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'Worst fire' Millerton has seen in years claims two lives; local community offers comfort and support

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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MILLERTON — What began as a serene Saturday morning in the village of Millerton took a turn for the tragic as multiple area fire companies rushed to the village in response to a horrific house fire at 5902 South Elm Ave. (Route 22) on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The fire

Two people were reported to have lost their lives inside the home. At this time, the names of the victims are not being released.

A prepared statement issued by the North East Fire District on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, stated the Millerton Fire Company was dispatched to the scene at 7:58 a.m. in response to a report of a possible house fire with people trapped inside.

Local residents could spot the billowing clouds of smoke from miles away,

some of whom reported hearing people screaming to get out. The closer onlookers got, the more horrific the scene became. Dark smoke emerged from the house and the harsh smell of smoke escaped the home as it quickly became engulfed in flames. Neighbors stood on their lawns and front porches and watched the devastation unfold, while a handful of local officials stood on the grass, worry lining their faces.

David Runge resides nearby on West Street. He said he and his family were having a cup of coffee around 8:04 a.m. when they saw the flames shoot up in the sky. Standing across the street from the burning house, Runge said, "Let's hope everybody got out OK."

According to the North East Fire District's statement, Fire Chief Jason Watson arrived within four minutes of the 911 call being dispatched and found the

See **MILLERTON FIRE, A6**



Approximately 50 firefighters from multiple area fire companies responded to a devastating house fire reported at 5902 South Elm Ave. in Millerton on Saturday morning, Nov. 6.

PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

North East Fire District reduces tax increase to 51.8%

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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NORTH EAST — After deliberating over taxpayers' concerns regarding a proposed 58% increase in fire district taxes, the North East Fire District cut its 2022 budget before it was passed at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

In addition to the lowering the original 58% increase, the North

East Fire District Commission re-addressed the eventual need to shift toward a paid fire company in the next three to five years.

As was discussed at the public hearing on its 2022 budget on Tuesday, Oct. 19, North East Fire District Commissioner Joshua Schultz said the district is looking to prepare its firehouse and facilities to accommodate the drop in local volunteers.

The future fire district will involve

a hybrid between volunteers and a paid staff. Seeing as there are several projects to be completed to house the hybrid force — including adding a fitness centers, bathrooms and sleeping quarters — Schultz said the budget increase would help the district to fund the projects and finance a paid force's salary, workers' compensation and insurance.

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Election brings some changes, rejects others

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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HARLEM VALLEY — Election Day 2021 was Tuesday, Nov. 2. The Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) released unofficial results as of late Tuesday night. Of course, it could take weeks until all of the absentee and military ballots are counted, but by and large most of the municipal elections in the Harlem Valley have been decided — though there is always the possibility that those mail-in ballots yet to be tallied could sway a close race or two, so make sure to keep reading The Millerton News to

stay in-the-know.

This week, however, we have the most up-to-date news on the results, as they stand now, according to the numbers released by the BOE.

To read how voters living in your communities leaned this election season, make sure to read each and every town page in this newspaper this week. Our reporters give full accounts of how your 2021 local elections turned out, and interviewed some of the winners.

To read who was elected to the Dutchess County Legislature to represent the Harlem Valley district you live in, turn to page A6.



PHOTO BY KEVIN GARDINER

Newly elected Amenia Councilman Leo Blackman was all smiles as he held up a photo of friends and supporters with an American flag and a sign reading, 'We Did It.'

Urging Nuvance to look at increase in young families in region

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

SHARON, Conn. — Impassioned speeches urging Nuvance Health to retain full services at Sharon Hospital were aired at a community rally on the Sharon Green on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6. The event drew about 300 supporters from area towns, including town and state political leaders.

Residents of New York state and Connecticut lined up to sign letters opposing to Nuvance's plans and asking state officials to assist.

The rally was organized by a citizens' group named Save Sharon Hospital, formed in 2018, when initial plans to reduce services were announced. At issue once again are Nuvance's planned reductions in services within the labor and delivery department at the hospital as well as other areas, including surgical and ICU.

Founded in 1909, Sharon Hospital now has 78 beds and serves 20 area communities and their 41,000 residents, in Connecticut and New York.

A merger in 2019 transferred ownership of the hospital to nonprofit Nuvance Health, based in New York State, with the new owner pledging to retain all services for a period of

"We want to be sure that our voices are loud and clear."

Jan Speck, Kent First Selectman

at least five years.

Now in the third year of its pledge, Nuvance is seeking to reduce services. Area residents and doctors have been vocal in opposition to the reductions.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) spoke at the rally and recalled that three years before, state regulators had told Nuvance to keep labor and delivery as a condition of approval of the merger.

Horn told the crowd that Nuvance cannot make a change to that promise without the permission of state officials. She noted that a public hearing will be part of that process.

Also pledging support of the effort was Gregg Pulver, chair of the Dutchess County Legislature (R-19), who decried the "degradation of Sharon Hospital."

"We need to keep this going," Pulver told the rally supporters.

Remembering his 30 years of experience delivering babies at Sharon Hospital, Dr. Howard Mortman

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MILLERTON

A ballot and a brownie

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library coaxed local voters to treat themselves to something sweet at the annual Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Local residents and baking enthusiasts were invited to bake for this year's sale, and donations were dropped off at the library on Monday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 2, until noon.

The annual Election Day Bake Sale was held in the lobby of the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex and ran as long as the baked goods lasted — which wasn't very long at all.

Among the available selection of homemade treats, voters eyed the apple, wild grape and wild cherry jellies set up on a table along with the blueberry cheesecake bites, pumpkin cake, maple honey cookies, mo-



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson invited North East voter Andrew Stayman to browse the baked goods on display at the library's annual Election Day Bake Sale in the lobby of the Library Annex.

lasses cookies and three freshly baked apple pies.

As a side note, NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson is on the lookout for the baker responsible for cooking up a truly memorable peanut but-

ter pie at the 2019 Election Day Bake Sale. Anyone with information about who baked that delicious delicacy is asked to contact the library at 518-789-3340.

— Kaitlin Lyle

ADA accessible pool chosen for CDBG grant application

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Already planning ahead for the 2022 fiscal year, the Village Board held a public hearing during its workshop meeting on Monday, Nov. 1, to generate ideas for its 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to submit to the county.

The meeting was held at Village Hall at 6 p.m. with the public hearing scheduled for 6:05 p.m. In addition to members of the board, the meeting drew Millerton residents Anna and Michael Clune.

As the board began exchanging ideas for possible Block

Grant grant applications, Mayor Jennifer Najdek said on a later date that one idea was to potentially do a grant to look into planning for parking and drainage on Century Boulevard.

Another idea was to put in an application for funds to help pay for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) handicapped accessible pool that has been purposed for the former Eddie Collins Field. That park is being renovated into the newly renamed, roughly \$8 million Millerton Community Park.

After further discussion, the board agreed to go forward with submitting a CDBG application for the ADA pool to help with

the cost of its construction.

Najdek said she believed the grant would be a joint application between the village of Millerton and the town of North East, and that Millerton could apply for up to \$200,000 if applying jointly with the town. Joint applications also often have a stronger chance of getting approved.

Going forward, Najdek said the next step is to submit a letter of intent to let the county know what Millerton plans to use the 2022 CDBG grant for; if the letter is approved, the village will submit its application.

At this time, the mayor said she believes the letter of intent is due Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Take NECC's Childcare Survey

MILLERTON — Interested in learning more about the community's childcare needs? The North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton has issued a survey to gain a greater understanding of local residents' experiences with childcare in the Harlem Valley as well as to see if those who live and work in the region have or foresee the need

for childcare services either now or in the future.

The survey is open to anyone living or working in or around the northeastern area of Dutchess County, and has been made available in both English and Spanish.

All responses are optional and anonymous, unless the respondent decides to add his or her

contact information.

The survey may be found online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnWxR7gpikcuAqgs6D9zk22KpwwQ-HY-AclpocjxJmrtEiw/viewform>.

For more information, contact NECC Family Program Director Jessica Raymond at jessica@neccmillerton.org with any questions.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Little Free Grocery needs support

Donations are needed for the Little Free Grocery at the NorthEast-Millerton Library as the original funding has run out. The program is in addition to the Tiny Library Food Pantry on Main Street and provides free groceries and household items. Patrons may order online at www.nemillertonlibrary.org or by phone at 518-789-3340 with pick up at the library on Main Street. There is no cost or library card required.

Special orders may be requested in addition to those for the following: pasta, soups, sauce, cookies, cereals, oatmeal, tea, coffee, paper towels, napkins, hand sanitizer, disposable masks, tissues, razors, deodorants, sanitary products, toilet paper, pet food, treats and cat litter.

Donate online or send a check to NorthEast-Millerton Library, P.O. BOX 786, Millerton, NY 12546.

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Find your park!

Eddie Collins Memorial Park is now closed for renovations. Here are some other parks and/or playgrounds to enjoy with your children.

Please be sure to check the website to review when the parks are open and what policies they may have regarding COVID-19.

Amenia Town Hall Playground; Beekman Park; North East Community Center (NECC) Playground; Taconic State Park-Copake Falls; Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond; Wassaic Park; Wilcox Park.

NECC's Teen Team seeks students

Registration is now open for the North East Community Center's (NECC) Teen Team for the 2021-22 school year.

The team is open to any student living in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, and will meet on Wednesday evenings and a few Saturdays each month to participate in recreational, educational and community service activities.

All activities are opt-in, and NECC will provide transportation, food and all supplies.

All those interested in attending Teen Team events are invited to reach out at teenprograms@neccmillerton.org, call or text 518-407-7279 or send a message on Instagram @teenteam_necc.

Coats, clothing and cocoa with NECC

The North East Community Center (NECC) will hold their annual coat giveaway, Saturday, Nov. 20, from noon until 2 p.m. at 51 South Center St. in Millerton.

Gently-used coats of all sizes will be available along with a variety of new and used clothing and shoes.

All are welcome to attend, choose a coat, and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa!

Masks are required.

For details, contact Jessica at 518-789-4259, ext. 105.

Legion hosts Sunday Pancake Breakfasts

Monthly Pancake Breakfasts are back on at the Millerton American Legion Post 178. The next one is on Dec. 5, then Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

The monthly breakfast will consist of pancakes, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, and will cost \$8 per meal. Meals will be available for eat-in or take-out. Breakfast sandwiches will also be available for \$5.

The Legion will serve from 7 to 10 a.m. Please call 518-789-4755 to place orders.

The Post 178 Legion Hall is located at 155 Route 44, Millerton.

Cooper, Fedele elected to North East Town Board

By KAITLIN LYLE
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NORTH EAST — Ready to take part in one of this country's most important governmental processes, registered voters in the town of North East went to the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to vote for their choice of candidates to fill the two open seats on the North East Town Board.

Incumbent Ralph Fedele (D) and newcomer Griffin Cooper (D) won the election, while another newcomer, Meg Winkler (North East/Millerton Non-Partisan party line), came in third place.

The polls were open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Library Annex.

After casting their vote, local residents were invited to treat themselves to something sweet at the NorthEast-Millerton Library's annual Election Day Bake Sale, which was organized in the Annex's lobby from the time the polls opened until supplies ran out. Profits from the sale went to support the library.

The Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) published the unofficial 2021 Election results on its website, www.elections.dutchessny.gov, in the late hours of Tuesday evening, Nov. 2.

BOE Unofficial results

There were a total of 624 ballots counted for the town of North East. Out of that total number, Cooper led with 352 votes, followed by Fedele with 332 votes and Winkler with 213 votes. There were also five write-in votes.

While Cooper will be starting his first term on the North East Town Board, Fedele will be commencing his third full term in office.

Giving thanks to everyone who voted, Cooper said, "It's so important for the residents of small communities across our country to have the kind of direct impact on democracy that voting allows for. For those who cast their vote for me, I hope to reinforce their trust. For those who did not, I will work to earn their trust through the way I serve the town of North East during my term."

Taking into account the significant changes the town and village have seen over the past few years, Cooper noted that while those changes can bring some exciting possibilities, "it is important that those folks who have spent generations living and working here are not forgotten and do not feel left behind."

"I feel it is my duty to help make North East an affordable, easy place to live," he said, "not only for those looking to make North East their new home, but also for those folks who have called our town home for many years and have helped to build it into the great community we love today."

Delighted by the success of the Fedele-Cooper ticket and encouraged by the involvement of everyone who came out to vote, Fedele said he was really gratified with the election's results.

Reminiscing about his 34 years in the community, he said, "I've gotten to know a lot of people, I made a lot of

friends... and I listen to all their concerns. People are concerned about taxes and essential services like ambulance, police and fire service, and I listen to both sides — and I try to pick and choose what I think is the truth and I try to bring everybody together in the middle."

As he kicks off his third term in office, Fedele said he's looking forward to rolling up his sleeves and working with town Supervisor Chris Kennan and a reenergized Town Board.

Additionally, he said he thought Winkler did a very credible job running in this year's election and praised her energy and interest in town government.

Campaigning under the Democratic party line, current North East Town Justice Casey McCabe ran uncontested for another term on the bench and won with a total of 446 votes. McCabe will begin her fourth four-year term in office come Jan. 1.

Correction

In the Nov. 4 edition of The Millerton News, The Music Cellar's address was incorrectly listed. The studio's correct address is 14 Main St., Millerton, alongside the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. We regret the error.

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

A change in leadership on Pine Plains Town Board

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PINE PLAINS — After listening carefully to candidates about their vision for the town's future, Pine Plains voters were eager to get out to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to cast their ballots in this year's election.

Incumbent Democratic town Supervisor Darrah Cloud ran for her third term in office against political newcomer, Pine Plains Hose Co. Fire Chief Brian Walsh, who campaigned and won under the Republican party line.

For the two Town Board positions, one-term Councilman Matthew Zick (NOP) ran for a second four-year term in office;

he was cross-endorsed by both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Two newcomers competed a spot on the Town Board. Republican Robert Ambrose earned the second spot, while Democrat Diana Woolis lost the race.

Current Town Justice David Humeston ran uncontested for his second four-year term in office under both the Democratic and Republican party lines.

Assessor Lynda Wisdo likewise campaigned for her second four-year term unchallenged; she was previously elected in 2018 to fill the unexpired term of former Assessor Robert Cordella.

Polls were open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Pine Plains Town

Hall on Route 199.

BOE unofficial results

According to the unofficial election results posted on the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) website, www.elections.dutchessny.gov, late Tuesday evening, Nov. 2, 779 ballots were cast in the town of Pine Plains.

Out of those, Walsh received 410 votes to helm the Town Board, while Cloud received 349 votes. There was one write-in ballot cast.

While he stressed the results aren't official yet and there are still absentee ballots to be counted, Walsh said, "I appreciate all the support by the townspeople and everyone that backed me." "I'm incredibly disappoint-

ed," Cloud said. "I had so many projects going forward that have taken four years to get to this critical point and I wanted to continue for one more term to see them to fruition."

For the two open seats on the Town Board, Zick received the plurality of votes at 644, followed by Ambrose with 406 votes while Woolis garnered 334.

"I'm very happy that the voters decided to stick with me for another four years," Zick said. "I'm happy to be elected and excited to see what these next four years bring."

Humeston was elected to another term as town justice with 679 votes while Wisdo was elected to another term as assessor with 668 votes.

BOE brainstorms goals for 2021-22, reviews feedback from last year

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With the first two months of the 2021-22 school year underway, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) spent a large part of its special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, reviewing its goals from 2020-21 and starting to develop a new set of goals for the current school year.

Beginning at 7 p.m., BOE members assembled for their meeting over Zoom. BOE Vice President Amie Fredericks said the BOE received feedback from PPCSD administrators on whether last year's goals were met; she invited BOE members to go through each goal concerning curriculum and instruction, business, facilities and the community.

Following tradition, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said the BOE could keep a goal if it hadn't yet been accomplished; if a goal had been accomplished, he said they could toss it or add a new goal.

The BOE members decided to keep in place the goal of having the percentage of a four-year cohort achieving a diploma be at least 95%; the goal for continuing to measure the long-term effectiveness of the district's Pre-K program; the goal for continuing to maintain opportunities for students with disabilities to participate in regular classes and extracurricular programs; and the goal to evaluate the academic intervention series program and restructure as needed.

Among the goals that were tossed, the BOE decided to take out the goal for reducing the opt-out rate for testing to less than 20% for a year.

Included in last year's community goals — particularly in regard to the district's website — BOE members commented on improvements made to the

website. BOE member Jim Griffin said he felt the PPCSD does an effective job getting district news and information out between the website and its Facebook page, while Handler said he's gotten positive feedback on the weekly letters the district issues.

Once the BOE came to the end of last year's goals, Handler asked if there was anything the board wanted to add as a pressing issue. Griffin said he'd like to have something added for tracking student learning loss performance "and really targeting it as much as we can to their needs."

"We just got through the most unprecedented time in education and distance learning and all that," Griffin said, adding that fixing the problem would take time.

Fredericks suggested hav-

ing a goal regarding a smooth transition for the district superintendent position, as Handler plans to retire at year's end, as well as adding a goal for having high school students involved at BOE meetings.

Taking note of what the district discovered in the remote learning environment, BOE member Chip Couse recalled how the district had "horrible broadband across the spectrum of the school district," and said the BOE should craft a goal to work with the nine towns within the school district to see if they can upgrade their broadband service.

After the BOE's discussion came to a close, Handler said they would try to "wordsmith these ideas into something rational" for the next BOE meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Located across the street from where the pigs residing on Sugar Hill Farm roam the pastures, the Sugar Hill Farm Market opened for business in Pine Plains this August.

Sugar Hill Farm Market offers sweet deals to Harlem Valley shoppers

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Having thought about opening a market for a long time, Elena Meccariello, the wife of Sugar Hill Farm manager Jack Meccariello, was able to turn her dream of opening a farm market into a reality this summer with the opening of Sugar Hill Farm Market.

Since 2003, the family-operated Sugar Hill Farm has taken great pride and pleasure in its work raising high-quality pasture-raised pork at 3580 Route 199 in Pine Plains.

All of the pigs, according to Elena, are born and raised on the farm and spend their days on the its lush pastures. The Meccariello family also pride themselves on their raising different breeds of pigs and making their own pig feed. An extensive amount of research has gone into their work over the years as she said they've traveled the country visiting other farms and studying the art of pork, particularly in Iowa where it's "total pig country."

Across the street from where the pigs are roam the pasture, the Sugar Hill Farm Market opened at 3629 Route 199 on Aug. 7.

As she was looking into opening a market and researching her options, Elena said, "I wanted it to be where anybody could afford to

come in. We wanted it so anybody could afford to come in and buy something, and we carry so many products right now and we're expanding."

Stepping into the country-side brightly-painted red market, customers will indeed be impressed by the wide array of products curated from local farms — including Chaseholm Farm Creamery and Ronnybrook Farm in Pine Plains — as well as area purveyors and small batch companies.

Along with local dairy products, produce, pork, beef and chicken, Sugar Hill Farm Market carries shelves of fine tea, bread, baked goods, soaps, lotions, balms, eggs, sauces and oils, beans, granola, rubs and much more in store.

On top of that, Elena said she and her family sample everything they carry in the market so they can help advise customers who come in. For example, if a customer were to give her an idea of something they like, she can refer to what she's sampled and make a suggestion.

Sugar Hill Farm Market's fall hours of operations run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays; from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays; and is closed Mondays through Wednesdays.

Elena said they plan to have the market stay open all year long and the hours will change per season.



Curated from local farms, area purveyors and small batch companies, there's a menagerie of products to explore on the shelves at the Sugar Hill Farm Market, located at 3629 Route 199 in Pine Plains.

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

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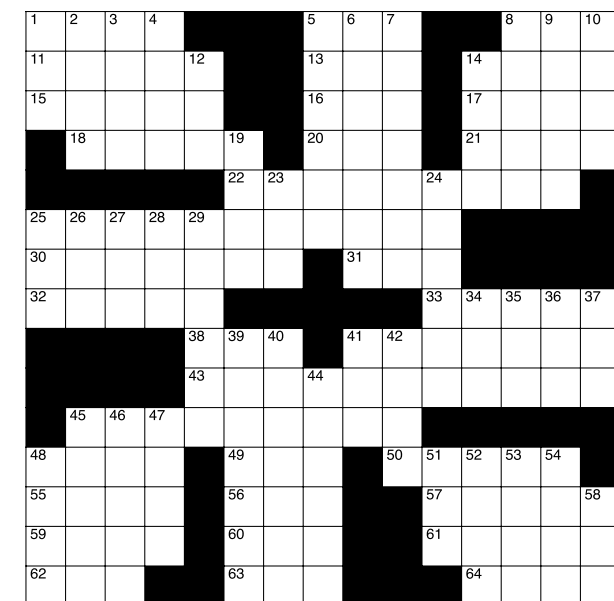
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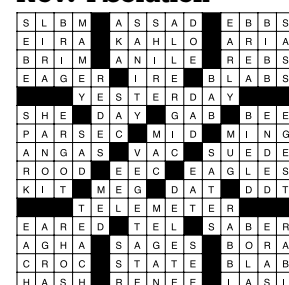
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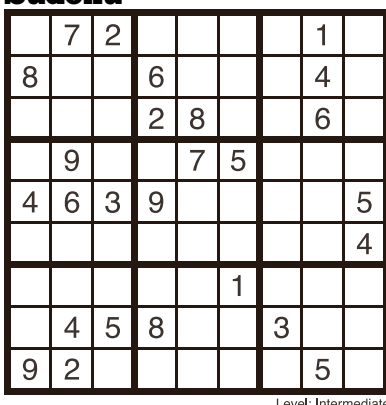


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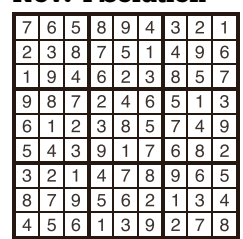
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The Presbyterian Church will host a Turkey Supper "Grab & Go" with curbside pickup on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.

Takeout dinners will include freshly roasted turkey with stuffing & gravy, smashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert.

