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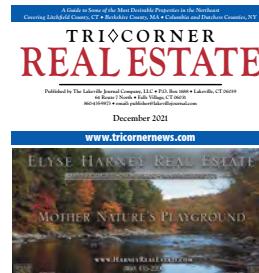
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Tornado damages Millbrook farm

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MILLBROOK — The National Weather Service in Albany confirmed on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. that an EF1 tornado touched down in the town of Washington on Friday, Nov. 12, at about 11:15 a.m.

According to the Weather Service, the winds were estimated to have reached 90 mph, taking down trees and damaging cars and some structures. The width of the path, thought to be between 100 and 200 yards, had an estimated length of 2.5 miles.

Fortunately, there were no reports of injuries to people or livestock.

Some of the heaviest damage happened at Walbridge Farm, a 700-acre

black Angus farm at the junction of Route 343 and Little Rest Road. Route 343 was closed off until late Saturday morning. The path was just southwest of Killearn Road and ended just northeast of Butts Hollow Road. Numerous houses and cars were reported damaged by fallen trees, and a great many trees were also uprooted.

Walbridge Farm LLC lost a shed, a roof was sheared off a barn and a number of fences and small structures were damaged, both on the farm and in other localities nearby.

In addition to the black Angus cows, the farm has chickens and pigs, and has an onsite farm market that sells other goods as well.

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PHOTO BY BRIAN S. WAGER

This shed at Walbridge Farm, a 700-acre black Angus farm on Route 343 in Millbrook, took a hit on Friday, Nov. 12, when an EF1 tornado struck, according to the National Weather Service.

Connecticut looks into Nuvance failures

By CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER
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SHARON, Conn. — The Connecticut State Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is investigating allegations against Nuvance that claim the nonprofit hospital group, owner of Sharon Hospital, has not lived up to promises made to the state in 2019.

Although an Oct. 29, 2021, letter from OHS is addressed to administrators at Norwalk Hospital, a list of six requests for information cover the three Connecticut Nuvance hospitals in Norwalk, Danbury and Sharon.

One of the requests very specifically touches on reductions in services that Nuvance has announced are planned for Sharon Hospital. These reductions are in the labor and

delivery unit, the intensive care unit and the hours that surgical services will be available.

Nuvance is based in New York state and was created by joining Health Quest with the Western Connecticut Health Network. To get permission from the state, the two health organizations had to submit a Certificate of Need, which was completed in November 2018. There were multiple conditions the state required before approving the new alliance.

The letter from OHS to administrator Sally Herlihy at Norwalk Hospital explains that, "On Oct. 22, 2021, OHS received an inquiry alleging possible noncompliance with several conditions of the Order and

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Saluting our veterans

After being presented with a designation recognizing their service to their country, the lineup of local Vietnam-era veterans proceeded to salute and shake hands with members of Millerton's American Legion Post 178. For full story and more photos, turn to Page A2.

Sunday in the Country Food Drive continues to feed a need

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Families who are relying on the Sunday in the Country Food Drive (SITCFD) to provide traditional meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas will not be disappointed, according to program Director Bill Anstett, despite it being something of

a struggle this year for the organization to meet its funding goals.

The group, which distributes holiday baskets at food pantries throughout the Tri-state region, traditionally relies on private donations and fundraisers. Anstett said plainly, the funding is "not as good as last year."

At that time, many responded to COVID concerns by reaching into

their pocketbooks and sending in donation checks.

"We have those who donated for years and they're [still] donating, but things are slow to come in at this time," he noted.

The challenge could be daunting. But Anstett, who volunteered with

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Community hike at Rudd Pond: A rainy, yet rewarding, walk in the woods

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Against the threatening weather forecast that drenched them with a cold autumn rainfall, area residents and hikers forged new connections with each other and the natural landscape at the Community Hike at Rudd Pond program held on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Sponsored by the NorthEast-Millerton Library and Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond, the afternoon hike drew around a dozen people and three dogs in the Rudd Pond area of Taconic State Park (located at 59 Rudd Drive in Millerton) at 1 p.m.

Inviting the group to gather together, Taconic State Park Manager



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Iris Wood, 5, and her sister, Jane, 11, prepared to go on a hike around Rudd Pond with their dog, Piper.

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Village helps families affected by house fire

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — In the wake of the devastating house fire that claimed two lives and displaced several families from their homes on Saturday, Nov. 6, the community has stepped forward to help those affected every way it can, from creating Go Fund Me pages to searching for available housing for the families to take shelter.

Millerton resident Monica Baker's Go Fund Me page "Support the Yang Family After Devastating Fire" was among the first fundraising pages created after the blaze.

Amy Yang, owner of the Chinese restaurant Golden Wok in Millerton, owned the house at 5902 South Elm Ave. where the fire took place. Her daughter Jenny, 24, was later identified as one of the fire's victims.

Baker set up the page early Sunday morning, Nov. 7, with the initial goal of raising \$10,000. Soon donations poured in to support the Yang family. By Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, more than \$80,000 was raised. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-yang-family-after-devastating-fire.

Along with reaching out in support of the Yang family, local residents have been also helping support neighboring families affected by the fire. Among these efforts, Rob Cooper, owner of Associated Lightning Rod Company in Millerton, who also set up a Go Fund Me page entitled, "Please help this family with living expenses" to support the Choc Cho and Ical household.

The description on Cooper's page reads: "The family was living next door to the Yang house fire that took place Saturday, November 6th in Millerton [and they] were also displaced from their home. The family consists of two parents, four children and are expecting their fifth child. This family belongs to our local community where the parents are employed and the children are students. They need our support. Please help in any way you can."

Cooper said he was "hoping ever since the fire somebody did something for the family next door. I didn't want anyone to forget the family next door that got displaced too."

With help from his secretary, Lisa Baruffe, and North East Community Center (NECC) Family Program Director Jessica Raymond, Cooper launched his fundraising page on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Similar to Baker, his initial goal was \$10,000, though he gradually surpassed that goal and raised closer to \$30,000 by Monday, Nov. 15.

Asked if he plans to increase the goal, Cooper said, "We're just going to let it run its course, and I'm sure that there will be some more over the weekend."

Cooper said his wife, Tammy, is currently helping him withdraw the money to give to the family. Knowing that every little bit helps, he said, "The generosity of the people in this town is just overwhelming."

To donate to Cooper's page, go to www.gofundme.com/f/help-these-two-families-with-living-expenses.

Elsewhere in Millerton, village resident Josh Driver also created a Go Fund Me page in support of neighboring families that evacuated their homes to escape the fire. Named "Millerton, NY relief fund from tragic fire," Driver's page was launched on Nov. 10, with a goal

of raising \$8,000. Its description reads as follows: "After the recent devastating and tragic fire in Millerton, NY, the house next door also caught fire where Ishmael, his family, and two other families were forced out of their house. They lost everything due to fire and chemical contamination, and are currently staying in hotels, as they can't go back to their house. I'm raising money for all three families who no longer have a place to live, and who are trying, in their best spirits, to be able to buy food, clothes, and a place to live. Please consider donating."

Driver said he was inspired to help out after seeing the affected residents.

"When I saw the devastation on his face and the sorrow, there was nothing else I could do other than try to help," he said. "It just felt like it was the right thing to do."

Within a few days, Driver's fundraiser collected more than \$800; it's continuing to draw donations from the local region and beyond. To donate to Driver's page, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/millerton-ny-relief-fund-from-tragic-fire>.

Meanwhile, NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent sent out an email newsletter on Nov. 10, to notify the community of its efforts to provide the affected families with clothing, food and temporary shelter.

In addition to the Yang family, Sergent explained "there were three other families in the adjacent house that were affected by the fire and in turn lost their homes."

In response, she said the NECC is working on setting up a way to support those three displaced families with financial donations. An update will be provided in the near future with ways for community members to donate.

As part of these efforts, Raymond at NECC created a Meal Train page through which community members can help alleviate those affected by the fire from the burden of cooking and grocery shopping. Meal and groceries may be left at the NECC at 51 South Center St. between 3 and 4 p.m. to be picked up or dropped off to those families by NECC staff.

More information about the "Families displaced by Millerton fire" Meal Train page may be found at www.mealtrain.com/trains/z2oqdr.

Because permanent housing is "the most dire need for all of the affected families," Sergent is asking anyone with knowledge of available local housing to contact Raymond at 518-789-4259, ext. 105 or via email at jessica@neccmillerton.org.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Standing upright in a line of fellow Vietnam-era heroes, the community's local veterans were commended for their service to their country at Millerton's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday morning, Nov. 11.

Millerton gives thanks to veterans at annual Veterans Day ceremony

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Members of the Millerton-North East community gathered to give thanks to those who fought for their country at the annual Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the Millerton American Legion Post 178 on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the community gathered solemnly on the grass and courtyard at Veterans Park at the corner of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue to pay their respects to their country's and community's veterans. As American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay thanked everyone for coming out to honor those who have served and earned the title of "veteran," Post Chaplain Julien Strauss opened the ceremony with an invocation, and residents remained standing for the National Anthem.

Tracing the roots of Veterans Day back to World War I, Klay shed a light on the many wars veterans have fought in and the ways in which this nation recognizes its veterans has evolved, as well as a few veteran statistics.

