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## Blackman sole candidate to file proper election forms

# Complaint filed against Amenia Strong candidates

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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### Part I

**AMENIA** — Though it's a new year, the residual strain and tension that built up among the nine candidates who ran for the Amenia Town Board last November remains.

With two candidates competing for town supervisor and seven candidates competing for two councilperson seats, the Nov. 2, 2021 General Election in the town of Amenia was even more contentious than usual — and

that's really saying something.

Last year, in order to put its own candidates up against the incumbents and other favored nominees running on the Republican ticket, a group of Amenia residents splintered from the GOP to form their own independent party called Amenia Strong (AS).

As with all political parties, AS was required to file as a political committee and its candidates to file disclosure forms with the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) to keep the process as transparent as possible. It's not only good practice, it's the law.

According to NYSBOE Spokesman

John Conklin, as of Thursday, Jan. 27, he could find no record of AS in his department for the 2021 election cycle.

"If they have not registered a committee with us and disclosed, we would have no way of knowing," he acknowledged.

When asked if he saw Amenia Strong registered as a political committee, he confirmed he did not.

"No, I don't see it," he said.

Conklin looked to see if the party filed the required disclosure forms after a complaint was filed by an Ame-

See **AMENIA STRONG, A6**



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Since Katie Shanley first opened her yoga studio at 5 Main St. in 2017, she's been navigating the challenges of running a business in Millerton and more recently, of doing so during a pandemic.

## Creativity key to making lower Main St. work

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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### Part I

**MILLERTON** — When The Dig announced its intent to close at year's end, the Millerton community was disappointed.

The loss of the not-quite 2-year-old business would mean the disappearance of the cheerful shop that sold everything from basic groceries to local art, fresh smoothies to daily and delicious crepes at its cheerful 3 Main St. space.

Instead, the once-occupied shop would revert back to an empty storefront — always an eyesore when greeting those entering the popular village from Route 22 and turning onto Main Street (Route 44).

That part of lower Main Street is already struggling, with the very tip of the intersection starting with the former Gilmor Glassworks, which closed in 2019.

In 2016, NYC photographer Svend Lindbaek said he had the idea to open Svendale Brewery in that space

See **LOWER MAIN ST., A6**

## Asbestos forces Webutuck grades 7-12 to learn remotely

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**WEBUTUCK** — Though disappointed to learn seventh- through 12th-graders in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) would be switching to remote learning for the next few weeks,

the Board of Education (BOE) addressed asbestos contamination in the Webutuck High School auditorium head-on at its highly anticipated board meeting on Monday, Jan. 24.

More than 80 people tuned into the 7 p.m. Zoom meeting. Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani explained Amenia experienced heavy

winds and below-freezing temperatures a few weeks ago, resulting in a power outage in the district.

The weekend before Monday, Jan. 17, he said Senior Maintenance Manager Walt Kilmer and his crew conducted inspections and identified no visible damage in any of the school buildings apart from some minor issues with its heating. Yet when students returned to classes on Tuesday, Jan. 18, Castellani said Kilmer notified him about the flooding in the high school auditorium.

See **ASBESTOS, A6**

## Will Wassaic woodchuck weigh in on winter?

**WASSAIC** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, best known as Groundhog Day, is the day when one of this furry little fellow's far-distant relatives will decide whether we will have to bear the brunt of another six weeks of Old Man Winter.

Some say only the original Punxsutawney Phil in Punxsutawney, Pa., can predict with any certainty if we are in store for another six weeks of winter, dependent on if his shadow materializes when he makes his annual appearance.

While the groundhog (also often referred to as woodchucks or whistle pigs) above was more than happy to show his face and soak up some sun anywhere he could around Wassaic during warmer weather, he has wisely been hiding out and hibernating



PHOTO BY WHITNEY JOSEPH

**This furry rodent made himself the resident woodchuck in a Wassaic neighborhood this past summer, enjoying daily sunbaths and multiple meals munching on green grass and colorful gardens.**

for many months since then.

We hope that we will see him sooner rather than later — and along with his furry face — the sun.

— Whitney Joseph

## Breast cancer roundtable tells tales of survivorship in the Harlem Valley

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**HUDSON VALLEY** — Even as the health community struggles to keep COVID cases at bay — with a new Omicron variant recently introducing itself, virus numbers are on the decline yet as of last week the country is still at its highest rate since the pandemic began. That's why women throughout the region are being reminded of the urgency of keeping on top of their own health and that the risks for breast cancer have not gone away.

That critical message was repeated at a virtual breast cancer roundtable organized by the Miles of Hope Breast Can-

cer Foundation and Nuance Health on Monday, Jan. 24.

The online roundtable went live at 1 p.m. via the "Nuance Health" Facebook page. Welcoming women and men alike, Miles of Hope Board Chairman Brian Powers moderated, outlining Miles of Hope's mission to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the Hudson Valley's nine counties.

### Roundtable participants

Each of the roundtable's four panelists — including New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) and Nuance Health oncologists Susan Boolbol, Lisa Curcio and Radhika Rachamalla — introduced

themselves and shared how breast cancer has personally affected their lives.

In the next 50 minutes, Powers relayed questions about breast cancer screenings, risks, survivorship and other topics to the four speakers.

### Mammogram basics

Acknowledging the controversy and confusion around what age people should start getting mammograms, Boolbol said it all depends on a person's risk.

For "average risk people," Boolbol said start getting mammograms at age 40 annually.

The first question every man or wom-

See **BREAST CANCER, A6**



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# MILLERTON

## NECC, Wassaic Project get Dutchess County APG funding

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MILLERTON — Helping local organizations start 2022 on stronger financial footing, Dutchess County announced late last month that a total \$1.5 million in awards was given to 34 local programs as part of its Agency Partner Grant (APG) program, including the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton.

The APG program “provides funding opportunities to local 501(C)3 nonprofit organizations on a biennial basis through a competitive grant process based on an organization’s ability to demonstrate they fulfill an unmet community need,” explained Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro’s office.

Entering its 10th year, the county received 41 APG applications requesting more than \$2 million in funding.

With support from the Dutchess County Legislature, a total of \$1.5 million



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Among the funding it received through Dutchess County’s Agency Partner Grant program, the North East Community Center in Millerton received a \$40,739 grant award for its year-round Comprehensive Out of School Time program to provide school and summer enrichment activities for students enrolled in the Webutuck school district.

was allocated in the county’s 2022 budget for APG grants. A portion were designated for library programming through the Dutchess Reads program.

Featured among the programs that received monies was NECC, which received three grants, two of which were allocated to its popular youth development programs and one of which was allo-

cated to support of a variety of it much-used food access programs.

**APG grants broken down**  
NECC received a \$45,099 grant award for its Community Partnership with Schools and Business program, a paid internship program for local youths and young adults that previously received county funding on multiple occa-



Through Dutchess County’s Agency Partner Grant program, the North East Community Center in Millerton received a \$35,010 grant award to provide a variety of nutritional Food Access Programs to the local community, including a Summer Food Service Program, youth food access internship opportunities and two community gardens.

sions.  
A \$35,010 grant award was given to NECC so it could continue to offer a variety of local nutritional Food Access Programs, including a Summer Food Service Program, youth food access internship opportunities and two community gardens.

Lastly, NECC received \$40,739 grant for its year-round Comprehensive Out of School Time program, which provides after school and summer enrichment activities for students enrolled in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District.

NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent expressed gratitude for the grants.

“This support is essential to enabling us to continue to offer these programs,” she said. “This support also demonstrates the investment being made in the people of the northeastern area of Dutchess County by our county executive, Marc Molinaro, and our County Legislature. The many issues that challenge our rural area have only grown greater during the pandemic, and these three areas these grants

and their support represent some of those most vital challenges: food access and support for our children and teens.”

Sergent also thanked the county for supporting the local community in other essential ways, highlighting its provision of COVID-19 test kits and its vaccination outreach efforts.

“We are grateful to serve in partnership with the county, and look forward to continuing our partnership serving this area in every way possible,” she said.

### APG grant for The Wassaic Project

Just a few miles south, tucked away in the tiny hamlet of Wassaic, the arts collab-

orative known as The Wassaic Project was another recipient of this year’s APG program, totaling \$26,895.

The Wassaic Project received the award for its JV and Varsity Arts Club after school enrichment program.

According to Molinaro’s office, the program geared toward providing middle and high school students in the Webutuck, Pine Plains, Millbrook and Dover school districts offers the ideal opportunity “to develop technical, artistic, problem-solving and soft skills, while empowering youth to organize group performances and offer community workshops and events for peers and younger students.”

The Wassaic Project Co-Executive Director Jeff Barnett-Winsby said he was thankful for the funding.

“We are thrilled the county recognizes and supports the exciting things happening in Amenia and Wassaic, and the significant need for additional after school programming,” he said. “The Junior Varsity and Varsity Art Clubs promise to provide access to arts education and out-of-school infrastructure for Webutuck middle and high school students, as well as technical, professional and social-emotional skills, consistent adult mentorship, and a safe and inclusive community within which students can learn, explore and grow over the long-term.”

## Millerton Library adds local art to permanent collection

MILLERTON — A recently completed plein air oil painting of an old barn at 144 Skunks Misery Road in Millerton has just joined the permanent art collection of the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) thanks to the generosity of its creator, Richard Bazelow. A Claverack resident, Bazelow is a member of The Oil Painters of America and Columbia County Plein Air Artists.

The plein air technique means the artwork was made in the outdoors as opposed to in a studio, and allowed Bazelow to capture the colorful aspects of the old farm in its autumnal glory.

He created the work as a means of documenting the changing landscape of the area.

According to NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, it is now only the second representation of a local subject, the other being a Millerton house.

“We have a body of donated work including a small number etchings, drawings, acrylics and oils that has been collected over the years, and it is always nice to have something new,” said Leo-

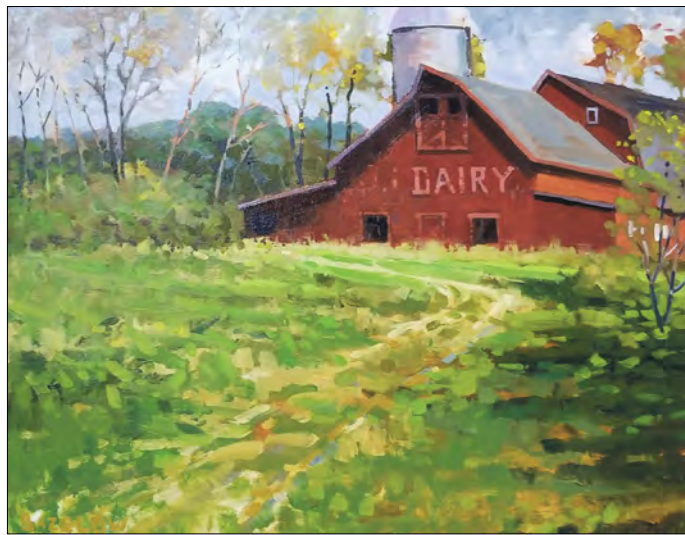


PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Claverack artist Richard Bazelow donated a painting of a barn off of Skunks Misery Road in Millerton to the North-East Millerton Library’s permanent art collection. The painting may be viewed by patrons now as it is currently on display.