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

Dinners may be available at the door if the church is not sold out ahead of time. Dinners are \$16, payable by cash or check at the door or Venmo in advance @FUPCPP.

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OBITUARIES

John E. Miller

WINSTED — John E. Miller, 97, passed away peacefully, in his home, surrounded by family, in the early morning of Nov. 7, 2021.

John was born on Jan. 10, 1924, son of the late John Miller and Eva Ellis.

He grew up in Winsted and attended The Gilbert School. At the age of 17, he enlisted into the army and served in World War II.

After coming home from the war and having corresponded with his love, Madeline, they were married on Oct. 17, 1945.

He worked as a carpenter and built many houses, including his own, in the Northwest Corner.

John was predeceased by his loving wife, Madeline Miller. He is survived by his daughter, Dianne Dunn and her husband, Nardy; his two grandsons, Dino

Labbadia and his wife, Patricia, and John Labbadia; his great-grandchildren, Cristina King and her husband Ryan, and Nieko, Nicholas, Drew, Alyssa, Matthew and Anthony Labbadia; and his great-great-granddaughter, Madeline King.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph Church, in North Canaan. Burial will follow after the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery with full military honors.

Calling hours will be held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan on Thursday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations in John's memory may be sent to the Little Guild of St. Francis 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

Sharon A. Renzetti

NORTH CANAAN — Sharon A. Renzetti, 73, of New Bern, N.C., passed away peacefully on Nov. 2, 2021, with her loving husband by her side.



She was born on Jan. 12, 1948, in Middletown, Conn., to the late Marion (Horrigan) and Merritt Ackerman. She was a 1966 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown.

On Sept. 6, 1996, after a 21-year courtship, she and Richard Renzetti were united in marriage. Together they owned and operated the LeBistro Restaurant in North Canaan. Following the sale of LeBistro, she began a career at Salisbury Bank and Trust working in the Deposit Operations Department, where she retired as the department supervisor. It was in both places that she made many cherished friends.

She loved cooking, gardening, traveling and entertaining friends in her home, and could bake like nobody's business; but her greatest love was her family.

Besides her husband Richard, Sharon is survived by her

daughters, Tina Garofalo of Hamilton, N.Y., and Laura Russin of Madison, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Samantha and her husband, Justin Bush, Emily Curtiss and Casey, Sara and Megan Russin; five great-grandchildren, Sophia, Brantley, Kinsey, Aiden and Mason due in January; her sisters-in-law, Marguerite and her husband, Michael Hammond, of Davenport, Fla., and Marianne and her husband, Robert Concascia, of Old Lyme, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Cynthia Hunt.

In keeping with Sharon's wishes there will be no services.

Sharon's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses in the Palliative Care Unit at Carolina East Medical Center for the wonderful care and compassion they provided Sharon during her final days. Please consider making a donation to Carolina East Foundation in Sharon's memory either online or by mail to 2007B Neuse Blvd., New Bern, NC 28560.

Henry A. Prause

MILLERTON — Henry A. Prause, 86, of Millerton entered the presence of his Lord on Nov. 5, 2021, at Guthrie Medical Center in Cortland, N.Y. He was the loving, faithful husband of the late Elizabeth (Fitch) Prause.



Henry was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Sharon, the son of the late Milanny (Stender) and August Prause.

Henry graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School and from Baptist Bible Seminary of Johnson City, N.Y., and then entered the pastorate. He ministered for a short time at a church in Derby Line, Vt., until he was called as the pastor of North East Baptist Church in Millerton, where he served for 61 years.

He is survived by his two daughters, Lois Stupke and

Apphia Rofe and her husband, Tom; his son, Michael and his wife, Wendy; his siblings, Chris Prause and his wife, Mary, Agnes Kranwinkel, Peter Prause and his wife, Pixie, Millie Olson and her husband, Jim; 25 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son Jonathan; son-in-law Harmon Stupke; and his wife, Elizabeth.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at North East Baptist Church in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to North East Baptist Church, P.O. Box 531, Millerton, NY 12546.

Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

SPORTS



Shooting Sports youth earn medals as well as scholarships. This photo was taken at the 2019 Dutchess County Fair. From left, Njeri Collins, Lorenzo Castro and Miranda Castro were awarded second, first and third place respectively for the fair's Club Air Rifle Competition.

Janeen Gae Wilson

SALISBURY — Our wonderful sister, Janeen Gae Wilson, 57, unexpectedly passed away on Sept. 28, 2021, after a long, challenging illness.

Born on July 31, 1964, Janeen was a student at Mystic Oral School in Mystic, Conn. Later, she was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School (1984) and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Gallaudet University in 2001 and 2003, respectively. She worked in The Villages as a Special Education teacher at a Charter School of the National Deaf Academy.

Janeen was fond of traveling, having visited numerous locales within the United States and internationally. She participated in many social groups in The Villages, including several deaf clubs.

She is survived by her fiancé,

Bob McDevitt, of The Villages, where they had lived together for over 20 years.

Additionally, she is survived by three siblings, her brother, Thomas, of Falls Village, and her two sisters, Tamara Carroll of Skaneateles, N.Y., and Tessa Wilson of Walhalla, S.C. She also leaves behind two sons and two grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, who will all mourn her sudden passing.

Many close friends from numerous states will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Wilson, and her father, Robert Wilson, both of Florida.

Janeen will be laid to rest on Nov. 12 in a private ceremony in Connecticut. A public celebration of her life is planned for the spring.

American Legion Post 178 aims high with Shooting Sports program

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Thanks to recent funding from Dutchess County's "Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids" grant program, the American Legion Post 178 in Millerton was granted additional support to continue offering local youth the chance to partake in the Shooting Sports program where they can learn the safe, ethical use of both firearms and archery equipment.

The "Learn, Play, Create" grant program was launched this past June as part of Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's "Dutchess Invests" initiative, which seeks "to direct \$57 million in one-time funding allocated to Dutchess County through the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan (ARP) to areas the community has recognized as priorities," according to a recent press release from Molinaro's office.

The grant program "provides \$3 million in one-time grants to local nonprofit youth organizations in the categories of expanded learning — arts, libraries and athletics — that were deprived of a year of fundraising or participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Totalling \$387,700, the 10th round of "Learn, Play, Create" grant awards was distributed on Monday, Nov. 1, to fund 22 projects from local nonprofit organizations.

Of those 22 projects, the American Legion Post 178 at 155 Route 44 in Millerton, received \$20,000 for materials, equipment and supplies for archery and shooting sports pop-up



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Through their involvement with the Dutchess County Long Rifles program — Dutchess County's premier 4-H Shooting Sports program — youth ages eight to 18 learn the safe, ethical use of both firearms and archery equipment.

educational events throughout Dutchess County.

Starting late 2013, American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay said the Legion has sponsored the county's 4-H Shooting Sports program, becoming one of its largest sponsors and getting a number of its own members involved as instructors.

More widely known as the Dutchess County Long Rifles program, it's affiliated with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC) and is open to any child ages 8 to 18, according to the Legion's website, www.legionpost178.org.

"This has been a great blessing for both the Post as well as for the youth throughout the county," Klay said, "and it's turned into great reciprocal relationships."

Before COVID-19, Klay said the program typically had around 250 participants over the course of the year.

"The good thing is not everybody came at once because we're in competition with other youth activities," he said, naming baseball in the spring and field hockey in the fall as examples.

Because of COVID-19, the Shooting Sports program took a big hit, receiving 125 to 150 participants last year. However, Klay said the Legion had a lot of program outreach during the Dutchess County Fair this past August and has since received a huge boon of interest.

Asked how the program works, Klay said the Legion starts participants who are at least 8 years old with archery, while participants ages nine and up work on handling air rifles. Around age 12, participants are introduced to firearms like shotguns and rifles.

As part of the program, Klay said they hold field target training and teach participants about their equipment and how to safely handle it.

As they get better and develop more self confidence, he said the Legion is then able to take participants to the next level and introduce them to competitive shooting.

Klay himself primarily teaches archery and shows participants the proper way to use and handle a bow.

One of the most interesting parts of the program, Klay

noted, is that 60 to 70% of the program's participants are typically girls.


"It surprises a lot of people," he said, "and they — no joke — clean the clocks out of the boys... It's kind of cool and fun to watch because you see a lot of guys get humbled. It's a lot of fun and the kids have a good time."

Along with the skills they acquire through the program, American Legion Post 178 Treasurer Bob Jenks said, "One of the big things that youth gain is confidence, and confidence in youth is important."

Participants also have the chance to earn scholarships based on their shooting ability. Since 2013, Klay said they've had 13 to 14 scholarships awarded, adding all but two of them have gone to girls.

As the Legion continues to support the Shooting Sports program, Klay said one of the things it's looking to do is use the "Learn, Play, Create" grant to continue to expand Post 178's outreach.

Enrollment for the Shooting Sports program is open year-round; for more information, go to www.dclongrifles.org.

 <h2>Worship Services</h2> <p>Week of November 14, 2021</p> <p>Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.</p>	
<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. "The Discipline of Gratitude" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiauoloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5554 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
	<p>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</p>

Voters send message to town on its future

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Following a heated race for the Town Board, registered voters in the town of Amenia prioritized casting their ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

From 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., voters could vote at Immaculate Conception Church, the Wassaic firehouse or VFW Post 5444 on the Dover Plains border. Throughout the day, the polling places drew a strong turnout of voters determined to have a say in which candidates would fill the two positions up for grabs on the Amenia Town Board as well the town supervisor post.

"I think there's a lot of strong feelings right now about events that are happening," said voter Jessica Deister, "and it's important, no matter what way you vote, to make sure to get your opinion out."

Deister said she was very confident about the candidates running for office this year.

"I like that there was a big turnout this year and there was a lot of people running."

Though keen to do her civic duty and vote in her local election, Amenia resident Kathy Kelleher said she was not confident about the candidates this year; her husband John said he was "still undecided" at the polls.

"I'm just tired of all the mud-slinging all the time," he said. "It's a small town — we don't need that crap here."

Unofficial results

Once the votes were tallied in the late evening hours of Election Day, the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) posted its unofficial 2021 results. In Amenia,

there were a total of 1,043 ballots counted.

Campaigning for her fifth two-year term in office, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti (REP, CON) received 648 votes out of a total of 1,043 cast, while her contender, newcomer Julie Doran (Amenia Strong—AS), received 280 votes.

"I'm honored to serve another term in office and appreciate the faith and support that the voters had in me to re-elect me," Perotti said. "I love Amenia and I'm looking forward to a bright future for the town."

Running for the two four-year seats on the Town Board, Leo Blackman (DEM, WOR) received the highest total with 515 votes, followed by one-term incumbent James Morris (REP) with 348 votes; Brad Rebillard (REP, AS) received 345 votes; Katherine Lee (DEM) garnered 319 votes; James Vitiello (AS, CON) earned 268 votes; Stacy Mantel (WOR) got 76 votes; and write-in, one-term incumbent candidate Michele Somogyi received 37 votes.

Blackman thanked Amenia residents for their support.

"I had a great time walking around, talking to people, meeting people, and I'm looking forward to representing them and their needs and issues and hopefully being a really effective Town Board member," he said. "Not having done this before, I didn't appreciate how much work it was, so I would just like to thank all the other candidates for putting in the same amount of energy."

