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Frank Duncan, left, was honored by the Dutchess County Legislature and its chairman, Gregg Pulver (R-19), right, on Tuesday, Jan. 18, for saving Millerton restaurant owner Amy Yang's life in a deadly house fire last year. Members of the Millerton Fire Co. looked on.

Golden Wok owner's life saved during fire

Legislature awards Duncan for saving life

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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MILLERTON — It isn't often that one can say they know a real-live hero. You know the type. The kind of person who would run into a burning building to save someone's life. In this case, that is exactly what Millerton resident Frank Duncan tried to do without a moment's hesitation on a chilly November morning this past fall.

That is why the Dutchess County Legislature presented him with an

award on Tuesday, Jan. 18, for his bravery, and for saving the life of Millerton resident Amy Yang when her house burned down late last year.

Most of Millerton remembers that fateful autumn morning on Nov. 6, 2021, an early Saturday, not quite 8 a.m. Frank was driving south on Route 22 as part of his routine work schedule for Northwest Lawn & Landscaping Maintenance, the business he and his wife, Amiee, have owned since 1993

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Millerton shows its support

Golden Wok reopens after owner suffers tragic house fire

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — In the months following the tragic Nov. 6, 2021 house fire that claimed not only her home at 5902 South Elm Ave. (Route 22), but also her daughter Jenny's life, the Millerton community has rallied around Amy Yang. Yang is the owner of the Chinese restaurant Golden Wok in Millerton. She and her family are trying to heal in the wake of tragedy.

They have been aided through community efforts, including a number of Go Fund Me pages, Meal Train pages and other charitable efforts,

which members of the community seemed to simultaneously create for the Yang family and several other families that were displaced from their homes due to the fire, to help them rebuild their lives.

"I know small-town people look out for each other. I don't know how to thank everybody — I just pray that everybody's happy," said an exhausted and grateful Yang. "Life goes on, day by day, every day. I'm thankful for this town, for everybody. I appreciate everybody."

Having closed her restaurant after the fire, Yang and her staff at Golden Wok received an incredibly positive

response from not only Millerton but the entire Tri-state community when they finally reopened the popular, long-standing restaurant last week.

"I'm working — work, work, work, so you don't have time to think. It's very nice to see everybody," said Yang after one week back on the job. "Everyone is so great to help, to help me out. I have to write a letter in capital letters to thank all the people helping me out."

If losing her home and all of her belongings wasn't devastating enough, Yang has been grieving the loss of her daughter and her tenant. It's been a

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Journal gets a managing editor

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — Like many Lakeville Journal staff people (including this writer), Senior Reporter Patrick Sullivan did a stint at the newspaper, left for a bit, then returned for a second run.

He was a reporter from 2005 to 2007, took a break from the exciting life of a journalist, then reappeared in these pages as senior reporter in 2008.

Now, in 2022, Sullivan, to the delight of his coworkers, has agreed to step into the role of managing editor as other transitions are happening in his department and the company. He

See SULLIVAN, A8



PHOTO BY THOS GALLUCIO

Lakeville Journal Senior Reporter Patrick L. Sullivan has been promoted to managing editor. He will continue to write his popular column about fly-fishing.

Pine Plains needs local nurses to administer COVID-19 vaccines

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Ready to combat the continuance of COVID-19 cases, the Pine Plains Pharmacy plans to keep its partnership with the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) going, as they continue to hold COVID-19 vaccine clinics for the area in 2022.

With Pine Plains resident Kathy Bartles coordinating the clinics and her team of volunteers and nurses poised to administer the vaccines, the pharmacy is on the lookout for qualified local nurses interested in volunteering their services.

Since last February, Bartles said she

and her team have been working to arrange COVID-19 clinics throughout the Pine Plains community.

Last May, Bartles reported they administered close to 2,800 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with a couple thousand more doses administered in the fall.

Almost a year later, Bartles' vaccination team is comprised of 15 people, some of whom were there when the team originally formed last winter.

Along with support personnel and nurses, Bartles' team includes people who work sorting residents into different categories at the clinic, depending on what version of the COVID-19 vaccine they're getting; whether they're getting their first, second or booster

shot; and whether they're children or adults.

To date, Pine Plains Pharmacy owner and pharmacist Nasir Mahmood said they're currently offering the Pfizer and Moderna versions of the COVID-19 vaccine in first, second and booster shots.

Around 300 doses are typically administered at each clinic, both to children (ages 5 and up) and adults (ages 12 and up).

In addition to the clinics held around every three weeks at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, located at 2829 Church St. in Pine Plains (Route 199), Mahmood said

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A change for The Lakeville Journal

A couple of weeks ago (Jan. 13), The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News ran a story on their front pages describing the transition to a new editor for The Lakeville Journal. Current Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender was poised to hand off editing the 125-year-old community weekly newspaper to its next leader, who was to have been Debra Aleksinas of Morris.

Since then, Aleksinas decided that this job is not for her. She stepped back from the role

of Lakeville Journal editor on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

We all wish Aleksinas the best, and look forward to her still writing for the papers as she has done with the utmost professionalism as a freelance reporter since 2018.

See the classified section of this newspaper to see an advertisement for the position of Lakeville Journal editor. By all means, if it looks of interest to you, apply as directed in the ad.

— Janet Manko



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BES brings life, and art, to John Street in Millerton

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MILLERTON — Among its imaginative stores, great eateries, frequent festivals and welcoming community, Millerton has a way of drawing shoppers, diners, moviegoers, artists and tourists of all kinds and encouraging them to wander the along the sidewalks to slowly discover its many unique creations on display, all while enjoying the one-of-a-kind village experience.

So when ceramicist Erica Recto decided to pursue her long-time dream of opening a store, she couldn't have had better timing or chosen a better spot than she did for BES, the unique boutique in the village where artistic pieces of all shapes and sizes have been displayed since last May. The Millerton News checked in to see how BES is doing today.

Recto, a Millerton resident, said long before BES came into being, she was already rooted in the art realm by way of her artwork and ceramics. Her work can be found online at www.ericarecto.art.

When she at last decided to open a retail space in Millerton, she said, "People were craving connection and I know a lot of my fellow artists were hard hit by the pandemic and in need of places to show and sell their



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Hudson River Exchange Director Stella Yoon and Millerton artist and ceramicist Erica Recto collaborated last May to open BES at 1 John St. in the village of Millerton.

work."

But Recto said she needed support in her pursuit of opening a shop and looked toward the Hudson River Exchange (HRE).

HRE is a collective geared toward connecting with artisans and offering them a space to sell their work, which can be found at www.hudsonriverexchange.com.

BES offers a collaborative retail space created in a partnership between Recto and HRE.

HRE Director Stella Yoon said the Exchange was happy to explore how retail is evolving, and a way to access a physical space to present local wares to customers, which exactly what she did last spring when Recto reached out to see if she'd be interested in collaborating on

opening a store.

By Memorial Day weekend, BES opened at 1 John St., which is that curious uphill street right behind the Oakhurst Diner on Main Street.

For those wondering about the store's name, BES derives from a Filipino slang term "bes," which translates to "best friend."

In addition to Recto's own

locally-made pottery, BES also features the work of 20 other Hudson Valley artists from Yoon's roster. There is hand-painted, hand-sculpted and other handmade artwork, plus Recto partnered with Caora Farms in Millerton and knitters from the Harlem Valley to sell goods made from Millerton-grown wool.

With Yoon managing the store's inventory, Recto is able to focus on creating her own artwork and running the store.

Along with generating a new audience for her artwork, Recto said BES is "a love letter to the creativity that abounds in the area."

"We display the work in a gallery-like setting so you can truly appreciate the craftsmanship that goes into every piece," she said.

Indeed, against the crisp white walls, the shelves and tables of locally curated artwork and other handcrafted items stand out, beckoning customers to take a closer look.

Recto said they try hard not to overlap inventory with other stores in the village and to know the background of what's featured on their floor.

"There's definitely a bit of being open to working with the community," Recto said, highlighting their work in finding ways to integrate with local

shoppers.

Overall, BES is an evolving embodiment of HRE's philosophy, "Creativity loves company," a changing showcase of what Hudson Valley makers are crafting. Reflecting on the advantages of having a physical space in which to display their wares, Yoon said, "There's a desire for a connection... and I think the nature of handmade [items] is [they are] so tactile and something you want to experience in-person."

Recto said the store is now obtaining some seasonal goods that will be refreshed in the coming months.

Looking ahead, she said she hopes to continue honing its focus to keep bringing compelling local wares into the shop. Additionally, she's in the process of making the store available online both in response to concerns about future surges in the COVID-19 pandemic and to help provide access to BES products for people who live further away or who can't visit during store hours.

BES is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays; from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; and closed Mondays through Thursdays, except by appointment. To make an appointment, email hello@shop-bes.com. For more information, go to www.shop-bes.com.

NorthEast/Millerton Library hands out COVID kits and masks

MILLERTON — It didn't take long for word to get around that free COVID-19 test kits and face masks were available at the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

According to Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, the items were provided by New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), and were distributed on a first come, first served basis.

At this time, Leo-Jameson does not know if the library will receive an additional supply, but she suggested that patrons do keep a look out for future announcements.

Leo-Jameson also said that every adult American can sign up to obtain four free tests per household by clicking on www.covidtests.gov.

Barrett announced the surprise library COVID kit supply distribution via a combination of announcements on Facebook and Instagram as well as on the NEML's website just before noon on Tuesday morning.

By early afternoon, the supply consisting of approximately a dozen iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests and the same number of KN95 masks was gone.

In addition to supplying the NEML, Barrett sent supplies to other libraries in her district including: Amenia, Chatham, Claverack, Roeliff Jansen, Hudson, Hyde Park, Livingston, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie District, Staatsburg, Stanford and Clinton Community.

Additionally, as told by North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan in his community email newsletter on Friday, Jan. 21, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DCDBCH) will be working with Senegene Solutions "offer rapid antigen and lower nasal PCR testing" in Dover Plains for those living in northeastern Dutchess County.

The tests will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 4 to 7 p.m., from Jan. 25 through Feb. 11.

Results are available for PCR tests within 48 hours, although demand will impact how quickly one gets their results. Test results may be accessed through the iLab Patient Portal or by calling 800-869-0168.



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Chris Reyes of Millerton was one of the lucky NorthEast-Millerton Library patrons to receive a free COVID-19 test kit and face mask compliments of New York State Assemblymember Did Barrett (D-106).

The tests are free; Senegene Solutions works directly with one's insurance for testing costs and for those without insurance, with the federal government for all costs. Testing is available on a walk-in basis, but pre-registration is encouraged to expedite the check-in process and may be done online before arriving. (For details, turn to Page A3.)

Kennan also noted that the Pine Plains Pharmacy is holding another vaccine clinic on Feb. 1; register at www.pineplainspharmacy.com. (The pharmacy is also looking for nurses to volunteer at its clinics, read more on Page A6.)


The North East town supervisor thanked the Pine Plains Pharmacy for working so hard to make sure as many people in the Harlem Valley get inoculated against the coronavirus as possible to try to put an end to the current health crisis.

"I would like to extend a special shout out to our friends at the Pine Plains Pharmacy," wrote Kennan. "They have been working hard for many months to make vaccines available to folks in our northeast corner of the county, and they've done a really great job. Thank you Pine Plains Pharmacy!"

— Carol Kneeland

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CTDEEP has published an informative brochure guiding landowners on agriculture and forestry activities and how they relate to the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Act. Many activities are as of right, such as grazing, nurseries, planting and harvesting of crops. There are other activities like clearcutting, filling wetlands, culverts across streams that are all regulated and will need an approved permit from the Town's Wetlands Commission. It can get rather confusing and this brochure will be a big help in understanding the issues. This can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/water/wetlands/AgbrochureFINAL2016Webpdf.pdf> or I am happy to email a PDF copy to you.



