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PHOTO BY TIA MAGGIO

On Saturday, Sept. 25, four young patrons at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake helped harvest the corn, squash and green beans planted at the special Native American Three Sisters Garden planted this summer, under the guidance of Children's Librarian Tia Maggio.

## The Three Sisters Garden

COPAKE — Education Coordinator Aretha Whitehead from Greenagers visited the Roeliff Jansen Community Library on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Greenagers is "a group that engages teens and young adults in meaningful work in environmental conservation, sustainable farming, natural resource management and vocational skills building in the Berkshires, Mass., Northwest Connecticut, and New York State," according to www.greenagers.org.

"Whitehead read a Native American story about the symbolism of corn and the earth god Atira," said Children's Librarian Tia Maggio, who planned the event.

Along with those on hand from Greenagers, children in attendance at the Roe Jan Library's special storytime also helped at its Three Sisters Garden, where they "made up a fun dance, picked the corn, squash and green beans" planted at the special Native American garden planted this summer, and "then made corn husk dolls," said Maggio.

Maggio has had her hands full all summer long organizing entertaining and educational events for the youngest of the library's patrons.

— Whitney Joseph

## Nonpartisan forum

# Amenia's candidates

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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AMENIA — On Wednesday, Oct. 6, voters in the town of Amenia will have the opportunity to be introduced to those running for the two Town Board seats and the town supervisor position come Election Day, Nov. 2, at the nonpartisan Meet the Candidates forum sponsored by The Millerton News and moderated the League of Women Voters (LWV).

"The Millerton News, and its sister newspaper The Lakeville Journal in Connecticut, have been sponsoring Candidate Forums in the region for years, and are proud to do that with the League of Women Voters," Janet Manko, publisher and editor in chief of the publications, said. "This kind of civic engagement, helping our communities understand their town government and those who serve as their representatives at every

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# Molinaro announces run for U.S. Congress

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Many have wondered what would be in store for outgoing Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro's political future when he exits office at the end of his term Dec. 31.

On Friday, Sept. 17, that question was answered when he officially filed the necessary paperwork with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) that he intends to run for the 19th Con-

gressional District in the State of New York. The filing was posted on the FEC website. The seat is currently held by two-term Democratic U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) — a district that could change thanks to the loss of one seat in the House of Representatives due to lackluster participation from the Empire State in the 2020 Census count.

The county executive, who lives in Red Hook with his wife and four children, launched his campaign for

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## Why is precious Main Street parking blocked off?

# The wheels are in motion for Railroad Plaza to be restored

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — Drive onto Main Street into Millerton, and it would be difficult for motorists to miss the row of bollards leading from Steed Real Estate at Railroad Plaza (technically 9 North Center St.) to the end of North Center Street.

Though the bollards have been raised as a topic of discussion among village and town officials and especially merchants — particularly in regard to the loss of precious parking in the village business district — Marti and Ron Steed of Steed Real Estate have said the posts used to divert traffic are there for good reason. Their building, a one-time train station in the village that was founded around the railroad industry, is under construction.

There are about 13 parking spots in front lot, roughly eight parking spots in the rear, plus another seven or so cars can park alongside the building, according to Marti. The lot itself is unpaved, she added, as they need "to allow for percolation" of the septic system.

The Steeds purchased the building in the center of Millerton's Railroad Plaza in 1978; their real estate busi-



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

The Steed Real Estate parking lot at Railroad Plaza in Millerton was cordoned off this summer, angering many in the village, especially merchants who rely on all available parking for their customers. Marti Steed said she and her husband, Ron, had to protect workers restoring the building, and many of the components in the unpaved lot.

ness has been active since 1976. Marti said they've wanted to restore their building for five years, but have been waiting for their son, Jason, to take a look at it.

As owner and president of Steed

Home Real Estate, Marti said her son mostly works on restoring older properties, and while everything's fine in regard to their historic building, she

See CONSTRUCTION, A6

## Pine Plains BOE hears it all

# Cameras in classrooms, 'jackass' email, gender ID

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — Though the meeting started off with assessing the smooth start to the 2021-22 school year, the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) soon fielded outrage from parents concerned about their children at the BOE meeting

on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium.

