfield Craft Center. He lives in Cornwall Bridge.

The name of this new show is "The Isles of Langerhans," which is not actually a geographical region, rather a biological one. It's where endocrine cells live in the pancreas, named for the German doctor who discovered them. As previously mentioned, Nick sees the world in a unique artistic way and decided to employ this poetic-sounding title for his "body" of images.

The show can be seen during library hours. To learn more, go to https:// cornwalllibrary.org.

A HISTORY OF THE SHEPAUG RAILROAD LINE

Fans of Connecticut rail history can tune in to a Zoom presentation co-sponsored by the Gunn Historical Museum and the Danbury Railway Museum on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. "The History of the Shepaug Railroad" will be presented by Col. Donald A. Woodworth Jr., USAF (Ret.). The Shepaug, Litchfield and Northern Railroad was a short independent railroad that brought local products to market, including ice from Bantam and granite from Roxbury. The railroad carried

milk from nearly every station – particularly Washington Depot and transformed it into a regional dairy center, as well as a country retreat for city-dwellers. Much of the line remains in place as rail trails for walking and cycling; the presentation will give visitors a new appreciation for the line that they traverse. Register for this free program at www.gunnlibrary.org/gunn-museum/upcoming-programs. Call 860-868-7756 or go to www.gunnmuseum.org for more information.

A 'MASKED' PARTY AND A FOOD TASTING

Just as it looks like the mask mandates might end soon in Connecticut, the Warner Theatre in downtown Torrington has decided to celebrate the de rigueur accessory of the past two years by hosting a "masked" ball.

Well, it will actually be a masquerade "party," but it does feel that the word masquerade should be followed by the word "ball."

The celebration will be held at the theater on Friday. March 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. The main

event will be the annual Wine & Food Tasting, with a dozen vendors from the area expected to participate.

General admission tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event. VIP tickets are \$75; they provide early access at 6 p.m. and entree to the VIP Room in the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, where there will be specialized catering, chocolate samplings, private tastings of premium wines and spirits and live entertainment.

FIERSTEIN AND JUSTIN **VIVIAN BOND. IN** CONVERSATION

Tony Award-winning performer and author Harvey Fierstein and transgender performer and artist Justin Vivian Bond will have what promises to be a lively conversation onstage at Olin Hall at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The focus of the evening event (Friday, March 11, 8 p.m.) will be Fierstein's new book, "I Was Better Last Night," due out in March. The book reveals

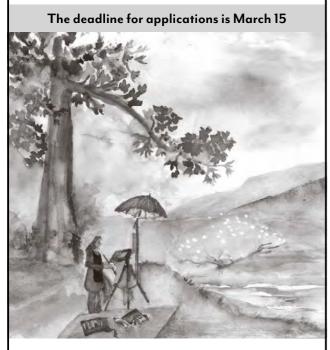
never-before-told stories of the actor/writer's personal struggles and conflicts, of sex and romance, and of his fabled career.

Tickets are \$38 and include a signed copy of Fierstein's book. To purchase or reserve tickets, go to www.fishercenter.bard.edu, call 845-758-7900 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or email boxoffice@bard.edu. This event is presented in partnership with **Oblong Books.**



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A Welcome to Spring is the general theme. Watercolor, oil, acrylic, ink, pastel, mixed media - landscape, still life, abstract - all will be considered.



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Learn about the Shepaug Railroad line, which transformed Washington, Conn., into a dairy center as well as a country retreat, in a Zoom talk on March 21.



OPINION

THE MILLERTON NEWS

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

EDITORIAL

Millerton shoppers, Hannaford and the Planning Board

any of our Millerton readers were probably over the moon to read last week's article entitled, "Hopes for Millerton grocery store look bright, Trotta goes on the record: Plaza is under contract."

It's no wonder news of the plaza's potential sale was so welcome. The sale would be wonderful for the community as the village of Millerton and town of North East have been without a supermarket since 2019, when Millerton Fresh Market abruptly left the now vacant Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44.

That's why this newspaper was so pleased to be able to share plaza owner Skip Trotta's promising announcement.

However, in printing that Hannaford was primed to lease space at Trotta's plaza we realize that was actually not accurate, and we apologize for that error.

Neither Skip Trotta, nor anyone else, had ever submitted an application to the Planning Board to bring Hannaford into the Millerton Square Plaza then or since.