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AMENIA/DOVER

Amenia pulls together to raise funds for murder victim's family

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WASSAIC — The GoFundMe page's \$20,000 goal created to help the widow of the man stabbed to death last week was inching toward being halfway met this past weekend, as \$7,815 had been raised as of Monday, Jan. 24, at 1:51 p.m. The page title is "Help the Cedillo family with cost of tragedy," and can be found by going to www.gofundme.com, and looking in the Accidents & Emergencies category.

That's a small indication of how troubled residents of the town of Amenia were to learn that 45-year-old father Juan C. Cedillo had been murdered in their rural town one week earlier, on Sunday, Jan. 16.

His neighbor, David A. Trotta, 26, was arrested for stabbing Cedillo at 173 South Amenia Road in the hamlet of Wassaic. So far, no motive has been named.

Amenia resident Paul Winters organized the GoFundMe page in conjunction with Cedillo's sister, Mimi Cedillo. As Winters explained on the

popular fundraising website, "We are asking the community to help [Mimi's] sister-in-law with funeral costs for Juan Cedillo. We are also asking for the community to help Vivian Cedillo [Juan's wife] to help cover expected hospital bills from that day while also creating some extra funds for the family, which includes Juan's daughters, Mariana and Alexia."

Winters wrote further about Cedillo, adding that he had been a part of the community since 1995 "and has always helped others when needed, as he established himself in our community while working very hard and raising his family."

He called Cedillo's murder "a senseless tragedy that cut short this man's life," adding he's hopeful "the goodness that always shone through when a member of our community has encountered difficulties shines thru again."

Winters said the funeral will cost about \$9,000; the other \$11,000 "is to help Vivian get through this difficult time," as her husband was the family's "main source of income."

Winters assured donors that,

"All money raised here will go to Mimi, who will be helping her sister-in-law."

Trotta, who was arraigned the night of his arrest in the town of Amenia Court before Town Justice Christopher Klingner, is being represented by Dutchess County Public Defender Robert Demon; Dutchess County Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Sarah Thompson has been assigned to prosecute the case.

Trotta was immediately remanded to Dutchess County Jail without bail, where he remains.

Cases of murder are rare in these parts; it was the first time such a charge was brought before the new town justice, sworn in just this month.

New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks confirmed Trotta was arrested as soon as officers arrived on the scene Jan. 16, after a 911 call was placed to the Dover Plains NYSP substation just before noon.

Trotta is facing charges of Murder in the Second Degree (a class A-I felony) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in

the 4th degree (a class A misdemeanor).

Cedillo was pronounced dead due to multiple stab wounds to his head about 20 minutes after EMS arrived on the scene; multiple attempts to save his life by rescue squads had failed.

Both Trotta and Cedillo resided in the small South Amenia Road apartment complex.

Trotta's original preliminary felony hearing set for Friday, Jan. 21, was adjourned and rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 24.

Hicks said any adjournment date can be requested by the prosecution or defense, but must be approved by the court.

Asked whether Trotta's case will go to trial, Thompson said, "There would be no way to predict that this early in the case. There's any number of possibilities, but it's very early in the case to say whether it would go to trial or not."

Hicks meanwhile, said, "The State Police will continue to investigate and provide [its] results to the DA's office, but we will not be involved in courtroom proceedings unless called to testify."



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Certificates in hand, Webutuck High School senior Carrissa Whitehead, left, and junior Morgan Sprague celebrated the publication of their work in the Young Writers Contest held this past October.

Webutuck students get work published

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — Challenging themselves to craft original compositions, Webutuck High School (WHS) students Carrissa Whitehead and Morgan Sprague were excited to learn the "mini-sagas" they submitted to the Young Writers Contest last October were selected for publication.

Aimed at promoting literacy in children, Young Writers maps out creative writing contests every year for students in elementary through high school.

According to its website, www.youngwritersusa.com, the scholastic publication believes having work published "boosts confidence, nurtures creativity and showcases talent."

Included in the 2021 featured contests for middle and high school students, Young Writers invited students ages 10 to 18 to submit their work to "Unsolved," a contest challenging students to write a "mini-saga."

The mini-saga was defined as a story told in just 100 words inspired by the crime and mystery genre.

As a source of inspiration, Young Writers offered eight sentence starters to help get the creative juices flowing for students.

As an English Language Arts (ELA) teacher at Webutuck, Jenna Garofalo said she offers any contest that comes across her desk to all of her students. She sometimes offers extra credit to encourage student participation.

In the past, Garofalo has offered writing contests for Martin Luther King Day as well as Thanksgiving Day writing contests issued by State Senator Sue Serino's (R-41) office.

In addition to the writing included in the curriculum mandated by the New York State Modules that the North East (Webutuck) Central School District must follow, Garofalo said she always encourages cre-

ative writing among her students. She added some students also thrive as free-verse writers during their class journal assignments.

For the Young Writers Contest offered last fall, Garofalo said Carrissa and Morgan were the only students at Webutuck who wanted to participate.

A senior at WHS, Carrissa submitted her story, "Guilty" while Morgan, a junior at WHS, submitted her story, "Halloween Robbery."

Garofalo — impressed with both students' stories — submitted their work in late October 2021. And out of more than 8,000 entries the contest received, Young Writers chose Carrissa's and Morgan's mini-sagas for publication.

Garofalo was recently informed of how well her students did and the impressive outcome of the contest a few weeks ago, when she received a package from the publication. It contained a letter about the students' award, their certificates and parent permission forms so that their work could be published.

Asked how they reacted to the news, Garofalo said they were thrilled.

"Both girls were excited, happy and immediately had a smile on their faces when I presented them with the certificates... Both of their moms were also very proud."

Reflecting on what her students' accomplishments mean to her as an ELA teacher, Garofalo said she also is especially pleased.

"Naturally, as a teacher, when I see students going above and beyond their coursework to use their creative minds and enter contests, write for fun, or create their own stories, it is inspiring and brings me great joy," she said, adding it's a triumph as a teacher. "The fact that two of my students' work will be published is a highlight of my entire teaching career. I am so incredibly proud of these hardworking young ladies. They deserve the praise and recognition."

Rapid COVID-19 testing in Dover Plains

DOVER PLAINS — With COVID-19 cases on the rise this winter, Dutchess County will be offering opportunities for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at its eastern Dutchess location at the former CVS building, located at 3081 Route 22 in Dover Plains.

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health will be partnering with Senegene Solutions to offer rapid antigen and lower nasal PCR testing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., from Tuesday, Jan. 25, through Friday, Feb. 11.

Turnaround time for PCR testing results can take up to 48 hours from the receipt of testing, though the time frame can vary based on demand.

Test results can be accessed through the iLab Patient Portal at www.result.ilabconnect.com, or by calling 1-800-869-0168.

There is no out-of-pocket cost to residents for these testing options.

Testing is available on a walk-in basis, but pre-registration is encouraged to speed-up the check-in process and can be completed online at www.partner.ilabconnect.com before arriving.

More information about COVID-19 testing is available at www.dutchessny.gov/coronavirustesting.

Adult and Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Thursday, Jan. 27, Dutchess County will offer a free adult and pediatric vaccination clinic in partnership with Dr. Neal Smoller of the Village Apothecary.

The vaccination clinic will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Dover Vaccine Site, located at 3081 Route 22 in Dover Plains.

The clinic will offer the Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccines; boosters will be offered based

on eligibility. Registration in advance is required and is available online at www.hipaa.jotform.com.

Eligibility for initial vaccination is as follows:

- Pediatric Pfizer — ages 5-11
- Pfizer — ages 12 and older
- Moderna — ages 18 and older

Eligibility for booster doses is as follows:

- Pfizer — ages 12 and older, 5 months after second dose
- Moderna — ages 18 and

older, 5 months after second dose

- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson — ages 18 and older, 2 months after first dose

Those under 16 years old must be accompanied by a par-

ent or legal guardian.

All participants must show proof of age.

For more information about vaccines, boosters and local access for both, go to www.dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine.

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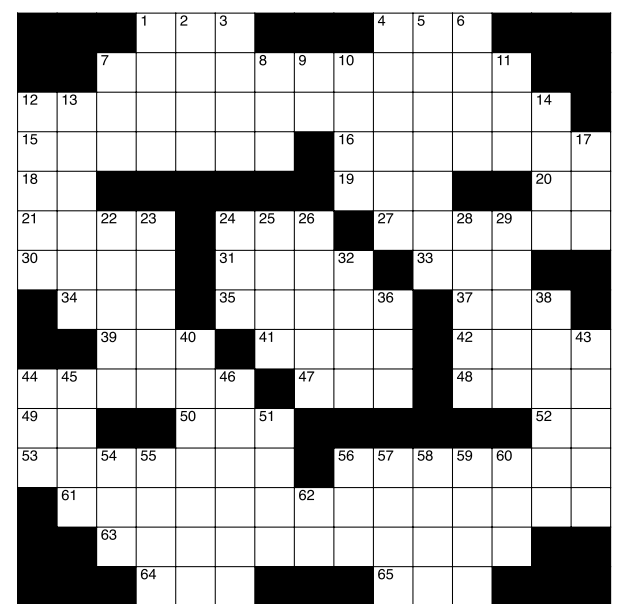
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12. Promotional materials
15. More high-pitched
16. Widely cultivated cereal
18. Dormitory employee
19. Bad act
20. One's mother
21. Scored perfectly
24. Space station
27. Exchange for money
30. Edible seaweed
31. Iranian city
33. Lakers' crosstown rivals
34. Nothing
35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
37. ___ student, learns healing
39. Military official (abbr.)
41. Matchstick games
42. Gasteyer and De Armas are two
44. Distant planet
47. A type of residue
48. Punk art icon Jimmy De___
49. Millihenry
50. Canadian media firm
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56. Dish of minced meat or fish
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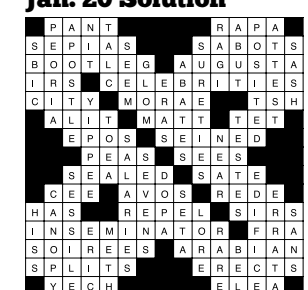
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4. Essay
5. Continuing indefinitely
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7. Partner to Adam
8. Dry white wine drink
9. Spanish be
10. Smaller quantity
11. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
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23. Mason ___ Line



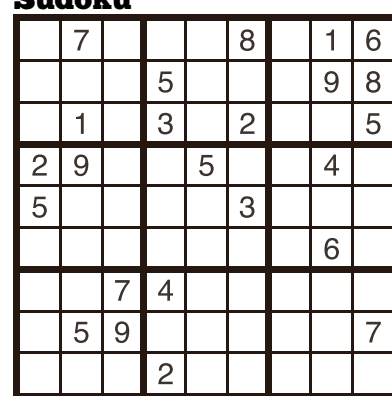
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25. Asian nation
26. Rage (Span.)
28. Khoikhoi peoples
29. Opera solo
32. Database management system
36. Similar
38. Move up and down playfully
40. Alfalfa
43. Satisfied
44. Baseball official
45. Large, flightless bird of S. America
46. Money given in support
51. Flower cluster
54. Beginning military rank
55. Russian weight measurement

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58. Midskirt
59. Weapon featuring balls
60. Used of a number or amount not specified
62. Unit of measurement

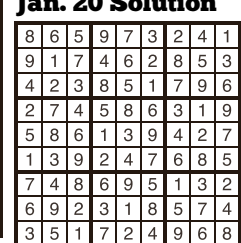
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OBITUARIES

Joseph Salvatore Dario

MILLERTON — Joseph Salvatore Dario, 87, a 15-year resident of Millerton and formerly of the Jackson Heights neighborhood in Queens, N.Y., died peacefully on Jan. 23, 2022, at his home in the village.