### Cameras in classrooms?

As the first to speak during public comment, Stanfordville parent Hans Tabor asked the BOE (among other topics) what its opinions were in re-

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# MILLERTON

## Merchants' group reviews ADA project, multiple grant awards

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — From updates on the village's long-awaited sidewalk replacement project to news from Eddie Collins Memorial Park and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) kept itself up-to-date on what's been happening with local projects and community resources at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

MBA members gathered behind the Irondale Schoolhouse at the Main Street trail entrance for their meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Having met with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) and engineers for the sidewalk project, Mayor Jenn Najdek explained that one of the reasons the project got "bogged down" is because Millerton combined two different grants for the project, one of which was an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance grant.

Normally with sidewalks, she said, "You have to make certain parts ADA-compliant, but you're not saying it's an ADA-compliant project."

Najdek said the village combined the ADA grant it received for ADA improvements at the Village Hall building and bundled the grant into the sidewalk project, resulting in "making the ADA compliant piece oversee the entire project."

She explained there are certain forms that have to be filed with the DOT to get exemptions for the ADA piece, and that there have been three different lawsuits over the past couple of years involving villages and towns that put in grants claiming to be "ADA-compliant but in the end they weren't."

In the end, Najdek said those towns and villages were sued, and their sidewalks were all ripped out and redone at the municipalities' expense.

Najdek said the DOT and village project engineer are trying to keep that from happening to Millerton. Seeing as the engineer filled out the necessary forms and submitted them to the DOT, she was told it could be between a week and 10 days before the village gets the green light for its sidewalk project.

At this point, Najdek said she didn't see the project happening before Oct. 1, and once the DOT gives the green light, she said there will be an on site

meeting with the DOT and the individual who will oversee the ADA component of the project.

With the village's grant for this project set to expire on Sunday, Oct. 31, Najdek said the village is planning to apply for an extension of the grant. Furthermore, she said Millerton is moving forward with a request for proposals (RFP) for engineering services for the other side of the sidewalk to make sure it can be ready once it is given permission to begin work. Once she gets a start date for the project, the mayor said she'll let merchants know.

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan announced the town received a \$250,000 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) from Dutchess County for the construction of the actual highway garage that is being shared between the town and village. Given the increase in material prices, he said the construction of the highway garage has been put out to bid again. (For more on the MIG award, go to [www.tricornnews.com](http://www.tricornnews.com).)

Jeanne Vanecko said the village also received an MIG grant from the county to update Eddie Collins Memorial Park into the temporarily-renamed Millerton Community Park, worth \$328,000. Along with putting the park over its funding goal for Phase One and into Phase Two, she said this means the items that were removed from the project can be added back in, such as installing electrical charging stations and bringing

in workers to repair the playground equipment.

Going back to the sidewalk project, Vanecko said Townscape has raised money to replace all the trees on Main Street, but if the sidewalk project starts too late, they won't be able to replace the trees until next spring.

In terms of sequencing, she said the trees will remain in place while the sidewalk is being laid. While that work is done, though, Townscape could lay the conduit underneath the sidewalk for the village's annual holiday lights. As it stands, Vanecko said Townscape will move forward with the same program it has

provided for the community in years past for the holidays.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) Chairman Dick Hermans then told the MBA his group received a \$75,000 grant through the Park and Trails Partnership Grant program earlier this month for improvements 4 miles of trail running through Taconic State Park.

Kennan added the town is working on a parking lot on Rudd Pond Road to help take pressure off of the village for people who want to access the Rail Trail further up from the village.



PHOTOS BY DARRYL GANGLOFF

Along with welcoming in readers from all walks of life, the NorthEast-Millerton Library had a llama visiting from Country Quilt Llama Farm in Cornwall, Conn., as part of its "Hooked on Llamas" program on Friday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m.

## It's hard not to get 'Hooked on Llamas'

MILLERTON — As well as getting excited about reading during this month's celebration of Library Card Sign Up Month, young readers and their families were invited to get "Hooked on Llamas" as the NorthEast-Millerton Library received a visit from Debbie Labbe, owner of Country Quilt Llama Farm in Cornwall, Conn., and her llama on Friday, Sept. 17.

Starting at 4 p.m. in the library's backyard garden, par-

ticipating readers sat down for a reading of the book, "Is Your Mama A Llama?" written by Labbe.