Also on the ballot, incumbent Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner won re-election for her



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From left, Amenia siblings Connor Deister, 4, and Cody, 7, invited local voters to perform their civic duty by casting their ballot in this year's election. The two accompanied their mother, Jessica, to one of Amenia's polling places at Immaculate Conception Church on Lavelle Road.



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As a tradition at Soukup Farms' annual Harvest Festival, folks were invited to climb aboard the hay ride for a fun fall ride around the farm in Dover Plains.

Full harvest for fall's bounty

DOVER PLAINS — Celebrating the fall season with a full-blown, four-weekend fete, Soukup Farms in Dover Plains invited both residents and visitors to the area to drop by the farm throughout October for this year's 7th Annual Harvest Festival.

Held in celebration of the fall, the farm had plenty of seasonal festivities to keep festival-goers of all ages entertained during their visit, from corn mazes to hay rides to tractor tours to a hay dragon display to a visit from the

Two-By-Two Traveling Zoo.

Commenting on the great attendance at this year's Harvest Festival, Jennifer Soukup said this year's festival had a bigger corn maze and a bigger pumpkin patch that brought more people out to the farm.

"The pumpkin crop was good this year, so people were happy," she said. "Each year, we see an increase in the number of families spending a full day at the farm, just enjoying the outdoors, and luckily this year we had beautiful weekend weather as well."

— Kaitlin Lyle

Town Board holds public hearings

Personal insights shared on marijuana, budget discussed

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — The Amenia Town Board's workshop meeting on Thursday, Nov. 4, began at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall; it was also live-streamed on YouTube.

2022 Budget

The board opened its first public hearing on the 2022 town budget. Wassaic resident and newly-elected town Councilman Leo Blackman was the only person who signed up to speak.

Blackman, who has chaired the Affordable Housing Board for the past year, pointed out there was no money allotted for wastewater engineering.

"In light of the amount of energy I personally had to spend to get the board to come up with the money that you did finally use to hire the wastewater engineer, I think it would be a big mistake to not put some money in for the next phase, which is going to be done in a fairly short period of time," he said. "Since everyone is talking about how important wastewater is, I think it would be really good thing to put some money where it's needed."

The board closed the public hearing on the budget hearing shortly after Blackman's comment and promptly opened the hearing on the two local laws introduced in September on opting out of allowing both cannabis dispensaries and cannabis lounges in the town of Amenia.

Cannabis public hearing

Between the written comments and the individuals who signed up to speak on the subject, the hearing drew many.

Local residents shared personal insights as to how allowing commercial cannabis sites in Amenia might enhance and/or hinder the town's future.

As the first to speak, resident Darlene Riemer explained the issue was close to her heart. She said she was basing her comments on both opinions and facts she retained from people who have been buried in Smithfield Valley. She said there are currently six graves in that cemetery that "tell a sad story of drug use." All of those are from people who died under the age of 26 who started out experimenting with marijuana.

Riemer said after trying marijuana "to see how far they could travel on their first high," some people decided to seek their next high and live a life of addiction — some surviving, some ending up dead — while others decided life was more exciting without clouds of smoke and becoming productive citizens.

Riemer talked about her husband's brother, who, at age 24,

thought he could take a marijuana trip and stop anytime he wanted. His addiction later became a chain around his shoulders, she said, until he ended his life by suicide at the age of 26.

She mentioned the word "Amenia" is Latin for "pleasing to the eye," and that many people have moved to the area for its views and quality of life.

"We don't need a marijuana lounge or dispensary in Amenia," she said. "We need to maintain our quality of life and enjoy the clear water, the crisp clean air that we breathe and the vast views we enjoy every day while living in this town. Let's not let Amenia go up in smoke."

Describing himself as a child of the 1980s who grew up during Nancy Reagan's anti-drug campaign, resident Paul Winters said, "We experimented, we had our fun, but then we moved on in life."

Yet he presented a counter argument to Riemer, pointing out that Amenia already has a thriving black market for drugs. "This idea that if we keep a dispensary from the town that our young people would not be able to access marijuana, that's a false hope," he said. "They're already getting it easily... If you have a dispensary, at least you have an opportunity to regulate it."

Speaking in favor of permitting commercial cannabis enterprises in town, resident Daniel Donnelly said personal freedom is at the crux of the matter. He noted New Yorkers may legally possess, transport and even smoke marijuana recreationally.

Along with relaying her experience as a former addict and alcoholic, resident Maryanne Snow-Pitts said her wife, who is battling bone cancer, is currently taking cannabis gummies to help with pain management and sleep issues. She said she has to drive across state lines to the recreational cannabis dispensary, The Pass, in Sheffield, Mass., once a month to purchase gummies.

"It's a no-brainer that we need to keep our options open and not have to drive to Massachusetts," Snow-Pitts said.

Resident Mary Ellen Brown talked about her family members' experiences using marijuana for medical purposes, while resident Doug Brown talked about his observations as a cannabis cultivator and how a dispensary would bring a lot of money to the town.

After Amenia Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner read aloud the letters submitted to the board on the subject, the public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.; the laws were not adopted as the board must digest what was said at the hearing.

AREA IN BRIEF

Wassaic Project's 2nd Annual Publication

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Project's second annual publication "Secret of the Friendly Woods" is now available to purchase at Maxon Mills, located at 37 Furnace Bank Road in Wassaic and online.

Designed by Studio Bueno and printed by Small Editions, this limited edition soft cover book features an embossed wood grain cover, gatefolds for larger works, interviews with artists and a few secrets: coloring book pages from Giada Crispiels, a fortune teller by Ben Pinder, a cut-out paper rabbit doll from Deborah Simon and a map of Wassaic by Jeila Gueraman and Bowie Zunino.

For more information, go to www.wassaicproject.org.

Open call for 2022 Summer Exhibition

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Project's 2022 Summer Exhibition open call is now live and accepting applications from interested artists.

The show will feature 30 to 40 emerging artists throughout the Maxon Mills building at 37 Furnace Bank Road and will be open to the public every weekend from Saturday, May 21, to Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022.

The Wassaic Project will accept proposals for ready-to-hang work, site-specific installations, temporary installations/performances and publication-specific works to go in its companion publication.

The Wassaic Project also offers an Exhibitions Fellowship, which provides no-fee residencies in April or May to up to five artists interested in creating site-specific installations for the show.

For more information, go to www.wassaicproject.org.

Volunteer positions open in Amenia

AMENIA — The town is seeking applications for anticipated 2022 volunteer positions for the following: Board of Assessment Review; Planning Board; Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); ZBA alternates (two positions); Recreation Commission; Board of Ethics; Amenia Housing Board; Wastewater Committee; Conservation Advisory Council (CAC); Enhancement Committee. Town residency is required.

Send a letter of interest and resume via email to townclerk@ameniany.gov or via mail to Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY 12501. The application deadline is noon, Wednesday, Nov. 17.

EARLY DEADLINE

Advertising deadline for the NOV. 25TH issues will be THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH, at NOON for Display Advertising; FRIDAY, NOV. 19TH, at noon for Classified Line Advertising. Editorial and letters deadline will be FRIDAY, NOV. 19TH at 10 a.m.

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MILLERTON FIRE *Continued from Page A1*

house fully engulfed in flames, with a report of two people still trapped inside the structure.

Watson immediately transmitted a second alarm “bringing additional equipment and manpower from fire companies in Amenia, Wassauc, Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale and Town of North East Medic 1, as well as from Lakeville, Sharon, Falls Village Fire Companies in neighboring Connecticut,” according to the district’s press release.

The Pine Plains Hose Company was on standby at the Millerton fire station.

Overall, North East Fire Commission Chairman Stephen Valyou said approximately 50 firefighters were on hand fighting the blaze.

Once the first fire engine arrived on scene, it immediately began using compressed air foam to suppress the fire.

Among the reported injuries, one female was transported to the hospital by for smoke inhalation, while a firefighter was transported for an injury.

The fire was contained by 11:44 a.m., but firefighters did not leave the scene until 7:30 p.m.

Reflecting on the events of the fire, Fire Commissioner Joshua Schultz said this is the largest fire the North East Fire District has responded to in years.

“It’s not my first fatal fire,” Schultz said, “but it is definitely one of the worst the first district has responded to.”

Valyou commended Watson for performing his duty as fire chief exceptionally well.

“He had everything organized; had the mutual aid that he needed, had all the bases covered.”

Both the cause and origin of the fire are currently being



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

investigated by the Dutchess County Fire Investigation team, which was on hand early Sunday morning and for much of that day, along with the New York State Police and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office.

Millerton community’s response

In the days following the devastation, the Millerton community banded together to offer its support and comfort to the families who lost their home and loved ones to the fire.

A Go Fund Me page was set up by Millerton resident Monica Baker at around 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, Nov. 7. The need was described on the page: “Please support a Millerton, N.Y., family who experienced a tragic house fire. Amy Yang is a local business owner and mother of 4. The house fire has inflicted unimaginable pain and loss on Amy and her family. Tragically, the Yang family already lost their father when he passed away suddenly a few years ago. Now more loss. They need our support. Please help in any way you can.”

Though the page’s initial goal was \$10,000, the goal was surpassed within a few hours and increased to \$20,000, then \$30,000. By Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, the Go Fund Me Page raised more than \$80,500, vastly surpassing its \$30,000 goal. Community members are invited to donate by visiting the page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-yang-family-after-devastating-fire>

Amy Yang is the owner of the Chinese restaurant in Millerton, the Golden Wok, located at Railroad Plaza near the intersection of Main Street and Route 22. According to Dutchess County’s 2021 Final Assessment Roll, Yang was identified as the owner of the property at 5902 South Elm Ave.

A sign was posted on the restaurant’s door announcing Golden Wok would be closed until further notice. Devastated by the events of the past 24 hours, Yang chose not to comment on the fire.

On behalf of the town of North East, North East Super-

visor Chris Kennan extended the town’s deepest condolences to Yang and her family in a statement released late Sunday afternoon.

“This is a time that gives meaning to the word ‘community,’” Kennan said in his statement. “She and her family are part of ours, and we hold them all in our collective arms.”

Included in his town statement, Kennan identified Yang as the individual that was hospitalized after the fire and announced that she has since been released. As more details of the fire come to light, he commended the “many outstanding instances of community spirit, courage and selflessness” that have emerged in response to the tragedy.

Online, the “Millerton Amenia Community Forum” Facebook page has been bursting with posts from community members concerned about the families that are now struggling to find a place to stay. Among those who posted, Cary Farrar notified viewers that the village is working on identifying needs for the family per the mayor’s office and will be posting information on the village’s social media page as soon as they have the information available.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., the Millerton Fire Company will hold an open community debriefing at 29 Century Blvd., to provide the community with a venue in which to talk about their feelings over the fire’s impact.

Harlem Valley voters re-elect all incumbents to County Legislature

By KAITLIN LYLE
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — From the early hours of the morning until late into the night of Tuesday, Nov. 2, Harlem Valley voters practiced their civic duty when they cast their ballots for their Dutchess County legislators in this year’s election.