Joe worked as a printer in Manhattan and Long Island before retiring in 1997.

Born Feb. 2, 1934, in Manhattan, he was the son of the late Maria and Salvatore Dario.

He was educated in New York Public Schools and on July 7, 1970, in Manhattan, he married the love of his life, Charlotte May Belter. Their loving marriage lasted for over 51 years. Mrs. Dario passed away on Sept. 29, 2021.

Mr. Dario was an avid New York Yankees fan and enjoyed watching baseball with his dear wife, who was also a Yankees fan. In his spare time he enjoyed designing and constructing birdhouses.

Mr. Dario is survived by his brother, James "Jimmy" Dario

of New Jersey; his sister, Helen, of Florida; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John L. and Mary Belter of Lime Rock; a dear cousin, Helen Hill of Hampton, Conn.; his special nephews, Michael Rainone, Scott Belter and Daryl Belter; a very close friend, Gordon Keeler; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Dario was predeceased by his brothers, Mario "Mike" Dario and Anthony "Sonny" Dario; as well as two sisters, Josephine and Jenny.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Salisbury.

Memorial donations may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Helen (Jacobs) Kircher

FALLS VILLAGE — Helen Jacobs Kircher passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2022, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.



Helen was born Nov. 11, 1929, in Danbury, Conn., the daughter of Catherine (Cook) and Joseph Jacobs Sr.

When Helen was 6 months old her family moved to Falls Village, where her father opened Jacobs Garage and a Pontiac dealership.

Helen was the first female EMT in the village and taught the program for many years. She was a longstanding member of the Falls Village Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Department.

Helen loved animals and

riding her tractor mowing the lawn.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Eugene Edward Kircher; and her daughter, Diana Kircher Pickert.

She is survived by her son, Edward and his wife, Suzan, of Goshen; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held in the spring at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the Falls Village Congregational Church.

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

Joan M. Lahr

SALISBURY — Joan M. Lahr, 96, passed away peacefully on Jan. 4, 2022, at her home in Lakewood Park, Fla.



Born May 25, 1925, in New York City, Joan attended Julia Richman H.S., and then earned a BA degree from Hunter College and an MA degree from Columbia University in Romance languages and linguistics. Her diploma from Columbia was signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower, who served as president of the school before he became president of the U.S.

A love of travel and adventure led her to teach in public high schools in Nevada (witnessing an atomic bomb explosion), California and Florida. In 1953 she spent the year at Itazuke Air Force Base, Fukuoka, Japan, teaching U.S. military dependents.

After marriage, from 1961 to 1991 Joan lived in Salisbury, teaching at local public and private high schools. She took 10 years from her professional work to stay at home and raise her children, and then retired after 13 years at the Marvelwood School in Cornwall.

She and her husband spent the next 10 years cruising the Caribbean in their 37-foot Morgan ketch, GREY DOLPHIN, and traveling widely in Europe and the U.S. They pur-

chased a home in Lakewood Park in 1991, as a base for their sailings.

Joan was a member of St. Mary's Church in Lakeville and St. Anastasia's Church in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Joan did various types of community service in her lifetime: president of the Lakeville Council of Catholic Women, officer of the Salisbury Republican Women's Club, dog socializing at Vero Beach Humane Society, aide at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, clerical aide at Fort Pierce Police Station, shelter

work for Fort Pierce American Red Cross, and as St. Lucie Co. election official.

She had many interests including: classical music and opera, reading, linguistics, history and geography, geology, handwork-knitting and embroidery.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, John and Marie Handschin; a brother, John; and her husband of 61 years, Joseph. She is survived by their five children, John, Ronald, Anne, Daniel and Edward; and grandchildren Jake and Luke.

She was a moral and spiritual woman and loved her family dearly ... a true Lady. She will be missed.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Haisley Funeral & Cremation in Fort Pierce.

Ann Eveleth Arensberg

in 1999.

Reviews of "Sister Wolf," a story of the tragic outcome of unhinged jealousy and love, described Ann as a writer of fine prose and compelling character, crisp, urbane, and alive with wit. "Group Sex," her second novel, took a more comic route to portray "a kind of spineless editor and her torrid affair with an avant-garde theater director." "Incubus" drove Ann more deeply into her fascination with the supernatural — shape changers, exorcism, and sexual anxiety — but it also painted a careful portrait of a small New England community and the ups and downs and many tones of marriage.

Ann was born on Feb. 21, 1937, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Mariada Comer and Walter E. Arensberg. In early 1946, shortly after her father returned from service in the Navy in World War II, she and her younger brother, Walter, moved with the family to Habana, Cuba, where her father represented the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. In Habana, her mother was active in community affairs and, eventually, joined the staff of Ruston Academy, a well-known bilingual school in the city. The family lived in Habana until the Fall of 1960, nearly two years after the Castro revolution, at which point, her mother, now divorced, moved to Washington, D.C., where she ran Free Cuba Radio and later worked in education and cultural affairs for the U.S. Department of State. Her father had



left Cuba and Pittsburgh Plate Glass earlier in 1959 and eventually went to work for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Honduras and Uruguay until his death at the age of 69 in 1981. Ann's mother died many years later, in 2005 at the age of 92.

After Ann went off to boarding school at Concord Academy in Massachusetts at the age of 15, she rarely looked back on her life in Habana. From then on, her education, literary work, and domestic life was rooted in Cambridge, Mass., New York, and the hills of Connecticut's Northwest Corner. She went to Radcliffe College, graduating in 1958 with a BA in art history and subsequently received an MA in French Literature from Harvard University in 1962.

Moving to New York after college, Ann worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and E.P. Dutton publishers before joining Viking Press as an editor in 1967. Having begun to write

seriously in her own right, Ann left Viking Press in 1974.

In June 1976, Ann married Richard Grossman, a colleague at Viking. Dick was the founder of Grossman Publishers, which had been acquired by the Viking Press. Ann was married to Dick for 38 years, until his death at 92 in early 2014. He was the solid rock foundation of her life. Her two previous marriages to Pierre Leval, a lawyer, and John Hancock, a theater and movie director, ended in divorce.

Ann is survived by her brother, Walter, and her beloved niece and nephew Chloe and Alexander Arensberg, as well as three stepchildren, Dick Grossman's daughters: Joan Grossman of Philadelphia, Nancy Nagle of East Hampton, N.Y., and Lucy Rochambeau also of East Hampton.

A remembrance of Ann is planned for early summer. At her request, donations in her memory may be made to the Little Guild, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Herbert W. Lee

SHARON — Herbert W. Lee, 84, of Sharon Valley Road died Jan. 8, 2022. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Lee.

Herbert was born April 21, 1937, in Winsted Hospital, the son of the late Abel and Agnes Lee. He worked in manufacturing at Tri Wall Containers for many years as well as at the Lee family farm. During his retirement he worked at the Maplebrook School.

His granddaughter Melissa Woodin discovered his great love to travel and took him on many adventures with her family during his retirement, which he simply adored.

Herbert is survived by two sons, Herbert and Kenny Lee; three daughters, Debbie, Cindy and Terry; his brothers, Jimmy and John Lee; a sister, Louise Parenteau; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, Robert Lee; a daughter, Kim Carberry; a brother, Abel Lee; and a sister, Ellen Mahone.

A memorial service will be held privately by the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

Ralph Allen Lowell Jr.

WINSTED — Ralph Allen Lowell Jr., 73, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Jan. 18, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Ralph was born Aug. 29, 1948, to Ralph Allen Lowell Sr. and Hilda "Sager" Lowell.

The oldest of 12 siblings, he entered into the Army in November 1967, at the age of 19, and served as a Military Policeman until November 1970.

Ralph met the love of his life during that time and he and Patricia May Bassingthwaite were married on Jan. 4, 1970. They shared more than five decades together and had two daughters.

Throughout his life, Ralph enjoyed motorcycle riding, fishing, antique cars and was an avid golfer.

He played in the Danbury Dusty League with his brother and many friends for close to 25 years.

Ralph was predeceased by

his parents; his sister, Patricia; his brother, John; a half sister, Sharon; and his grandsons, Jeffrey and Bobby.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; his daughters, Elizabeth and Brian Tarnauskas and Penny and Joe Ciliberti; his brothers and their

wives, Richard and Barbara Lowell, James Lowell, George and Patricia Lowell and Ernie Lowell and Jo Little; his sisters and their husbands, Myra and Wayne Brandt, Linda and John Truskauskas, Bertha and Carl Bronson, Elizabeth and Joe Cash and Eleanor Lowell and Joe Healey; his half sisters, Marjorie Couture and Susan Robinson; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held for family with a Celebration of Life to follow in the spring. The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon will handle arrangements.

Worship Services

Week of January 30, 2022

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

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
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<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
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<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 515 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	

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Charles 'Charlie' Paine

LAKEVILLE — Charles "Charlie" Paine, 88, of Lakeville, died on Dec. 28, 2021, at Toby Hospital in Wareham, Mass. He was the loving husband of the late Nancy Paine. Charlie was born Feb. 2, 1933, in Miller-ton, the son of the late Mary (Hoysradt) and Charles Paine.



As a young man Charlie enjoyed farming and working on tractors and race cars with his brothers. He served in the U.S. Army, and upon his return from duty worked at Community Service (Harrington's) in Lakeville, where he met his future wife, Nancy Millies. Nancy and Charlie were married Aug. 14, 1965. He later was a dispatcher for Community Fuel in Lakeville. Charlie retired as a heavy equipment operator for Harlem Valley Materials in Amenia.

Charlie enjoyed the quiet life and his family. He enjoyed watching the birds and monitoring the local traffic. Charlie loved watching his granddaughters grow and he was very proud of their accomplishments.

He is survived by a son, Jeff and his wife, Heidi, and two granddaughters, Diana and Lauren, of Mattapoisett, Mass.; and his brother, Kenny Paine of Amenia.

He was predeceased by his brother Howard.

A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Teri Teresa' Fournier Traver

HILLSDALE — Mrs. Teri "Teresa" Fournier Traver, 70, of Jonesborough, Tenn., passed away Jan. 12, 2022, at her residence.



Mrs. Traver was born in Willimantic, Conn., on April 5, 1951, to Margaret (Poirier) and Richard Fournier.

She retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a Mail Carrier in Dutchess County, N.Y.

She was a member of the Rural Letter Carriers Association.

She loved to farm and garden.

In addition to her mother, Margaret, survivors include her husband, Vincent Traver Jr.; her children, Michael McCarthy,

Angela McCarthy-Amelio and Luke McCarthy; four grandchildren, Cody McCarthy, Micaela Amelio, Cahlyn Amelio and Evan McCarthy; and her sisters, Lucille Fournier Kropat, Deniese Fournier Rice and Annette Fournier.

A Celebration of Life will be held in May in Hillsdale, N.Y.

Arrangements are under the care of Dillow-Taylor Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Jonesborough.

Condolences may be sent to the Traver family online at www.dillow-taylor.com.

Betty Lou (Murphy) Surdam

SALISBURY — Betty Lou (Murphy) Surdam, 82, passed away Jan. 16, 2022, at Noble Horizons surrounded by her children.

Betty was born Aug. 24, 1939, to Clarence Luther Murphy and Ada (Foster) Murphy.