A display was set up on

the grass outlining the United States' commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, and after reading aloud a proclamation commemorating the war's 50th anniversary, Klay asked all attending Vietnam War veterans and their spouses to rise and come forward.

A line of Vietnam-era veterans from North East and Millerton soon formed in front of the display. One by one, the veterans each stepped forward to receive a designation from American Legion Post 178 Treasurer Bob Jenks, recognizing their service as they shook hands with Post members and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek.

After leading the community in a moment of silence, Klay announced there was a discussion at the Legion's meeting last month concerning the number of inquiries the Legion has received about having the Hometown Heroes in town.

Having discussed it with the Legion and engaged with the



After accepting a designation in recognition of his service to his country, local veteran and North East Councilman George Kaye received a hug from Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek at the village's celebration of Veterans Day.

town and the village, Klay said the Legion will be working on getting the process started to host the popular program that would hang banners of local veterans throughout in the North East-Millerton community.

The intent, he said, is to potentially have some of the Hometown Heroes banners up by Memorial Day 2022, though he made no promises as to the timeline.

The boom of the traditional three-gun salute then sounded, followed by the mournful melody of taps and Strauss's benediction to close the ceremony.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

NECC is looking for volunteers

The North East Community Center (NECC) is looking for volunteers to help with its transportation program, which is still operating at this time.

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Klingner sworn in as president of State's Association of Magistrates Court Clerks

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Over a decade since she first joined the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks (NYSAMCC), Dawn Marie Klingner's time, leadership and commitment toward her duties with the association were recognized as she was designated as its president earlier this fall.

For Klingner, this honor has been a long sought-after accomplishment that she's been working on for the last few years. She

was elected to serve as a director on the Board of the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks in 2010. Along with serving on a number of committees, Klingner served as the board's secretary for four years.

Though Klingner, also Amenia's town clerk for many years as well as one of its justice clerks, said she found her niche through the time she spent as the group's secretary, her colleagues had other ideas. One of the board's former presidents encouraged her to lead the NYSAMCC.

"It was kind of a joke why I

stayed as secretary instead of making the jump," Klingner said, adding she never forgot that day.

She later took the plunge, joining the Executive Board and serving in various capacities: as third vice president from 2016 to 2017, then as second vice president from 2018 to 2019. She currently serves as the executive board's first vice president.

All the while Klingner has been Amenia town clerk since 2013. She was recently re-elected to her fifth two-year term during the Nov. 2 election.

In between her official du-

ties, Klingner volunteers with the Amenia Fire Company as an EMT and serves as 1st Lieutenant for the Rescue Squad and as a Fire Prevention Officer. In 2018, she earned her designation as a Registered Municipal Clerk, followed by her designation as a Certified Town Official in 2020.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, Klingner was sworn in as president of the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks during the annual conference and banquet dinner held at The Desmond in Albany. Though away in Albany for the event, Klingner said she felt she was at home surrounded by her loved ones.

"Just to have those friends and family there with me, I didn't worry," she said. "I had my support with me."

NYSAMCC President Jonah Triebwasser swore Klingner into her new position, and as a special touch to the evening, Klingner said she "was able to do something for the first time in 41 years in creating a hometown color guard."

Klingner's color guard was comprised of Sgt. Joseph Perusse from the New York State Police; Deputy John O'Brien from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office; Amenia Fire Company Chief Aaron Howard Jr.; her husband, Amenia Police Constable and Town Justice-elect



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Having been sworn in by the association's outgoing president Jonah Triebwasser (on right), Dawn Marie Klingner graciously accepted a certificate recognizing her designation as president of the New York State Association Magistrates Court Clerks.

Christopher Klingner; and her son, Amenia firefighter Zachary Klingner.

"They really brought that hometown feel, and I couldn't be more grateful for them coming up and being part of such a memorable night for me," Klingner said with feeling. "The evening is intended to be a personal event and it was awesome to have these men come up and present the colors for me. I had Jonah, the outgoing president of the magistrates, swear me in."

Reflecting on what this new

position means to her, Klingner said, "It's just such an accomplishment. It takes a lot of time away from your family with all my travels that it means something to be able to represent [my community], and I want to do it the very best I can and I want to continue to be the professional I know I can be as I represent my colleagues."

Klingner said she looks forward to her year as president and to working with her new board, along with her myriad other responsibilities.

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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Veterans' courage memorialized

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Amenia residents and representatives joined together in the center of town last Thursday morning, Nov. 11, to honor the courage and selflessness of the nation's veterans at the town's annual Veterans Day service.

Hosted by the VFW Post 5444 and the town of Amenia, the service began at 11 a.m. sharp at the Amenia Fountain Square War Memorial, located at 4958 Route 22. Following an introduction by VFW Cmdr. Maddison Fletcher, the crowd bowed its heads for the service's opening prayer in commemoration of the veterans' service and sacrifice.

Under the direction of the VFW, the region's local Boy Scout troop marched over to the war memorial and, with the crowd standing at attention, laid down a wreath, according to Amenia resident Robert Riemer who attended the service.

The local Girl Scouts troop sang "The National Anthem" to honor the occasion before



PHOTO BY ROBERT RIEMER

Standing at attention at Amenia's Fountain Square War Memorial, local veterans bowed their head in respect of all who have served in the Armed Forces for their country.

Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti stepped forward to say a few words in recognition of Veterans Day.

Reverend Douglas Grand-

george from The Smithfield Church delivered the closing prayer and residents were invited by Fletcher to stop by the VFW Post for refreshments.

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Jenny Yang

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON — Jenny Yang, 24, a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at her family's home in the Village of Millerton from injuries sustained in a tragic residential house fire. Jenny worked for Churchill Building Co. LLC based in Lakeville, where she specialized in architectural drafting and design.



with her family and many friends and always enjoyed spending time with her mom at home. Jenny will be dearly missed by her loving family and her many dear friends.

In addition to her mother, Jenny is survived by her sister, Juliana Yang; two brothers, Jet and Jayden Yang; her grandparents, Ming Xiang Yang and Wei Huang Yang and Chris Lin; her uncles, Yu Ming Yang and Kim Chou Yeung and Gino Sarcomo; and her aunts, Yuhong Yang and Katy Yang.

In addition to her father, Jenny was predeceased by her grandfather, Ping Cheung Yeung; and her uncle, Michael Yeung.

Calling hours were held on Nov. 14 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. The Rev. William Mayhew conducted a prayer service during visitation. A funeral service and visitation were held Nov. 15. Cremation followed. A reception was held at the Millerton Inn.

To send an online condolence please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Born Feb. 13, 1997, in Sharon, she was the eldest daughter of the late Wu Yang, who passed away in 2014, and longtime Millerton business woman Amy Yang, who resides in the Village of Millerton.

Jenny was a graduate of Webutuck High School and received a bachelor's degree from SUNY Delhi, where she majored in Architectural Design and Building.

In her high school years Jenny excelled at soccer, basketball and softball.

In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, drawing and handmade crafts, often making beautiful orchids and other flowers out of paper.

She enjoyed spending time

John Richard Cecchinato Sr.

EAST CANAAN — John Richard Cecchinato Sr., 70, of Lower Road, died Nov. 5, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY.

He was born in Great Barrington on Dec. 15, 1950, the son of Estella (Cummings) and Louis Cecchinato.

John was a tractor trailer driver for over 40 years, working for Dickinson Trucking in Canaan and later for Yellow Freight Trucking out of Waterbury and then Middlebury, until his retirement in 2010.

John loved doing everything and anything he could for his children. He was a Boy Scout master for Troop 22 in Canaan, and was always at his kids' Little League games, cheering them on and coaching the Yankees. He enjoyed watching football and baseball, always cheering his teams, the New York Yankees and the New York football Giants. John even started a softball team in the 1970s called Chicks Raiders. John loved to golf with his friends and family and could often be found on the golf course on most any day.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of over 47 years, Nancy

(Leach) Cecchinato; his daughter, Heather, and son-in-law Joe Wetzstein of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; his son, John Jr. and daughter-in-law Tiffany (Lee) Cecchinato of Stratford Conn.; and his daughter, Jessica of Stockbridge, Mass.

John also leaves behind his grandson Jackson Wetzstein; his granddaughter Ciara Panzaccin; his granddaughter Caitlyn Cecchinato-Flint; his granddaughter Marion Trotta; his grandson JJ Trotta; and his great-granddaughter Sadie Ellis. John also leaves behind his brothers, Louis Jr., Joseph and Nelson; his sister Terry (Cecchinato) Kelly; and many nieces and nephews and countless wonderful additional family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in John's honor on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Couch-Pipa VFW in North Canaan to celebrate John's life.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the Couch-Pipa VFW Auxiliary.

We love you dad! Thank you for introducing us to great music, the Beach Boys, the Beatles and Chicago. Go Yankees!

Memorial service:

Patricia Anne (Harrity) O'Connor

LAKEVILLE — Patricia Anne (Harrity) O'Connor passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at her home in Lakeville, surrounded by her family. Patricia was the loving wife of the late Owen Joseph O'Connor.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at the Inn at Iron Masters in Lakeville on Monday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church (St. Martin of Tours) in Lakeville on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m., with burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery on Cobble Road in Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Cemetery of

Another obituary on Page A5.

Correcting Errors

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Richard Eric Dell

SALISBURY — Richard Eric Dell, 69, passed away peacefully at Noble Horizons on Oct. 30, 2021.