Sharing her llama expertise with her young audience, Labbe taught the children about the lifestyles of llamas and their behaviors, and even invited the children to get up close and personal and pet the friendly llama, with a little gentle persuasion from their guardians.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Rose Hentschel-Halpin guided her granddaughter, Darla Gangloff, 3, as she pet a llama visiting the NorthEast-Millerton Library from Country Quilt Llama Farm recently.

### MILLERTON IN BRIEF

#### Sign up for Teen Team for 2021-22

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

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

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

All those interested in attending Teen Team events are invited to reach out at [teenprograms@neccmillerton.org](mailto:teenprograms@neccmillerton.org), call or text 518-407-7279 or send a message on Instagram @teenteam\_necc.

#### Report street light outages online

The staff at the Millerton Village Hall would like residents and those who work in the village to know, if anyone notices a streetlight out, they can report it by going to the following link: [www.cenhud.com/outages/streetlight-out/](http://www.cenhud.com/outages/streetlight-out/).

## Craft Fair to delight all, benefit library

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library's (NEML) 10th annual Craft Fair will take place in the Memorial Garden in front of the library at 75 Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A major fundraiser for the library, it was started as a way to thank the NEML for allowing a group of knitters to use its facilities. Now a community tradition, the event has grown from four contributors to several dozen community volunteers who share their talents by donating a variety of homemade items. Homemade crafts and other donated items are still needed for this year's sale.

All earnings from the sale go to the library to help provide funding, which is particularly critical this year to help manage budget issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic is also the reason the fair has moved from The Annex and its traditional November schedule, which acted as a kick-off for the holiday season, to an outdoor event.

The fair will provide an ex-

cellent opportunity for early holiday gift shopping, with handcrafted artwork, glassware, wood and decorative items, tote bags, microwave bowl cozies, embroidered pillowcases and T-shirts, children's princess character pillows, superhero fabric blocks and other toys.

A wide variety of knit and crochet items, including mittens, fingerless gloves, yoga and pedicure socks, adult socks, hats, scarves, cowls and baby and children's sweaters up to size 4 will help prepare for the coming winter.

Homemade jelly and baked goods will be featured along with the popular raffle of gift certificates and other items donated by local merchants.

NEML Library Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson noted that normal COVID safety precautions in the outdoor setting will provide a good opportunity for neighbors to connect in a secure environment.

Items to be donated may be dropped at the NEML main desk any time during regular hours. For more information or to volunteer, call 518-789-3340 or stop by the library at 75 Main St.

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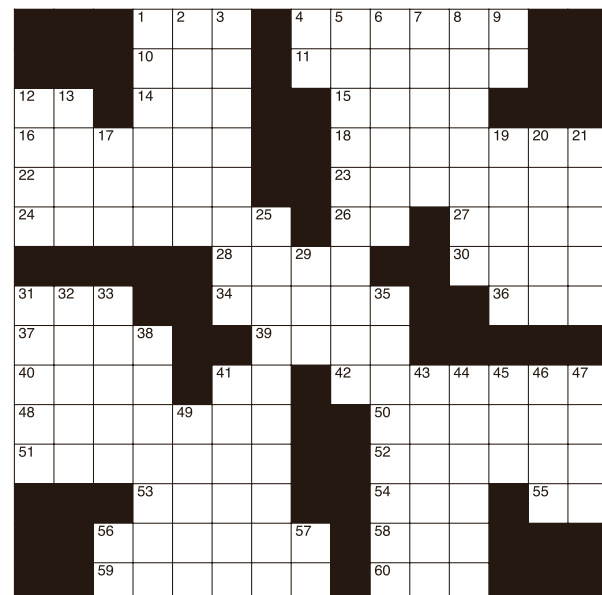
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Numbers cruncher
- Creator
- A type of center
- About spring
- Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
- Precursor to the EU
- Something that can be cast
- Gold-colored alloy
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- A hard coating on a porous surface
- A type of detachment
- Filmmakers need them
- Promotional material
- \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
- Short, sharp sound
- Feeling of intense anger
- Popular TV network
- Island entry point
- Disfigure
- College army
- One who's revered
- Long, winding ridge
- Football stat
- Stealing
- Hawaiian island
- More raw
- In one's normal state of mind
- Daniel LaRusso's sport
- Tropical American monkey
- Measures heart currents
- Midway between south and east
- Knotted again
- Born of
- Value
- Soviet Socialist Republic