She worked for VNA Northwest Inc. for more than 30 years. She loved and cared for her clients like they were her own family. She always made sure to keep in contact with family members long after her clients passed on.

When she wasn't taking care of her clients she could be found tending to her beloved gardens and pond life or hosting cook-outs at her home.

Betty was a very social person and made sure to always be present at local events.

She could be considered the town grandmother, as she was always taking in and looking after the neighborhood children.

Along with her parents, Betty was predeceased by her husband, Richard Surdam; a niece, Sandra Murphy Wheeler;

and her siblings, Henry "Hank" Murphy, Clarence "Buddy" Murphy Jr., James S. Murphy and Judy Wilson.

She is survived by her children, Karen Reel and her partner, Edward, Mark Reel and his wife, Lisa, and David Reel and his partner, Keisha Clement; a brother, Danny Murphy and his wife, Jean; four grandchildren, Allycia Soule and her husband, Trevor Soule, Hanna Reel and her husband, Bobby Carberry, Belle Reel and Westley Reel; and five great-grandchildren, Cassidy Burcroff, Rylan and Cayden Soule and Robert and Amelia Carberry; and several nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Amazing and Dedicated Staff at Noble Horizons.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lakeville Hose Co. #1, P.O. Box 1969, Lakeville, 06039; or Salisbury Ambulance, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

George F. Wilkens

AMENIA — George F. Wilkens, 94, of Amenia, and formerly of Bedford, N.Y., died Jan. 12, 2022. He had recovered from a serious fall in November but developed pneumonia at Christmastime. He was the loving husband of Mary Ann Wilkens.



George was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Jan. 3, 1928, the son of Anna (Reischer) and George W. Wilkens.

During World War II he became a U.S. merchant mariner at 16, participating in the last of the famous and dangerous Murmansk runs to Russia.

Forty-eight years later the Russian government was finally allowed to award those surviving mariners with a memorial medal at an official reception at the Russian Embassy in Washington, thanking them for shipping food and supplies to a starving Russian nation.

Toward the end of the war George joined the Navy, and later the Coast Guard, spending three years in the Pacific.

After marrying Mary Ann on Jan. 3, 1953, he worked in the insurance industry while attending college at night.

In 1957, he rejoined the Coast Guard, attending the Coast Guard Officer Training School in New London, then serving three years aboard the USCG Cutter Rockaway in the North Atlantic, and later joining the Reserve unit in Westport, Conn.

He returned to the insurance field in 1961, working as a fire adjuster, underwriter and later as a fine arts adjuster.

He kept up his college stud-

ies, and was graduated from Pace University during those early working years.

George was a voracious reader, probably one of the few today, who despite failing eyesight, finished all three volumes of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," as well as numerous books on history and politics.

He had a remarkable memory to the end on a wide range of subjects and was a great storyteller. Family and friends often said, "George will know that!"

His children often remarked on his impeccably simple taste and his love of a bad pun and a good dessert. He loved long walks, especially with his beloved dogs, a pleasure he had to forego when his balance deteriorated. His stoicism in the face of his failing health and strength was remarkable.

He is survived by his loving children, Kate Franklin and Matthew and Brett Wilkens; five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine, Christopher, Hailey and Olivia; and six great-grandchildren, Adeline, Easton, Margaret, Hayden, Atticus and Remington; and his sister, Ann Benson of Georgia. He was predeceased by his younger brother, David.

A memorial will be held in the spring at a date to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Amenia Fire Company, Mechanic Street, Amenia, N.Y., 12501, whose frequent and unfailing assistance to George was, and is, so sincerely appreciated.

In appreciation:

Ann Arensberg

THE UNDERSIDE OF A LEAF

Like the invisible beauty that one thinks of when your eyes are closed, Ann Arensberg had an aura of mystery and also an extreme laser-like curiosity about her. In over 40 years of friendship I was always so delighted and surprised by her brilliance and the ease in which she shifted her observations about the tiniest, overlooked thing and then pivoted to a hilarious and worldly conclusion.

Rob Wynne

New York City

In appreciation:

Ann Arensberg

Ann Arensberg was my assignment for the Soho News, on the publication of "Sister Wolf" in 1980. Imagine my surprise when I met this lovely woman, smart and modest but with a wild ironic sense of humor about life, liberty and the pursuit of publishing.

I discovered that aside from our background in French lit., she loved mysteries, and was passionate about Gothic and the supernatural — which comes out in her work.

Over the years, our keenest shared interest was in gardening, as she created a perennial border along the sweeping driveway to her farmhouse. It was a constant struggle on ungrateful soil, which she mastered over the years.

Most of all I learned of her uncompromising taste. Annuals were a shortcut and out of the question. Ann liked native plants from the New England garden variety. I would send her presents from mail order nurs-

eries, such as a Copper Beech sapling, which she received with effusive thanks and affection. Then I saw she had planted it behind a shed, out of sight, and understood.

Hollyhocks, which I loved, were a No No! Her hands in the soil were her communing after writing.

Her other love I shared was rescued cats, which came from various shelters she patronized.

She and Dick created a beautiful loving haven in the farmhouse and its surrounding land, kept in its wild state as a protective boundary. She and Dick insisted on giving me my marriage, with Dick officiating for the occasion, and Ann catering the celebration for the four of us.

With Ann we lost such a unique luminous spirit, so talented, wickedly witty, and generous to a fault — always be missed.

Charles Ruas

New York City

In appreciation:

Ann Arensberg

My Aunt Ann loved Mickey Mouse and Angel's Envy with equal fervor. Her attention infected you with purpose and fun, and her laugh could sustain you for weeks to come. She was a strong believer in nicknames, and I was forever proud to be her "Clover," following her around town with utter devotion — and tickled to be related to such a wacky and wonderful woman. I'm furious that she's gone but so very grateful that she and her signature moccasins walked this earth. Ann, Annie, Tante Ann, Aunt Tan, Ann Grossberg, Ann Arensberg — I loved you very much.

Chloe Arensberg

Washington, D.C.

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In appreciation:

Ann Arensberg

We first met Ann Arensberg at a stodgy gathering which included several impressive people who impressed us as being very impressed with themselves.

Of all these people, Ann was the one who, as a National Book Award winner, had the best reason to be pretentious.

And she had zero pretense about her. She never did.

Ann was erudite and earthy, profound and profane ... frequently in the course of one visit. And she had a laugh that could be heard across a room.

The thing about Ann is she was interested in everything and would interrogate anyone about their lives, jobs, politics, literature, fashion or history ... and, frequently, she might enjoy a bit of gossip. It is what made her such a remarkable writer and, more importantly, such damn good company. We loved her tremendously ... and we'll miss her terribly.

Richard Schlesinger and John Guenther
West Cornwall

In appreciation:

Ann Arensberg

When I heard of Ann's death, I was immediately transported to the memory of her that remains strongest and most immediate. We were at a writer's conference in Miami, Ohio, in the hotel where they put us up. Beyond the work of the conference, she was reading a book of my poems she had recently acquired and had some thoughts about it. She called and told me to come to

her room to discuss. She said she'd be in the bath, but it was fine to come in, said it was her only free time. She was indeed in the bathtub — as if at her desk it seemed to me, at Viking on Madison Avenue. We discussed her edits for awhile and then I left (all edits taken). I miss her already. For the record, it was a bubble bath.

Daniel Halpern
New York City

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When this newspaper made a plea to our readers for support in 2019, The Lakeville Journal Company, publishers of The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and www.tricornernews.com, was at a crossroads. Then, we were looking at drastically cutting costs in order to survive.

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Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

We sincerely ask you to be a Community Contributor, donating whatever you can to support local news, to The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Unlike the last two years, your donations are now tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you for keeping track of your local news in our publications, and profound gratitude for your support that kept The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and www.tricornernews.com here for your communities.

Noreen Doyle

Noreen Doyle, Chair

Janet Manko

Janet Manko, CEO, executive director

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Taconic Hills science students impress with their research

COPAKE — Area residents had the unique privilege of watching rising scientists bring their bright ideas into being last week as the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake hosted two presentations from Taconic Hills High School's Science Research program at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21.

As told by teacher Linda Hopkins, the three-year intensive Taconic Hills High School Science Research program is affiliated with the University at Albany and guides students "through the scientific process with the goal being in-depth authentic scientific research."

In their first year of the course, Hopkins said the students immerse themselves in the scientific literature associated with their chosen topic and gain an in-depth understanding of what makes a sound experimental design. They also reach out to experts in their field to discuss the topic and start to form ideas for their experiments.

With guidance from their advisors and course instructors, students develop detailed research plans in their second year of the course before presenting the plans to the Science Review Committee for approval. After conducting their experiment and collecting data during the



As the culmination of her work with a psychology professor from the University of California on the impact of traumatic brain injury on the development of psychological disorders, Imogen Drake, a senior at Taconic Hills High School, presented her findings on the impact of traumatic brain injury on anxiety development on Friday night, Jan. 21.



A senior at Taconic Hills High School, Ellie Yang chose to study the differences between duckweed grown in a laboratory setting and duckweed grown in the wild for her Science Research program presentation, which also marked her second experiment with the Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program.

spring and summer, students spend the third and final year of the course analyzing their data, writing up their research papers and sharing their results.

As the culmination of her research work with Dr. Clau-

dia Knab-Vispo from the Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program, Taconic Hills senior Ellie Yang shared her findings on the differences between duckweed grown in a laboratory setting and duck-

weed growing in the wild.

A fellow Taconic Hills senior, Imogen Drake presented her findings on the impact of traumatic brain injury on the development of anxiety.

— Kaitlin Lyle



PHOTO BY TIA MAGGIO

Children and adults alike interacted with award-winning author and illustrator Emily Arnold McCully at the Roe Jan Library in Copake on Saturday, Jan. 22, during a special story time that involved developing a story and drawing pictures.

McCully draws patrons to Roe Jan Library

COPAKE — Starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, young readers were treated to a special story time at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library starring Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator Emily Arnold McCully.

Known for her award-winning children's book, "Mirette on the High Wire," McCully taught the young library patrons how illustrations tell a story, using an easel and the children's input to bring a story to life before their very eyes.

Children's Librarian Tia Maggio described how McCully inspired those in attendance to dig into their inner artists and storytellers and get creative.

"We did some drawings," said Maggio, "and she asked the

group to suggest more details to 'tell a story,' and then she drew a gnarly man... the kids said it looked like a pirate... and that he needed a hat, which she added, then a parrot... then a ship... and an island with treasure, etc."

Maggio said McCully also engaged the group's imagination by reading from one of her newer picture books from the comfort of the library's cozy children's section.

Maggio added that the Saturday activity "was lovely; we had about 16 kids and 17 adults."

McCully also showed some of her original art and galleys and spoke about the process of developing her art into a book.

"There was a lot of interaction. It was great fun," said Maggio.

— Whitney Joseph

BOE begins planning for 2022-23 budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Just a few weeks into the new school semester, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) began planning for next year during a budget development presentation by Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Monica LaClair.

The Wednesday, Jan. 19, meeting was held via Zoom at 7 p.m. LaClair outlined her approach, saying, "For me, an annual school budget is a year-round process. It's not something that starts in one month and ends in another."

The budget development goals, she said, should include ensuring the highest quality of teaching and learning for all students; maintaining financial stability; allocating funds to reflect the PPCSD's goals and visions;

and continuing the district's long-term planning.

A month-by-month time line was then presented, starting with a September review of the current school year and ending with an April budget adoption.

As part of the budget development process different factors will be reviewed, including staffing and facilities needs and the impact of program changes and long-range plans.

While reviewing the current budget, LaClair looked for what was spent versus what was budgeted, she took class size/enrollment, high-needs students, transportation requests/repairs and maintenance costs into account.