He was born on Oct. 9, 1952, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to parents Myra (McCarthy) and John Dell.

Richard was the second eldest of seven siblings.

He was predeceased by his father, John, of Salisbury; a brother, Scott, of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada; and his wife of 40 years, Gail Dell of Salisbury in 2012.

Richard met Gail at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, where Richard was employed as grounds and maintenance manager.

They married and resided for over 40 years on Selleck Hill in Salisbury.

Over the years, they divided their summertimes between Salisbury, Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

Richard could always be found with his black Labrador retriever beside him. Whether at home, on the school campus or riding along beside him in the front seat of his pickup, the two were inseparable.

Growing up on White Hollow Farm in Sharon, Richard helped out his Dad and Grandfather "Pop" in the raising of pheasants, chickens and later calves, sheep, Highland cattle and always the Labrador retrievers.

In his youth it was fast cars (the Shelby Mustang, BMWs

and Mini Coopers) and in his later years, it was English (Matchless) and BMW motorcycles and Land Rovers.

Outdoors as much as possible, Richard would be found either on a tractor mowing or cutting wood, pruning trees, in the woods, fields or on the water. An avid

sportsman and fly-fisherman, Richard was a regular visitor and good friend to (Phil) Terni's Store in Millerton.

Throughout his three-month stay at Noble Horizons, Richard continued to remain positive. He always found a nice thing to say and had words of praise for the wonderful care the nurses and staff there provided him.

Always up on the local, national and world news, he had his opinions of the state of the world, right up to the end, and he would often ask about the goings on in and around Salisbury and the Northwest Corner.

Richard is survived by his Mum, Myra, of Salisbury; his sisters, Catherine Dunham and her husband, Phil, of North Canaan, Patricia Walsh and Maureen Dell of Lakeville; his brothers, Stephen and Stirling Dell of Salisbury; and several nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins around the globe.

Services will be private and memorial contributions may be made to Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association or Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance.

Bruce Forrest Morse

SHARON — Bruce Forrest Morse, 78, passed away at home on Nov. 5, 2021, with his wife, Vicky, and daughters, Hope and Grace, by his side, embraced by their love.



Born Sept. 22, 1943, in Manhattan, Bruce grew up in New York City and spent summers at his family's home on Lakeville Lake, where he fell in love with nature. He studied poetry at the University of Iowa and NYU, backpacked through Europe in his 20s and traveled through the U.S. visiting national parks. He spent his youth chasing adventure.

After spending over 30 years living in the city, he briefly moved to Pismo Beach, Calif. When he decided to return to the East Coast he wanted to start his own family in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, where he relished in childhood summers spent swimming in the lake, catching frogs, exploring the woods, and being outdoors.

After the death of Bruce's first-born son, Jesse, Bruce discovered painting as a way to heal and express his grief. Throughout the second half of his life he loved watching his children grow, creating a loving and artistic home with wife Vicky, playing tennis, singing and playing guitar, practicing drums, painting, gardening,

writing poetry, dancing, playing ping pong and meeting many interesting friends along the way.

Bruce connected with people on a deep, vulnerable level; while he also had a witty sense of humor and childlike playfulness that exuded joy.

Bruce leaves behind his beloved wife of 27 years, Vicky, who the majority of his writing is dedicated to; and his greatest muse, daughters Hope and Grace, sons Raymond and Adam, stepson Flynn, grandchildren Cecelia, Gessie and Flynn, and brother Jim and family.

He has joined his son Jesse in whatever glorious afterlife had awaited him. A celebration of his life will be held at a later time.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

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Tammi & Timmy

Marjorie Liebowitz

SALISBURY — Marjorie Liebowitz, an early champion of women's reproductive rights and beloved mother of four and grandmother of nine, died on Nov. 4, 2021, of COVID-19. She was 94.



Her husband of 66 years, Sidney Liebowitz, predeceased her.

Marjorie was one of those people who was good at everything she did and unfazed by anything. She was always ready to welcome another person to the table or lend a hand (or car) to someone in need.

Among her interests and talents were tennis, sailing, cooking, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles (always in ink), movies and traveling, especially to Italy and California's Anza-Borrego Desert.

Marjorie was a graduate of the Cornell Nursing School and worked for Planned Parenthood for 35 years as director

of their Northern Westchester office. During that time she also traveled to prisons and schools to talk about contraception and women's health.

She worked as a volunteer for the local library wherever she lived, and was a passionate and active Democrat.

Marjorie Ann was born on July 12, 1927, in Honesdale, Pa., to Margaret and Albert Morrison.

She is survived by her children, Ellen, David and his wife, Carol, Barbara and her husband, Rob Bettigole, and Peter and his wife, Marsha; her sister, Clara Kelly of Honesdale; her grandchildren, Aaron, Charlie, Justin, Elliot, Alex, Zach, Dylan, Katie and Kendal; and eight great-grandchildren.

She will be buried in Lake Placid, N.Y., after a small family service. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services
Week of November 21, 2021

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Pine Plains residents paid their respects to local veterans at the town's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday morning, Nov. 11.

Pine Plains honors its veterans

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — A pleasant fall morning let residents pay tribute to the service and sacrifice made by veterans at the town's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11.

"We've never seen so many people at one of these, so it was very successful," Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said the next day, adding seeing so many people at the ceremony was "really gratifying."

Since the town usually has a larger attendance at its annual Memorial Day event, American Legion Post 426 Cmdr. Marie

Stewart also was glad to see the event was "very well-attended."

Hosted by the town's VFW Post 5519 and the American Legion Post 426, the ceremony was held at 11 a.m. on the lawn of the American Legion Hall, at 9 North Main St.

Dressed in honor of the long history of U.S. veterans, the students in Neil Murray's Living History class at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School came to the ceremony wearing traditional soldier uniforms.

As part of her brief address to the crowd, Stewart talked about the town's Home-town Heroes program, which

now has 84 banners hanging throughout town, with more on the way. Stewart also told the community about the annual Wreaths Across America program, which has been scheduled for noon at Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 18.

At the ceremony's conclusion, a few people lingered to sign up to sponsor wreaths that will be laid in the cemetery and on monuments next month to honor local heroes laid to rest there.

For more information about the program or to sponsor a wreath, contact Carol Hart at 518-398-7056 or via email at carolhart131@aol.com.

OBITUARY

Dorothy DeVoti

SHEFFIELD, Mass. — Dorothy DeVoti, 84, of Sheffield, Mass., died Aug. 27, 2021, with her family by her side.

Dorothy grew up in Hell's Kitchen on 9th Avenue in Manhattan, a place she loved, surrounded by her extensive Italian family and all the interest of NYC at a time when kids could play on the streets and explore.

She began her working life as an executive secretary in the import-export business.

In 1960, she met William DeVoti, and in three months they were married. Together, they had three children; in the midst of this, in 1968, they moved to Sheffield, where they built a house and a beautiful life together. She was a real homesteader, raising goats and children, gardening, and making abundant meals for her family, visiting poets and friends. She served on the Sheffield library committee and over the years volunteered at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Alternative School, which William founded.

As Dorothy's kids became independent, she went back to college, first at Berkshire Community College, which she admired for its excellent teachers and equal opportunity learning, and then at Westfield State College, where she earned her B.A. with honors in the same year that her youngest child graduated from Princeton University. Although she was not raised in a family or culture where education was encouraged for women, together she and William valued education and made it a priority for their children, all of whom graduated from colleges and universities.

Dorothy traveled to Europe for the first time in 1985 with William for their 25th wedding anniversary, and they never missed a year after that (until the pandemic). She was a passionate traveler, with a knack for finding wonderful new places and a particular talent for wandering — it was never the destination so much as it was the discoveries along the way. And of course, as she said, it was always the company that counted. Dorothy and William were married for almost 61 years.

She was a long-distance walker; it was a source of real joy to her, and with William she took many walking trips through Europe, including the entire Camino de Santiago. As a degenerative muscular condition developed, she lost this ability, but she continued to

evolve and find ways to keep mobile and keep traveling. She was a natural and gifted writer and was a published writer with International Travel News, most recently with a focus on travel advice for people with disabilities.

Dorothy had a remarkable interest in people and their lives and was a genuine listener, which led her to draw out anyone, from the friends she met at home and abroad to people who only for a moment crossed her path. She believed strongly in equality of the human spirit, that no one is more valuable than anyone else. She took great joy in her children and grandchildren and has taught them all generosity, kindness and courage. She was and is so loved.

She is survived by her husband, William DeVoti of Sheffield; her children, Mark and his wife, Erica DeVoti, of Cañon

City, Colo., Willa and her husband, Rennie Worsfold, of Wenham, Mass., and Emily DeVoti and her husband, Joe Roland, of Great Barrington; and five grandchildren ranging in age from 32 to 8, all of whom she adored and poured herself into during their formative early years: Benjamin (and his wife, Brooke) DeVoti, Joshua DeVoti, Camilla Worsfold, Fiona Worsfold and Fionn DeVoti Roland. She is also survived by her sister, Laura Stropoli, of Long Island; and her brother, Jack Gargiulo, of Florida.

Dorothy was predeceased by her brother, Gino Gargiulo; and her parents, Ann and Dominick Gargiulo.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's name are warmly accepted at www.HartleyHouse.org, serving school-age children, youth and seniors in Hell's Kitchen by enriching their lives, expanding their opportunities, and building a sense of community, since 1897.