Jameson.

She added the library’s permanent collection includes one piece by the late Peter Helck, a local artist known for depicting car races.

In order to introduce the artworks to a wide variety of patrons, the pieces are hung on a rotating basis throughout the library stacks and are also fea-

tured in prime locations when a monthly art exhibition is not on view.

Leo-Jameson said the library is always interested in displaying a variety of art and encourages any artists interested in sharing their work to contact her at the NEML at 518-789-3340.

— Carol Kneeland

### MILLERTON IN BRIEF

#### Little Free Grocery expands to Annex

Thanks to Webutuck student Avery Wickwire and his Boy Scout Troop, which helped Avery build the shelves to collect food donations made by Sunday in the Country Food Drive and Webutuck Elementary School, the NorthEast-Millerton Library was able to expand its offerings at the Little Free Grocery.

Starting Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., patrons will be able to visit The Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton to pick up what they need from a selection of items. No cost or library card is required.

Patrons who aren’t able to visit the Little Free Grocery on the first Saturday of the month can now access the room by appointment. The library’s online order form will be continuing at this time.

For more information, go to [www.nemilertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemilertonlibrary.org) or call the library at 518-789-3340.

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#### Learn about Medicare at NEML programs

Local residents can learn about Medicare eligibility, how and when to enroll, when they can make changes and available insurance options at two Medicare 101 educational programs organized by the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Saturday, March 5, and

Thursday, April 7.

Both programs will be held via Zoom; the program on March 5, will be at 10 a.m. while the program on April 7 will take place at 6 p.m.

To register, go to [www.nemilertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemilertonlibrary.org).

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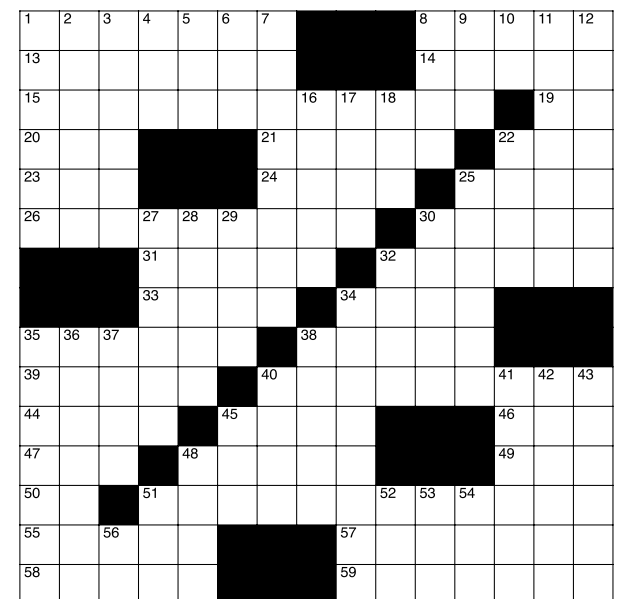
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ de Mornay, actress
8. Surrenders
13. Omission
14. The white poplar
15. They become butterflies
19. Used to chop
20. Select
21. Volcanic craters
22. Consumer price index
23. Utilize
24. “True Blood” actress Paquin
25. Got up
26. Sank in
30. Retail
31. Giants
32. Most bald
33. Changes color
34. Unit of loudness
35. Undresses
38. Fathers
39. Learned skill
40. Remove qualification
44. Covered with frost
45. Speak up
46. Nowhere to be found
47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
48. Type of wrap
49. Church seating
50. Mathematical figure
51. College football conference
55. Turkish officer title
57. Organized body of knowledge
58. Smooth and glossy
59. Left

### CLUES DOWN

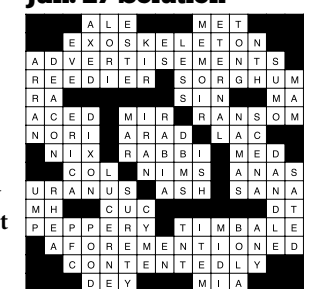
1. Get back
2. Pass or go by
3. Having a sharp taste
4. Midway between east and southeast
5. Cairo Regional Airport
6. Peace officer
7. Brings to life
8. Automotive vehicles
9. One point south of due east
10. Football position
11. Goes by
12. Most attractive
16. Road divisions
17. Not the sea
18. Small, faint constellation
22. Cabbage



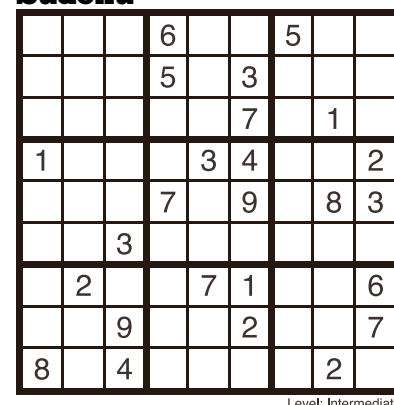
25. Least frequent
27. Change slightly
28. A country in NE Africa
29. Metric units of measure
30. More coherent
32. Make uninteresting
34. Nausea
35. Institution of Oceanography
36. Of little value
37. Hindu model of the ideal man
38. Biblical exclamation
40. You throw it at a board
41. Be about to happen
42. Brutal
43. Opened one’s mouth widely
45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
48. Saturate

51. The woman
52. Someone who is highly skilled
53. A way to launch an attack on
54. Where golfers begin
56. Atomic number 58

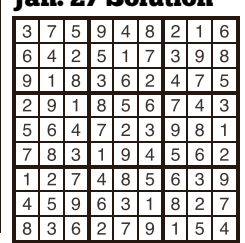
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# Trail to Train lighting chugs ahead, Town Board reviews project reports

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AMENIA — Tuning into Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, for their regular meeting, Town Board members stayed in the loop about town projects — including hearing updates also on the Trail to the Train.

Featured in her report, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti delivered brief updates on the Water District upgrade, Highway Garage project and status of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the sidewalk repair and replacement along Route 44.

Regarding the upgrades to the Water District, she said the

town is deciding how to best utilize the American Rescue Act (ARA) funds it received from the federal government to make water improvements.

Perotti reported the town's grant writer is working on a request for proposals (RFP) for an engineering feasibility study for its highway garage.

For the CDBG, she said its engineers are working with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to get the necessary permits to prepare bids for the construction phase of the project.

#### Trail to Train update

After Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner and the Town Board exchanged the latest committee meeting dates

and other town news, Perotti turned their attention to a discussion on lighting for the Trail to the Train, which connects the end of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail at the Metro-North Wassaic Station's stop via a hiking and biking trail to the center of the hamlet of Wassaic.

Completed in the fall of 2020, Amenia's Trail to the Train extension was long-anticipated by the community and Rail Trail users alike.

Perotti said the town plans to install lighting along the extension, although she hadn't yet heard back from the DOT regarding any lighting regulations.

Because she said she "wanted them to give me a person who can work with us," she suggested to the board that either she or Amenia Town Engineer John Andrews follow up with the DOT to confirm if there are any regulations the town needs

to abide before purchasing and installing the lighting.

Perotti also notified the board that Amenia has \$10,000 in its budget that was awarded to the town through a block grant, which can be used for lighting the extended trail.

Calling him a great asset, town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle recommended having Andrews "run with the responsibility of finding out exactly what our requirements are, so we do it all in a coordinated fashion."

Other board members, including Councilmen Damian Gutierrez and Leo Blackman, followed Doyle's recommendation that the town engineer was the right person for the job.

Looking ahead and speaking from experience, Gutierrez said that as far as cost goes, it may be cheaper for the town to hard wire the lighting than to install solar panels and batteries.



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## COVID kits in Dover

With COVID-19 cases a constant concern this winter, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) distributed thousands of at-home COVID-19 test kits at a drive-thru distribution site at Dover High School on Wednesday, Jan. 26, on a first-come, first-served basis from 4 to 7 p.m. Area residents were limited to two test kits per vehicle. Members of Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County volunteered to help hand out the test kits at the high school to vehicles as they drove up to last Wednesday's event.

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## The Lakeville Journal Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

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Norway. John gave our town its first ski jumping demonstration in 1926, using a cabin's snow-covered roof as a take-off, probably never imagining he was igniting enthusiasm that would be going strong 96 years later, thanks to SWSA. Medals for the first jump were designed by Ellen Emmett Rand. Spurr Hill was later renamed Satre Hill.

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

## AREA IN BRIEF

### Wassaic Winter Wisdom Workshop

WASSAIC — The World Peace Sanctuary as 26 Benton Road in Wassaic invites residents to join Michael Gulbrandsen on Saturday, Feb. 12, to explore the magical winter forest and grounds of the World Peace Sanctuary, to seek wisdom from nature and its ancient practices.

The workshop will be held at 1 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$20 or any donation that will fit one's budget.

If rain or snow is in the

forecast or temperatures are below 30 degrees, the event will be canceled. Visitors are encouraged to wear warm clothing, waterproof shoes or boots, bring a water bottle or warm beverage, a light bag or backpack for their possessions and a notebook or paper and pencil/pen.

As space is limited, guests are invited to contact Gulbrandsen to reserve their spot at WalkingTheTrail16@gmail.com or to call 845-489-7250.

### Library temporarily closed, stay tuned

AMENIA — Due to staffing shortages, the Amenia Free Library at 3309 Route 343 is temporarily closed.

The library will reassess its options on a weekly basis

and updates will be posted on [www.amenialibrary.org](http://www.amenialibrary.org), and on social media.

Due dates for library materials will be extended in the meantime.

### OFA needs volunteers to deliver meals

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

Volunteers with their own vehicles and licenses

are encouraged to join the team; volunteers may choose which days to deliver the meals.

Hours are between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., weekdays. Mileage can be reimbursed. COVID-19 safety protocols are observed.

To find out more, call the OFA at 845-486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov).

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

### Man arrested for assaulting infant

The DCSO arrested 24-year-old Tyler R. Papp of Beekman, not far from Millbrook, on Monday, Jan. 24, in connection with the investigation into the assault of a young baby earlier that evening. At roughly 7:50 p.m. that evening, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in Beekman for a report of a domestic dispute, and upon arrival discovered that a 2-month-old baby had been injured.