The reality is that Hannaford and its representative, developer John Joseph (no relation to this editor), spent two years in a rigorous site-plan review process before the North East Planning Board. His plans were to open a 36,000-square foot brand new store on a 10-acre lot owned by Harlem Valley resident and businessman Robert Quinlan. It would have been located next to Thompson Plaza, with frontage on Route 44.

The Hannaford site-plan for Route 44 was granted final approval by the Planning Board on June 5, 2013, paving the way for a spanking new mega-market for local shoppers to enjoy for years to come.

That didn't happen for a number of complicated reasons — none of which had to do with the Planning Board. (For more, read this week's front page.)

One contributing factor? Wassaic shopkeeper Sharon Kroeger (owner of Calsi's Market); she created a consortium called the Ten Towns to Preserve Main Street. The group consisted of local grocers from 10 regional towns concerned Hannaford would offer better prices and therefore take away a chunk of their business.

The group enlisted a local Millerton resident, paired with the owners of Foodtown in Amenia (now Freshtown) and filed an Article 78 lawsuit, which was thrown out of court. It appealed the ruling and lost again on May 4, 2016, when the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, threw the case out a second time. The two lawsuits delayed the project by about two years, according to Planning Board member Chip Barrett.

We understand there has been a ton of information about the Hannaford application since it first hit our radars in 2011 and in the many years since, and it's been a lot to sort through. What we want to make clear is that since the developer first approached the Planning Board with his site-plan application in hand, that board did everything in its powers to make the project happen.

As Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver explained, it



Push the reset button for my appendicitis attackcurfew for surgery at Sharon Hospital is in place until morning!

Cartoon to the Editor by Pat Moore, Lakeville, Conn.

Pine Plains church feeds off local support

The Pine Plains First United Presbyterian Church would like to express our sincere gratitude for the community's past support of our previous dinners.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent precautions have changed our towns in innumerable ways and small churches are no exception, but we are slowly realizing our new normal.

Our events help us to keep open our doors for ministry to our congregation and our community. Despite diminished revenue, this year we have been able to continue to support the Community Food Locker, Willow Roots, Crop Walk, Adopt A Family, World Vision and Wreaths Across America.

We will continue with a Takeout Only format on Saturday, March 19, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Our dinner will

include Corned Beef, Cabbage, Boiled Red Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Irish Soda Bread and dessert.

Reservations may be made by phoning the church 518-398-7117 or by emailing Dyan at dyanwapnick@optimum.net.

If we don't sellout in advance, dinners may be available at the door for purchase.

Dinners are \$17 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, and free for those under 5 years old. Dinners are payable by cash or check at the door or Venmo in advance @FUPCPP.

As always, thank you all for your support and Bon Appetit!

With gratitude,

Jeanne Valentine-Chase Dyan Wapnick Dinner co-chairs, Pine Plains First United Presbyterian Church Pine Plains

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biden shows strength in Ukraine response

President Biden's leadership, persistence and success in unifying our European allies, facilitating the coordinated imposition of sanctions in response to Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine is an accomplishment for which he deserves credit from the American people, as well as the appreciation of the free world.

Cavin P. Leeman Amenia

I am ashamed it has taken

They do the little things

17 years for me to reach out

and thank them, and that I

that make this the best village

I have ever lived in — and I

have lived all over the place.

These guys really work their

a tip before for all of their

efforts, but they refused, al-

though they really deserve it.

Thank you doesn't go far

Wendell Bowman

I even tried to offer them

don't know them by name.

Thank you, Millerton Highway Department

I would like to give a big thumbs up to the Millerton Highway Crew. They have always been so wonderful. That big ice storm recently brought a lot of branches down in my yard. I am 60 years old and have had heart surgery, so it takes a while to get down all of the broken limbs to the street.

But the highway crew has always done quality work and helped me out. For such a small village, Millerton has a superior highway department and civil service workers especially during COVID they're always helping.

Molinaro and Russia

enough!

Millerton

tails off!

In the face of Russian President Vladimir Putin's horrific invasion of Ukraine, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has sent out a campaign fundraising request with a statement blaming President Biden for having "a weak standing with Russia."

In sharp contrast to his predecessor, Biden has taken a stand against Russia that is anything but weak. He has taken this stand in order to defend democracy and Ukrainian sovereignty, unlike former President Trump, who withheld Congressionally-approved assistance from Ukraine in a corrupt attempt to get the Ukrainian government to assist him with his own personal political needs.