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BOE scrutinizes state's new COVID-19 regulations

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — For its first meeting of November, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) ruminated over the latest New York State COVID-19 regulations on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

COVID surveillance testing

The meeting was held over Zoom at 7 p.m. To open his report, Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said PPCSD plans to start COVID-19 surveillance testing next week with help from Dr. Neil Smoller and his staff at Village Apothecary in Millbrook.

Handler said PPCSD issued a notice to parents explaining the district needs their consent if they want their children tested for COVID-19 on a regular basis. He mentioned the district will use the Binex rapid test and reminded the BOE that the test is strictly for asymptomatic surveillance.

Vaccine clinic

Come Thursday, Nov. 18, Handler said PPCSD will host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the Stissing Mountain High School cafeteria from 3 to 6 p.m. The clinic will administer first, second and booster shots of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. The availability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is uncertain at this time.

Reflecting on the success of last month's vaccine clinic, Handler mentioned Nasir Mahmood from Pine Plains Pharmacy said he vaccinated about 150 people at that clinic.

Vaccines for children

Seeing as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently approved the Pfizer vaccine for children ages five to 11, Handler said

that, after talking with Mahmood, they're not sure what the demand is going to be for vaccines. Whether they want to get their children vaccinated immediately, are reluctant to do so or are uncertain, Handler advised parents that "before you make a decision, consult your regular healthcare provider who takes care of those kids for you. That's your best source of information — somebody you've trusted with their care all this time," he said.

To sign up for the vaccine clinic on Thursday, Nov. 18, residents can go online to the PPCSD website, www.ppcsd.org, and click the link.

Updated DOH regulations

Examining the updated testing and quarantining supplemental information released by the New York State Health Department, Handler shared how he spent a substantial amount of time with the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) trying to figure out what the new regulations mean and what the district should and shouldn't be doing.

As he explained the new regulations to the BOE, Handler said he wasn't looking for a formal motion that evening, but said they'll probably take steps to begin implementing the regulations over the next couple of weeks.

Starting with test-to-stay (TTS) protocols, Handler explained TTS allows a student who would otherwise be quarantined as a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case to come back to school. If the student's parents elect to implement TTS, the student has to be tested for seven consecutive school days. A rapid test can be used and students have to be non-symptomatic and continue to test negative. Handler said

the DOH recommended starting the seven-day clock from the time of the close contact. He added that TTS is only for school attendance and students have to quarantine the rest of the time they're not physically in class.

Next, the BOE looked at testing to permit students' return to school after experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If a student is fully vaccinated, Handler said they can return to school with a negative antigen test; if they're not fully vaccinated, they need to take a PCR test.

Focusing on test-out-of-quarantine (or TOR), Handle said PPCSD has been doing this practice with permission from the DOH. For cases in which students are fully vaccinated and are in a 10-day quarantine for being in close contact, Handler said if a parent gets the student a PCR test on the fifth day, it comes back negative and the student remains asymptomatic, then the student can return to school on the eighth day.

Examining the new protocol involving staff, Handler said if a staff member has had a verified COVID-19 diagnosis, recovered and completed their 10-day quarantine, they don't have to be tested for 90 days. However, he said the district has to keep track of the 90 days, though the staff member can come to work during that period and then go back to testing after 90 days.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, Handler said the region's superintendents planned to partake in a Zoom call to discuss the regulations, and that he asked Pine Plains Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm to join in. During the Zoom call, Handler said they planned to come up with "something of a unified strategy for implementing all of this."

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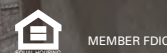
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TORNADO *Continued from Page A1*

It was reported that Hallmark Farm on Butts Hollow Road also suffered damage to some paddock gates and trees on its property.

Many people stopped by Walbridge Farm on Saturday to offer help, or merely out of curiosity. Doug Giles, who runs Walbridge Farm, asked on social media for people to keep their distance out of safety concerns and so they could start to repair the damage.

"As much as I understand everyone's curiosity about the devastation that occurred on Friday, please remember that this is our livelihood and our homes," stated Giles. "Please respect our privacy as we try to deal with the aftermath from the tornado."

He also asked that no photos be taken of the farmstead and remarked that nothing could be moved until the insurance adjuster made a visit and a dam-

age report was filed, which he expected to be done on Monday, Nov. 15.

Some people claimed there was no warning before the tornado hit the area, others said they had gotten a warning and were able to make some quick preparations.

While tornados are not rare in this region, one this late in the season was unexpected. The weather, aside from the weekend's tornado, caused havoc including high winds and heavy rain and some power outages throughout the area.

There were temporary street closures in the town of Washington due to downed limbs, trees and wires; roads were reopened after Central Hudson spent many hours clearing the debris and repairing lines.

Final estimates on the cost of the tornado have yet to be determined.

NUVANCE *Continued from Page A1*

requesting that we investigate Nuvance's compliance with these conditions."

The first of the six requests for information asks about the amount of charity care provided at each of the three hospitals.

Second is request for information on "interruptions, closures, reductions or other deviations" to services that had been offered by the three hospitals at the time the state gave its approval.

Maternity and obstetrical services

The third request asks about "Nuvance's efforts to recruit and retain clinical staff for the provision of services including but not limited to maternity and obstetrical services, medical/surgical units, intensive care unit and surgical services, including any reductions in access to or availability of operating rooms."

The fourth request asks for "activities and progress towards Nuvance's plan to recruit and retain physicians, as detailed in its Nuvance Health Strategic Plan 2025."

Sixth is a request to "describe strategies that Nuvance has considered and pursued to address any professional staffing issues at Sharon Hospital utilizing resources available within the Nuvance system, including but not limited to clinical providers at other Nuvance facilities."

The final request refers specifically to "Condition 18 of the Order," and asks "how Nuvance has determined the obstetric and gynecological needs of each community served by each Connecticut hospital in the Nuvance system and its efforts to align these services with the professional standards for high quality gynecological and obstetric care."

The original request to Nuvance was for a detailed response by Nov. 5. Tina Kumar, who is Manager of External Affairs at the state Office of Health Strategy said that the deadline has been extended to Nov. 22.

AG Tong weighs in

Meanwhile, Hartford HealthCare, one of the region's major health-care networks (and owner of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington), announced last week that it plans to close the labor and delivery unit at Windham Hospital in Windham, Conn.

The medical group is offering reasons in its application to the Office of Health Strategy that are similar to those Nuvance is offering in its request for the changes at Sharon Hospital. They are claiming low

patient counts in the labor and delivery unit, and struggles with getting medical staff.

If the Hartford HealthCare request is granted, mothers who would have delivered at Windham Hospital will have to go to hospitals in Norwich, Manchester or Hartford instead.

The Hartford HealthCare request was submitted on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The day before the presentation to OHS, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong sent a two-page letter to OHS Executive Director Victoria Veltri.

In the letter, he said, "I understand that the applicant has provided a number of reasons for closing the obstetrics unit. These include the choice of patients to have their babies in larger hospitals and the concern that a low volume of births will put patient safety at risk, and other local and national workforce challenges."

Tong continued that, "the fact remains that permanently closing the birthing unit will leave vulnerable families in the region — those who do not have the choice of driving to Norwich, Manchester or Hartford in order to give birth — without an essential health-care service."

Tong says in his letter that Windham Hospital serves a low-income community and that it is particularly difficult for mothers in this community to drive an additional 25 to 45 or more minutes to get to a hospital that has a labor and delivery unit.

An eye on use of charitable donations

Tong also notes that, "the statutes charge my office with ensuring that charitable gifts are used for purposes consistent with donative intent. Should OHS ultimately approve this application, we will ensure any charitable funds intended to support obstetric services at Windham Hospital continue to serve the Windham service area in a similar capacity."

When contacted for comment on the similar situation at Sharon Hospital with Nuvance, a spokesperson for the attorney general said, "We are watching that issue closely and expect to be similarly engaged."

FOOD DRIVE *Continued from Page A1*

SITCFD for years when his predecessor, NASCAR Dave MacMillan, ran the program. Anstett then took over the charity when MacMillan retired to Florida; he's now remaining optimistic.

"It is what it is, but we're definitely doing Thanksgiving and Christmas again," said Anstett. "We're looking for the donations, but I ordered turkeys on the first of August — have them set up ahead of time. I ordered 4 tons of dry goods that we give out as well. I got ahead of the game there. I wasn't sure of the availability this year."

Noting some of the difficulties facing the food supply chain due to the pandemic, he added, "There are a number of issues — trucking and probably a gap of a number of items at certain times. I'm not sure how it's going to play out, but hopefully we have everything in line and ready to go."

Sharing credit with all who make the decades-long holiday meal program run, Anstett said, "It's the whole community. Everybody pitches in — anyone that sends money."

Anstett acknowledged that there have been changes over the past few years — especially since MacMillan, who founded the SITCFD program after experiencing hunger first-hand and deciding to do whatever he

HIKE *Continued from Page A1*

Chris Rickard explained that the idea for the afternoon was originally to hike up the Rudd Loop Trail. However, he said the forecast's call of heavy rain and high winds inspired a change of plans that would take hikers down to the Iron Mine Pond waterfall instead. As Rickard was outlining where their hike would lead them, the winds began to blow ominously.