Legislative District 19

Longtime Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) handily won his fifth two-year term in office. A farmer from Pine Plains, Pulver also campaigned on the independent Common Ground line.

Pulver’s challenger — Millerton resident Claire Owens — campaigned for office on the Democratic, Working Families and Independent Community First party lines.

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections’ (BOE) unofficial results posted on the evening of Election Day, out of a total of 3,403 ballots cast in the 19th District, Pulver secured a win with 1,840 votes. Owens, meanwhile, received 1,478 votes.

District 19 includes the municipalities of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan and Millerton.

Legislative District 25

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) won her third two-year term in the Legislature, running for office under the Conservative party as well.

Her opponent — Democratic newcomer Daniel Hutnick from the town of Amenia — also ran under the Working Families party lines.

In District 25, a total of 3,043 ballots were cast, with Houston receiving 1,613 votes while Hutnick earned 1,187 votes.

District 25 includes the municipalities of Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley and the Village of Millbrook.

Legislative District 24

Dutchess County Legislator Alan Surman (R-24) won for his seventh two-year term in office by at least 573 votes. He also campaigned under the Conservative party line as well.

His contender — newcomer Tyler Irish of Dover — ran under the Democratic party line and the Working Families Party line.

Voters in the 24th District re-elected Surman with 1,450 votes out of 2,442 total ballots cast while Irish received 877 votes. There was also one write-in cast.

District 24 includes the municipalities of Dover and Union Vale.

REDUCED TAX *Continued from Page A1*

Throughout the hearing, taxpayers voiced concerns about what future fiscal years will look like if a 58% tax increase takes place now; how the district will keep track of its funds; and if the district considered all its options before deciding to increase taxes by nearly 60%.

Several taxpayers inquired about the its recruitment efforts, given the struggle fire companies across Dutchess County — and really all volunteer fire departments — have faced in recent years attracting new members to join their ranks.

Taking the comments to heart, the fire commissioners delayed adopting the budget on Oct. 19, and held a workshop meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2. After weighing its options, the Board of Commis-

sioners settled on a \$51,800 decrease from what it first proposed; the budget was originally slated to be \$692,805.

The fire commissioners released a prepared statement on Friday, Nov. 5 explaining their decision. They said the final 2022 budget now totals \$641,005, indicating a more palatable 51.8% tax increase in the budget, “resulting in a mill rate increase of 46.8% to .94 cents for every one thousand dollars of assessed value for a property.”

The fire commissioners noted the difference in the finalized budget will have to be made up in future years.

“As a board, we have to be careful not to fall behind again in fiscally preparing for the future,” stated Schultz.

“No one wants to see such

dramatic increases,” stated Commission Chairman Stephen Valyou in the release, “but to begin operating towards a level which will help prepare and ultimately have the funding for paid staffing is the driving force behind this finalized budget.”

The commissioners noted that since the North East Fire District expects it will begin to shift toward a paid staff in the next three to five years, “each firefighter will have to be accounted for in the budget so they are provided a living wage, insurance, and an environment that they can work in successfully.”

In other words, all taxpayers living within the fire district should be prepared that doing so will all cost money. It’s the price of receiving life-saving fire protection services.

NUVANCE *Continued from Page A1*

urged that the changes not be allowed to happen. His comments were bolstered by other speakers who evoked emotion as they recounted stories of Mortman’s skill and depth of character, which saw them through some difficult deliveries, remaining by their sides until the outcome was assured.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway of Cornwall (who is also an ambulance driver for the town) observed that the rally crowd on Nov. 6 was larger than at the rally three years ago. He suggested pivoting the problem toward the positive. He said that he is seeing more baby strollers in the area these days.

“We are just beginning on this,” Ridgway said, noting the region’s efforts to get more young families to move here.

Pointing to increased school enrollment as an indicator of growing demographics, Dr. David Kurish urged residents to contribute to the Save Sharon Hospital fundraising opportunities, to assist with legal fees as they arise.

“The Town of North East will stand with you,” town Supervisor Chris Kennan told the crowd, having described the importance of the hospital to the area. North East is the larger town that includes the village of Millerton.

“We want to be sure that our voices are loud and clear,” Kent First Selectman Jean Speck said, pointing to the young children running about at the rally and calling them the future of Sharon Hospital.

Resident Corey Murphy urged Nuvance to listen to the community and think creatively. Kent resident Chris Garrity



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Holding two signs, Meredith Murphy summed up concerns at a Save Sharon Hospital Rally in Sharon on Saturday, Nov. 6.

noted that the area has seen a 40% increase in population. He urged Nuvance to recognize the opportunity represented by those numbers.

Applying his forensic accounting experience to the issue, Victor Germack of Salisbury saw the plans to close the maternity services as impactful to women’s rights.

“They must show us the numbers,” Germack said. He urged Nuvance to “put the mission ahead of the profit margin.”

For more information about Save Sharon Hospital, go to www.savesharonhospital.org. They are also seen on Instagram at [Save_Sharon_Hospital](https://www.instagram.com/Save_Sharon_Hospital) or on Facebook at Save Sharon Hospital.

Veterans Day events

HARLEM VALLEY — Towns and villages throughout northeastern Dutchess County are honoring local veterans and their service to our country on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. with traditional Veterans Day observances. Below is a list of local ceremonies.

Amenia
Fountain Square War Memorial, 4958 Route 22, Amenia. Hosted by VFW Post #5444 and town officials.

Millerton & North East
Veterans Park, intersection of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue. Hosted by Millerton American Legion Post #178.

Pine Plains
American Legion Hall, 9 North Main St. Hosted By VFW Post #5519 and American Legion Post #426.

Millbrook
VFW #908, Along Franklin Avenue, with a ceremony to follow at the Village Green.
— Whitney Joseph

Amenia voters pass library proposition

AMENIA — Voters in the town of Amenia supported their soon-to-be-rededicated library at the polls on Election Day, Nov. 2, when they passed Proposition No. 7.

The measure asked taxpayers to increase the town’s contribution to the Amenia Free Library by \$50,000, to \$175,000 annually. It was the library’s first request for more money in three years.

The library’s website, www.amenialibrary.org, explains the funds will go to support library operations.

Given the demand for increased library hours, services and materials, the tax funds will help with operating expenses including library materials,

utilities, salaries, insurance, supplies and other similar materials in the library’s operating expenses.

Out of a total of 1,043 ballots cast in Amenia, 538 votes (or 56.10%) were in favor of the proposition while 421 votes (or 43.90%) were against it.

As of this time, the Amenia Free Library will be closed until Saturday, Nov. 13, as it gets settled into its new space. It anticipates reopening its newly expanded library on Monday, Nov. 15.

The Millerton News invites its readers to stay tuned for a more in-depth story on the grand re-opening in its Nov. 18 edition.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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MYSTERIES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Rare and Thrilling Chance To See Mystery Master Otto Penzler

It's hard to find the correct word to use when describing Otto Penzler's relation to America's greatest mystery novels and thrillers.

The first expression that pops into my mind is "the god of ..." but that would probably make him roll his eyes. So maybe "impresario" works better, even if it doesn't fully capture his importance and the reverence with which his name is treated, especially among voracious fans of crime fiction, and especially among such fans who have lived in New York City and shopped at Penzler's Mysterious Bookshop in SoHo.

To continue the religious theme, the bookstore is the temple over which Penzler presides. From it (and his love of and encyclopedic knowledge of the genre) grew the Mysterious Press, which publishes detective fiction (including 20th-century American icons such as Donald Westlake, James Ellroy and Ed McBain).

Anyone looking for the perfect holiday gift for a mystery fan need only search for Otto Penzler anthologies online; there is even a collection called, "The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries." I know, because I own a copy.

Although he mostly lives in New York City, Penzler is also frequently up here at the house in

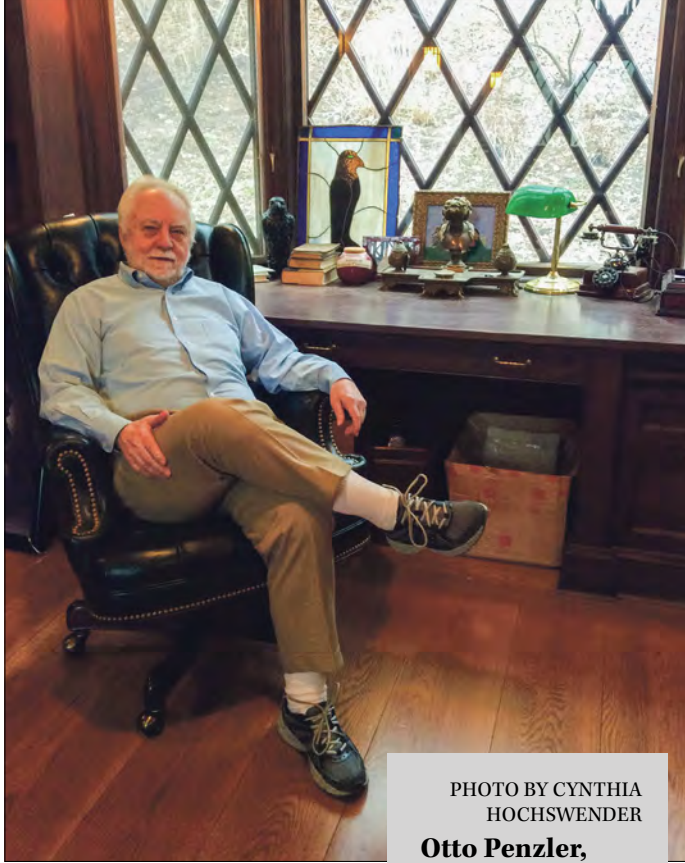


PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Otto Penzler, the award-winning and highly respected publisher/editor and anthologizer of mystery tales, will converse with author Gregory Galloway in Kent on Nov. 13.

Kent, Conn., that he built in the 1980s (with a giant library that at one point housed 60,000 books — he auctioned most of them off a year ago).

Sadly, when he is up here in Litchfield County, Penzler says he is usually at home, reading manuscripts and sifting through wonderful tales that are worthy of inclusion in an anthology.

So you're unlikely to fulfill your dream (well, my personal dream) of finding him alone at a coffee shop and plonking down to discuss your favorite mystery tales.

However, a rare opportunity to meet Penzler in

person is coming up this weekend when he interviews mystery author Gregory Galloway in a live and Zoom event on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m.

Galloway, a resident of Cornwall, Conn., is a relative newcomer to crime fiction, with three novels including the brand new

"Just Thieves," which starts off with the memorable line: "We didn't know how it happened, but when we woke up there was a dead horse in the street in front of the hotel." And, as they say, from there you're off to the races (but no, this is not a racehorse-themed Dick Francis tale).

Galloway's writing has been described as a combination of George V. Higgins, Patricia Highsmith and David Mamet. I found "Just Thieves" to have a strong feeling of Georges Simenon and especially his Inspector Maigret police procedurals. These are stories that are less about explosions and chase scenes and more about psychology and worldview — told in this novel by the two thieves for whom the book is named.

Does Otto Penzler think Galloway is destined to join the ranks of America's greatest mystery writers? I guess I'll find out when I join the Zoom on Saturday.