As a quick budget overview, LaClair reminded the BOE that the 2021-22 budget totaled \$34,175,675, its tax levy totaled \$24,710,043 and its state aid came to \$7,971,758.

For the 2022-23 year, LaClair

reported state aid is uncertain at this point.

"The way our Foundation Aid works is Pine Plains is technically over-funded," she said, "so when Foundation Aid was frozen, it was frozen at a point in time when our enrollment was very high. So as our enrollment decreased, our Foundation Aid did not decrease accordingly."

Moving along, LaClair said the state aid consumer price index (CPI) has been calculated at 2% and the growth factor is 1.0104. That puts the growth factor at the third highest in the county and will allow Pine Plains to increase the tax cap above the state's 2%.

As for expenditures, LaClair factored in inflation, health insurance rates, Employee Retirement System rates, Teacher Retirement System rates and special education costs. She also considered the unsettled

administrator contract and the district's plans to purchase two new buses (which will have to be approved by taxpayers).

"We are in messy, uncertain times," LaClair said, "and I'm learning to embrace the messiness. It may not be pretty, it may not be easy, but everybody I've been working with so far... they've been absolutely wonderful."

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Today, in 2022, we find ourselves entangled in an American healthcare system that is no longer based on medical considerations but instead has adopted a corporate model whose quest for more profits has imperiled our hospital. The pandemic has laid bare the realities of the business style hospital culture. Doctors are overburdened. Nurses are overworked, intimidated by management, causing them to leave. How are they to care for patients in these conditions? In 2021 the CEO of Nuvance, whose compensation was over \$7m, chose to save a mere \$600,000 by closing the ICU. We must not allow this to continue: we are all patients.

Dr. David Kurish has warned us. Services have been eliminated. We are at the 11th hour: our obstetrics unit will close; our intensive care unit will close; and our hospital will become an urgent care center that no longer provides essential services to our communities.

As citizens we must turn to our public officials. It is time for better regulation, time for an intervention.

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Harvey Fierstein at Bard College

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Starting at 8 p.m., Fierstein will talk about his book in a conversation with Justin Vivan Bond held at Bard College's Olin Hall, located at 35 Henderson Circle Drive, Annadales-on-Hudson.

Face masks will be required and guests will be asked for proof of vaccination as they enter the theater.

Tickets are \$38 each and include a signed copy of Fierstein's book.

To purchase tickets, go to www.fishercenter.bard.edu.

For more information, go to www.oblongbooks.com/event.

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Tech Labs teach Google Drive and Doc

COPAKE — Library patrons and local residents are invited to join the Roeliff Jansen Community Library on Zoom on Monday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, for two Tech Labs led by Roeliff Jansen Community Library's tech guru Pam Doran on how to use the applications Google Drive and Google Docs.

The Tech Labs will run from 5:45 to 7 p.m. over Zoom. The

first lab will teach how to store, access and manage files using Google Drive, while the second lab will take a deeper dive into Google Docs and teach how to create, edit and share documents.

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difficult time. In addition to 24-year-old Jenny Yang, the fire claimed the life of 30-year-old Wangdi Tamang, who also lived in the home with the Yang family.

The Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division reported the fire on South Elm Avenue is still under investigation at this time, and division officials are uncertain as to how long the investigation will take.

Yet throughout these last three months, Yang, her family, her employees and her neighbors have had the community's consistent support, with residents contributing what they could to offer comfort.

"I'm so happy she's opening up after the tragic situation," said Rob Cooper of Associated Lightning Rod Company in Millerton. "Everybody has her back, and they will for a long time."

Cooper was among those

who created a GoFundMe page in the wake of the tragedy to help the victims of the fire rebuild their lives.

While the Golden Wok was temporarily closed for business, Railroad Plaza, where the restaurant is located, was a lot less vibrant. Her loyal customers who typically occupied the intimate dining room or waited for their takeout orders in the crowded kitchen on the other side of the business were patient while Yang grieved and felt she was ready to reopen her restaurant.

And while Railroad Plaza's other businesses — including Harney & Sons Tea Shop and Country Gardeners Florist — continued to flourish, the plaza wasn't the same without the alluring aromas of ginger and soy sauce wafting in the air over Main Street.

"I'm just happy to see that

they're open and healing," said Joanne Scasso, owner of Country Gardeners Florist, Golden Wok's neighbor at the plaza.

When she checked in with Yang, Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek was told the restaurant was doing some deep cleaning and moving things around to refresh the space.

Now that Golden Wok is back in action, Najdek said, "I think everyone in the community is happy that they're back at it again and that they're trying to find some normalcy in the wake of a horrific disaster."

After news about the restaurant's reopening broke on social media, the online response was especially enthusiastic. People shared their happiness that Yang appears to be getting back on her feet and encouraged others to support her and her restaurant.

"When businesses are either

closed or open, it impacts the whole fabric of the community, not just the business community," said Millerton Business Alliance head Thorunn Kristjansdottir. "So we're thrilled that Amy and her staff were able to open back up and I hope the community comes out to support them."

"The best of everything for the Golden Wok," Jo-Ann Wilcox said in a post on the "Millerton Amenia Community Forum" Facebook page.

"Good to hear. Bless them all," Lillian Varela-Cerrone said on her post on that page.

Located at 2 Main St., Millerton, Golden Wok is open from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sundays. Call 518-789-9236 or go to www.goldenwokmillertonny.com.

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will continue reporting the news, with the plan that some new reporters will be hired to assist in writing the area's weekly news for The Journal.

There are those who play down what they do, and those who do their best to play it up. Sullivan is in the first category. He is self deprecating and enjoys using humor when it is appropriate in his writing, and life, but do not be fooled. He is extremely knowledgeable about many things, such as but not limited to: fishing, the outdoors, jazz, photography, filmmaking (especially B movies) and literature of all kinds (he wrote two crime noir short stories for a couple of New England Newspaper and Press Association anthologies).

In addition, because of his long-term work on covering small town government meetings for The Journal, he is an

expert about this brand of governing. And, Salisbury School calls on him regularly to help out with their journalism classes. He brings this knowledge and curiosity to his journalism writing, to the benefit of these publications and his readers.

Now, Sullivan will bring all this background to supporting the new Lakeville Journal editor, once found and hired; the Compass editor, Cynthia Hochswender; and Millerton News editor Whitney Joseph. He brings with him an institutional knowledge that is unique in its depth.

The Lakeville Journal is thrilled to have Sullivan in its group, as ever, but especially now to have him taking on a wider role. In addition to working with the editors weekly, he will work with new reporters, and with interns when they pass through in the summertime, to have them learn the ropes of community weekly news.

While Sullivan may have written this better (well, he certainly would have) it may not have had the same sense of appreciation for him that this lesser writer brings to it.

Thanks to Sullivan for sticking with these small publications and for taking on these new roles. You as readers will only benefit.

—Janet Manko

NURSES *Continued from Page A1*

they've also done clinics at other sites around the region, including at Millbrook and Dutchess Day Schools.

Reflecting on their success getting the community inoculated through these local clinics, Mahmood said, "Obviously we want as many vaccines injections into people's arms as we can, and we have seen the difference in these clinics. People have come for the first and second doses... These people are being convinced that they have to do this, which is encouraging."

From her perspective as the

coordinator behind the clinics, Bartles said, "It's very satisfying because there are a lot of older people for whom getting to Poughkeepsie for a clinic or dealing with the appointment software and things like that is pretty intimidating, so it's been satisfying because we know we're helping the people who need it who wouldn't necessarily get some place else easily."

On top of thanking her team members for their efforts, Bartles gave thanks to Mahmood for his invaluable work in securing and distributing the vaccines.

She also thanked PPCSD Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler and his staff for making arrangements and setting up the clinics at the high school campus.

"Our partnership with the Pine Plains Pharmacy makes these critical vaccines conveniently available to our residents and our students," Handler said. "We are pleased to offer our facility to support this effort."

Though the clinics have been running smoothly so far, Mahmood pointed out that each clinic has only a three-hour window in which it can run, during which

time those running the clinics must get everyone vaccinated.

"Mostly we've been doing OK, but we need help," Mahmood said. That's why organizers are reaching out the public now.

Regarding requirements, Mahmood said volunteers are needed who are currently registered as nurses who can spare three hours at the clinics.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Bartles at 518-398-7568 or the Pine Plains

Pharmacy at 518-398-5588.

The next Pine Plains COVID-19 vaccine clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School cafeteria, and will offer the Moderna and Pfizer versions of the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot to children and adults.

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with an office in Millerton and a shop in Wassauc.

The Duncans are a well-known and well-loved 40-something couple with long ties to the Harlem Valley community.

One of the company's caretaking responsibilities includes digging graves.

Early on that chilly morning, as luck would have it, Frank said, "I had to go out because I was digging a grave at the cemetery that morning... I was going south on Route 22."

Although he had no fire-fighting experience, Frank said he sensed something was wrong when he saw the home belonging to Golden Wok restaurant owner Amy Yang.

"The smoke was just becoming visible over the roof," described Frank. "It appeared to be discolored standard smoke from the chimney, something of that nature, and I drove up when I saw from the side of the house that it wasn't normal."

He said he feared a fire and immediately dialed 9-1-1.

"Obviously at 7:45 in the morning, I don't know if people are inside, so I'm assuming people are inside sleeping and I did my best to wake people up," said Frank. "The smoke and flames started very rapidly from there. I tried to get entrance into the house."

He did so by grabbing some 2-by-4 pieces of lumber that were piled up on the deck, which later just became more kindling, fueling the flames.

Frank said he tried frantically to get inside, running back and forth, to no avail. The front door was locked and "all the windows were totally blacked out."

Then, he said, he "heard a very rhythmic tap, it was very faint, but rhythmic. I went around the side of the house and heard it better, and realized somebody was stuck inside. I had no way of gaining access."

Thinking quickly, Frank grabbed a larger 16-foot 2-by-8 piece of lumber and said he was able to "swing it sideways" onto the deck.

"I was able to break the window on the frame," he said. "At that point, Amy became visible to see, barely through the smoke, and I was able to get her to come down; she slid down the piece of lumber."

Just this week, Yang shared publicly for one of the very first times how grateful she is for Frank saving her life.

"He's very nice, he's very gentle, a gentleman," she said. "I think so much of him, he's so caring. When I was in [an] emergency, he was there too. In my heart I thank him so much."

Frank said he believes another man who works at the Millerton Post Office also came to aid in the rescue efforts.

Frank said he asked Mrs. Yang, whom he had just rescued, if there was anyone else in the two-story home. She said she thought her daughter, Jenny, was also home.

That was when a truck driver arrived with a ladder he found nearby; they tried to climb in a bedroom window. Frank said the house was just too far gone to get inside.

"At that point, the smoke and flames were coming up the ladder, I couldn't get access," he said. "It was very hot and very smoky, but I thought we did as much as we could... I never entered the house, we never gained access — it was too involved."

Frank said he was amazed at how the house became fully engulfed within a matter of minutes.

"It literally progressed from, you could see there was a fire to it was fully involved in 6 or 7 minutes," he said. "From the time I called it in to the time the fire chief arrived 6 or 7 minutes later, it went from basically smoke to fully involved."

More than 50 volunteer fire-fighters from companies around the region responded to the house fire on South Elm Avenue (Route 22), with the Millerton Fire Company taking the lead under the direction of Chief Jason Watson.

It turned out that Yang's daughter Jenny Yang, 24, was at home, but no one could get to her in time, nor could they rescue another resident inside, Wangdi Tamang, 30. Sadly both perished in the house fire.