Nevertheless, the group embarked on their walk through the woods, falling into step with friends and fellow residents and admiring the view of Rudd Pond and other features of the local landscape. The comforting smell of fallen autumn leaves was heightened by the wind blowing through the park, just as the fall colors were made more vibrant by the darkening skies.

As they walked past the park's campground facilities, Rickard talked about the design of Rudd Pond and the park and the history of the land and its preservation. From highlighting "bear awareness" and recognizing trail markers to pointing out the local flora and fauna, Rickard shared a variety of trail tips and tidbits throughout the hike's duration.

Trekking down the leaf-strewn path and over mud down to the Iron Mine Pond, Rickard outlined a few examples of "hiker etiquette" for the group and shared a few ways they can try "not to make the trail bigger



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Sunday in the Country Food Drive volunteer Zoe Gillet sold raffle tickets as part of the group's fundraising efforts at the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) Brew-Ski Fest Oct. 10 at Satre Hill in Salisbury, Conn. The amount raised is a small portion of what's needed to provide the traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets distributed through local food pantries in the region.

could to make sure as few in his community went through the same pain, moved South.

"We have a very small core group now," said Anstett, who runs SITCFD with his wife. And even though he said they are not as worried about transmission of the coronavirus as they were last year, he said, "We set a lot of things aside with COVID. We've managed to do it with less help, and we're probably going to stick with that for now."

Changes included cancelling some of the regular fundraising events such as the annual golf tournament, but the group did manage to pull off some activities at a few locations to help raise critical funds.

They cooked food and sold tickets for their annual raffle sale at the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) Brew-Ski Fest on Oct. 10 in Salisbury, Conn.

At the Maplebrook School in

Amenia, they raised \$10 per car with a Drive Thru Spooktacular from Oct. 28 through Oct. 30, which featured decorations, ghost stories and "candy and Halloween trinkets."

Tickets for the SITCFD's upcoming annual raffle, which cost \$5 each or six for \$50, were sold at the Nov. 7 Millerton Farmers Market. They continue to be available at Herrington's in Millerton, the Amenia Steak House and the Sharon Valley Tavern, from Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek or by calling someone affiliated with SITCFD; the drawing will be on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Working with several food pantries in the region, SITCFD serves hundreds of families stretching from Amenia, An-cram, Dover, Millerton, Pawling and Wassaic in New York and in Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall and Canaan, Conn. It's also served numerous pantries in Massachusetts throughout its time.

In addition to the holiday baskets, Anstett said the organization responds to individual needs that might arise during the year.

To donate to the raffle or purchase raffle tickets, go to www.sundayinthecountry.org; email sundayinthecountry@gmail.com; phone 518-267-9865; or send checks to SITCFD, P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546.

Move to downsize County Legislature rejected by voters

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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No. 6 didn't pass.

"I was expecting it. Sure, it would have been nice to have it pass. It had merit, but it's not the end of the world. We presented it; there was a lot of publicity about it," he said, adding many voters turned over their ballots but didn't go line item by line item through the propositions. "I think part of the problem, there were so many problems with some of the other propositions on back of ballot. But we're satisfied; people spoke and we'll move on."

When asked if the Legislature plans to revisit the issue, Pulver said if so, it won't be for a while.

"If we revisit, it will be in 10 years, I think," he said. "It only makes sense to do it when we're redistricting. You never know in politics. I don't think I'll bring it back up again."

Pulver, who was re-elected to his fifth term in office and plans to re-run for the chairmanship, added, "Overall, we're happy with elections no matter what. This would have been the icing on the cake, but there is still plenty of cake out there."

DUTCHESS COUNTY — The Republican-led Dutchess County Legislature failed in its quest to shrink its size from 25 to 21 in the Nov. 2 elections, with 67.67% of voters rejecting the measure and only 32.33% of voters supporting the idea. A total of 37,095 votes were cast against the proposal versus 17,724 in favor, according to unofficial results from the Dutchess County Board of Elections as of Monday, Nov. 15.

Fifteen Republican legislators voted in July to downsize the governmental body, claiming the county's population of 295,911 doesn't merit such a large Legislature; 10 Democrats voted against it.

Proposal Number Six sought to amend a local law known as Article II of the Dutchess County Charter. The last time Dutchess County's Legislative Branch was reduced was about 20 years ago, from 35 to 25 legislators.

Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) of Pine Plains said he wasn't surprised Prop.

than it is" in order to save it for future generations.

Stopping by a spot overlooking the Iron Mine Pond, Rickard asked how many hikers in the group swam at the pond as children and pointed out the ruins of the former iron mine located across the pond while he briefly touched on the history of iron in the local region. After walking the pond's perimeter and admiring the water's view, hikers followed him into a section of the woods where they at last encountered the waterfall, a worthwhile destination on their afternoon commute with nature.

Walking back to a spot overlooking the pond, everyone considered the forecast before deciding to go forward with their hike, trailing rocky terrain and muddy paths up through the woods as a light rain came falling down. The faint rumbling of thunder and onset of heavier rain afforded them an opportunity to learn the proper safety precautions for handling thunderstorms in the forest, though a flash of lightning caught the group momentarily off guard.

With Rickard leading the way, they navigated a section of the South Taconic Trail through the rain, mud and foliage, stopping to gain a little more natural history as told by their fearless leader.

By the time they returned to the parking lot, Rickard clocked their hike at 3 miles.



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HIKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Think Pink (and Orange) During Hunting Season

Autumn is a time when I think of the color orange, not only because of the falling leaves and not only because I associate the fall and winter months with eating citrus fruit but also because it is now hunting season and it's important to wear orange if you're out in the woods.

Connecticut and New York state offer slightly different advice to hikers, dog walkers, paddlers, anglers, equestrians and anyone else who is outdoors at this time of year. Connecticut just says to wear (fluorescent) orange. New York says you can also wear (fluorescent) pink.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) tip sheet offers the moderately encouraging information that, "Hunters who wear hunter orange are seven times less likely to be shot." Presumably this applies as well to everyone who's out in the woods.

The DEC also says that, "wearing bright colors makes it easier for Forest Rangers, Environmental Conservation Police Officers and other rescue personnel to find lost, sick or injured people afield."

Many of us like to take our dogs out for a walk in the woods at this time of year, but if anything, pets are even more at risk



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Even a simple walk in the woods can have hazards. A few precautions (such as wearing bright orange clothing) can help keep you safe.

during hunting season than their owners.

Therefore, the New York DEC says, "Pet owners are encouraged to dress their dogs in blaze orange or pink or another bright color vest or scarf. Dogs should also stay leashed at all times."

Keeping your dog on a leash will also help keep it from getting caught in a trap.

For hunters, there are specific rules about how much blaze pink and blaze orange you should wear, and those same guidelines work for anyone else out in the woods at this time of year.

In New York the guidance is: "a shirt, jacket or vest with at least 250 square inches of solid or patterned fluorescent orange or pink (the pattern must be at least 50% orange or pink) OR a hat with at least 50% fluorescent orange or pink."

In Connecticut, "400 square inches of fluores-

cent orange are required for hunters," and you should "avoid wearing gray, brown, tan or white when hiking in hunted areas."

Cyclists and riders are encouraged to put a bell on their bike or horse. Hikers are encouraged to call out and identify themselves if they see or hear hunters nearby.

Newcomers to the area — and visitors who are only here on a day trip to enjoy our area trails, rivers and forests — might not realize that there is quite a bit of hunting around here. The New York DEC says hunting is "among the most popular forms of wildlife recreation in the state, drawing an estimated 600,000 New Yorkers."

COVID-19 has also brought more people to the area, seeking a way to be out in the fresh air and (theoretically) away from the close contact with other people that is hard to avoid in urban areas.

As a result, this hunting season there is likely to be more overlap in the woods, of people who are hunting and people seeking other types of outdoor activities (and who might not realize that this is hunting season).

The schedules for the different seasons and types of hunting are complicated but, essentially, hunting started in late October and will continue through December. It won't end in December, but there will be less of it.

Most hunters go out around 9 a.m. and/or in the late afternoon, especially but not exclusively on Saturdays and holidays.

This year, Connecticut is also warning anyone out in the woods to be aware of falling trees and limbs.

"Look up and watch out for hazardous trees while in forested areas. Several years of storms, drought and insect infestations have severely damaged a significant number of Connecticut's trees. A 'hazard tree' has a structural defect that makes it likely to fail in whole or in part. Such a tree can fall without warning."

For a full list of safety tips for the state of Connecticut, go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/Outdoor-Safety-Tips>. For New York, go to www.dec.ny.gov/press/121768.html.

DOG BITES MAN (NO, SERIOUSLY)

Actor/author/playwright Mark St. Germain will read excerpts from his new book, "Walking Evil: How Man's Best Friend Became Man's Worst Enemy," about a pet adoption that went very, very wrong.

St. Germain rescued a dog named Evie at a time when his life was in disarray. The dog seemed to reflect all the parts of his life that had unraveled.

St. Germain consulted dog trainers, psychics, human and animal shrinks and even a priest who specializes in exorcism. In the end, he came to realize that it's the pets who run our households.

The reading will be on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m. at St. James Place in Great Barrington, Mass., hosted by the Great Barrington Public Theater. Readers include Donna Bullock, Peggy Pharr Wilson and Jim Frangione.