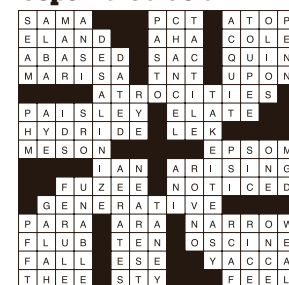
### CLUES DOWN

- Mother tongue
- Removes potato skins
- True
- Early multimedia
- The making of amends
- Discovered by investigation
- Small arm of the sea
- More seasoned
- Atomic #81
- Type of pear

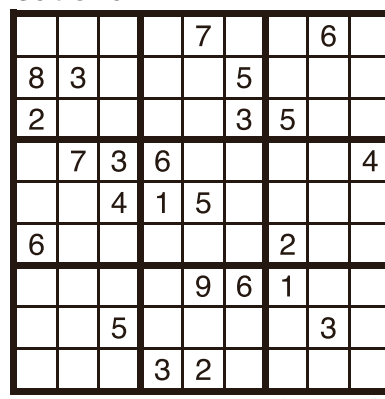


- Chemical compound
- One's mother
- Vietnam's former name
- Snow forest
- Church officer
- Hardness
- Ancient
- Advertising gimmick
- Subatomic particle
- Not fresh
- Loosens
- Religious symbols
- Film
- Orthodontic devices
- Grilled beef sandwich
- Journalist Tarbell
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Japanese social networking service
- Romantic poet
- Dorm worker
- Poor grades

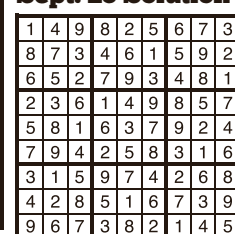
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In appreciation:

Dr. John W. Gallup

I first met Dr. Gallup when I was 8 years old. At first he kinda scared me. It did not take long for that to go away. This gentle giant of a man made a huge impact on me.

I didn't realize at the time, but after our Dad died, at our annual check-ups he would often talk to me about my feelings of loss, in such a way, I had no idea he was keeping my mental health also intact.

When one of my sisters was facing a serious health issue at 16, the man came out in a blizzard, wrapped her in a blanket and stayed with her all night at the hospital until he knew she would be okay.

When I was 18 and going off to college, as I sat in his waiting room, with women not much older than me holding their babies, I asked him if I should still be coming to him.

He told me I could be his patient until I started having babies.

It was also a time when he spoke to me about doing monthly breast examinations. He showed me proper procedure and encouraged me to practice it. It was 1971. He was a man ahead of his time.

Little did I know then how valuable that lesson became when I discovered a lump at the age of 32 and it turned out to be positive for cancer. My early diagnosis and treatment spared my life.

When I gave birth to our daughter Allison, when asked who her pediatrician was, for me there was no question: Dr. Gallup. He was the man!!

In appreciation:

Dr. John W. Gallup

The Board and Staff of the Foundation for Community Health are greatly saddened by the passing of our beloved friend and highly respected colleague, Dr. John W. "Bill" Gallup, on Sept. 20, 2021. He was a soft-spoken, thoughtful and brilliant gentleman who as a founding member of our Board helped forge our beginning and continued growth by gracing our board with his service from 2003 to 2012 and again from 2015 until the present.

His dedication to health care in our community was demonstrated throughout his tenure on our board. As an active member of our community, he had an innate sense about what was needed and what would benefit our community. He was a pediatrician who served generations of our children and their families. As a local resident who lived, raised his family, and retired here, Dr. Gallup actively participated in many community programs and events.

His insightful input on our board was invaluable to the success of the foundation's strategies for improving the health and well-being of our residents.

SPORTS ONLINE

This week readers can find tons of local sports coverage online, at www.tricornernews.com.

Fans of sports columnist Theodore Kneeland will be pleased to read his insightful and often ironic Bleacher Views, in which he writes about the Biblical precursor to our game of football, a game called Stones.

And intrepid reporter Kaitlin Lyle traveled the Harlem Valley as she covered high school teams including the Webutuck Warriors, the Stissing Mountain Bombers, the Dover Dragons and the Millbrook Blazers while they battled it out against each other and various other competitors in volleyball and girls and boys soccer.