Papp had initially fled the scene, however he was located a short time later and was taken into custody after further investigation and interviews by Sheriff's Office Detectives.

As of his arrest, the suspect is accused of striking the child and causing facial injuries. The baby was initially transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital but was ultimately transferred to Westchester Medical Center for further treatment.

At this time Papp has been charged with assault in the second degree (felony) and resisting

arrest (misdemeanor).

After being processed he was arraigned before the Town of Beekman Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond; he was scheduled to return to court on Jan. 27.

At this time no further details about the case will be released in order to protect both the privacy of others involved and future court proceedings.

The DCSO was assisted at the scene by the New York State Police and Empress Ambulance Service.

More information may be released at a later time as it becomes available.

### Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email [dcso\\_tips@gmail.com](mailto:dcso_tips@gmail.com). All information will be kept confidential.

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

Notice is Hereby Given That Eileen Ciaburri the Tax Collector for the Town of Pine Plains, has received the Tax Roll for 2022 and will be collecting taxes during the month of February 2022 at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199 East, Pine Plains N.Y. 12567, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00pm and during the months of March, April & May on Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM. Taxes collected through the month of February 2022 are without penalty through March 1st, 2022. Penalties are levied as follows: March 2%, April 3% and May is 4%.

Take Further Notice, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Pine Plains will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the first day of June, 2022.

Eileen Ciaburri  
Tax Collector  
Town of Pine Plains  
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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the Town Board invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the construction of the New Highway Department

Building for the Town of North East, New York located at 6097 Route 22, Millerton, New York. This Contract has been designated, as set forth in these contract documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C., located at 64 Green Street, Suite 1, Hudson, NY 12534.

All such sealed bids must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., PO Box 516, Millerton, NY 12546 until 2:00 pm on March 7, 2022 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read out loud.

A copy of the proposed contract documents, including plans and specifications, and the forms of bids for the contract, are available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton, NY 12546 (phone 518-789-3300 x 603), Monday to Thursday 9:00AM-12:30PM and 1:00PM- 3:00PM, Friday 9:00AM-12:30PM becoming available on January 31, 2022.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held, on site on February 3, 2022 at the site at 6097 Route 22, Millerton, NY 12546. Bidders will have the opportunity to inform themselves of the conditions relating to the work of this project.

Official bid documents are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification system at [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess). Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Any and all addenda pertaining to the bid will be posted at the same website as noted above. It is incumbent upon all bidders to view posted addenda prior to the bid close date. If a bidder is not registered, they may register at the website noted above. The bidder can call BidNet at 1-800-835-4603 with questions regarding registration.

All bids shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more fully set forth in the bid documents:

1. Only such bids as are made and filed upon the forms available in the office of the Town of North East will be accepted.

2. Bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Town of North New Highway Garage" along with the associated contract (i.e. General Construction, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Construction, Plumbing Construction and Electrical Construction). Four separate contracts shall be let for General Construction, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Construction, Plumbing Construction and

Electrical Construction.

3. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Town of North East, or a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Town Board of the Town of North East, in such amount, conditioned that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents, for the faithful performance of the contract, within 15 days from the acceptance of the bid.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 105, no bids may be withdrawn unless no contract is awarded for more than 45 days after the opening thereof. Upon such proper withdrawal of bid, the deposit shall be forthwith returned. After award of the contract, all bid deposits or other bid bonds except that of the successful bidder will be returned.

5. Upon acceptance of the bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to the requirements of said Town Board or fails to give further security prescribed in this notice within the time noted herein, then the check deposited as aforesaid, and the moneys standing to the credit of the same shall be forfeited to the

Board as liquidated damages and not as a penalty and the Town Board shall collect the same or enforce the payment of the bond for the benefit of the Town Board.

6. All bids shall contain the non-collusion certificate in a form meeting the requirements of GML 103-d.

The Town of North East reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical non-compliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to rebid the project. By order of the Town Board of Town of North East

Dated: January 28, 2022.  
Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk  
Town of North East  
02-03-22

### PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board shall conduct a special meeting and public hearing on the adoption of proposed Local Law No. B of 2021 entitled: "A Local Law Amending the Boundaries of Certain Town of Pine Plains Zoning Districts as Established by Article XI of the Town of Pine Plains town Code, and the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Map Pursuant to 975-5 of the Town Code and Amendment of Other Portions of the Town

Code" on February 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Community Center, 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, New York, to be followed by a regular meeting of the Town Board at 7:00 p.m. at the same location on that evening. The purpose of the Local Law is: (i) to effect a remapping of a portion of the Hamlet Residential District (H-R) to the Hamlet Center Residential District (H-CR); (ii) to slightly expand the Hamlet Business District (H-BUS); (iii) to create a new Light Industrial District (L-I); and (iv) to effect a small expansion of the H-MS District to include portions of two parcels to better reflect their existing uses.

A copy of said Local Law is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Clerk's office at regular business hours. A copy of said Local Law will also be available on the Town's website at [www.pineplains-ny.gov](http://www.pineplains-ny.gov) and at the Town Public Library.

All persons desiring to be heard on said Local Law shall be provided with an opportunity to do so at said public hearing. Dated: December 16, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD,  
MADELIN DAFOE,  
Town Clerk  
02-03-22  
02-10-22

## OBITUARIES

### Charles James Flint

MILLERTON — Charles James Flint, 80, a lifelong area resident died peacefully on Jan. 25, 2022, at Sharon Hospital.

Born April 2, 1941, in North Canaan, he was the son of the late Harry and Hannah Flint of Millerton.

Charlie was known, and respected by many in his lifelong career at Terni Ford, which later became McLean Ford. He began there as a teenager and worked his way up to becoming their sales manager. Even in his last days he was cared for by nurses who proclaimed, "I bought multiple cars from Charlie, I'd never go anywhere else, he knew how to take care of you," — a phrase heard many times over.

But Charlie had a second job many didn't know about that gave him great joy and a beautiful place to raise his family. Charlie was the manager of a privately owned wildlife sanctuary in Millerton and took great pleasure in that place and work.

Later in life he retired to Beaufort, to a house overlooking the Atlantic Inter Coastal Waterway, where he enjoyed exceptional sunsets on a daily basis. It was there that he formed deep and lasting friendships with a group of men and women who met every day and looked out for each other. They called

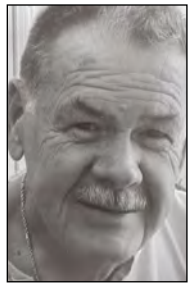
themselves "The laugh-a-lots." That group, and especially his best friends Peggie and Jim Callahan, helped him to live independently for a very long time, before he moved back to Millerton to be with his family.

Charlie is survived by his ex-wife, Loretta Wood of Copake and their three children, Carletta Flint of Pittsfield, Mass., Charles Flint Jr. of Millerton and Tracy Plaut of Wellfleet, Mass.; three brothers, Bill and his wife, Dot, of Lakeville, Frances and his wife, Arlene, of Arcadia, Fla., and Bruce and his wife, Denise, of Millerton; and his sister, Gloria and her husband, Phil, of Elizaville, N.Y.

Charlie was predeceased by his parents, Hannah and Harry Flint of Millerton; and his brother, David and his wife, Karen, of Beaufort.

At Charlie's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. His family will hold a private service at his home in South Carolina at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Charlie's memory, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).



### Catherine Sherwood

SALISBURY — Catherine Sherwood, 86, of Salisbury, passed away Jan. 6, 2022. She was the widow of Stan "Stubby" Sherwood, who owned and operated Sherwood Nursery and Tree Service in Salisbury.

Cathy was born July 5, 1935, in Harrison, N.Y., the daughter of the late Loretta (Galena) and John Fennelly.

Cathy was a professional social worker, employed by Sharon Hospital for many years, helping many, many people throughout her life.

Affectionately know to her family as "Aunt Tassie," she

was predeceased by her sisters, Anna Marie ("Sis") and Marbeth ("Bussie"); and her brother, Jim "Bub."

She is survived by many nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, two great grand-nephews, and two great grand-nieces.

Cathy will be sorely missed for her fun nature and salty language. She was the last of her generation and we loved her very much.

Graveside services will be held in mid-May at the Sherwood Family plot at the Salisbury Cemetery.



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### Dancing into the New Year

NEW YORK CITY — Mark DeGarmo Dance (MDD) helped dance enthusiasts ring in 2022 with an array of original dance performances through MDD's 12th annual Virtual Performance Series for Social Change on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Starting at 7 p.m. that evening, viewers could tune in to the world wide web to watch dancers Makayla Peterson, Paramita Bhattacharyya, Aviva Geismar and Barbara Mahler perform on Zoom, thanks to the vision of Pine Plains native and part-time Ancram resident and famed choreographer DeGarmo.

Following the presentation, the featured dancers and choreographers, along with DeGarmo, chatted with audience members during a discussion that DeGarmo facilitated.

For more information on upcoming MDD events and performances, which he schedules regularly throughout the year — many of them virtual and interactive — go to [www.markdegarmodance.org](http://www.markdegarmodance.org).

— Kaitlin Lyle

Mark DeGarmo Dance Founder and Executive Director Mark DeGarmo, top left, invited viewers to discuss the 12th annual Virtual Performance Series for Social Change on Jan. 6 with dancers, clockwise from top left, Aviva Geismar, Barbara Mahler, Makayla Peterson and Paramita Bhattacharyya, after the performance.

## SPORTS

# Double dose of ski jump fun this year

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Ski jumping and cross-country skiing fans have two events to enjoy this year.

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association's (SWSA) Jumpfest weekend is Friday, Feb. 11, through Sunday, Feb. 13.

The Junior Nationals Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined competition is Tuesday, Feb. 22, through Saturday, Feb. 26, at Satre Hill in Salisbury and at Mohawk Mountain ski area in Cornwall.

"Nordic Combined" is a combination of ski jumping and cross-country skiing. In the case of the Junior Nationals, the athletes jump in the morning at Satre Hill, and move to Mohawk Mountain in the afternoon for the cross-country events. The athletes' performance in the jumping determines their seeding in the cross-country race.

The Jumpfest weekend begins on Friday night, Feb. 11, with target jumping and the popular Human Dogsled race.

Saturday, Feb. 12, is the Salisbury Invitational, where jumpers from the eastern division of USA Nordic Sport compete. (USA Nordic Sport is the governing body for ski jumping and Nordic Combined in the United States.)