In sharp contrast to Trump, President Biden has consistently stood with Ukraine against Russia's predatory conduct.

What Molinaro refers to as Biden's "weak standing with Russia" is the result of Biden's refusal to coddle and kowtow to Putin the way our former president did.

That, in my opinion, is greatly to Biden's credit and I think it appalling that Mr. Molinaro criticizes Biden for standing up to an international bully and war criminal.

I do not recall hearing Mr. Molinaro criticize Mr. Trump's toadying and deferential behav-

Looking toward a pensive 2022

n my last Veteran's Corner column, I spoke about

VETERAN'S

Larry Conklin

no consequences or account-

As we go through 2022

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does what all of our municipal boards and committees strive to do: "To give people the tools and resources needed to move businesses forward. It's up to all of us to do our part."

He is absolutely correct. Culver spoke also of the town's Zoning Review Committee (ZRC), which works hand-inhand with those in the Planning and Building Departments and its boards and committees, to ensure no bureaucracy "has created any roadblocks for anyone to come here, through updating the Comprehensive Plan... which I believe is working on a vision and future for the town that involves making a balance between residential and business zoning, with the town supervisor and Town Board."

Clearly it does take a village, or a town, as the case may be, to make that village or town successful. Luckily for those who live in Millerton and North East, that's exactly what has been happening in this instance of trying to bring a market to our community. In searching through town records and this paper's archives, not to mention conducting countless interviews, it's easy to realize that ever since Hannaford quietly withdrew its application, countless people have continued to work to attract other grocers to our area.

Trotta was successful at bringing the Cho family in for a short stint to his plaza with Millerton Fresh Market. Although that didn't succeed in the long run, we appreciated the effort and hope his next attempt will be triumphant.

An important understanding is that Hannaford's withdrawal wasn't due to the Planning Board, but rather to legal and other issues. (For details, check out this week's article.) The board voted "yes" to Hannaford's request to open in the town of North East.

This paper applauded the seven board members for doing so back then. We again want to stress that they have consistently done their utmost throughout the years to ensure North East develops in a smart and sustainable fashion.

Which brings us to our final point. Despite any confusion around this supermarket issue, with its decade-long history, withdrawn application, lawsuits, various location scenarios, multiple players, etc., there is one thing that is certain: Everyone involved has had the same good intentions — to bring a grocery store to the Millerton community.

It's incredible to see so many people on the same page hoping to accomplish the same objective. There are more people working on this than readers can imagine: town Supervisor Chris Kennan and the Town Board, the North East Planning Board, Mayor Jenn Najdek and the Village Board, our zoning boards and committees, Skip Trotta, the prospective buyer and myriad others behind the scene.

The public is optimistically cheering them on all the way.

We, too, sincerely wish them all the best of luck and hope the end result will be a grocer at the plaza in short order. ▲ my thoughts for the New Year. Although it is now the beginning of March, I am continuing to look forward to 2022 with guarded optimism and some pessimism, which hopefully will remain in check.

What does this have to do with our country's military? A great deal, actually. The U.S. military was caught in the middle of most of 2021's failures. The military lost 13 souls in the Afghan disaster while defending their sworn oaths. We betrayed them, our regional allies and those around the world.

Why is it always innocent civilians and the steadfast military that suffers while inept politicians and politically ambitious military brass face



Following in your footprints

Letters to the editor are due by 10 a.m. Monday mornings to be published in that week's issue. There is a 500-word limit for letters, which must be signed by the letter writer with their full name and hometown. Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before publication.

> We also remind readers that the views expressed on this opinion page are not those of The Millerton News and The News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

distress.

We will survive with cool heads, compassion, caring, compromise and understanding.

God bless you, readers, and your families. May you experience a safe and healthy remainder of the New Year, as we are about to enter spring, which starts on March 20.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn. ior towards Putin, although Trump's behavior was an embarrassment to this country and possibly encouraged the aggression now being visited by Putin on Ukraine.

I think Mr. Molinaro is out of sync with most New Yorkers who have great compassion for the Ukrainian people, in danger of losing their democracy.

Standing up for democratic values will, of course, place one in "a weak standing with Russia."

Amy Rothstein

Pine Plains

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MILLBROOK

Town of Washington looks toward future development

Residents weigh in on hospitality use at comprehensive plan meeting

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - Snow caused the Town of Washington's (TOW) Open House, hosted by its Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC), to be moved from Friday, Feb. 25, to Saturday, Feb. 26.