Tickets are \$15 and available on Eventbrite. Updates are available online at www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM MULLAN

Ruby Secret is a foraged apple, found in the wild and included in the catalog of the 2021 "Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition."

FORAGING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Romance Of Finding Undiscovered Apples

The Tristate region has plenty of actual apple orchards, some of them private and others open to the public for Pick-Your-Own or Buy a Bushel.

There are also back yards with one or two apple trees that are glorious to look at in spring, when they blossom, and delicious in late summer and early autumn, when they produce fruit.

And then there are the wild apple trees, the ones that you see out of the corner of your eye as you travel along back roads and the larger travel-ways between towns that are, technically, highways (Route 4, Route 7, Route 41 ...).

Ours is a part of the world where we consider it fun to forage for food (ramps, mushrooms). Foraging wild apples is even more fun because not only are you finding something nice to eat, you're also in a sense taking a crisp bite out of local history; and at the same, making a discovery of a piece of fruit that is, probably, unknown — except to the apple obsessed.

One such devotee is Matt Kaminsky, a tree expert from Hadley, Mass., who is on a quest to find and name as many wild apples as he can, with the help of other apple enthusiasts.

In an email this week, talking about his new book (more on that later!), he described how most of these one-of-a-kind trees came to be: "The specimens found in my book are apple trees that were not grafted, but rather grew from seed by way of errant apple cores

from speeding motorists, birds' droppings, squirrels, deer, bears, porcupines, etc., and were noticed by apple enthusiasts, orchardists, cidermakers, citizen scientists, etc., given a name and shared.

"These roadside apple trees are typically not remnants of old homestead orchards or bygone farms, but naturally a part of the native vegetation of 'edge ecosystems,' like roads, field edges, stone walls, drainage ditches.

"It is possible that the seed parentage descended from older stock, or perhaps more obscure genetics like the indigenous crab apples of North America.

"However, they are just as likely to have arisen from the seed of a discarded apple core of store-bought red delicious. Every seed of every apple that germinates and produces a tree will yield a never-before-seen expression of the apple genome."

For the past two years Kaminsky has convened the Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition in Ashfield, Mass. (the 2021 outing was held on Nov. 5). Apple and pear enthusiasts from all over the U.S. are invited to bring samples of fruit they've found and, often, named.

Historically, apple names can be quite beautiful. Unlike more modern and streamlined monikers like Jazz or Gala, older names are more stately and often invoke the name of an orchardist or land owner or place of origin: D'Arcy Spice,

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Admission is free. For more information go to the Facebook page for LOLA: Love Our Local Art or call Christine Mitchell at 860-469-2688.

There will also be a sale in Tivoli, N.Y., near Red Hook and Kingston, from

Pottery by Judy Fisher and other artisan work will be featured in a sale on the weekend after Thanksgiving in Goshen, Conn.

Nov. 19 to Dec. 19.

The opening reception will be on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

“The Holiday Show” at the Tivoli Artists Gallery will offer handcrafted items such as ceramics, drawings, paintings, greeting cards, ornaments, jewelry, prints, sculptures and photographs. Gallery hours are Fridays, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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SILENT FILMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Serial Killer, a Silent Film And Music by Donald Sosin

Halloween is over but for some cinema fans, it's always the season for horror films and thrillers.

One of the earliest examples was directed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1927, his third feature film. It's called “The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog,” and it's a black-and-white film about a serial killer known as The Avenger who victimizes young blonde women. When a new lodger arrives at the home of the Blunts, who have a young blonde daughter, everyone begins to wonder if the lodger is ... The Avenger. This film stars Ivor Novello, an extremely famous singer and performer of that time (he is played by Jeremy Northam in the film “Gosford Park”).

This is a silent film, and while you can see it as part of the Criterion Collection, you can't see it with live music performed by Salisbury, Conn., residents Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton, among the world's most famous living silent film accompanists.

In addition to the film, there will also be peri-



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A silent film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, “The Lodger,” will be performed with live music by Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton on Saturday, Nov. 20.

od-appropriate concessions and a sing-a-long of songs from the 1920s.

The screening of “The Lodger” with music by Sosin and Seaton will be at Dewey Hall in Sheffield, Mass., on

Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and you can order them at www.christrinitychurch.org/store/p11/Silent_Movie_Night_with_Live_Music%2C_Nov_20th_7pm.html.

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Furnace — Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Gelach Penn: Angels with Dirty Faces, Nov. 13 to Dec. 12.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Fall Discussion Series with Mark Scarbrough, Nov. 18, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

Oblong Books & Music, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
Oblong Online: Kristin Cashore & Gareth Hinds, GRACELING: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. (online).

DANCE

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org
U.S. Premiere: Phasmes and Hêtre, Dec. 21 and 22.

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
Thanksgiving Share, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm.org
Joyful Holidays Family Day, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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, Spencer, Eternals, The French Dispatch. Opening Nov. 19: Belfast, Ghostbusters: Afterlife.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
Rev Tor 25th Anniversary Jam, Nov. 20, 8 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

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
SHERRY TURKLE: The Empathy Diaries: The Way to be Human in a Digital World, A Zoom Webinar, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. (online).

THEATER

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org
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... undiscovered apples

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Lamb Abbey Pearmain, Roxbury Russet.

The apples collected and cataloged at the 2021 Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition had names like Bus Stop Blush and Ruby Secret (see photos, this page and B1).

Each apple from that first exhibition was lovingly photographed against a plain background. All the images are displayed in a just-published book with the wonderfully 19th-century title, “Proceedings from the First Annual Wild & Seedling Pomological Exhibition.”

The apples included have names like Hospital Orb, presumably found on the grounds of a hospi-



PHOTO BY WILLIAM MULLAN

Wild apples' names sometimes reflect where they were found. This apple is Bus Stop Blush.

tal: Jetson's Proudstem; Screaching Weasel; and Juicy Juicy Pineapple.

The chances that you'll

find one of these specific apples on a foraging expedition are slim. But if you love edible oddities and New England history and foraging, and if you love the idea of discovering an apple that's been hiding in plain sight on the side of a road or along a trail on what used to be a farm, then this book is thrilling.

Buy it for \$20; a portion of the money goes to Gardening for the Community in Springfield, Mass. And if you have a friend who loves foraging, this could be the most memorable holiday gift they receive this year.

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MILLBROOK

Millbrook honors its veterans



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Girl Scouts, Brownies and Leaders from Troop 10294 pictured at St. Joseph's Cemetery, collected U.S. flags for retirement on Saturday, Nov. 13.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Navy veteran and nurse, Susan DeMan, spoke about the meaning of Veterans Day after the the Millbrook VFW Post 9008's Veterans Day parade at a ceremony at the Village Green.



Maddie Granger sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the village of Millbrook's and town of Washington's celebration of Veterans Day on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, in honor of those who served in the Armed Forces.



Left, Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, left, stood with Millbrook VFW Post 9008 Cmdr. Jeff Moseman in front of a mural painted by Millbrook High School Art Club members.

Troops retire flags with reverence

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Under sunny autumn skies, Girl Scouts and Brownies visited several cemeteries in the area, collecting flags from the graves of veterans, and bringing them back to Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 9008.

Boy Scout leader Ed Olson explained the ceremony from his point of view.

"I see the flags put down on the graves of veterans in the spring; new, clean, fresh, as representing the new soldiers just going into service," he said. "In the fall, when we collect them to retire them, to me that represents the soldiers who have served, who are tired, battle-weary, and deserving of a respectful retirement."

Many are not aware that the proper way to retire a flag is

though burning it; each flag is treated with reverence. At the burning ceremony, the poem "I am Old Glory" was recited, taps was played and the children handed the flags to the veterans, who put them into the fires located in three barrels.

The troops involved in the flag-burning ceremony included the Brownies/Girl Scouts Troop 10294, Leader Linda Obirzok; Boy Scout Troop 31, Millbrook, Leaders Ed Olson and Mike Herzog.

About 770 flags were removed from St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, Clove, Nine Partners, Union Vale and Verbank cemeteries on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Veterans who assisted included Wayne Butler, Susan DeMan, Walt Carrazzone and Walt Jacob.

The participants enjoyed hot dogs and soft drinks after their labors were complete.

Artists a make date for 2022 calendar

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Fountains at Millbrook is just one of 55 senior communities around the country managed by Watermark Retirement Communities.

Each year, Watermark holds a contest, open to all its residents, to provide artwork for its yearly calendar. Over the years, several Millbrook Fountain residents have had their work chosen. This year, two will be featured. Resident Len Weiss has been featured in the calendar three times, though he's not in the 2022 calendar.

A celebration took place on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the auditorium at The Fountains, where the winners were announced. Champagne and chocolate cake were served, and the winners were presented with flowers.

Art teacher Ellen O'Shea and wood carving instructor Dave Carrier also received flowers, and were invited to speak, offering congratulations to all.

Roger Sweeney is a wood carver. His piece, of a goose in flight, was chosen as one of 12 that will grace the cover of the calendar. Sweeney concentrates his efforts on birds in their natural habitats, but he works with other wood carvers as well on various pieces.

Shirley Fernekes, who has been at The Fountains for about two-and-a-half years, used her downtime due to COVID-19 restrictions to create many paintings. One, Golden Days, an acrylic portraying an old gentleman with a child enjoying a walk in the country, will be the full-sized artwork featured in the Watermark 2022 calendar for the month of September.