The Yang home was totally destroyed in the blaze and became an immediate safety hazard; it was demolished later that day.

Frank returned to the scene later in the day with his landscaping company to help assist the Millerton Fire Company and the county's fire investigation team with clean up and recovery. He said it wasn't easy.

"Yes, it was difficult, to be honest," he said. "I think, and I even said to the fire company, not just the North East Fire District, but to every company and person

involved, I think they did just an amazing job. They literally had the fire put out in minutes. The beauty about it was the fact that they provided a lot of closure; they did a remarkable job."

The members of the Dutchess County Legislature think Frank also did a remarkable job, and on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, they honored him with an award for his bravery.

Chair of the Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) signed the certificate honoring Frank, which noted his "heroic actions resulted in the saving of a life," and called him an "inspiration."

Pulver later told this newspaper how he feels about those who place other people's safety above their own. He said Millerton is lucky to have such a citizen live in its midst.

"Frank exemplifies what a good neighbor truly is," said Pulver. "His quick-thinking and courage aided Amy in her time of need. Without him, a terrible situation would have been even worse. We owe a debt of gratitude to Frank. I have a lot of faith in our community; together we are strong."

Amiee said she is incredibly proud of her husband, and thankful he was able to get out of the fire safely himself.

"Frank is a very humble person, he's not going talk about it... He's a man of few words," she said, noting it was difficult just to get him to attend the ceremony in Poughkeepsie. "I said, no, you're going! Although, I think it was probably pretty traumatic for him, too."

"I had people tell me it was a miracle he didn't catch on fire because he was in the flames... I think he was just standing there, just in a daze, just shocked," added his amazed wife. "He tried to keep fighting the fire. He did tell me, 'The front door was locked, I tried to get in and kept ramming it, pushing it, kicking it.' He told me, 'Am, if I got that front door open I never would have gotten out alive.'"

Amiee said the whole incident for her was "Scary. I think it's one of those 'Come to Jesus' moments. It puts things into perspective for you, and realigns your priorities in life. What in the hell would I ever do if something happened to him? I don't know. I would be lost."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Team.

Traveling from Rhinebeck, Elaine Aierstok and her son Aiden, 17, received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a COVID vaccination clinic held in the Stissing Mountain High School gymnasium early last May.



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Milestones in Business


January is traditionally the month during which business owners reflect on the year that is past, and the year that is to come, trying to get a good handle on the economic future. This year, extraordinary in so many ways, has continued to be a challenge for all businesses, but especially small businesses, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting slow economic recovery. Yet, small businesses are an extremely important part of what makes the economy in the Tri-state region work. So, we are focusing this month, as we have for years at this time, on the businesses in our area that would

like our readers to know when they were founded, or some other milestone they feel is significant.


They are mainly what the U.S. Small Business Administration defines as "small" - but together they have real and very meaningful influence on the region's fiscal health. We salute all those who have maintained their businesses and organizations through the pandemic, and only hope for their continued success beyond.

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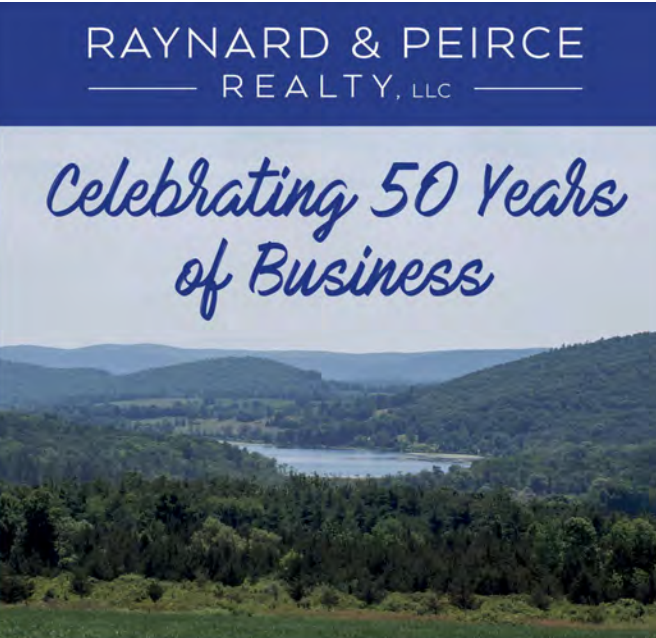


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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

BLUES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Those Good Shepherds of Classic Blues: Hot Tuna Returns

This year has already been marked with the deaths of many beloved entertainers and public figures (up to and including the death of fashion icons Andre Leon Talley and Thierry Mugler and spiritual guide Thich Nhat Hanh).

Rather than just finding it all depressing, there is a carpe diem message here: S seize the day and if you've ever wanted to see someone perform a live show, now is the time. For many of us, the musicians we love the most are aging out. Buy those tickets, see that show.

Since we're dwelling on death anyway: Most venues are requiring that you have proof of vaccines, and many shows are being canceled at the last minute.

There seems to be hope that the worst of omicron will be over by the end of January. Certainly (is any-



PHOTO FROM AMAZON.COM

Jorma Kaukonen, 81, and Jack Casady, 77, no longer look the way they did on this album cover for Hot Tuna from 1998, but their voices and playing still sound as sweet.

thing certain anymore?) a show in April should be safe. Worst case, you'll get a refund.

The particular performance I'm steering you toward is scheduled

for Saturday, April 30, at Infinity Hall in Hartford, Conn. On stage will be aging but still legendary acoustic and electric blues performers Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady,

who came together as teens, then helped create the original Jefferson Airplane and have continued to sing and play under the name Hot Tuna.

In Chicago, where I come from, the most authentic blues musicians always seemed to be the ones who were the most aged, who had seen a bit of life and whose voices had developed a whisky rasp. Jorma's voice remains velvety, whether he's singing the entire blues canon (much of it from the Rev. Gary Davis) or telling funny stories. And these two fingerpickers remain fit, fast and flexible on the strings.

Don't miss them while you have the chance. Tickets are \$60 to \$85. Get information, watch a YouTube video of a Hot Tuna performance of "Good Shepherd" and pick your seats at www.infinityhall.com.

MUSEUMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

How Paul Ramunni Spells Love: 'Accordion'

It's almost Valentine's Day, the time of year when we all think of accordion music!

Well, perhaps that's not completely true. The February holiday is a time to think of true love, and one love that no one can doubt is the love that retired accountant and Salisbury resident Paul Ramunni feels for his impressive and large collection of accordions (which he also plays).

Ramunni now has his accordion museum and shop in a building that also was a love of his life — and, as is often the case with deep love, it was also the source of a significant

heartbreak. Ramunni and partner Ross Granan owned the historic one-time railway depot in North Canaan, Conn., at the time of the massive arson fire that essentially destroyed the building.

At that time, in 2001 (a month after the terror attacks of Sept. 11), the financially sensible choice for Ramunni and Granan would have been to knock down the remaining timbers of the L-shaped structure.

But they just couldn't do it, in part because the depot had been so much a central part of life and identity in North Canaan. Eventually, ownership of

the depot was transferred to the Connecticut Railroad Historical Association, a local volunteer nonprofit; and the depot was slowly (so slowly) rebuilt.

It is now complete, and is the home of the popular Great Falls Brewing Company. And Ramunni has returned to his beloved old building, with his beloved collection of old accordions.

There is a sale of the instruments going on now — and coming up is a Valentine's week open house from Thursday, Feb. 10, through Sunday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The museum has two

rooms with more than 400 accordions from around the world dating back to 1829. Take a tour through musical history, and sign up for lessons if you feel inspired (there is a Beginner's Accordion Playing Package that will be offered at 15% off during the Valentine open house).

There will be various performances including — of course — love song mini-concerts!

Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Face masks are requested. Go to www.neacmc.com or contact Ramunni at 860-833-1374 or ramunni@comcast.net.



PHOTO BY MADELINE SCHWARTZMAN

Madeline Schwartzman, disguised as a literal Laurel Queen, in a photo that is part of a show of her work called "Face Nature" at the Berkshire Botanical Garden.

THIS IS YOUR FACE, ON NATURE

If you were only to see the photos in Madeline Schwartzman's new show at the Berkshire Botanical Society, called "Face Nature," you might think she's a very talented local with a quirky vision of one woman's relationship with nature.

In fact, although she has a connection with the Berkshires, Schwartzman is a New York City resident and a person of many parts: Filmmaker, architect, experimental video maker, teacher at Barnard and the Parsons School of Design.

Much of her work is about identity and

especially about the human form (and specifically the human head).

This particularly playful collection of her work shows a human face decorated/camouflaged/disguised/enhanced by moss, lichens, flowers, branches, bark and more.

You can see the images online at www.madelineschwartzman.com.

Or come visit them at the Leonhardt Galleries at Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, Mass., Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is up until Feb. 25.

— Cynthia Hochswender

WORKS BY ALTEMUS, MCKEE AT D.M. HUNT

A show of art by Marsha Altemus of Falls Village, Conn., and Roger McKee of Lakeville, Conn., is on display until March 11 on the ArtWall at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village. The artists will also do a Zoom talk on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Altemus is self taught

and works in mediums that range from pastels to weaving.

McKee's work is equally diverse, encompassing intaglio printmaking, monotypes, artist's books, assemblage pieces — and boats. Educated at Wesleyan University, Pratt Institute and MIT, he is an art instructor of drawing, printmaking, woodworking and (yes) boat building at Salisbury School (where he is also an alumnus and former art department chair).

A verdant pastel by Marsha Altemus at the D.M. Hunt Library reminds us that it was once summer and it will be once again.



PHOTO FROM MARSHA ALTEMUS



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DINING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Delicious Dinners in COVID-safe Conditions at Stagecoach Tavern

A few years back, I was the hostess at the Stagecoach Tavern on Undermountain Road/Route 41 in Sheffield, Mass., one of the truly most fun jobs I've ever had (and they give you dinner!). One of the signature delights of the Stagecoach was and continues to be owner David Rothstein, who has as many tales to tell as the days are long.

Some of those tales relate to the history of the old tavern; David would dine at the bar most week-end evenings and if a tavern guest asked me for the history of the building, the basics of the story would remain the same but the details would sometimes shift, not in a mendacious way but in the way a good comedian or storyteller adapts the tale to suit the audience. I heard the history dozens of times and never got bored with it.

David himself is a

The service is friendly, the food is delicious, there's always a good bartender mixing up fun cocktails.

story, with chapters that involve his years working as architect Louis Kahn's model maker, his years as a teacher of architecture at Columbia University in NYC, and his years as a jazz and rock and folk music impresario at the helm of the famous Music Inn, across the road from Tanglewood.

David is a creator and a visionary — and he actually gets quite a few things done. But they shift over time, depending on what's caught his attention.

Enter David's son, Casey Meade Rothstein-Fitzpatrick, whose multilayered name gives you a sense of the many loving people who contributed to the upbringing of this spiritual, lovely, excellent new general manager of the Rothstein family's two enterprises: The Racebrook Lodge and the Stagecoach Tavern.

The Stagecoach has al-

ways been fun and historic and picturesque and often delicious. There has been music, there have been wild parties, there have been quiet, romantic, cozy evenings near the fireplace at the bar.

But under Casey's management, there has also been greater consistency in addition to that wonderful Rothstein family creativity. For a while there, it felt like the restaurant's culinary direction would change each time a new chef started (and chefs, as we know, can be transient).

With Casey at the bat, the menu is consistently a mix of farm-to-table sophisticated country cooking that nods to the tavern's history as an English-style pub. The new chef, as of December, is Jesse Holmes.