Jumpfest wraps up on Sunday, Feb. 13, with the Eastern jumping championship. The winners of this event will qualify for the Junior Nationals, which start Tuesday, Feb. 22.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan said on Thursday, Feb. 27, that the snowmaking crew has been busy and the three jumps are in good shape.

New this year for Jumpfest is the addition of a short cross-country course at Satre Hill, near the jump towers.

Hallihan said in previous years cross-country events have been held at Trotta Field on Salmon Kill Road, but were entirely dependent on natural snowfall.

The new cross-country course at Satre Hill is conveniently located near everything else, including the snowmaking equipment.



PHOTO COURTESY THE SALISBURY ASSOCIATION

Sarah Morrison found this photo of the Satre Hill ski jump from the 1940s in the Salisbury Association archives. The photo was taken by Ward Hutchinson of Sharon, who started the Housatonic Camera Club in the 1950s. The notation with the photo reads: "1940s. Jumper on the old tower. An updated tower was built in 1952 for the National Ski Jumping Championship."

So the Sunday events will include cross-country.

SWSA will follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidance for outdoor

events, which currently does not require masks for spectators.

For more information, go to [www.jumpfest.org](http://www.jumpfest.org) and [www.usanordic.org](http://www.usanordic.org).

## Insects, blue lines and bedtime stories

Casting about for a suitable topic for the Bleak Mid-Winter Edition of Tangled Lines, I decided it is far too early to write the traditional "tackle fondling" column.

And because it has not been very good fishing weather, I can't regale the customers with timely tales of angling derring-do.

Instead here are some odds and ends that have been rattling around in the Tangled Lines master file for a while.

DRAGONtail Tenkara is an outfit in Idaho that has a very nice line of fixed-line fly rods and accessories. I have been very happy with the Mizuchi triple zoom rod (and its heftier cousin, the Mutant), and last year when they announced they were bringing out a fiberglass/carbon fiber model designed for the small brook trout streams I favor, I got on board early.

I got my Foxfire rod last fall, and tried it out immediately in a suitably squirrely Catskill stream.

The rod's three lengths are 200 cm (six and a half feet), 245 cm (eight feet) and 280 cm (nine feet and change). Because it is mostly fiberglass, it has a pretty slow action.

I experimented with lines and while it handles a furled line just fine, I think the sweet spot is 3.5 level fluorocarbon.

It's long enough to take on a bigger stream (like the Blackberry in North Canaan) and short enough for working in cover on one of our little blue lines. And at \$150 at a pre-order price (delivery in mid-February, so not too long to wait) it's a steal; [www.dragontailtenkara.com](http://www.dragontailtenkara.com).

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has published its brook trout plan. (You can see

### TANGLED LINES

Patrick L. Sullivan

the plan at [www.https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Fisheries-Management/Wild-Trout-Management-Areas](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Fisheries-Management/Wild-Trout-Management-Areas).)

It's a lengthy document and while lacking in the rhetorical flair that has made Tangled Lines an international phenomenon\*, there is lots of good, hearty stuff in it.

However, I must state that I am not at all sanguine about efforts to publicize locations of streams containing wild brook trout. I have no problem with continuing to list the ones already in the state angler's guide, but I think it is a genuinely bad idea to add those unnamed little blue lines. It only takes a couple of uninformed anglers to do serious damage.

Finally, everybody should get themselves a copy of Dave Whitlock's "Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods" (The Lyons Press, 1992, \$22.95).

This large-format paperback explains what all the bugs are and what they do, and has excellent drawings of said bugs in their various stages of life.

Nor does it neglect crayfish, leeches and baitfish. And it has fly recipes for those who tie.

There are not a lot of laughs in this book, but for those nights when the housebound angler digs an extra blanket out of the old oak chest, a session with Whitlock's insects is good insurance for pleasant dreams.

\*I got a fan email from a guy in England once, and somebody spotted a Tangled Lines on the bulletin board at a fly shop in Wyoming last year.



## Worship Services

Week of February 6, 2022

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

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Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker  
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860-364-5260  
[www.christchurchsharon.org](http://www.christchurchsharon.org)

**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](http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org)  
860-435-9290

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
40 Leedsville Road  
Amenia Union, NY  
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30  
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Visit our website for links  
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860-824-7252

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock  
In person services on Sundays  
8:00 and 10:30 A.M.  
Livestream at 10:30 on [www.trinitylimerock.org](http://www.trinitylimerock.org)  
The Rev. Heidi Truax  
[trinity@trinitylimerock.org](mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org)  
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**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](mailto:jokialoi@gmail.com)  
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Pastor Sun Yong Lee  
860-364-5634  
[sharonumc5634@att.net](mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net)

**The Lakeville United Methodist Church**  
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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[Lakevillemethodist@snet.net](mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net)

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Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
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8 AM - St. Bernard  
10 AM - Sacred Heart  
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday  
9 AM - Sacred Heart

**All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church**  
313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT  
Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. John Kreta  
860-824-1340  
[allsaintsofamerica.us](http://allsaintsofamerica.us)

**Canaan United Methodist Church**  
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Rev. Lee Gangaware  
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[canaanctumc@gmail.com](mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com)

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# A final farewell to Pine Plains' John 'Norman' Boyles

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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PINE PLAINS — Hearing Jim Boyles reminisce about his recently deceased father, John "Norman" Boyles, who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the age of 90, is something one wants to take the time to pull up a chair and get comfortable for, maybe grab a cup of coffee and prepare to settle in for a while.

After all, Jim is proud of his dad, as are his four siblings. Practically everyone who is from Pine Plains knew Norm; he was from Pine Plains, too (although he was technically born at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, roughly 27 miles away).

In addition to his five children, Norm had 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. The Boyles family is a multi-generational family in Pine Plains, with deep roots



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John "Norman" Boyles left high school his senior year to join the service.

that are only anchoring deeper into the community with each passing year.

Norm was a strapping young boy who grew up on his father's farm, known sometimes as the



Horses were always a big part of Norman Boyles' life, according to his son, Jim, who said his father "had a team of horses" when growing up on Schultz Hill Farm, the family homestead that he worked on growing up in Pine Plains.

Top of the World but more often called Schultz Hill Farm.

"He farmed during the war with horses because gas was rationed," said Jim. "My father had a team of horses in the morning and one in the afternoon; that's why we had horses bring his casket to the cemetery, because for dad that was a great part of his life."

Norm grew up to be on the Pine Plains high school's very first six-man football team, around 1949 or 1950, according to Jim's calculations. That was back in the days when players wore those not-very-protective soft-leather football helmets they would roll up and place in their back pockets.

Then, said Jim, "He quit school his senior year and he picked up a friend down in Stanfordsville and they joined the service."

That was during the Korean Conflict; Norm served in Germany as an airplane mechanic for four years. Afterward, said Jim, "He came home, met my mom and married her in 1957. My mom was from Pine Plains, too, and they had us five kids in Pine Plains here."

Then Norm began his life in the Harlem Valley with another generation of the Boyles

family. He started a new job at IBM working as a computer programmer. He worked at IBM campuses in Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Wappingers, wherever they needed him for 32 years until he retired. All the while he continued working other jobs, many of them physically taxing.

"When IBM gave him his 25-year watch they had to put seven more links in the band because his hand was so big," said Jim, chuckling. "He worked hard to give us all a lot better life. It was all times of the day and night. He worked shifts sometimes during the day, because he drove a school bus, too, for the Pine Plains school district... he had a town garbage business... I can remember him working; it was our job to wake him up... it was like trying to wake up a bear."

Aside from working hard for his family, Norm also did a lot for his community. He was on the advisory board for the local FFA Chapter, then still called Future Farmers of America.

"My dad was very instrumental in organizing the horse pulls," said Jim. "These horses and farms have been a part of his life his whole life through."

Norm was also a founding father of the high school's Bombers Booster Club, said



Patricia and Norman Boyles wed in 1957 and had five children; both have deep roots in Pine Plains.

Jim, likely motivated by the fact that there weren't a lot of organized sports activities for him and his siblings when they were young until his dad got involved. Without sports, said Jim, he "probably wouldn't have stayed in school... That's a big part of kids' lives."

Jim's mom, Patricia, worked in the Pine Plains Central School District as a secretary, in all three schools at one time or another. Jim said she was always supportive of whatever goal his father was pursuing. He added, growing up in the Boyle household was something for which he will always be thankful.

"It was fun, absolutely; my dad was very strict, you know, my dad had a firm hand, but he was a nice man," said his son. "He did for everyone. He didn't do for himself, always for the family or for a neighbor or something."

After Norm's COPD worsened last year, he entered Noble Horizons in Connecticut to be cared for 24/7.

Jim said "the people at Noble are absolutely amazing, so caring... they did an amazing job, they are great, all of them," adding he will always be grateful for their treatment of his father.

He will also be grateful for

the many talks he was able to share with his dad this past year while he was at the nursing home. One in particular took place right before Norm died.

"The night before he passed away, he said, 'I love you son,'" said Jim. "That totally meant the world to me."

So, too, did the ceremony honoring his father the day of his funeral. A horse-drawn carriage brought Norm's casket from St. Anthony's Catholic Church to Evergreen Cemetery, both in the center of Pine Plains.

"I tell you what, I cried from the church all the way to the cemetery because it was just such a touching tribute to a great man," said Jim. "People were stopped like, somebody had to be very important here, and my thought was, yes, it was my dad."

To read the many tributes to Norm or post one yourself, go to [www.peckandpeck.net/obituary/John-BoylesSr](http://www.peckandpeck.net/obituary/John-BoylesSr).

## COPAKE IN BRIEF

### Library COVID tests & masks

Thanks to New York State Assemblymembers Didi Barrett (D-106) and Jake Ashby (R-107), the Roeliff Jansen Community Library now has free KN95 masks and iHealth COVID-19 tests to distribute to the community.

Two masks and one COVID-19 test kit (with two tests) per household will be distributed while supplies last.

Residents can order four test kits online free of charge by going online to [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov).



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## Roe Jan mural takes flight

Taking inspiration from the Global Angel Wings Project in Los Angeles, Calif., the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake has sprouted wings and taken flight these past few weeks, inviting patrons to pose in front of the feathered interactive mural painted on its walls. According to [www.globalangelwingsproject.com](http://www.globalangelwingsproject.com), the Global Angel Wings Project was created by Colette Miller in 2012 as a reminder to humanity that "we are the angels of this earth." Designed by Roe Jan Library's creative teen volunteers — including Alexia Vidaca, Elizabeth Clifford, Vivienne Murphy and Hayden Grimaldi — the new mural has since caught the eye of many patrons and inspired them to strike a pose — the youngest of whom seem ready to take flight.