The public gathering was designed to both provide information to residents and to collect data from residents on how they feel about the Comprehensive Plan (CP), and it allowing more hospitality accommodations in town.

The nicer weather on Saturday drew more people, many of whom had something to say about hospitality, accommodations and the future of both the TOW and the village of Millbrook. They also discussed if the present CP, which was drafted in 2015, should stand or be amended.

Hospitality uses are defined as hotels, motels, inns, camping and glamping, bed and breakfasts (bnb's), short-term rentals such as airbnb's and agri-tourism, etc.

A bit of history More than a year ago talk in town started, along with many town meetings, public outcry and subsequent newspaper articles on the proposed Second Mountain project to redo the

former Migdale estate in Mab-

bettsville. The applicant, NYC restaurateur Will Guidara, had plans to remodel Migdale into an upscale hotel, spa, add two restaurants and multiple amenities. Initially the town considered a moratorium because of the project, but within a few months the application was withdrawn; the project currently remains on hold. **Second Mountain triggers**

hospitality concerns

It did, however, cause the town and village to consider the potential of what more hospitality venues would mean to the community. Already, air bnb's, regular bnb's and other overnight accommodations had begun to crop up in the Millbrook area.

While they would likely draw more tourists, and more tax dollars, to the area, they also encouraged the Town Board to create the CPRC to plan for future development. Talk of the Second Moun-

tain application has gotten heated, as has talk of the hospitality use in the CP, during the past year-plus at various town meetings that touch on planning and zoning matters. CPRC deals with the heat

The CPRC was created by the Town Board on June 28, 2021 to deal with such matters. It's met via Zoom often, with the public and with consultants. The outcome was last week's Open House; more than 150 community members attended.

A series of easels held boards with images and questions, concerning mainly if more accommodations are needed, and if so, the size and scale

CPRC members Margaret Schneible and Buffy Arbogast signed in residents and gave out fliers and stickers. People could then leave their opinions on the boards.

Many there seemed unaware the town already has 54 hospitality sites in operation -14 in the village proper. Those who were aware complained about the noise, traffic, garbage

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Alchemy Pure, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 10/12/2021. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to Alchemy Pure LLC,1121 Boston Corners Rd, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act. 02-24-22

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the Northeast (Webutuck) Board of Education: The two seats are for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025.

The Board member elec tion will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the same time as the Annual Budget Vote on the 2022-2023 school budget.

Nominating petitions are due in the District Office no later than Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm with a t least twenty-five (25) signatures of qualified voters of the district.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain more the 25 signatures to ensure that petitions include at least 25 valid signatures. Board of Education member qualifications are as follows:

to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear in the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2022.

To set up an appointment to review this information, please call 518-398-7193 ext 7. Please be sure to wear a mask.

> James Mara Lynda Wisdo Assessor(s) 03-03-22 03-10-22

TOWN OF AMENIA ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Richard Diaz

Pursuant to Section 50

and other disruptions the lodging causes to their daily lives.

Others, however, said they feel there should be more places for guests to stay within the TOW. Many at the Open House said they have heard from out-of-town guests, people attending weddings or parents who have children in area private schools who have said they often need a place to stay overnight.

Another argument for more hospitality accommodations in town raised Saturday? It would also encourage more tourism in the TOW and village of Millbrook for weekend trips instead of just day visits. Those at the Open House said it could help local businesses and bolster the TOW's economy.

CPRC Chair Tim Mayhew deemed the Open House a success

"We're delighted about the turnout," he said. "We're excited that we can engage directly with the community in a lowkey atmosphere."

Those unable to attend may still register their opinions at www.tinyurl.com/washingtonopenhouse for a short time.

The next step will be a town-wide survey, planned for some time in April.

A report will likely be presented to the Town Board by its consultants in the summer; the next step will then be to determine whether to amend the Comprehensive Plan and if hospitality should be added.

Innisfree lectures

Innisfree Garden's virtual lecture series is continuing; the lectures are \$15 each for the general public and free to Innisfree members.

The 1 p.m. events are on Zoom. For information on future programs and dates for this series or to register, go to www.innisfreegarden. org or call 845-677-8000. Innisfree Garden is lo-

Millbrook.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Thomasina Winslow, an American blues musician from the Albany area, performed at the Millbrook Arts Group's (MAG) Winter Concert at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 26, much to the delight of the local community.