For those who want to come in person, this will be the final opportunity to spend time in the cozy little boutique that has been home to the House of Books on Main Street in Kent for the past couple years, while extensive renovations were done to the (actual) home of House of Books. The date of the Grand Opening and Big Reveal for the return to 10 North Main in Kent was just announced: It will be Saturday, Nov. 27, just in time for holiday book shopping.

To reserve a space for the in-person conversation between Otto Penzler and Gregory Galloway, or to sign up for the Zoom (and to get details on the return to 10 North Main), go to <https://houseofbooksct.com>.

NATURE'S NOTEBOOK:
BETHANY SHEFFER

Autumn Leaves Protect Birds and the Ecosystem

While it's tempting to want to clear away the leaves in your yard, scientists urge us to keep them around because of the many benefits they bring to an ecosystem — University of Delaware Entomologist Doug Tallamy and his colleagues in particular, because of their pivotal research into insect population declines and collapsing food webs.

In terms of soil health, decomposing leaves return the sun's energy that nourishes an entire world of subterranean invertebrates, microbes and fungi that far outnumber their counterparts above.

In addition, those leaves return nutrients to the soil that trees can access through their root systems. Decomposing leaves provide a buffer that can help prevent erosion, too, by preventing the topsoil from drying out and being stripped away.

A particularly compelling argument for leaving the leaves in our yards, however, relates directly to the birds and other animals we see there. Many species of moths and butterflies spend the winter months in cocoons or chrysalises among the fallen leaves, which provide them a snug shelter in which to tough out the snow and cold.

Come spring, those insects will emerge as adults and continue their life cycles (if not eaten by hungry birds).

Think of the ghostly Luna Moth, the magnificent Great-spangled Fritillary, and the Isabella Tiger Moth (whose caterpillar is

the beloved "woolly worm" or "woolly bear"); these and other species that we enjoy seeing in the spring and summer months depend on the presence of leaf litter for survival.

Other animals that depend on leaf litter for survival: millipedes, snails and even mated queen bumblebees all do, too. Their abundance creates the critical foundation for our food webs because of the myriad species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals that eat them.

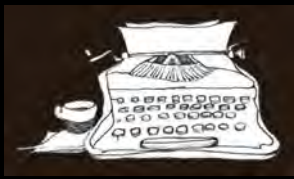
The Wood Thrush, a species whose eerie, flutelike song is familiar to many of us in New England's woods, forages almost exclusively in leaf litter in the interior forest — even though it nests 10 to 13 feet off the ground.

Many bird species exercise the same foraging behavior along their migratory routes as they do in their breeding territories — so a returning Wood Thrush is going to look for insects in leaf litter in the spring, giving us a pivotal opportunity to help this bird in our own backyard. This species has declined as much as 60% in Eastern forests in the last half century and is a conservation priority for Audubon Connecticut.

Fortunately, leaf management isn't an all-or-nothing game. If you don't want to leave fallen leaves where they are in your yard, you can either rake or blow them to the edges of your landscape, where they will continue nourishing the soil and providing a shelter for small animals.

Additionally, you might consider congregating them in piles beneath large trees on your property, where they will perform the same quiet, yet profound work. With an estimated 40 million acres of lawn in the United States (according to the National Aeronautics and Space Station), we are, as the title of Doug Tallamy's new book states, nature's best hope.

Bethany Sheffer is the Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center.



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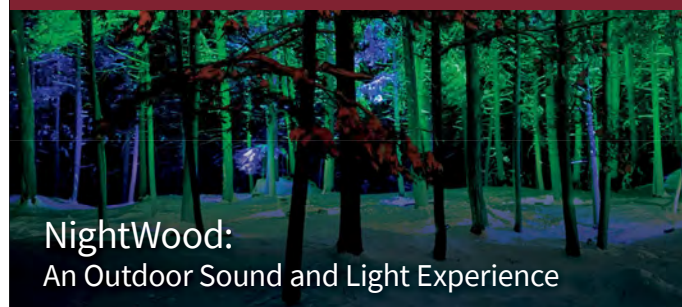
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HISTORY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Old-Fashioned Holiday Glamour At Wharton's The Mount

Most know Edith Wharton as one of America's first and most famous women authors; she won the Pulitzer Prize in 1921 for her novel, "The Age of Innocence." Not everyone knows that she was co-author, with architect Ogden Codman, of one of the most influential books on home design of the 20th century, "The Decoration of Houses."

Needless to say, then, that the home she designed and built in 1902, known as The Mount, is a National Historic Landmark. More than just a museum, it's a cultural center that offers everything from ghost tours to lectures to writing workshops with notable authors.

Starting on Nov. 4, The Mount is offering a night-

time walk around the estate's manicured gardens as well as the woods, with music, lights and seven settings that evoke "wonder, mystery and magic."

NightWood continues until Dec. 31 on Thursday through Sunday evenings starting at 5 p.m. Admission for adults (separate from admission for regular tours) is \$20; ages 5-18 are \$10, admission for children 5 and under is free.

Daytime tours of the house interior are offered on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Jan. 2. Beginning on Nov. 27, The Mount will be decked out in full holiday regalia.

Tours should be booked ahead of time at www.edithwharton.org.

To enjoy the Edith Wharton experience from home, there is a new series of writing workshops with author Courtney Maum, a respected writer of fiction herself as well as the author of "Before and After the Book Deal: A Writer's Guide to Finishing."

Once a month, Maum does an online interview

with a well-known writer in the Beyond the Writing of Fiction Series.

The first interview, on Oct. 21, was with Anne Perry, author of several long-running British detective series.

The talk on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. is with author, critic and translator Jennifer Croft.



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"Rain in Uchiyamashita, Okayama District," 1923, by Kawase Hasui is one of more than 35 20th-century Japanese prints on display at the Clark Art Institute.

A MASTER CLASS IN 20TH CENTURY JAPANESE PRINTS

The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass., has brought together more than 35 works that illustrate two important movements in the art of printmaking, for its new show, Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints, which opened Nov. 6 and remains up until Jan. 30.

After the Japanese printmaking form known as ukiyo-e went out of favor in the early 20th century, two new printmaking movements came to prominence: shin-hanga (new prints) and sōsaku-hanga (creative prints). Shin-hanga was defined by a nostalgia for the premodern, while sōsaku-hanga rejected the past and embraced modernist and avant-garde sensibilities.

"Fundamentally, shin-hanga and sōsaku-hanga represented two radically different assertions of how Japanese printmaking should present itself on the widening world stage of the 20th century," said exhibition curator Oliver Ruhl.

The history of Japanese printmaking is explained extensively and completely in the exhibit.

The museum galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday from September through June. Advance timed tickets are required. Admission is \$20 (free for Clark members, visitors age 21 and under, and students with a valid student ID). Masks and proof of vaccination are required. For full details, go to www.clarkart.edu.

SEEING THE LIGHT WITH THE REV. SAV FRIEZE

Photographs by the Rev. Sav Frieze of Norfolk, Conn., are on display at the Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn., for the months of November and December.

"In a Different Light" encompasses a variety of subjects depicting light, from coastal light to the evening sky. There are also images taken on the sports field, as well as a collection of nature photos.

Frieze is a familiar figure in the Northwest Corner. As well as being a

Nikon professional photographer with images in magazines, newspapers (including The Lakeville Journal) and on record albums, he is also serves as minister to the North Canaan Congregational Church.

The Douglas Library of North Canaan is at 108 Main St. The show is open during library hours: Mondays 1:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

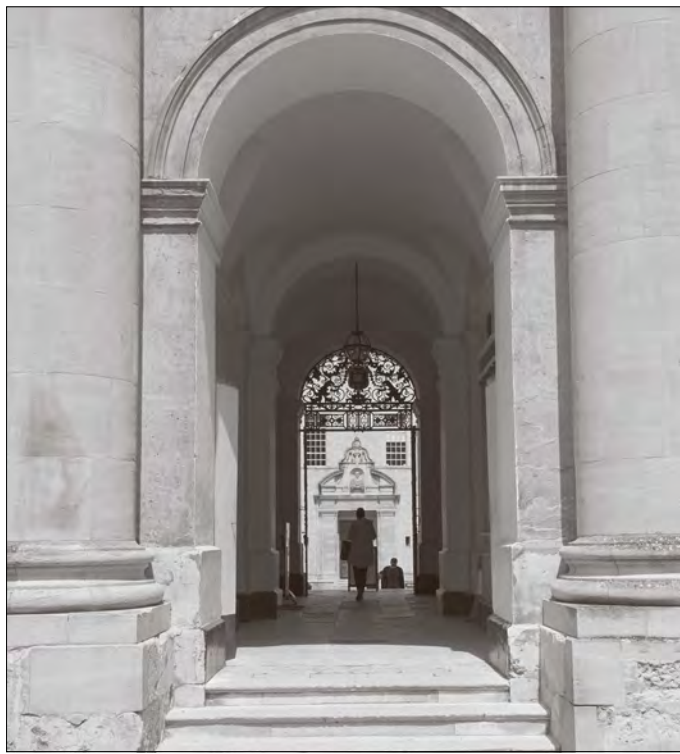


PHOTO BY SAV FRIEZE

The Rev. Sav Frieze, a Nikon professional photographer, has a show of work that focuses on light and how it changes the world around us. This photo was taken in 2016 at Oxford University.

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Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com

Collection of Gallery Artists. Featuring works by Ewa Bathelier, Sandrine Kern, Victor Mirabelli, Antonio Murado, Richard Segalman, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

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

Opening Weekend: Jan Brett - Stories Near & Far, Nov. 13 and 14.

Salisbury Association, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org

Exhibit: In Her Own Words, through Jan. 31.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org

American History Book Group: The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in America by Louis Menand, Nov. 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

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

Oblong Online Virtual Book Launch: Jeffrey Cranor & Janina Matthewson - YOU FEEL IT JUST BELOW THE RIBS, Nov. 16, 5 p.m. (online).

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

Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Nov. 13, 4 to 5 p.m.

KIDS

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

Cooking from the Garden for Tweens, Nov. 3 to 17.

Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge, www.berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/ Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge 2021, submission period open through Nov. 14.

MOVIES

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.massmoca.org

FRAGILITY ETUDES: MUSIC BY SUSIE IBARRA, FILM BY YUKA C. HONDA, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net

Now playing: No Time to Die, Dune, Bergman Island, Spencer, Eternals, The French Dispatch.

MUSIC

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

PERFORMING ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE CONCERT, Nov. 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org

Café Music—Jazz, Rap and Grand Reopening!, Nov. 21, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

TALKS

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

Helping Seniors with Home, Financial and Legal Needs, Nov. 11, 7 p.m. (online).

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org

SHERRY TURKLE: A Zoom Webinar, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. (online).

THEATER

Barrington Stage Company, 122 North St., Pittsfield, Mass. www.barringtonstageco.org

A Crossing, Nov. 18 to 21 (online).

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org

Teen/Adult Intermediate Tap: Teen/Adult (12 and up), Nov. 15, 22, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

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

Dogfight, Nov. 6 through 21, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m.