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BETTER PLACE FORESTS

**AMENIA STRONG** *Continued from Page A1*

nia resident with the NYSBOE against not only AS, but against its three candidates, for not filing or completing the registration of their financial reports: Julie Doran, who ran unsuccessfully against incumbent Victoria Perrotti for town supervisor; Jamie Vitiello, who ran unsuccessfully for town councilman (AS, CON); and Brad Rebillard, who was the only AS candidate to win on Nov. 2, gaining a seat at the Town Board table (AS, REP).

Leo Blackman (DEM, WF) won the other open seat on the Amenia Town Board.

When contacted about AS and its candidates not filing their disclosure documents or filing them to completion, Blackman Campaign Treasurer Ken Monteiro said that's typically a red flag for people who disregard

the rules.

"I think they think that the rules don't apply to them," he said of AS, bringing up the Silo Ridge luxury housing development that was closely tied to AS and its slate of candidates.

**The Silo-AS connection**

Doran is Silo Ridge's office manager and was named as one of three petitioners in an Article 78 lawsuit filed by Doran, her estranged husband, Peter Doran, and Silo Ridge principal Juan Torres against the town of Amenia, former Amenia Assessor Christopher Boryk, the Amenia Board of Assessment Review, Amenia Town Clerk/Records Officer Dawn Marie Klingner and the Amenia Town Board on Oct. 29, 2020.

Additionally, more than 42 Silo Ridge residents filed indi-

vidual lawsuits, which were later refiled, against Amenia claiming unfair property assessments.

Property values and taxation were just two issues on which AS candidates based their campaigns, along with transparency and improved communication.

Vitiello is a resident of Silo Ridge, and is on the Board of Directors of the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization, a fundraising arm and local foundation created by Silo Ridge to benefit the town of Amenia and its residents.

Montiero said Silo Ridge abides by its own playbook, and so did AS.

"They don't care what the rules are," he said, referencing the lawsuits as an example. "They think they're too rich for the laws to apply to them."

**Filing as a committee**

Montiero added he filed the proper paperwork for Blackman, under a committee named Friends of Leo Blackman. He said it was simple.

"If you Googled 'What I do as a candidate in New York State,' it would link to the Board of Election's website," Montiero noted. What he couldn't get online, he simply called the NYSBOE.

"The people at the BOE are incredibly helpful," said Monteiro. "I would call them if I had a question and they would walk you through and tell you how to do it. On scale of 1 to 10 it was like a 3 — not onerous at all — I just Googled what to do. I certainly knew I had to follow certain things to get on the ballot."

*This article will continue in next week's issue of The Millerton News.*

**LOWER MAIN ST.** *Continued from Page A1*

should it ever become available, which it did. But problems with the village's septic seem to have put the brakes on the project and it has yet to get off the ground.

Now, years later, the aging and rather ragged looking building continues to welcome visitors to the village from Route 22. Surely most locals and merchants wish a more pleasant, vibrant and welcoming entrance to Main Street would greet those entering Millerton.

Across the street, the former Allee Architecture + Design (AA+D) provided a sleek and stylish look to the entrance of Main Street for many years, but alas, that design firm vacated its Main Street space a few years ago and now that, too, sits vacant.

Add a couple of old and battered apartments into the mix, in dire need of repair and paint, and the entrance to Millerton doesn't look so grand these days.

But there are glimmers of hope. Rather than looking at The Dig's closing through a mournful lens, its retail neighbor, yoga instructor and owner of Moonwake Millerton, Katie Shanley, said its popularity could show what is possible for Millerton's lower Main Street. Shanley said that part of the business district could be in for an eventual reawakening.

Moonwake Millerton, originally known as Buddhi Tribe, opened on the second floor of 5 Main St., located above the space formerly occupied by The Dig, in June 2017.

Shanley has been able to grow

her business while contributing to the community's wellness through offering classes for all levels; her collaboration with fellow merchants on community events; her selling wellness products from her studio's apothecary; and her keeping mindful of the community's needs.

Shanley remembered the former art gallery PLACE was downstairs at 3 Main St. when she first opened for business.

After the gallery closed, she said nothing went on downstairs for about a year until the Millerton Mercantile opened in the summer of 2019. A year later, the Millerton Mercantile closed and The Dig rented the space, opening in August 2020.

Given the time she spent navigating the business of running a yoga studio in Millerton, Shanley was more than happy to help The Dig attract customers.

Between Shanley telling people about The Dig and the marketing talents of The Dig's owner Katja Schultz and Schultz's mother, Natalie Pere, word spread and the shop gained a loyal following of customers. The Dig grew in popularity and even held free weekend concerts with local musicians.

A symbiotic relationship soon formed between The Dig and Moonwake Millerton, with Shanley collaborating with Schultz on community events and selling her apothecary's wares there.

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**ASBESTOS** *Continued from Page A1*

A coil burst in one of the heating units above the auditorium's ceiling and water flooded into the auditorium from a broken pipe.

Castellani said the ceiling there is old plaster that was compromised by the broken pipe. The real problem is the isolated areas of asbestos that need to be removed immediately before the ceiling can be replaced.

"As long as that asbestos was encapsulated in the ceiling, we really didn't have an issue with it," Castellani said, adding the BOE was looking remove the asbestos in a future capital improvement project. The burst pipe requires the asbestos be removed now, as it is no longer contained and poses an immediate danger to those in the building.

Castellani said Webutuck's insurance adjuster was on site on Tuesday, Jan. 18, to provide direction. WCSD expects the auditorium project will be fully covered by insurance, though it has yet to get an official "yes" from the adjusters.

Castellani asked the BOE for a resolution declaring the event an emergency so it can send the project to its architect. On Wednesday, Jan. 26, he expected Webutuck to have a bid opening for asbestos abatement requests for proposals (RFPs), noting it already heard from six or seven asbestos removal companies.

If Webutuck can award the

lowest bid quickly, Castellani said it will be able to start the abatement by this week. If it can begin on Thursday, Feb. 3, he plans to put into the contract that it wants the building returned to the district by Saturday, Feb. 26, with students returning on Monday, Feb. 28.

Given the challenges of COVID, Castellani said at this time, Webutuck will isolate its fifth- and sixth-grade students far enough away at the intermediate school. There will be a hard barrier between the school and the auditorium area.

There was talk about expanding that plan to seventh-graders, but there aren't enough classrooms for students in seventh through 12th grade. For now, those students will remain in remote instruction until the project is done, with hopes they return to class on Feb. 20.

"I think everybody on the board is frustrated, angry, disappointed that we are having to put anybody on remote instruction again because we have been trying so very hard to get kids back in-person," said BOE President Judy Moran, "...but the likelihood of coming up with any kind of solution... is probably just not great."

Some parents expressed frustration about students returning to remote learning, including Clara Lovell, who posted on The Millerton News' Facebook page "Our kids have been in and out

of school for the past two years and now this," she wrote.

Others were more understanding, looking at the positive side of having the technology to deal with such setbacks.

"If this happened 10 years ago, we wouldn't even have the option of remote learning," said one person during public comment, "and so we'd be tacking on time in June and messing up the kids, so I'm glad we have the option. I wish we didn't have to use it, but there's a little bit of a positive in this."

Along with asking why the asbestos wasn't remediated

when initially discovered, another person asked the BOE its plans to protect students in the building and if there air samples will be taken.

Understanding the challenges of dealing with such an emergency, parent Kelly Kilmer commended the district for dealing with the difficult circumstance.

After declaring the situation an emergency at Monday's meeting, the BOE announced it had unanimously awarded the asbestos abatement contract to ACA Environmental Services Inc. on Thursday, Jan. 27, for the amount of \$238,935.

**BREAST CANCER** *Continued from Page A1*

an going in for the test should ask is if there are 3-D mammograms available because "we want to make sure that all patients are getting state-of-the-art high-quality care."

Curcio responded to if people should have concerns when they get a mammogram. A breast cancer survivor herself, the doctor stressed that any fears about taking the diagnostic test — especially during the current health crisis — should be outweighed by the fear of dying from a disease as deadly as breast cancer.

"I think what we saw during the early stages of the pandemic is a lot of people were fearful going for their mammograms,"

Curcio said, "and so they delayed [getting them], and what we really truly did see is people were being diagnosed with later stages breast cancer."

**Can't get COVID from a mammography**

The oncologist added the error of such decision-making has been proven, and could be fatal.

"I think that a lot of the data that COVID-19 could be obtained by actually getting your mammogram and being exposed to the mammogram machine has been debunked," Curcio said, "and I think the risks are very, very minimal or non-existent and so we encourage people not to delay their screening just because of the

pandemic."

**Dense tissue increases risk**

Patients with dense breast tissue should talk to their physicians since it can lead to an increased risk of breast cancer. Boolbol praised the legislation passed in New York State requiring breast density be mentioned on mammogram reports.

There are many risk factors, like age, weight, alcohol consumption and smoking, one's age when they began and ended their menstrual cycle, and a significant family history of breast cancer.

**After diagnosis, treatment**

The oncologists highlighted the kind of treatments and support services available to patients

while Serino talked about her own experience. She announced her diagnosis in July 2020 to encourage women to get mammograms. Serino bravely shared her journey as she went through her treatment, and then later, happily, news of her remission.

**Survivorship**

Regarding the battle with disease and post-treatment, Curcio said survivorship addresses short- and long-term side effects and optimizing health so the disease never returns.

"It looks at the whole patient," she said, "We want to optimize their life after breast cancer and get them back to a point where they look forward to life."