Casey has also been reconfiguring space in the multi-room eatery, and

has found a way to turn the rambling building into the perfect place to dine out safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Stagecoach is made up of cozy nooks. Pre-COVID, Casey had created little private dining rooms. During the pandemic, he has tested out different dining protocols that have included small tables perched along the shores of the Race Brook, out back.

His latest innovation has been to use fabric to separate the dining areas into airy little havens that are reminiscent of childhood tent forts.

The service is friendly, the food is delicious, there's always a good bartender mixing up fun cocktails. In winter, a fire burns steadily in the fireplace at the center of the room. And if you want to hear that night's history of the tavern, you can often find David dining at the bar at around 7 p.m. (no promises).

For information and reservations, go to <https://rbldge.com/> or call 413-229-2916. Dinner service is Thursday through Sunday.

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Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org

Winter Watercolor, Jan. 5 to 26.

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

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Michael Goldman on translating Tove Ditlevsen's Copenhagen Trilogy, Jan. 27, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org

James B. Flaherty: "Dear Old Friends", Jan. 29, 11 a.m. (online).

Oblong Books & Music, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com

Oblong Online Book Launch: Kelly Braffet, THE BROKEN TOWER, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. (online).

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org

Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Feb. 12, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

KIDS

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

NEW PARENTS GALLERY TALK, Feb. 4, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center, 38 Curtis Road, Washington, Conn. www.iaismuseum.org

Snow Snake Workshop, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm.org

Zoom, Draw & Read with Jan Brett! (Via Zoom), Feb. 12, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

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Folk and Baroque Concert, Feb. 26, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

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The Sound of Spring: A Chinese New Year Concert WITH THE ORCHESTRA NOW, Jan. 28.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org

GET THE LED OUT: A Celebration of "The Mighty Zep", Jan. 28, 8 p.m.

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The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

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MILLBROOK

School district shares the results of the gazebo survey

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — During this bleak and very cold winter, thoughts of a gazebo are probably far from one's mind. Yet there it sits, the well-know gazebo on Elm Drive in Millbrook, withstanding another season of ice and snow, with its future still undecided. When a mailer went out to citizens mentioning the possible demolition of the garden structure, many were alarmed at the prospect. One person, Ashley Lempke, began the FRIENDS of the Gazebo movement. A survey was distributed last October by the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD), which owns the gazebo and the land on which it sits, before the FRIENDS was formed. It received more than 100 replies — pro, con and in-between. On Dec. 21, 2021, the school district shared the repair esti-

mate and survey results with Lempke, who now chairs the FRIENDS movement. The price for demolishing the gazebo was estimated at \$7,800. One wry comment made in the survey reportedly said that was too high. "Get the fire department to burn it down; \$7,800 to demolish it? Ridiculous!" Others suggested volunteers could just tear it down. But some asked what would replace the gazebo if it was demolished. One suggested benches for the tennis court nearby. Another idea suggested a "butterfly garden." There were some concerns about its safety, although it is taped off to the public. The MCSD is maintaining the gazebo during the winter; it is currently in a state of disrepair. Several comments were made about its historical sig-

nificance; it's stood for a very long time and has been an important part of many local residents' lives. One resident recalled that her daughter had gotten engaged in the gazebo; another recounted his school band giving a performance there. Many remembered playing there as children. "It is an iconic structure in the neighborhood. It can be found in countless photographs over generations," read one survey. "As much as any structure in Millbrook it speaks of another time in the village of Millbrook where I've lived for 70 years. Preserve our past, Restore the Gazebo." Yet another survey read, "The gazebo is an integral part of Millbrook's history and should be saved at all costs. Please don't take this treasured icon of our childhood away... it's not JUST a gazebo, it's a part of all of our

childhoods. There is ALWAYS a way... let's find it and stop erasing everything from our dearly loved village of years ago!" Another respondent wrote, "A restored and repurposed Bennett property, Thorne building and, to complete the trifecta, a restored Millbrook Gazebo. Perfect!" The comments were divided on whether the MCSD should repair or replace the gazebo. Some said a prefab gazebo would be acceptable while others strongly rejected that idea. The estimate given by local contractor J.P. Woods came to nearly \$53,000, which included the removal of much of the damaged structure, the pouring of a new concrete slab and repairing the existing stonework. All of the rotten wood would have to be removed and replaced, the roof would be jacked up and replaced with new wood and shingles, and then painted. New posts, handrails and balusters would also be installed, according to the estimate.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The village gazebo is in limbo at the moment. Owned by the Millbrook Central School District, the community is trying to figure out if the aging and failing structure is worth saving or if it would make more sense to tear it down.

Altice asks for contract renewal at virtual TOW public hearing

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — A public hearing was held on Thursday, Jan. 13, immediately following the Town of Washington (TOW) re-organization meeting, and before the regular January Town Board meeting. The purpose of the required hearing was to discuss whether the town should renew its contract with Altice to continue to provide its residents with cable television service. Altice Director of Government Affairs John Dullaghan attended the Zoom meeting, which drew about 16 residents who shared their opinions on the level of service they believe Altice currently provides. Most town residents who spoke at the virtual hearing did not appear pleased with the cable company's service. Complaints were lodged concerning the high cost of service, poor reliability, poor communications when problems arise and difficulties reaching the company in times of crisis. TOW residents who complained said in this current time, during the coronavirus pandemic when so many people are working from home or attending school virtually and relying on the internet, the lack of good access to the internet

is a major problem. Concerns were raised that service is often unstable and wavers in and out of connectivity — sometimes town residents said they have no service at all. Of those who spoke at the Jan. 13 public hearing, some of the Altice customers said they also felt that the services the cable company provide are over-priced, especially considering that service is often interrupted when there is inclement weather and can be disrupted for long periods of time. Dullaghan listened to all of the complaints and other statements that were submitted during the public hearing, acknowledging that Altice struggles with certain challenges as all cable companies do. When the Town Board was asked why the town's cable service provider must be Altice, the answer was simple: Central Hudson owns the service poles, but the cable lines belong to Altice. To have another company serve the town would mean a new company would have to come in and install new cable lines in the town of Washington. Because this is a rural area with a small population, that would be a hugely expensive project, and simply not financially feasible for most companies to attempt. Dullaghan announced that improvements are slated within

the Altice company, and that as early as 2023 Altice will be applying for a permit to install a fiber optic system. He said converting to fiber optic will cause some major upheavals while the conversion is in progress. In the meantime, he said that there is a full staff ready to help with service and service calls, including students who are working remotely from home. As a show of faith, Dullaghan also gave those at the hearing his cell phone number and his e-mail address so they can get in touch directly with him. Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri likewise shared his cell phone number to those present. The town's current contract with Altice runs out on Tuesday, Jan. 25, but there's an agreement to keep service in place until the town can sign a renewal, most likely in February. Legal notices were published inviting other companies in the territory to bid for the town's cable contract, but the town didn't receive any replies, according to Town Clerk Mary Alex. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. The village of Millbrook also gets its cable service from Altice; it signed a contract with the cable provider on June 23, 2015, for a 10-year period (previously the village had contracted with Altice for a 15-year term).

Some respondents thought restoring the gazebo would be a good senior project for students at Millbrook High School, while others thought it could be a good community project. Many respondents didn't seem to care what is done with the structure as long as it doesn't raise taxes. Most of those concerned about the cost suggested getting multiple bids. The MCSD discussed the ga-

zebo at its BOE meeting on Dec. 21 and agreed to get another estimate following an assessment from its engineers and architect. The board added it would like the FRIENDS to see how any fundraising efforts might go, and will discuss how it would be able to accept any funds raised as the project goes forward. Lempke reported on a Monday, Jan. 10, MCSD school

board meeting in an e-mail to the FRIENDS group, writing, "They would like the FRIENDS to start raising the funds for the Gazebo restoration ASAP." She said she plans to set up a FRIENDS meeting to review the best next steps and begin brainstorming fundraising ideas. Those who would like to get involved in the Save the Gazebo effort should go to www.millbrookgazebo.com.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Library offers kids Robotics Club

The Millbrook Library is offering a Robotics Club, with six Wonder Workshop Cue Robots. The six-week course requires participants to bring their own smart phone or tablet, and they must commit to all six sessions. The Robotics Club begins on Wednesday, Feb. 3, runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and is for ages 10 through 14. For more information, go to www.millbrooknylibrary.org or call 845-677-2099. The library is located at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

MillBook Club

A MillBook Club begins on Friday, Jan. 26, with the first book being, "Bear Town," by Frederick Backman. It's a story of a boys' hockey team in a small Swedish village, and tells of the repercussions when a young girl is traumatized as the result of a violent action. Pick up a copy of the book from the library at 3 Friendly Lane. For more information, go to www.millbrooknylibrary.org or call 845-677-2099. The library is located at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

Learn how to cook Indian food... yum!

The Millbrook Library will present a virtual Indian Cooking Class with Holly Shelowitz. Details about recipes and ingredients will be sent upon registration, along with the Zoom link. The Zoom class will be on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, go to www.millbrooknylibrary.org or call 845-677-2099. The library is located at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

Make cocoa kits

Make Hot Cocoa on a Stick, with a library take home project; adult supervision is required. Pick up kits at the library on Monday, Jan. 31. For details, go to www.millbrooknylibrary.org. The library is at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT 2022

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May 1 to May 31 - 4% (percent) penalty; June 1 until settlement with County Treasurer, 5% (percent). In addition, after May 15, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Amenia will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the 1st day of June. Dated December 28, 2021. Dawn Marie Klingner Collector of taxes of the Town of Amenia 01-20-22 01-27-22

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on February 3, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Amenia shall adopt a proposed Local Law known as Local Law No. of 2022, entitled "A Local Law to Change the Grievance Day for

Assessments". PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose of this proposed Local Law is to change the date for Grievance Day from the fourth Tuesday in May to the first Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town website at www.ameniany.gov. Dated: Amenia, New York January 6, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK 01-27-22

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday. Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039 Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.



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EDITORIAL

A true hero, honored for his actions

It is so refreshing to be able to dedicate this editorial space to something, or someone, and simply give credit for a job well done. In this case, a job incredibly well done. We could even say, a job worthy of a superhero status.

We are writing about Millerton's own local superhero, Frank Duncan, who is probably blushing as he reads this. Frank is "a man of few words," as described by his wife, Amiee. Those who have the pleasure of knowing or working nearby him would likely agree (including this editor, whose former Millerton News office was adjacent to the Duncans' Northwest Lawn & Landscaping Maintenance office on Century Boulevard in Millerton for more than a decade).

Why is Frank worthy of the superhero title? For starters, on a chilly Saturday morning on Nov. 6 of last year, he was driving to a local cemetery, all set to dig a grave as part of his work for the day. But then Frank saw smoke and immediately pulled his truck off Route 22. Running into danger, unconcerned about his own safety, he attempted to break down the door of a home quickly becoming engulfed in flames. His only thought was to save anyone who may have been inside.

Because although Frank is not a firefighter — and has never been trained in emergency services — he is one of those types of people who thinks of others before he thinks of himself.

When interviewed, Frank said he knew at just before 8 in the morning, people were likely still asleep in bed, possibly caught inside as the smoke quickly turned to flames.

He had called 9-1-1 first. Then, after trying unsuccessfully to break down the locked front door, he ran around the house and tried to enter another way, but with no luck.

That's when he heard a steady, rhythmic tapping on a window, black with smoke. He then knew for certain there was someone trapped in the home, trying to escape.

Thinking quickly, Frank grabbed a nearby piece of lumber from the deck. With all his might, he swung that hunk of wood up to the second-floor bedroom window until it shattered.

Frank said he then saw homeowner Amy Yang, who was able to grab hold of the slab and slide down to safety.