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Your opinion matters; please take our survey The Millerton News News Coverage

The last time this newspaper did a readership survey in 2019, The Lakeville Journal Co., publishers of The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and www.tricornernews.com, was at a crossroads. Then, we were looking at drastically cutting costs in order to survive, yet wanted to continue to provide you with the news coverage that mattered most to you. Your answers helped us formulate what our newspapers and special publications look like now. Two years later, after two highly successful appeals to our readership for contributions that saved their local community newspapers, this small media

company is in a very different place. Your generosity kept us alive, even during a worldwide pandemic, and we were able to apply for and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS as a public charity. Your contributions to The Lakeville Journal Foundation are now tax deductible to the extent permitted under the law. Now it is time to regroup again and hear from you, our valued readers, on what you would like most to see in your community weekly news. We sincerely ask you to take the time to respond to our survey, here in hard copy or online at www.tricornernews.com, expressing what matters most to

you week to week. In 2019, we received around 300 replies to our survey. It would be great to beat that very good percentage of responses this time around.

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Has attendance at an event increased for you because you've announced it on our pages?

No Yes

Would you be willing to pay a fee to ensure that your announcement is included on the news pages?

No Yes

The fee to publish obituaries in The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News is dramatically lower than the cost in other publications, even regional ones. Our average cost is between \$50 and \$100. Would you support a change to double that fee?

No Yes

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No Yes

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Few surprises in Washington election, Millbrook more complex

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — Nov. 2, Election Day, was busy in the Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook. With many issues pending in the adjacent communities, registered voters wanted to make sure they weighed in on who would be running their municipal boards.

TOW unofficial results

Incumbent Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri (REP) ran unopposed for another term in office. He clearly had voters' support, earning all 877 votes cast, according to the unofficial results posted by the Dutchess County Board of Elections' website, www.elections.dutchessny.gov, by late in the evening on Election Day. There were 10 write-in ballots for town supervisor.

Ciferri has served six years as supervisor. He previously served as mayor in the village of Millbrook from 1988 to 2003.

According to the BOE's unofficial results, incumbent Councilman Michael Murphy (REP) came in first place with 637 votes; incumbent Councilman Stephen Turletts (REP) clinched the second regular seat with 613 votes; political newcomer and local farmer Doug Giles (My Millbrook

Party—MMP) came in third place, garnering 591 votes; and attorney and political newcomer Leslie Heney (MMP) came in fourth place, with 596 votes.

A seat on the TOW Town Board for an unexpired term brought a different set of candidates. That race was won by incumbent Councilman Joe Rochfort (REP), with 649 votes; newcomer, financial expert Andrew Spence (MMP), earned 571 votes. Turletts has been on the Town Board for more than 20 years. Murphy will be starting his second elected term if his victory is confirmed. Rochfort is currently serving the unexpired term of the late Councilman Al DeBonis. Rochfort previously served one term as a trustee on the Millbrook Village Board.

It may be several weeks before the results for the other races in the Town of Washington (TOW) are confirmed due to absentee ballots, which must still be counted.

When asked for comment, Ciferri said it's early to speak until all of the votes are tallied, but he did say everyone canvassed the area to get voters to head to the polls.

"We worked very hard, went out knocking on doors, talking to people, and the other side did as well," he said. "I was disappointed that there was so much misinfor-

mation spread."

Ciferri said he was referring to the controversial Second Mountain application currently on hold, which proposed converting the former Migdale estate into a spa and hotel in Mabbettville. The one-time application led to a moratorium in town as well as the town's Comprehensive Plan to be re-evaluated, and for the town to consider hospitality as a use.

Village unofficial results

The Village of Millbrook had one vacancy up for grabs, with two candidates running to fill the unexpired term created when Tim Collopy was elected mayor mid-term.

There was a mix-up with the ballots, causing only one seat to be listed, although two positions exist. The Village Board voted at a recent meeting to have the runner-up be appointed to serve for the next year. The elected winner and the appointed trustee may run again in 2022 for full four-year terms.

Newcomer, professor Peter Doro (REP) garnered 241 votes on Election Day, earning the win. Incumbent Trustee Buffy Arbogast (D), came in second place with 230 votes. Arbogast is currently serving an unexpired term; she will be appointed to the new board and be eligible to rerun the following year.

Farmers Market closes the season

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Farmers Market closed for the year on Saturday, Oct. 30, with fewer than usual vendors and a slow but steady stream of visitors. Also slow and steady was the rain, accompanied by cool temperatures typical for the fall.

The overall market season was deemed a success, although by its end, the original 22 stalls had dropped to about 17. The Millbrook Farmers Market never opened in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so local residents and visitors were especially happy to see it return this year.

Vendor Sarah Rizzo remained at the outdoor shoppers' paradise until its closing. She and her husband, Robert, have sold their homemade granola, Sarah Perfects Granola, at the Millbrook Farmers Market for several years and plan to return next year.

Millbrook Farmers Market Manager Greg Mruk also said the season was a good one, but noted the wet and hot summer made it challenging. He hopes to manage the market again next year.

To optimize the space laid out along the Village Green and make the most of the assortment of vendors — from farmers selling fresh produce and flowers to meats and seafood to bakers selling homemade pastries and bread to crafters selling candles and soaps to fresh dairy and cheese and jams — Mruk plans to evaluate what worked and what didn't.

"The market has tremendous potential," he said, adding he's aware of how many local farmers markets have sprung up and realizes there is a danger in oversaturation.

He proudly noted that Millbrook Farmers Market has run for more than 30 years and was the first in the area. Satisfied with

the turnout this year — especially considering the pandemic is still hanging on and the summertime weather was hot, humid, wet and buggy, he's already ready to get a jump start on next year.

Even this year, things were done a little differently. Vendors could share stalls; stalls could alternate vendors from week to week; there were new food vendors; and nonprofits were afforded special concessions, like the VFW.

One woman who sewed quilts throughout the pandemic, sold them at the market and donated all of her proceeds to local food banks.

"It's a complex operation," said Mruk.

But he said even with poor weather, a pandemic and changing times, the Millbrook community was up to the challenge.

One other major difference between the 2021 Millbrook Farmers Market and the village's original farmers market? The wide use of social media, said its manager.

For more information, check out www.millbrooknyfarmers-market.com.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Sarah Rizzo spent the final day at the Millbrook Farmers Market selling her special granola, Sarah Perfects Granola LLC. She and her husband, Robert, plan to return to the market next year.



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MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Parade of Lights on Friday, Dec. 3

The Village of Millbrook will hold its Parade of Lights this year on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

This year, the Christmas Tree lighting and the Parade of Lights will be run by two very efficient women. The parade is being directed by Ceil Collopy, wife of Millbrook Mayor Tim

Christmas Sale in Millbrook at Uncle Al's

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual CHRISTMAS SALE on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 and 4, at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook.

Hours for the sale are Thursday and Friday from

Collopy while the tree lighting will be run by Town of Washington Recreation Director Chelsea Edson.

The parade will follow the usual route up Franklin Avenue from the firehouse. The tree lighting will take place at the Village Green prior to the start of the parade.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 3275 Franklin Ave., Millbrook is open year-round. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook.

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Now that we have had our first few nights of frost, it is a wonderful time to explore Bartholomew's Cobble at 105 Weatogue Rd in Ashley Falls, Ma. The Cobble is part of the Trustee's network of protected lands in Massachusetts and offers beautiful trails, a nature museum for the children and various programs all designed to help reconnect with nature. The trail to absolutely walk is up to Hurlburt Hill for a breathtaking view of the fall colors looking up the valley. For more information, please visit the Trustee's website at: <https://thetrustees.org>



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EDITORIAL

Fire district steps up as Millerton mourns

The village of Millerton is in mourning this week, and it likely will be for a long while, after it lost two of its residents to an early-morning inferno that fully engulfed the home of Golden Wok restaurant owner Amy Yang at 5902 South Elm Ave. (Route 22) on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Thanks to the efforts of the all-volunteer Millerton Fire Company, led at the scene by Fire Chief Jason Watson and directed year-round by the Board of Fire Commissioners that manages the North East Fire District, the death toll wasn't worse.

The 9-1-1 center dispatched the call at 7:58 a.m., noting there were possibly victims trapped inside. Some people on the scene said they could not only see the plumes of smoke billowing out of the home as the acrid smoke stung their eyes, but they could hear victims screaming to escape the flames.

Watson and his crew were on the scene within four minutes of being dispatched. Along with the Millerton Fire Company, a number of departments from around the Harlem Valley responded to the second-alarm fire, including volunteer fire companies from Amenia, Wassaic, Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale, as well as those from Lakeville, Sharon and Falls Village, Conn. The Town of North East Medic 1 was on hand, and the Pine Plains Hose Co. was on standby at the Millerton firehouse.

In addition to the two people who died in the blaze, who have yet to be identified by authorities, a female was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation and a firefighter was also transported to the hospital for an injury.

By 11:44 a.m., the fire was under control, reported the fire district. Chairman of the Fire Commission Stephen Valyou said on Sunday, Nov. 7, that the fire chief worked with the fire investigation team until 7:30 p.m. Saturday and again on Sunday to look into the cause. (See the front page story by reporter Kaitlin Lyle this week for more.)

As the fire district searches for clues as to what may have caused the tragedy in Millerton on Nov. 6, we would like to say how sorry we are to Ms. Yang for her personal loss. She is a long-time village resident and business owner and has for many years contributed to the Tri-state region.

We also want to express our condolences to everyone who knew and cared for the two victims who were lost over the weekend.

And we would like to thank all of those who responded to the fire, whether to fight the blaze or to support the emergency workers and everyone who was at the scene.

The fire company and fire district also wanted to express their thanks to "Millerton Fire's Support Group, County Executive Marc Molinaro, Mayor Jenn Najdek, Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, Talk of the Towne Deli, Four Brothers Pizza, Herrington's Lumber, Northwest Lawn and Landscaping, Four Seasons Pools, along with the community, who reached out to give a hand. A big thank you also to the Dutchess 911 dispatchers and coordinators CC-2, CC-3, CC-14, CC-51 and CC-59. And last, but not least, the 50-plus Volunteer Firefighters who answered the alarm in helping to suppress this tragic fire."

As the Millerton Fire Company and North East Fire District thank others, it is we who would like to thank them and every other emergency responder who showed up at the fire Saturday morning. They fought valiantly, selflessly.

They are our heroes for what they are willing to do for Millerton and every other community in our region — day in and day out — without question and without want of reward. It is the very definition of heroism.

CIA report on a paranoid psychopath

Many Americans do not understand the CIA. The primary role of the CIA is to gather information, conduct analysis and evaluation, and, always, provide leaders with background information necessary to govern around the world. If you go to the CIA web site, you can find incredible, de-classified, reams of reports on everything from the economy of distant countries or cities, to the availability of water in desert regions, to maps of sea lanes.

In the middle of World War II, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS — that was renamed the CIA after the war), ordered respected psychologists from Harvard, the New School, and the N.Y. Psychoanalytic Institute to study and report on the psychological profile of Adolf Hitler. So-called the Langer Report, a copy was found in the dusty library of Cornell long after it was declassified in 1968.