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THE DEEP: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

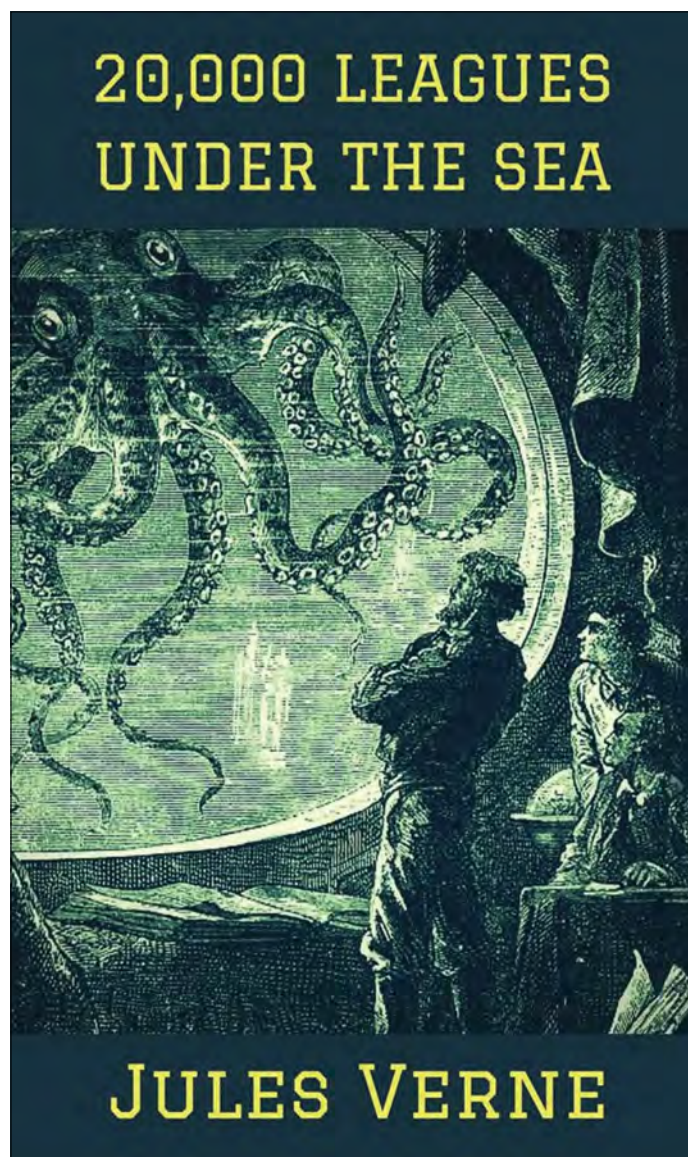
## Stay Dry While Voyaging 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

The science fiction adventures of French author Jules Verne seem to be having a renaissance, perhaps thanks to the recent PBS series based on his novel, "Around the World in 80 Days."

At the end of January, the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass., launched a show dedicated to his 1870 submarine adventure, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," about Captain Nemo and his craft, The Nautilus — which is recreated in the museum. Visitors can climb into the submarine and touch, feel, steer, turn and crank all the fixtures and fittings.

There is also a Cabinet of Curiosities full of marine specimens. The show is a mix of the mythical world created by Verne and an exploration of what science actually allows us to do underwater.

The show is produced in partnership with a Pittsfield company called General Dynamics, which helps clients like the



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manned surface vehicles and unmanned underwater vehicles," according to a press release for the show.

The company has loaned a Bluefin-21 unmanned underwater vehicle for the exhibit.

The Berkshire Museum offers both art and science, and so there will also be a show of work from the museum collection called, "Blue."

"Dive In: Voyage to the Deep" is at the Berkshire Museum through May.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, \$13 for students (free for children 3 and under).

Proof of full vaccination (digital or printed card) and photo ID are required of all visitors 18 and older.

The Berkshire Museum is at 39 South St. in Pittsfield, Mass., www.berkshitemuseum.org and 413-443-7171.

SKI JUMPING:  
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## 96 Years of Ski Jumping (and There's Curling Too!)

This cold weather can't possibly continue for much longer (seriously), which bodes well for the Salisbury Winter Sports Association Jumpfest Weekend, Feb. 11 to 13.

This is the 96th year for the jumps at Satre Hill, which is just off Main Street in Salisbury, Conn., behind LaBonne's grocery store. Wear warm clothes and sturdy ice-safe shoes, but be prepared to have a thrilling good time.

Ski jumping is a tradition in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. It is perhaps a little bit like curling: A winter Olympic sport that doesn't necessarily attract as many viewers as, say, figure skating and downhill slalom.

You can see curling at the Curling Club in Norfolk, Conn., most weekends in winter, <https://norfolkcurlingclub.org/>. It's indoors (wear a mask) and it's warm, fun and friendly. There are comfortable chairs and a bar. Everyone will be happy to explain what's happening on the ice. If you want to try curling yourself, there's an open house with instruction Feb. 12.

Ski jumping is outdoors and it's cold,

but as compensation there are bonfires and convivial warming beverages and the chance to put on all of your warmest clothes all at once.

Unlike curling, if you are older than about 10 you will probably not want to try this sport yourself. But it's exhilarating and fun to watch, even if you (like me) hate to be outdoors in cold weather.

The ski jumps are extremely social. Chances are that you will see everyone you know. Children play in the snowbanks. Lots of people bring dogs but it's not actually a particularly safe place for pets; they definitely need to remain on their leash.

And speaking of dogs, every year on the Friday Jumpfest opening evening there is a Human Dogsled Race: Teams of about five competitors build a sled of some kind. One human rides the sled, the others pull and see who can make it around the short, snowy racetrack the fastest. This year's race is on Friday, Feb. 11, and will begin sometime after the Target Jumping Under the Lights, which starts at 7 p.m.

In the regular competition on Saturday and Sunday, the jumpers collect points for style and technique and distance. On Friday night, just for fun, they try to land exactly in the middle of a target painted onto the snow.

The competitions are held on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to about 3 p.m., with practice jumps in the morning from 11 a.m. to noon. The eastern division Junior National Team will be named after Sunday's competition.

Admission to the Friday night events is \$15. Admission for the Saturday and Sunday competitions is \$15; children 12 and under can come in for free. There is a snack shack with hot chocolate, hot dogs and more.

Find out more at [www.jumpfest.org](http://www.jumpfest.org) and look for the special Jumpfest publication in this week's issue of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

## SAVING THE PLANET BEGINS AT BREAKFAST

The Salisbury Forum of Salisbury, Conn., presents a talk by author Jonathan Safran Foer on Friday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

He will talk about his new book, "Eating Animals," in which he explores the moral dilemma of the food we eat and exposes the basic challenge of saving the planet:

The human reluctance to sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of the future.

Amy Sidran, Farm Education Coordinator for The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., will interview the author. Go to [www.salisburyforum.org](http://www.salisburyforum.org) for a link to this free Zoom webinar.

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PODCASTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# How To Find the Most Popular Podcasts

This is an interesting time of year for podcasts. This month, rather than posting new shows, many of them have been introducing listeners to other podcasts.

Many of them announced in January that they are "hard at work on new shows for 2022, but in the meantime, we think you'll enjoy this podcast made by" another production team.

Part of the reason seems to be that podcasts these days are much more heavily produced than back in the Wild West days, when a show was just two people sitting by a microphone and discussing a topic of very narrow interest.

Contemporary podcasts increasingly follow the excellent National Public Radio model of doing a lot of research, a lot of interviews and then writing/editing it all into an audio-only documentary.

Sometimes a topic is discussed at length in a single episode; sometimes there is a kind of mini series in which a topic (or person) is the subject of several episodes in a row.

Even conversational podcasts these days perform at a much higher level, where you can have knowledgeable and well-known people taking a couple hours out of their day to have a long conversation about a topic of interest.

That can be actor Rob Lowe (unexpectedly super smart, funny and interesting and a great interviewer) talking to other entertainers, and in the process creating an oral history of 20th century film and theater ("Literally! With Rob Lowe").

It can be former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York

Preet Bharara having a detailed conversation with Alabama prosecutor Joyce Vance about the most compelling national legal issues of the week ("Cafe Insider").

Or it can be Pres. Barack Obama's chief political strategist, David Axelrod, being timely, lively, funny and insightful with Republican political consultant Mike Murphy as they dissect elections, Donald Trump and more ("Hacks on Tap").

## FINDING THE TOP SHOWS

I am a podcast junkie and I apologize to everyone to whom I say, "I just heard on a podcast that (fill in the blank)." It's a bad habit.

But the fact remains that I listen to a lot of podcasts and therefore am always on the lookout for new ones.

If you are too, I've just discovered a gold mine of podcast information. There is a website called Chartable (www.chartable.com) that tells you the most popular podcasts in the world on every subject in order of popularity.

It is actually a website for podcast industry professionals but it's easily used by the non-pro who just wants to see what's interesting. You can search worldwide favorites or you can specify a particular nation. You can search "all podcasts" or you can look for the most popular shows (and episodes) in specific genres.

The two podcast providers that they chart are Spotify and Apple.

The top three global podcasts, according to Chartable, are (in order from one to three) Crime Junkie, Dateline NBC and Stuff You Should Know.

The top three podcasts in the U.S. on the Apple list are (in order from one to three) Crime Junkie, Welcome to Our Show and Smartless (with actors Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes and Will Arnett).



The top three in the U.S. from Spotify are The Joe Rogan Experience (as we know from the recent Neil Young protest), Call Her Daddy and Whistleblowers.

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITES

In case you're wondering, Crime Junkie is number seven among Spotify listeners. And while I'm not specifically a true crime podcast fan, apparently this is a huge global podcast trend.

Since we're sharing, here are just a (very) few of my favorites, in no particular order. Feel free to email me with your own list of favorites and we can post them online.

• Anything by, with or about Malcolm Gladwell, especially his own shows: Revisionist History; and

Broken Record with buddha-like music producer Rick Rubin.

• Hit Parade with music chart analyst Chris Molanphy

• Anything with behavioral economist Tim Harford

• Bloomberg Law, short reports on top legal issues (including information about cases involving, for example, Elizabeth Holmes, Ghislaine Maxwell and Britney Spears)

• Up Against the Mob with prosecutor Elie Honig

• Barron's Streetwise Podcast with Jack Hough

• The Great James Bond Car Robbery, eight episodes narrated by the sultry and amusing Elizabeth Hurley, about the theft of the iconic James Bond Aston Martin from an airplane hangar in Florida.

# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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## ART

**The Clark Art Museum.** 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
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## BOOKS

**Millbrook Free Library.** 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)  
In Conversation with Gary Shteyngart, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m.

**Scoville Memorial Library.** 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Feb. 12, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

## KIDS

**Norman Rockwell Museum.** 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org)  
Zoom, Draw & Read with Jan Brett! (Via Zoom), Feb. 12, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

## MOVIES

**The Moviehouse.** 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Sundown, opens Feb. 4.; Moonfall, opens Feb. 4.; Death on the Nile, opens Feb. 10.

## MUSIC

**Berkshire Theatre Group.** [www.berkshiretheatre.org](http://www.berkshiretheatre.org)  
The Machine Performs Pink Floyd, Feb. 5, 8 p.m.

**Close Encounters With Music.** Great Barrington, Mass. [www.cewm.org](http://www.cewm.org)  
Folk and Baroque Concert, Feb. 26, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

## THEATER

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center.** 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)  
MET OPERA IN HD: FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES (ENCORE), Feb. 12, 1 p.m.

## MUSIC AND MEDITATION AT CHURCH ON FEB. 4

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, Conn., UCC will present its monthly Mid-day Music Meditation on Friday, Feb. 4, from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the church at 30 Main St.