Many of the devoted artists never did any artwork until they came to the Fountains, but the studio there provides good

work space and O'Shea brings out the artist in each of them. The medium varies; many work with oils, but as is the case with Fernekes, the fumes from oils and some of the other mediums can be rough on the lungs. Watercolors, pastels and acrylics are favorites, as well as photography. In 3-D, there are mobiles, wood carvings and some metal sculptures.

All in all, having something to keep one's interest is always a good thing. Another artist in residence, Leon Nesis, will be having a one-man show at the Millbrook Library in January of 2022, and many of the other artists will be in a show at the library scheduled for June, 2022.

Judges for the Fountains at Millbrook Watermark Calendar competition were noted abstract artist Lilianna Washburn and photographer Lori Adams.



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Shirley Fernekes' painting, Golden Days, will be the picture used for September in the 2022 Watermark calendar.



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Here, John Ahern's class stood near the plaque that tells the story of Village Hall, how it began as a YMCA, serving Millbrook's youngsters and providing a gymnasium, hot showers and a bowling alley from 1914 and lasting many years.

In step with history

MILLBROOK — Several groups of seventh-graders from Millbrook Middle School toured historic sites around the village of Millbrook in mid-October. They stopped at the numerous plaques that were erected in honor of the community's Italian heritage and Millbrook's early history.

What was originally the local YMCA became Millbrook's Village Hall in 1986, serving area residents in a totally different way.

For the tour, the Millbrook Historical Society provided hosts at each historical site to encourage the young students to read the plaques and ask questions.

The society was responsible in large part for the bilingual plaques that were installed throughout the village in 2014 as part of a self-guided walking tour.

The Town of Washington Recreation Department still

uses the Guertin Gym at Village Hall today, which now houses the Millbrook Historical Society's archives.

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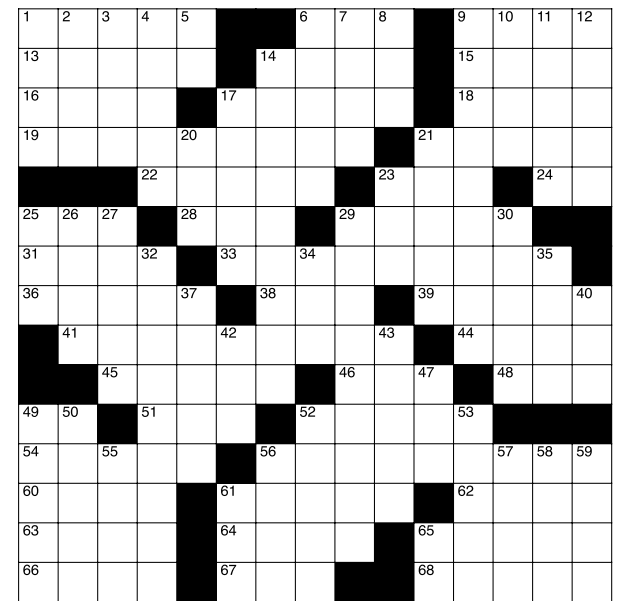
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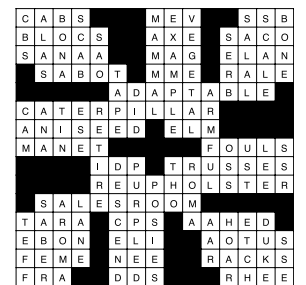
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19. Decent behaviors
21. Groans
22. Works hard
23. Upset
24. A sound made in speech
25. One point east of due south
28. Boxing's GOAT
29. Whittles
31. Tailless amphibian
33. Surrounded
36. Doesn't stay still
38. Copycat
39. Four-door car
41. Morally correct behavior
44. Something that is owed
45. Pasta needs it
46. Ant-Man's last name
48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
49. Small period of time (abbr.)
51. Woman (French)
52. On or around
54. Fencing swords
56. Fonts
60. A command in the name of the court
61. Sprays with an irritant
62. Georgetown athlete
63. Dry or withered
64. Sign of injury
65. Tracts of land (abbr.)
66. 365 days
67. Physique
68. Icelandic poems

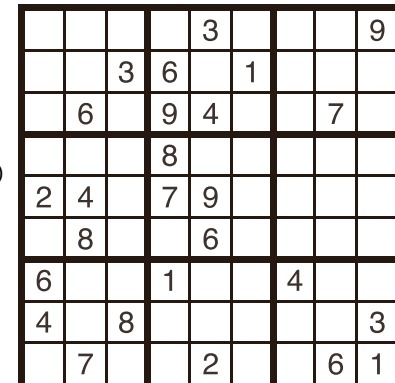


20. Patti Hearst's captors
21. Jacobs and Summers are two
23. Disfigure
25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
26. Ill-mannered person
27. Overhang
29. Famed rat catcher
30. Passover feast and ceremony
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Central processing unit
35. Chinese native religion
37. Unfermented juices
40. "To the ___ degree"
42. Frozen water
43. Medieval circuit courts
47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
49. Gossipy
50. Shopping is one type
52. Palmlike plant
53. Partner to "ooed"
55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
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59. Impertinence
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65. Atomic #52

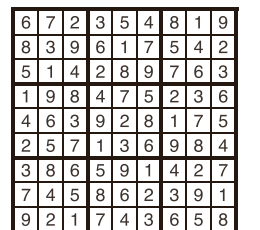
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EDITORIAL

Changes will have lasting effects, for better or worse

There are times for all communities that are tipping points, when some centers that shape their residents' lives in profound ways change or are at such dramatic risk that there is no turning back to what once was. We've all seen or know about such places. But it's not always obvious to us when it's our community, and we're in the middle of such change, is it?

Looking at the pages of this newspaper over the past months, of course the most obvious changes that directly affected individuals and institutions came as a result of repercussions from dealing with COVID-19. Worldwide pandemics do have a way of turning things upside down and leaving it to humanity to find a way to right them.

Many rose to the challenge, from first responders and all medical staff to educators to grocery store staff to news reporters. But dealing with the crisis of the moment cannot alleviate the need to address longer-term problems. While Sharon Hospital was a center of help and courage throughout the worst days so far of the pandemic, the long-term issue of needing to increase revenues there could not be avoided.

So we are now at that crisis point of losing key services, especially labor and delivery, the Birthing Suites. The nurses and staff there wrote eloquently about their work and commitment to their patients in The Lakeville Journal letters to the editor last week. And, the rally to support them on Nov. 6 organized by the group Save Sharon Hospital drew around 400 people who feel strongly this department needs to remain for the health and for the vibrancy of the community.

It's one of the most personal connections any young family can have to a hospital: giving birth to their children there. Those who attended the rally in support of keeping maternity going at the hospital surely had strongly felt connections there, but also understood the importance of having the resource here for new families to create their own new connections.

Hospitals are centers of emotionally fraught times as well, where we and our loved ones go for critical care and may face the end of life. Life and death. Doesn't get much more serious.

Which explains why so many of us feel the proposed changes at the hospital so deeply. They could surely have a lasting effect on the way our communities look going forward. Will the private schools, for instance, be able to attract young families to live here if the closest birthing center is more than 30 to 40 minutes away?

As Connecticut State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said at a meeting of area town officials on Nov. 5, that state's Office of Health Strategy still needs to approve the plans Nuvance has for Sharon Hospital. How will that office decide to handle Nuvance's requests? One thing we know for sure is that they will want public input, so if you feel strongly about the changes being proposed for the hospital, let its Office of Health Strategy, and Horn and Connecticut State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30), know your opinions. They are the ones who will be able to influence the outcome of Nuvance's strategy the most. Their decision will make a real difference to the health of the residents of the Tri-state region, as well as the health of the communities served by the hospital.

Racial mix in America: statistics are all wrong

The problem with people who do not understand math adequately, or can even count properly, is that they see a number published by the Census folks and assume it means something it doesn't. Everything you thought you understood about racial balance in this country is dead wrong. Counting people is necessary from an economy point of view, but never takes into account the individual aspects of the people counted accurately.

The first official Census was in 1790. The proportion of white and Black people counted was 80.7% white and 19.3% Black (called negro at the time). By 1860 other ethnicities were being counted as well: 85.6% white, 14.1% Black, .0014% American Indian+Eskimo+Aleut and .0049% Hispanic. By 1960 the simple counting continued: 88.5% white, 10.5% African American, .9% the rest of the identified races. But in 2000 the Census changed the questions. The Census forms required everyone to state ethnic origin as well as their parents' origins and then, in their tabulation (meaning counting) they needed to make sense of this mishmash of race, so they deemed anyone of mixed race was non-white.

It goes like this: if a white male and an African American

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

female have a child, the child will be classified as non-white. Suddenly, ethnic purity was put into the final reading of results and counting. Of course, ethnic purity is total nonsense. Any student in the sciences will tell you that and geneticists scoff at the concept of genetic purity. In your DNA, right now, you have roots that take you back to at least four human ancestor races, possibly including Neanderthal and other human sub-sets that no longer exist or (at least) have not been identified yet.