MAG brings soulful music to Millbrook

MILLBROOK - The Millit hold the series annually at brook Arts Group (MAG) held the Millbrook Library. A crowd of about 75 people a Winter Concert at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, gathered to hear the soulful Feb. 26, to help entertain local residents with the sweet

music; some even joined in to sing along in some numbers. All seemed to really enjoy the late afternoon concert.

MAG's next Winter Concert will feature Teresa Broadwell, a blues violinist and singer, on Saturday, March 26, at 5 p.m. at the Millbrook Library. The free MAG concerts are funded by the H.W. Wilson Foundation and the Tribute Gardens.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

sounds of music.

Thomasina Winslow, an

American blues musician

from the Albany area and the

daughter of folk musician Tom

Winslow, appeared to sing and

both nationally and inter-

nationally. She said she was

pleased to appear at the inti-

mate MAG Winter Concert;

Winslow has entertained

play her acoustic guitar.

Support Innisfree and Help Plant a Tree

Innisfree Garden at 362 Tyrrel Road in Millbrook needs to replace more than four dozen mature trees that were lost on July 6, 2021 microburst storm that also damaged other plantings and stonework throughout the nationally renowned garden.

Innisfree was closed for a

The 48 trees need to be replaced; that work will start this spring, in 2022.

Every dollar counts, and Innisfree is seeking donations To donate, go to www.office@innisfreegarden.org, and click on Help Plant a Tree.

For more information

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Legal Notice

Nationwide Seminars LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 1/26/22. Office location: Dutchess County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to the registered agent, Kerri L. Yamashita, 251 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck NY 12572. The registered agent is to be the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Legal Notice

Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Board of Education Nominating Petitions are available March 1.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Education of the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District may pick up a packet of information including nominating petitions from the District Clerk at the District Office located in the High School. The election is for two seats on

Must be able to read and write.

Must be a qualified voter of the Webutuck Central School District.

Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Must not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.

May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.

May not be a current employee of the school district.

May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

If you have any questions, about the vote please contact Therese Trotter, District Clerk at (845) 373-4100 Ext 5506.

03-03-22

Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Pine Plains is now available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used

of the Real Property Tax law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Amenia which will be filed on May 1, 2022.

The information may be reviewed, by appointment, at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. Contact 845-373-8860 x 104 for an appointment.

> Donna DiPippo Assessor Town of Amenia 03-03-22 03-10-22

TOWN OF NORTHEAST ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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The information may be reviewed with the Assessor. For an appointment, please call 518-789-3300 ext.605.

Katherine Johnson Assessor Town of North East 03-03-22 03-10-22

week during that time while the damage was cleared and cated at 362 Tyrrel Road, being repaired.

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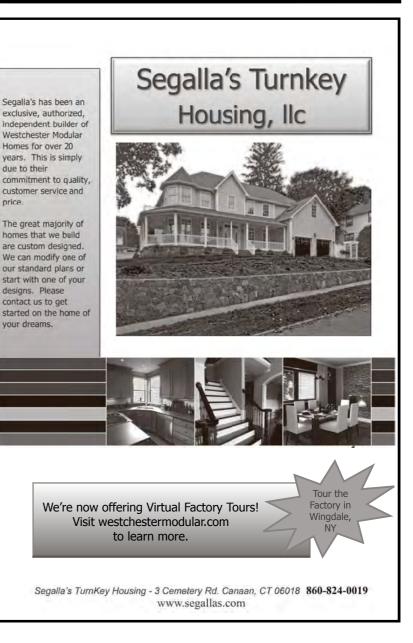
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- Maintaining the campus grounds, athletic fields, equipment, and campus vehicles.
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- Using and maintaining power tools and other equipment.
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- Sort and distribute student & faculty packages in a timely fashion.
- Clearly and neatly label all packages and place packages on shelves in an orderly fashion.
- Complete forms for carrier packages (USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, Amazon, etc.)
- Assist students & faculty with sending or returning packages & with sending international packages
- Maintain shipping & receiving materials.

Qualified candidates should have a high school diploma, a clean & valid driver's license, and basic computer skills (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must have the ability to multi-task, problem solve and prioritize. Must be able to lift packages up to 45 pounds.

Millbrook School employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID19.

Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and resume to: Millbrook School, Attn: Human Resource Department, 131 Millbrook School Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545 or email to pstarzyk@millbrook.org.



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