The Meeting House doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Attendance will be restricted to one-half capacity. Audience members will be admitted on a first come-first-served basis. Masks will

be required. For this musical meditation, Music Director Samuel Lord Kalcheim will present a half hour of organ and instrumental works.

Free to the public, Dr. Kalcheim's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring classical repertory. For more information, contact the church office at 860-435-2442.

BIOGRAPHY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# The Glorious Life and Sad Death of Author Oscar Wilde

Zoom continues to make fascinating library talks from around the world easily available to literature fans here in the Tristate region.

Upcoming on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. is a talk by British biographer

Matthew Sturgis, who will be interviewed by Knopf editor Victoria Wilson about his new book, "Oscar Wilde."

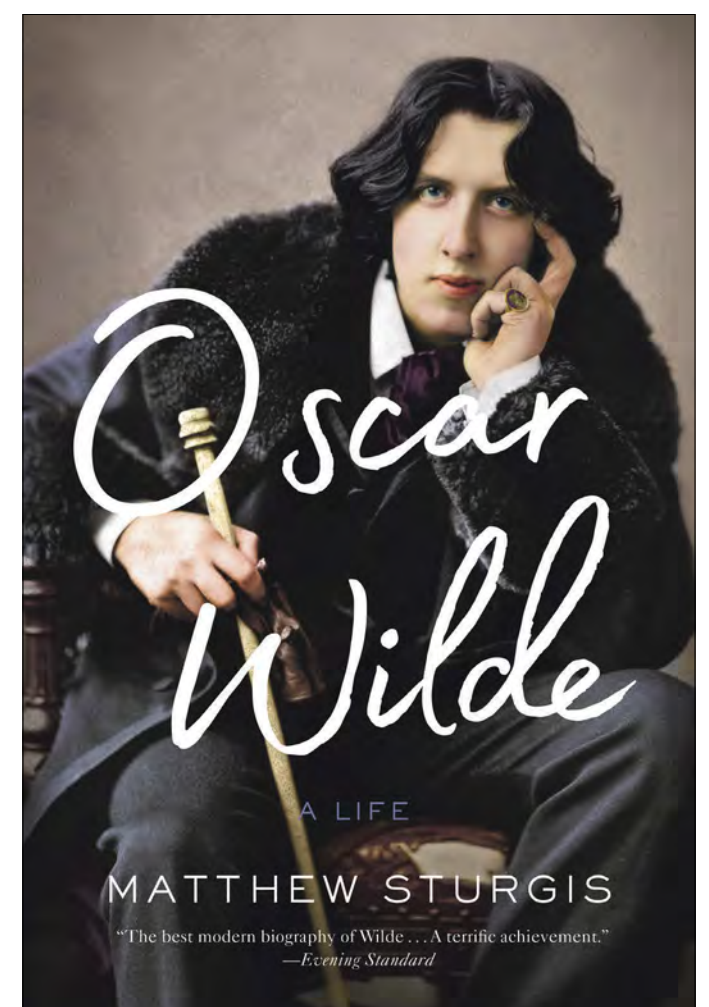
Wilde was a complex of ten contradictory person, famously homosexual but also married and a father.

Considered one of the greatest writers in the English language, he died of meningitis in 1900 at the age of 46, three years after serving two years in prison for "gross indecency."

New documents have been discovered about Wilde's life, and Sturgis used them to create a new, very detailed portrait of the author of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Sturgis is British, an art critic who graduated from Oxford. His other biographies have been about Aubrey Beardsley and Paul Bowles.

He and his wife, the art gallerist Rebecca Hossack, live in London.



The Zoom discussion on Feb. 24 will be followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

This virtual program is free but registration is required at [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/Wilde](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/Wilde). For more information, go to [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org) or call 860-364-5041.

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MILLBROOK

# Millbrook Library learns what the community wants

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MILLBROOK — In 2021, the Mid-Hudson Library System offered the Turning Outward Program to its member libraries; 75% of those library directors chose to participate. Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tsahalís was among them.

The resulting Community Conversation program that the Millbrook Library initiated a discussion with the library, its administrators, staff, patrons and all in the Washington and Millbrook community.

Tsahalís said she was hoping to gain some insight into how to plan for the future in terms of the library's physical space, its programs and services, its Gallery, and, as always, how to encourage more community involvement with library activities.

In a series of eight conversations that took place throughout the entire town, which involved more than 50 patrons, much was discovered about how residents feel about their community and their public library.

In discussions that were open and honest, most done virtually because of the pandemic, it became clear that ideas about "community" have gradually shifted over time.

"We listened to over 50 community members and learned a great deal about what kind



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

**The Millbrook Library, which just released the results of its Community Conversation conducted last year, has long been a place that has welcomed everyone, with myriad programs and services for young and old alike, above, in an attempt to make everyone feel welcome. Right, Millbrook Historian David Greenwood gave a presentation at the library last year as part of the Historical Society's monthly programming.**

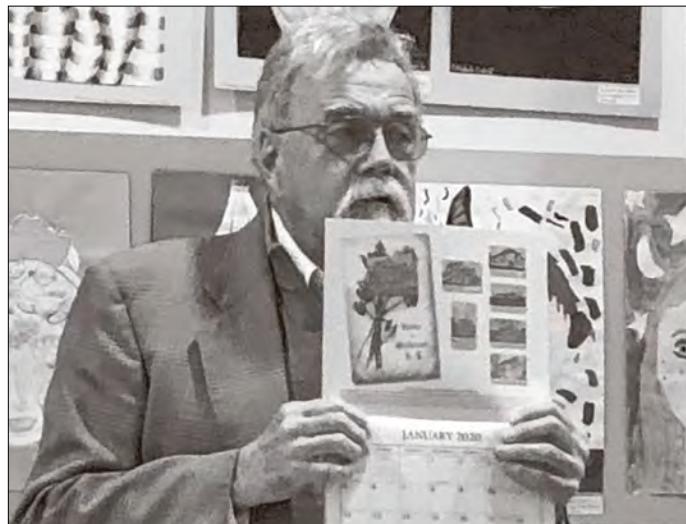
of community people want to live in," said Tsahalís, wanting to share the information with the community-at-large. "There were a number of recurring themes... We hope that [they] find it helpful and relevant."

In the report, the first theme had to do with inclusion and diversity. Patrons apparently want more cultural and artistic vibrancy in the village, more events that will positively reflect

on the community and more community space available for more diverse groups to be able to us the library.

Library patrons also said they want Millbrook, one of Dutchess County's more affluent communities, to be more affordable. They want young people to be able to raise their families in the village.

One participant said that they're striving for "equity



amongst affluence," according to Tsahalís.

The conversations recorded more people wanting to find jobs and fair wages in Millbrook and the town of Washington. While many reportedly said they want to support local businesses during the Community Conversations, they also complained local business hours aren't friendly and local prices are often too high for the average consumer, including at local eateries and shops.

Some participants also complained there is no after-hours nightlife in Millbrook. Suggestions of a night club or other type of adult activity to stimulate the local economy were made for the village.

When it came to affordability, high rental prices for both commercial units and residen-

tial units was mentioned. Tsahalís said one comment was made that many said they feel "people can pay the same rents in the East Hamptons."

She said other comments were made that some people didn't realize until the COVID pandemic, when free meals were distributed by local businesses, how much local need there is. It was noted that perhaps not everyone who lives in the village and the town are as affluent as most assume, and that there is an entire local population with a different socio-economic background largely unknown.

Now, thanks to the pandemic highlighting food insecurity and other issues, that population has come to the fore and its needs are becoming known.

The need for affordable senior housing in the village was also mentioned. Yet, some said they are worried local residents have an attitude about affordable housing of "not in my neighborhood," whether it's for seniors, workforce housing, emergency service workers, etc.

While many residents said they believe Millbrook is neighborly and close-knit, others said they do not. Most agreed there

is a strong sense that to keep Millbrook appearing quaint and orderly, change is not encouraged. Yet there was an acknowledgement that there's a need to attract younger generations and more businesses to generate growth and tax dollars flowing.

Concerns were expressed about the drop in volunteerism, seen at the firehouse and local civics organizations.

"We have lost a lot of young talent because it's not affordable here," was a comment Tsahalís said she heard often. She also heard worries about the "economic divide."

There was a general consensus that the quaintness and character of the town and village are a large part of their appeal, and few wanted that to change, but there was also the realization that change is inevitable.

The questions were posed if Millbrook be a destination point and its economy can grow? Most responded they hope so.

Almost all agreed they want more transparency when it comes to how and why their village and town leaders do things, and that they want to be included when it comes to making big decisions for the community.

Tsahalís wrote in her report, which is on the library website, that based on these conversations, a new three-year plan for the Millbrook Library has been developed. It focuses on supporting and strengthening the community by supporting local businesses and organizations; promoting and providing volunteer opportunities and celebrating diversity. The goal? To make the Millbrook Library "a place where everyone is welcome."

For more information, go to [www.millbrooklibraryny.org](http://www.millbrooklibraryny.org).

## BOE discusses COVID testing, budget

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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District's (MCSD) first Board of Education (BOE) meeting of 2022 was held on Tuesday, Jan. 11. BOE President Perry Hartswick called the meeting to order and quickly appointed Elliott Garcia as clerk pro tem. The Dec. 21, 2021 consent agenda and minutes were also approved.

### Tax refund, ARP

A tax refund was approved for resident Joshua Dick; his property was assessed at \$1,444,000 when it should have been assessed at \$1,300,000.

Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell thanked everyone who has supported the district's students during the last two years of the COVID pandemic, regardless of where classes were being taught.

A draft plan for how the district plans to use the \$848,462 stimulus funding from the federal government's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 has been posted on the MCSD website. The money must be spent by Sept. 30, 2024.

### COVID testing

Mitchell reported that there were 474 rapid COVID test kits distributed in the district, with 417 more expected soon.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 133 COVID tests took place, with 16 students and two staff members testing positive. On Saturday, Jan. 8, 58 people were tested,

with five students testing positive. On Thursday, Jan. 6, 33 athletes were tested, one of whom was positive. Altogether, 313 MCSD members were tested.

Full funding for testing county wide was provided by a \$5,861,394 County Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Testing Grant, a portion of which went to the MCSD. The total test results showed 31 positive cases of COVID, 27 of whom were students and four of whom were staff and 45 of those tested had close contact with someone with COVID, 29 of whom were students and 16 of whom were staff.

### Budget development

Other reports that night included one from Interim School Business Administrator Kevin Ziemba, who said he's busy with budget development and reviews. Those are ongoing with building level and district administrators throughout in preparation of next year's fis-

cal plan.