So, of course the 2020 Census shows a huge swing in ethnic population change in America: 61.6% white (down from 88.5% in 1960), 12.4% African American, 1.1% native, 6.2% Asian, 8.4% other (whatever that means - see end), and 10.2% two or more races. Noteworthy is that Hispanic origins are now counted weirdly amongst the above figures (under half of the so-called white count and 20% of the other races). The point here is that racial breakdowns are now posted on what is reported as pure "white" or "not-white" and then those "non-white" are

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the community

Sharon Hospital Board shares a perspective

Dear fellow members of the Sharon Hospital community:

We, the Sharon Hospital Board, write today in our role as both representatives and members of our community. We have heard from many of our friends and neighbors over the past month, as people across Sharon Hospital's service area have reacted to the plan announced by its leaders on Sept. 29. That said, we know there are many people who have not yet had the chance to hear from us directly. We would like to take this opportunity to share the reasoning behind — and the process that led to — our endorsement of the plan for Sharon Hospital, as well as to dispel any misinformation.

First, we want to emphasize that no part of this process was easy. As volunteers representing an array of skillsets and backgrounds, we all love this community and we share your deep connection to our hospital. We understand the concern voiced by some community members, and knew that any decision would have lasting effects on the health and vitality of our region. That is why we take our stewardship role seriously to ensure all proposed changes to Sharon Hospital are in the best long-term interests of our community.

This commitment drove our deep involvement in the process that culminated in the transformative plan. After a thorough review of the collected data and analysis with a variety of stakeholders, we can testify to the thorough and thoughtful consideration that informed this strategy. We believe this is the best way to allow Sharon Hospital to not only survive but thrive into the future.

While hospital leaders created this plan, our Board wanted to make sure no stone was left unturned. That is why we requested that Nuvance Health, with the support of the Foundation for Community Health, engage an independent consultant while the hospital evaluated its options. The analysis from Stroudwater Associates — a leading healthcare consulting firm — provided an impartial third-party review. This report provided helpful information

about how our community seeks care, but ultimately, it falls to Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health leadership, with our Board's guidance, to chart a path forward.

After we reviewed Nuvance Health's analysis and Stroudwater Associates' report, one point was clear: Sharon Hospital must evolve to meet the ever-changing healthcare landscape and to continue providing compassionate care to our dynamic community. Maintaining the status quo is not an option.

Our goal is and has always been that Sharon Hospital survives and remains viable to continue serving our community into the future. By focusing on targeted growth in areas of identified community need, we can enhance our primary care, behavioral health services, and ambulatory services such as cardiology, oncology and neurology. In order to do this, however, we also had to come to terms with some difficult decisions, such as phasing out labor & delivery. We share in the sadness of this beloved service leaving Sharon Hospital — many of us started our own families in the labor & delivery unit. However, it would take nearly two to three times the current number of labor & delivery patients to make this service sustainable, and we cannot in good conscience continue supporting underutilized services that are endangering the very survival of the hospital.

The announcement of this transformation marks the beginning of a long-term, collaborative process. In the coming months, several workgroups — composed of clinical and administrative staff at the hospital — will share operational plans for the announced changes. Their deep knowledge and understanding of Sharon Hospital and of our community will help create a more efficient model for using space and resources at Sharon Hospital, without sacrificing patient care. We are also working with hospital leadership to create more outlets for discussion with our community through town hall forums, small group meetings, and the Sharon Hospital Transformation website.

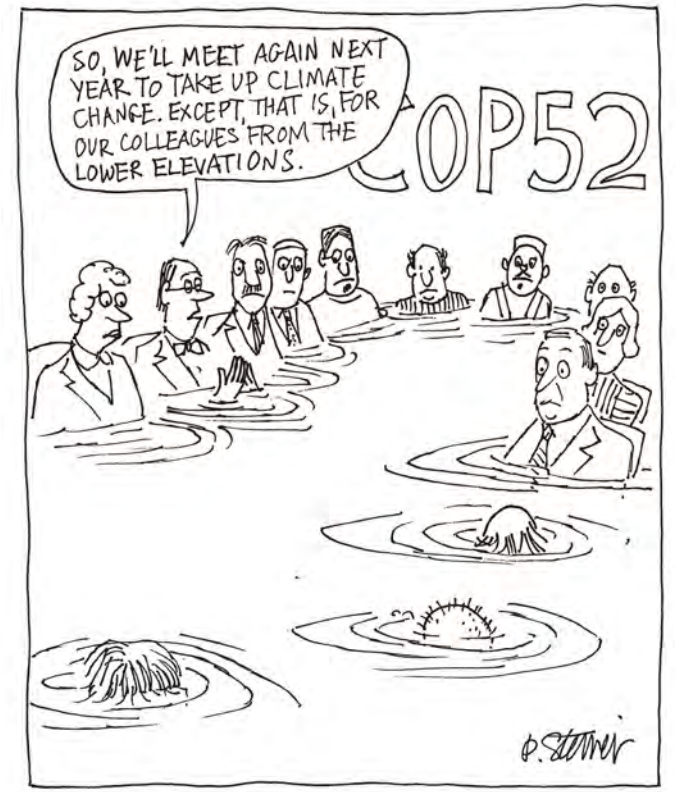
Finally, we want to emphasize — in no uncertain terms — that the Sharon Hospital transformation has no relation to the quality of care provided at the hospital and the quality of our existing services has not changed or diminished. The medical staff at Sharon Hospital are extremely qualified, and we strongly encourage the community to continue utilizing the hospital's services.

We are hopeful that ultimately, all of you will share our support of this plan to strengthen our community hospital into the future. It is an honor to serve as your representatives on the Sharon Hospital Board, and we look forward to further conversations in the coming weeks and months as this transformation takes effect.

Sincerely,

- Rick Cantele, Board Chairman, Salisbury, CT
- John Charde, MD, Lakeville, CT
- Margaret Coughlan, MD, Millbrook, NY
- Randall Dwenger, MD, Lakeville, CT
- Pari Forood, Lakeville, CT
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Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now resides in New Mexico.



The community of Millerton there for each other when it counts

On Saturday, Nov. 6th, two families were displaced from their homes due to a devastating fire that destroyed one home and caused damage to another. The most heartbreaking and unimaginable happened too: two people lost their lives.

That day, we saw the brave teamwork of the Millerton Fire Company, led by Chief Jason Watson, mobilize local fire departments to combat the fire and organize the logistics of other agencies called to the scene in various capacities. They all had a common goal — the safety of the families affected by the fire and the wellbeing of the entire community.

We send our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to all of the agencies and volunteers involved, including but by no means limited to: The North East Fire District (which includes the Millerton Fire Company and Auxiliary) as well

as the surrounding fire companies that came to our aid that day; the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, North East Community Center, County Executive Marcus Molinaro and the Dutchess County Emergency Response Team, Town of North East Supervisor Chris Kennan, Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer and everyone who supplied food and reached out offering assistance to the families.

The community came together that day and continues to offer support and assistance to all affected by this tragic event.

We are so thankful to live in an area with caring and compassionate people.

It truly takes a village.

Jenn Najdek,
Mayor

Millerton

Alicia Sartori,
Deputy Mayor

Millerton



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Peaceful passage

The early deadline for letters to the editor for the Thanksgiving issue, Nov. 25, is Friday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on October 14, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Northeast, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Millerton, New York, November 14, 2021.

Tilly Strauss
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2021.

A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 13, 2021, TO AUTHORIZE THE

ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1,051,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF phase 3 of a NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY WITH FUEL DEPOT ON A TOWN OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ON ROUTE 22 IN MILLERTON, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A REVISED MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,275,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,051,000 ADDITIONAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Construction of highway garage facility and fuel depot on Route 22 in Millerton, New York (Phase 3), additional costs.

Period of probable usefulness: Thirty (30) years, subject to permissive referendum

New maximum estimated cost: \$4,275,000

Previously authorized: \$2,929,000 bonds

Amount of obligations to be issued: Additional \$1,051,000 bonds

Current Available Funds: \$295,000

SEORA status: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEORA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours upon appointment.

11-18-21

Pine Plains Fire District On December 14, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Pine Plains Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Fire House located at 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, New York 12567 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner: one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Only residents registered to vote with the Dutchess County Board of Elections on or before November 21, 2021 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Pine Plains Fire District, Heather Lamont, P.O. Box 860, Pine Plains, New York 12567 no later than 20 days before the election, November 18, 2021. The candidate must indicate when filing their name which office they are seeking. November 9, 2021.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT
11-18-21

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2021 to consider the application of Siland Commercial Property, LLC (the "Applicant") for the construction of a new recreation facility (the "Project") to be located at 4651 Route 22, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Grid #132000-7066-00-910219-0000) for site plan approval (the "Application"). Also included are Harlem Valley LLC located at 4429 Route 22, (Grid #132000-7066-00-870350-0000) and Silo Ridge Ventures Property A located at Red Tail Pass, (Grid #132000-7066-00-727708) The subject properties are located in the Office/Commercial/Industry Mixed-Use zoning district and the Scenic Protection and Aquifer overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be

viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

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

Dated: November 10, 2021
Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman
Town of Amenia
Planning Board
11-18-21

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARDS OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

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Area Variance and Special Use Permit approvals for an existing telecommunications tower and facility located on an approximately 10.5-acre parcel at Route 441 within the RA "Rural Agricultural" Zoning District and identified as Grid Number 13200-7067-00-572230-0000. SBA is the lessee of the Property (the "Application").

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