By then, others also came to help with the rescue efforts. Although it was only a few minutes later, at which time the Millerton Fire Company had swiftly arrived, the house had become a complete inferno.

Frank noted he was unable to ever enter the home, and if he had, he likely never would have made it out alive.

Sadly, Yang's 24-year-old daughter, Jenny, and another resident, 30-year-old Wangdi Tamang, were inside the burning building and unable to get out safely. Both died in the fire.

The Millerton Fire Company fought the flames bravely under Fire Chief Jason Watson's direction; the fire was one of the company's rare fatalities. The deaths were undoubtedly traumatic to process for those 50-volunteer firefighters from around the region who battled the blaze.

Imagine how devastating it must have been for Frank, a civilian, who quietly left the scene once the firefighters arrived for fear of getting in their way.

Frank even returned later that day with his work crew to help assist the Millerton Fire Company and the county's fire investigation team with clean up and recovery. He said it was difficult. We can only imagine.

But those are the types of things a superhero does, without comment, without complaint and without asking for thanks — none of which Frank has done. He has been beyond humble since the incident unfolded.

Yet somehow the Dutchess County Legislature got wind of his actions. Last week, on Tuesday, Jan. 18, it deemed his bravery so outstanding that it bestowed him with an award — how very well deserved.

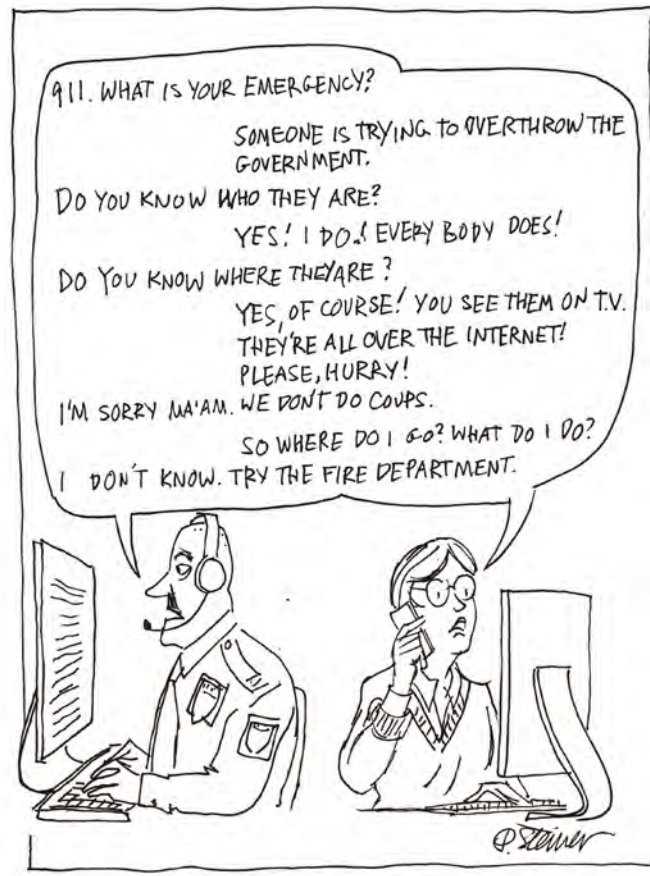
The certificate reads: "In honor of your heroic actions on Nov. 6, 2021, at the 2nd Alarm Structure Fire at 5902 South Elm Avenue, which resulted in the saving of a life. Your service to our community has helped countless people and you serve as an inspiration to every member."

It was signed by Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) of Pine Plains. There are probably few items that go before that legislative body so swiftly agreed upon; we bet this was one of them, and understand why.

Congratulations, Frank. Thank you for your bravery, your service and your selflessness to our community.

Thank you, too, to everyone else who jumped into action that fateful day and helped with the rescue efforts, including our fearless firefighters and the un-named heroes who helped make sure more people didn't perish during that tragic fire on South Elm Avenue.

It's nice to know superheroes do exist. To read more of Frank's story, check out this week's Front Page.



Words of wisdom from explorers who know

Explorers take many shapes and forms. Some explorers push environmental boundaries — "where no man has gone before. [i]" — others push the boundaries of knowledge and experience — "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. [ii]" — and many, even back in pre-history, break technological barriers to experience events and discoveries no human had managed before — "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. [iii]"

Exploration is exactly like magic, revealing the marvels of the unknown. The chance to be the first, perhaps more importantly the chance not to be the last either — these first

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

steps, these first discoveries, these first experiences, these are what make humans a race of beings; a race of beings determined to expand, explore, reveal the wonders all around.

An astronaut I greatly admire, Brewster Shaw, recently gave a lecture in which he likened any young individual's pathway to success as an explorer-to-be. His metaphor was taken from the sailor's need to keep on track, to navigate. Sailors used the North Star to always orientate their way, the North Star was their constant guidepost. So too, someone starting out on the journey of life needs a North Star to keep them on track.

Once a young person decides on a passion, a career or vocational target as a wannabe explorer, they need to apply four steps:

1. Follow your heart. Set your goals and always, always stick to them.
2. Find the opportunities, look for them, seek them out, use them as stepping stones.
3. You have to be competitive always keeping your eye on your personal goal. Others can block your way, so you must find, combat, your way around these obstacles.
4. Share your journey with others. As an explorer your duty is to share with and benefit others. You cannot be a thief hoarding the experience only for yourself, but sharing it allows you — even if you are first — never to be the last.

[i] White House booklet published in 1958, "Introduction to Outer Space."
[ii] Neil Armstrong, July 17, 1969, the Moon.
[iii] Arthur C. Clarke, 1973 revision of Profiles of the Future.

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

Decluttering has been the perfect wintertime activity for eons

GOLDEN LIVING
Todd N. Tancredi

Imagine, for a minute, being a pharaoh in ancient Egypt, planning for a journey into the afterlife.

What would you bring into the tomb for the trip? Keep in mind that even a pharaoh won't have unlimited storage space. King Tutankhamun himself was interred with 50 garments.

That was it for his wardrobe, for all eternity. For somebody laid to rest in a solid-gold coffin, his tomb took up a lot less space than you'd think he could afford, about the same as a small three-bedroom house.

In the 3,300 years since King Tut's day we've learned that we can't take it with us, but too often we forget that as our homes fill up with a little of everything: many things we need, but far more things we don't need.

We've all done it: We're at the supermarket, can't remember whether we needed mustard, so we buy another jar just in case. A decade or two goes by, and now we have 14 jars of mustard.

As we at the Office for the Aging (OFA) have learned, we might not fit the definition of a hoarder, which involves a mental health diagnosis, but still. Why did we

do this? Why did we accumulate so many things we'll never need? Fear is sometimes a factor, as anybody who stocked up on toilet paper and pasta during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic would remember. There's another kind of fear: That you'll throw something away but find out you need it.

This almost never happens, but that "almost" is enough for people to keep that 50-year-old strand of Christmas lights. A desire to hold on to the past is another factor, and seniors have the most past to hold on to, even things they haven't used in decades.

Winter is a great time to declutter. Think of the good things that'll result.

You'll be able to find your important paperwork without having to dig through accumulated junk mail. With fewer things lying around, you'll reduce the risk of injury in a fall. You might even sleep better; a 2015 study by St. Law-

rence University found that people who slept in cluttered bedrooms experienced less restful sleep.

If you haven't decluttered in a while, you might think the task is too much, so break it down into smaller pieces. Set up a decluttering plan that works for you. If you can only manage to declutter one room, one shelf, or even one drawer, that's still progress. If you can only sort out the clothing you need from the clothing you don't, that's still a plus.

Clutter is going to fall into four main categories: recyclables, hazardous materials, things that can be donated and things that need to be thrown away. Your town, city or village government will know more about what can and can't be recycled, and Dutchess County hosts Hazardous Materials Disposal days during the warmer months.

We'll have more decluttering tips in future Golden Living columns. Until then, think twice before buying more mustard.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, who can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or via the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

National Championship is out for mountains

BLEACHER VIEWS
Theodore Kneeland

The mountain may not have come for Muhammad, but in the recent National Championship Game, Alabama must have felt like the mountain not only came for them but rolled over them, sat on them, and generally slid them out of the stadium to the tune of a 33 to 18 Georgia victory.

The mountain took the form of 6'6", 340-pound Jordan Davis, who is termed a defensive tackle but is more like a defensive landslide. The Alabama offensive line had no answer for this fellow, who was, at various times, seen to shift one entire side of that line, break double teams like a nut cracker busting open a walnut, and make the opposing quarterback look like a deer in the sights of a very heavy rifle.

That quarterback, Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young, said after the game that the defeat was, "on me." In reality, what was on him was Davis,

who forced Young into throwing off his back foot and into two interceptions, one for a touchdown, in his worst game of the season.

When Young wasn't bedeviled by Davis, the other defensive linemen were getting to him because Alabama had to double team Davis on every play. That meant that the other three defensive linemen were being blocked one-on-one, giving them a better chance to disrupt play.

The chief beneficiary of that situation was Georgia defensive lineman Devonte Wyatt, who measures a tiny 6'3" and a mere 315 pounds. When Davis couldn't find Muhammad, better known as quarterback Young, Wyatt was

sean making the connection. Alabama was a team built on speed, and in the SEC championship game, that speed was too much for what was considered a poorly conditioned Georgia defense. In the space of the few weeks between the SEC championship game and the national championship game, somehow Georgia got rocky and hard enough to roll the Tide in a direction they didn't want to go.

When the mountain does come for Muhammad, he would be smart to get out of the way and maybe run for his life. There's nothing forgiving about a mountain slide, and Alabama found that out the hard way.

Millerton resident Theodore Kneeland is a former teacher and coach — and athlete — and has been known to move a few mountains himself.

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Get in the flow, switch to low flow showerheads

Dear EarthTalk: What's up with all the debate lately as to the flow allowed in new showerheads?
— Bill G., New York, N.Y.

EARTHTALK
Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss

The shower is a place of rejuvenation and relaxation for many of us, but it is also a big water hog, accounting for roughly 17% of the average U.S. household's water usage. We use a lot less water in our showers nowadays thanks to a Clinton-era law mandating new showerheads sold in the U.S. can't top a flow rate of 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM).

While some showerhead manufacturers tried to circumvent the new restrictions by utilizing multiple nozzles, the federal government eventually revised the legislation (in 2013) to limit entire fixtures to 2.5 GPM.

Dissatisfied with the water pressure in his showers, in December 2020, former President Trump reversed the Obama-era amendment; this restored the

federal limit of 2.5 GPM to be applied to individual nozzles instead of the entire fixture. A shower head with three nozzles could then use 7.5 GPM.

The loophole posed detrimental environmental impacts. Americans take about 200 million showers every day. The Alliance of Water Efficiency estimates under Trump's rule U.S. water usage would increase by 161 billion gallons per year, resulting in more energy use to heat that water, in turn increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), homes that switched out

older less efficient showerheads with newer models have saved some 2,700 gallons of water per year, equating to a savings of 330 kilowatt hours of electricity annually — enough to power an entire house for 11 days. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) estimates the average American household could save \$500 per year on utility bills after switching to low-flow shower heads.

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- Plan, develop, and deliver clear, relevant website content (text, images, graphics, and video) that support the school's goals and users' needs.
- Help to keep the school's website up to date, accurate, and relevant.
- Assist with the website content management system (CMS) including generating lists, preparing distribution groups for html emails, crafting e-communications, managing online forms, and more.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field (design, communications, or web development).
- Strong knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat).
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- Digital photography and video production experience.
- Detail-oriented, creative and proactive problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work some flexible hours for special events.

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