The review of current appropriations and revenues are also being studied and preparations are being made to report the property tax levy calculation.

Meanwhile, interviews are taking place for the replacement of a senior account clerk; as of press time there were no qualified candidates for account clerk. All other work was being carried out for preparing tax and information reports and disbursing funds in compliance with the district's debt service schedule of payments, as well as preparing W2-forms and other needed forms.

### Professional development, delivering meals

Supervisor of Data Analytics and Professional Development Victoria Curry reported that state and federal data reports were up-to-date and verified. In professional development she said elementary teachers are discussing rubrics and assess-

ment design. Student writing samples will be reviewed and teaching plans will be devised from submitted information.

Secondary teachers attended teachers' college training on how to foster growth of readers through book clubs.

Food Services Manager Holly Peters Heady reported that from Dec. 20 through Dec. 23, 2021, a total of 45 meals were provided for students as the district reverted to remote learning. From Jan. 3 through Jan. 7, First Student bus drivers delivered meals to 127 students and their families that requested them. She added that before the schools closed in December, critical staff shortages made it necessary to ask for help from administrative staff.

Peters Heady thanked all who jumped in to help, and said they are still actively seeking staff to fill vacant positions. She said she's speaking to administrators to include culinary arts students to aid in the preparation of schools meals. Peters Heady added that food prices are continuing to rise.

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EDITORIAL

# Don't let fear of COVID-19 keep you from your mammo

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation and Nuvance Health joined forces and held what we think was an especially important online roundtable discussion on Monday, Jan. 24. It was, not surprisingly, focused on breast cancer awareness and the importance of women continuing to get mammograms, even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to commandeer our lives as if it's a military general taking control of his adversary's troops after battle.

And make no mistake: This is a war, of sorts, as women must take their health care into their own hands and make sure they are following through and following up on all of the annual tests they need to stay healthy. That includes mammograms.

As readers can learn from reporter Kaitlin Lyle's front page article this week, patients cannot catch COVID-19 from mammography equipment.

Dr. Lisa Curcio is director of breast surgical oncology for the Northern Dutchess Hospital Breast Program and a breast cancer survivor herself. She was one of the panelists who spoke at last week's online presentation. She explained why the fear of catching COVID from a mammogram is unfounded.

"I think what we saw during the early stages of the pandemic is a lot of people were fearful going for their mammograms and so they delayed," said the doctor.

The result, sadly, was that the medical community began to see more and more women being diagnosed with late stage breast cancer, which is more difficult to treat and more often impossible to cure.

Dr. Curcio added, "I think that a lot of the data that COVID-19 could be obtained by actually getting your mammogram and being exposed to the mammogram machine has been debunked and I think the risks are very, very minimal or non-existent, and so we encourage people not to delay their screening just because of the pandemic."

In other words, don't let your fear of dying from one disease cause you to die from another.

The three doctors at the roundtable, along with New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41), another breast cancer survivor, and moderator Brian Powers, who is the chairman of the board of Miles of Hope, spoke in length about the many risk factors both women and men should be on the lookout for when it comes to breast cancer awareness.

They spoke about what it's like to get a breast cancer diagnosis. There's not only the physical reality to deal with, there's the emotional pain one must confront.

The panelists also discussed the different treatments available these days for those diagnosed with breast cancer. They spoke about what it's like to go through treatment and how to mentally and emotionally process making one's way through that difficult journey.

Then, they talked about what comes after treatment, which the doctors termed "survivorship."

Survivorship focuses on post-treatment, and the patient doing all she or he must do to make sure health is maintained and the disease never resurfaces.

As chief of the Nuvance Health Breast Surgical Oncology and Breast Program, Dr. Susan Boolbol said, "there is a difference between being alive and living, and we want everyone back to living."

To view the roundtable, go to the Nuvance Health Facebook page; it's worth watching.

And if you're due for a mammogram, which is recommended annually for women age 40 and older, please make sure to make an appointment right away. Some things can't wait, even in a pandemic — this is one of them.

Also, make sure to do breast self-exams regularly to check for any lumps or irregularities. Ask your OB-GYN how to do self-exams if you need assistance or look for instructions on a reputable medical website online.

For more information on the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, which is a fabulous and incredibly helpful organization that was established in 2004 to fund support services for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley, go to [www.milesofhope.org](http://www.milesofhope.org).



## More decluttering tips for seniors

If you didn't catch last week's Golden Living column, introducing you to the joys of mid-winter decluttering, fear not. You've come to the second in the Office for the Aging's (OFA) two-part series on improving your home's safety and livability. You've looked around your cluttered home and you're ready to start cleaning — but where to start?

We turned to Colleen Ashe of Red Hook-based Ashe Organizing Solutions ([www.asheorganizing.com](http://www.asheorganizing.com)), for some tips on getting started:

- Set a timer for 15 minutes and select a drawer, countertop or shelf to tackle;
- Sort the items (Keep, Toss/Recycle, Sell/Donate), putting similar items together if you're keeping them;
- Decide what should stay in the space, and remove everything else that doesn't belong; and
- When the timer rings, feel free to stop the process.

Small steps taken over time can lead to big changes.

What can you sort in just 15 minutes?

If a task or project just seems too big, think about recruiting friends, family or even a professional organizer to help jump start your project.

## GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

Organizing has an additional benefit: You could find things you thought you had lost but were only misplaced. It could even be something truly valuable like a long-lost wedding ring that migrated to the back corner of a junk drawer, but it's more likely to be something you can easily dispose of. Say goodbye to that stack of utility bills from 1967.

### Start with the easiest things first

If you're stumped as to where to begin, start with anything that's expired: food, makeup and especially medications.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Closing of ICU at Sharon Hospital an appalling plan

Nuvance, the present owner of Sharon Hospital, planned to eliminate the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on Feb. 1, with barely a word to the community and without approval from the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS). Fortunately, an inspection on Jan. 26 by the Connecticut State Health Department delayed the change until April. Nuvance still plans to substitute the ICU with a progressive care unit (PCU), which will be part of the medical-surgical unit in a different location staffed by medical-surgical nurses and not ICU trained nurses.

This is a significant loss

of healthcare access for our community, as this new unit would not provide the level of care typical of ICUs. In spite of the COVID epidemic, Nuvance has already eliminated half of the ICU beds. In addition, four of our 11 ICU nurses left after Nuvance administration told ICU staff its plans. Eliminating the ICU would only save about \$600,000, according to an outside consultant, while the cost to the community cannot be quantified.

Since this summer, Nuvance has implemented a new administrative policy requiring that patients sick enough to require ICU-level admission must be transferred or diverted from the Sharon Emergency Room (ER) to other institutions, instead of being admitted to our ICU. Nuvance has even institutionalized this process without formal approval by OHS. By electing to bypass the formal process, Nuvance is now asking for permission after the fact. Its petition is still under review.

The loss of our ICU would have real-world consequences for our community. Recently, we had a patient in our emergency room with respiratory failure, requiring emergent intubation. However, intubated patients require ICU-level care, so under the new policy this patient could not be admitted here. It was only after unsuccessful attempts were made to transfer the patient to multiple institutions, and after the doctors pleaded with Sharon Hospital and Nuvance administrators, that the intubated patient was allowed an exemption to be admitted here. I am pleased to report that the patient did well, but this is only because of the strength of our hospital staff. There will be other times when it is not possible to transfer critically ill patients, but if Nuvance's plan to close the ICU is approved by OHS, it will not be possible to admit ICU-level patients at Sharon Hospital, even when transferring a patient is not an option.

It is appalling that Nuvance is more interested in profit than providing the levels of care needed in our community. We have an incredible staff and quality of care here in Sharon Hospital, but Nuvance seems intent on diminishing this in the name of cost savings. If we do not fight, we will lose our local, quality healthcare. Hopefully, OHS and elected officials in Hartford can intervene and Save Sharon Hospital.

David R. Kurish, MD  
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In addition, there are National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events in April and October, and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and Dutchess County Stop-DWI will collect unwanted medications at all 12 OFA Senior Picnics this summer.

### Speaking of the picnics...

We're working on the Summer 2022 picnic schedule already. By springtime we hope to know whether we can proceed with traditional sit-down picnics, or whether pandemic necessities will require drive-through picnics. Stay tuned!

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

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The road ahead...

## A possible solution?

When we were children, it was not uncommon to have classmates or neighborhood friends decide they wanted different games, different groups of friends, even different morals and values. How many can remember the bully who wanted everyone to do as he or she said? The solution was often avoidance, letting them have their way and go on living your own life. In time, the bully's own behavior sidelined them from good grades, real friends, school teams and, in later life, those very bullies usually failed to live nurturing, happy lives. Every loudmouth, every my-way-or-the-highway so-called leader, every bully I ever met at school or university has ended up miserable and a failure — failure finding real friends, failure in the workplace and, usually, drifting through close relationships. So, as the country seems mired in morals, truth and the bullies' desire to wreck our democracy, I have a suggestion: Deal with them as we did when we were children.

Look, if Texas extremists — always in a minority of the actual population — force through gerrymandered districts and then go after women's rights to control their own body, if they then want, like Mississippi and Georgia, to pass restrictive voting laws on top of the desire to control women's rights — if that is what Texas tolerates, then all we have to do is verbally call them out, by name, and oppose their amoral and anti-democratic behavior to the point when they scream sedition and threaten to secede. And at that point let them. Real Texans will find a home elsewhere in the real America.

"You want out? There's the door. Real American values cannot condone your behavior and you are welcome to leave." Nothing

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

defeats a bully faster than agreeing with their desire. They don't want fair-minded people in Texas? Fine, the good people will leave — and take their economy with them.

Muhammad Ali understood that "rope-a-dope" was a winning strategy. Even in jujitsu, you use your opponent's strength to throw them. You let them throw all their worst punches, then simply move aside, pull their arm and use their own momentum to off-balance them and, in turn, defeat their attack.

I think all this time we're spending fighting the vote deniers, all this time we're chasing the Oathkeepers and QAnon, all this time we lament the hatred of the members of Congress determined to destroy our Constitution, all this time has resulted in our own anger, our frustration, our pain and hurt. I'm tired of fighting, give 'em what they want.

Instead of them successfully hurting us, goad them into a grandstanding demand for secession, allow them to ramp up their rhetoric and show their real colors of anti-democracy, racism and fervent supremacy. Wait for it, wait for it... when they throw what they think is a winning punch against America, simply move aside and pull them into that abyss they are promoting. Let them go. If they burn down the Capitol Building, we'll keep it as a memento of the day they think they won but sealed their own fate as non-Americans.

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

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