In 1943, it was critical that the U.S. study Adolf Hitler's personality to try to predict his behavior. In the eventual 229-page report, Hitler was described as a paranoid "utter

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Peter Riva

wreck" who was "incapable of normal human relationships." Part of the conclusion was, "It is forever impossible to hope for any mercy or humane treatment from him." Prophetic words considering what we learned subsequently of the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities.

What is interesting, is that the fascist movement in Europe relied on these same traits to further their aims, aiding and abetting Hitler to achieve goals they wanted, especially wealth and power. The OSS report evaluated the enemy's leader, stating that Hitler's tactics (and behavior) were to never admit wrongdoing, never concede that anyone other than himself was good in any way, never accept blame for any of his actions only claim credit for any such actions, never allow the public acclaim or idolatry to cool off, and use big lies rather than small ones and re-



New life for Music Cellar, thanks to community support

Guest contribution

I am writing to express my thanks, with deep humility and gratefulness, for all of those who contributed to The Music Cellar gofundme. You've allowed us to purchase the building, and thus secure our home-base of 10 years, Millerton, N.Y. In a world where school budgets so often suffer, and the arts are considered extracurricular luxuries rather than the integral piece of humanity that they are, it gives me hope to see so many coming together to show their support and valuation of music education. It makes me proud to live in a community that sees the importance of music and creativity.

Rhythm, melody, musica... whatever we call it (some cultures don't have separate words for music and dance, but rather one word that encompasses both)... It is a universal human behavior across the planet. Everyone that gave the Music Cellar a gift is also casting a vote for the propagation of an idea: The idea that musical skill-building provides rich benefits for the developing mind. Kids who are encouraged to vocalize, express, drum, strum and otherwise outwardly BE themselves in life, will be connected with humanity and ready to share ideas. Kids that jam together, learn to plan together. Group activity and a practice discipline provide a solid foundation and sense of self. My compatriots and I truly believe the world will be a better place, if we get as many youngsters as we can, playing in time with others.

I've seen the benefits first hand, working with the same kids for a decade or more. Kids who are encouraged early on to embrace their creative side, develop into confi-

dent/self assured individuals. Be it Lucian, who when I met at age 4 was dancing to Michael Jackson and learning guitar, and now has far surpassed my skills on the instrument, and studied chemistry at a university in St. Petersburg, and is headed off for a full ride at Case Western Reserve. There's Aerianna, who started on ukulele, who now plays drums, guitar and trumpet and is one of kindest, politest, and most thoughtful young women I know (say hi to her in the tea room at Harney and Son's cafe). These are just two examples of "case studies" I've witnessed with my own eyes, where a child who was taught music at an early age demonstrated a heap of benefits to their maturity and development on their way to adulthood. To know that so many people see the importance of musical activity is heartwarming.

There are truly too many people to thank, it would take up three pages. I need to give props, however, to some key players. Kealan Rooney, this institution would not exist if it wasn't for your idea a decade ago, to start a camp for teaching music to kids, and I am infinitely grateful for your years of hard work and investment in the space and its mission. Not only did Kealan co-establish our original space, oversee the move to our new location, renovate, teach, and rehearse in the space, he also brought our mission outward, spending early mornings driving all over Region One to teach drumming at the many daycares. This program was started by Charlie Keil, another man we can attribute our existence to. Not only did Charlie spark my interest and early studies into rhythm and ethno-musicology 20 years ago, but he has been a supporter of the music cellar from the beginning, and kept our doors open through thick and thin. Charlie's mission is to save the world by getting as many kids as we can singing and drumming, and his "born to groove" ethos is the book by which we operate. Lastly, we'd like to thank our landlord, and after all these years, certainly our friend, Victoria Soracco. Torey has rented her beautiful space to us for a decade now, and has always been supportive of our mission and enabling us to provide our services to the community. She was kind enough to accept our somewhat modest offer for the building, in lieu of several higher offers, because she wanted to see the Music Cellar continue its work. She held the building for us as we raised the funds to purchase it. We can't thank her enough for years of enjoying this space, and for her generosity in prioritizing us as purchasers.

It brings me hope to watch my community come together in support of music education.

With utmost gratitude,
Jonathan Grusauskas (Jonny G)

Jonathan Grusauskas aka "Jonny G" is a full time musician who runs The Music Cellar in Millerton, a community music school and studio. He grew up in Falls Village and when not teaching lessons or singing songs at toddler jam, he tours the country in his rock band "lespecial" with his two bandmates Rory Dolan and Luke Bemand from Kent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, voters

The Defending Amenia Team of returning town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, returning Councilman James Morris, and outgoing Councilwoman Michele Somogyi would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the Gen-

eral Election.

We are committed to being Advocates for Tax Fairness and protecting local Town of Amenia residents.

Victoria Perotti
Town Supervisor

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Voters, your confidence is appreciated

I would like to express my appreciation to friends and neighbors who voted for me in the recent election and elected me to serve another term on the North East Town Board.

During the 34 years that I have lived here, I've heard your concerns... rising taxes, preserving our beautiful rural environment, maintaining the essentials like police, fire and

ambulance services while controlling expenses. I've listened to the left and to the right and have tried to find a consensus in the middle.

Your trust in me is greatly appreciated. I am honored and eager to serve.

Thanks!

Ralph Fedele
North East Councilman
Millerton

North East Fire District lowers increase in 2022 Budget

The North East Fire District at its workshop meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, came to a conclusion on its 2022 Budget after hearing from constituents in a public hearing two weeks prior.

Carefully considering the concerns over a proposed 64% increase in the budget and a 58% increase in the mill rate, the Board of Fire Commissioners opted to slim down the budget and stretch the needed increase across this and upcoming budgets.

Ultimately the board settled on a \$51,800 decrease from the proposed budget, originally slated to be \$692,805. The final budget as voted on by the board is \$641,005. It is a 51.8% increase in the budget, resulting in a mill rate increase of 46.8% to .94 cents for every one thousand dollars of assessed value for a property.

The board took careful note of taxpayers' concerns, sat down and looked at where we might be able to alleviate some of the shock in the increase.

As a board, we noted that the decrease in the finalized budget will be made up in coming years.

We also realized we have to

be careful not to fall behind again in fiscally preparing for the future.

The original proposed increase and the finalized budget will allow the Fire District to begin preparing for the future, in which the board anticipates there will be a need for paid firefighters to work in tandem with volunteers to meet the communities emergency needs.

No one wants to see such dramatic increases, but to begin operating towards a level which will help prepare and ultimately have the funding for paid staffing is the driving force behind this finalized budget.

It is expected that within three to five years, the need for paid staff will arise. Each firefighter will have to be accounted for in the budget so they are provided a living wage, insurance and an environment that they can work in successfully.

North East Fire District Chairman Stephen Valyou

North East

North East Fire District Vice Chairman James Schultz

North East

Thank you, Amenia

I am pleased (but also surprised and humbled) to have been elected so decisively to the Amenia Town Board.

I learned a great deal from you as I walked around knocking on doors. Certainly many specific concerns were raised, but in general there seemed a frustration at not being listened or responded to by local government. At waiting, sometimes decades, for promised changes (hous-

ing, wastewater, jobs, growth, activities); Silo Ridge was supposed to change that, but hasn't.

We need to come together as a community and work to make these things happen.

I am impatient by nature, so hope to bring some urgency and a view of what's possible to my new job.

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Millbrook Library thanks patrons for giving back in October

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library and its many generous patrons joined in The Great Give Back statewide event where libraries offer their patrons a means by which to give back to the community.

Food was collected throughout October to benefit those in the community in need of assistance. Adults were asked to help the library collect food throughout the month to benefit the La Mesa Food Distribution site, which primarily serves Millbrook's Hispanic community. The standard food pantry items were sought, and Library Director Courtney Tshalis said the donations given were "amazing."

The library also offered the support of its Fiber Arts Club in making no-sew fleece blankets for The Linus Project, which will distribute them to children in hospitals. This project was geared toward adults and teens through the end of October. Toys were also constructed to be given to dogs in shelters through the effort.

Teens were invited to help collect food for Midway, a supervised transitional living program for adolescents aged 16 to 21 who are homeless and in need of support. Sometimes juggling school and work, the teenagers don't have a lot of time to cook or eat. The Midway program was looking for healthy shelf-stable food that could be eaten on the go, such as granola

bars, fruit cups, apple sauce and mixed nuts. Again, Tshalis said the response was overwhelming.

Teens who participated in the Great Give Back were able to earn community service credits through their schools by dropping off food. Every two items equaled a half-hour of a community service credit. For donations with boxes that included multiple items (like a box of six granola bars), the box counted as one item, not six.

Tshalis said it was a wonderful opportunity to provide an important lesson about helping those in need in the community. She added the Millbrook Library was extremely pleased by the local response, and sends its gratitude to all who participated.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Bridge Club to meet at Millbrook Library

In partnership with Millbrook at Home, the Millbrook Library will be hosting a Bridge Club on Thursdays.

Whether you are a bridge pro or a beginner, come by the library to play a rousing hand of the classic game.

The library will be providing the cards and the space to play. The club meets at 2 p.m.

Sign-up early or feel free to just show up the day of. For more information or to register, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611.

Light Menorah at Thorne Building

The Millbrook Chanukah Menorah Lighting will take place on the eighth night of Chanukah, Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. on the lawn of the Thorne Building.

Refreshments will follow at Babette's Kitchen. All are welcome.

This event is sponsored by the Millbrook Chanukah Committee.

Wishing all a happy and safe Chanukah

Town meetings now held in person only

The Town of Washington has announced that starting in July, all meetings including Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Advisory Commission, Compre-

hensive Plan Review Committee and the Recreation Department will have in-person meetings only at Town Hall.

All virtual meetings have been discontinued as of this time.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:30 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Elizabeth Roberts, representing Wolfram Hanchett-Bates LLC, owner of tax parcel # 7068-00-995817, for a variance of Section 180-14 (D6) of the Zoning Law of the Town of North East, requesting a decrease in the required side yard from 50 feet from the side property line to 45 feet from the side property line in order to construct an addition to an existing residence. The parcel is located at 958 Huckleberry Road in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Julie Schroeder
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF AMENIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 18th day of November, 2021, at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, Town of Amenia, 4988

Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions on the Town's intended use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for calendar year 2022. Following the Public Hearing, the Town intends to make application for Community Development Block Grant Funds pursuant to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

All parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard upon said matter at such hearing.

Dated: Amenia, New York, November 4, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER
TOWN CLERK
11-11-21

PUBLIC MEETING

Please take notice The Pine Plains Town Board will hold the regular scheduled Workshop meeting at the Pine Plains Community Center 7775 South Main Street on November 15th 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

This will be a Public Meeting on the Sewer Feasibility Study. By Order of the Town Board
Madelin Dafoe
11-11-21

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 23rd day of November

2021 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Michael and Catherine Dillinger for property located at 49 Beach Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6871-00-059945.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum front yard setback for a proposed single-family residence to be 95 feet in lieu of the required maximum of 50 feet. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of
Scott Chase
Chairman of the
Zoning Board of Appeals
11-11-21

Legal Notice Public Hearing Village of Millerton Water Infrastructure Improvements Act

Please take notice that the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York 12546, to invite the public input on the 2021-2022 Water Infrastructure Improvements Act Grant application. All members of the public having interest in this matter are invited to attend.

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