To catch up on scores and see photos, make sure to go to our website.

It was a time when the medical issue of the day was Whooping Cough vaccine. The anti vaxxers were out in force. So naturally I asked Dr. Gallup, a man I trusted with my life, what do you recommend. He looked me straight in the eyes, in that slow, deep, quiet voice, calmly told me he worked in a Whooping Cough clinic in Canada for three years ... in no uncertain terms "give her the damn shot."

Over the years I would run into Dr. Gallup, at the Ski Jumps and other events and would always make my way to him. I would joke that I personally hold him responsible for saving my life.

He would give me that smile, peering over his half glasses and tell me I have to stop telling people that. But for me it was true. He was so humble.

I learned, after he retired from private practice, he, along with his wife, took on the children of the third world; this revelation came as no surprise to me.

The last time I saw Dr. Gallup we had the loveliest of chats; he asked about our daughter, we talked about so many things, again I thanked him for my life. I will always be grateful for that moment.

I've come to realize, as the years went by, our relationship, that started out for me as an 8-year-old patient turned into lifelong affection and friendship.

I adored him and I thank his family for sharing him with "the children" of North Canaan.

Susie Clayton  
North Canaan

Dr. Gallup lived a life dedicated to improving life for others with meaningful contributions that had a significant impact in the lives of many. Bill served as a pediatrician in the U.S. Army in Japan from 1957 to 1960 after a year of pediatric residency at the Montreal Children's Hospital and a year's rotating internship at the Montreal General Hospital. Pediatric board certified in 1963, he was a fellow in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital from 1960 to 1962. Locally, he was on the staff at Sharon Hospital from 1962 to 1992, serving as their Chief of Medical Staff in the 1970s and again in the 1980s. He retired in 1992, after 30 years of pediatric practice, and then dedicated his time and expertise by sharing his wealth of knowledge on various local nonprofit boards including the Taconic Learning Center and the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association.

Dr. Gallup leaves a legacy of caring and working for the good of others and we at the Foundation feel privileged and proud to have known and worked with him. He will be remembered with great fondness and respect as a dear friend and colleague and for his contributions on behalf of the people living in our area.

The Board & Staff of the  
Foundation for  
Community Health  
Sharon

OBITUARIES

Dr. John William 'Bill' Gallup

SALISBURY — Dr. John William "Bill" Gallup was born in Boston, Mass., in 1929.

He entered Cornell University intending to become a forester and graduated with the intent of tending people.

He graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1955.

He and his wife, Jean, moved to Montreal for the next two years, where he continued his medical education. They then moved to Japan, where Dr. Gallup served for three years in the post-occupation U.S. Army as a pediatrician for service dependents.

On return, Dr. Gallup completed his pediatric training at Boston Children's Hospital over the following two years. In 1962, he and his young family moved to Salisbury, where he joined Dr. Haydock at the Sharon Clinic. He was pediatrician to families, covered well-baby clinics and at various times served as pediatrician for the Society of Brothers, private schools and two residential facilities for children with severe mental and physical impairments.



Bill loved the outdoors, music, contributing in quiet ways to the community and ice cream.

After retiring, he and his wife traveled widely and volunteered at the Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti.

He attended a range of classes including the Taconic Learning Center (TLC), where he served a year as president.

He particularly enjoyed working with the crew at the annual Salisbury Winter Sports Association ski jump.

Until the time of his death, he served on the Board of Directors for The Foundation for Community Health, for which he was a founding member.

Dr. Gallup is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Sarah Gallup of Portland, Ore., Cristin (Gallup) Rich and son-in-law David Rich, John Gallup and daughter-in-law Than Ngoc Anh of Portland; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth and Katherine Rich and Y Yén and Y Lai Gallup.

A remembrance of Dr. Gallup's life is tentatively planned for late spring.

In appreciation:

Dr. John W. Gallup

Bill and Jean Gallup were two of the first people my family and I got to know when we arrived in this area in the 1960s. To know them was to love them, their family, and their dogs.

Bill passed away recently. He may no longer physically be with us, but he remains very much part of this community, something I was privileged to see in person five decades ago.

Fifty years ago, he gave me my first job checking in his young patients at the Sharon Clinic. I saw the depth of his commitment to all his many

patients. I saw the brilliance of his medical skills and ability. He profoundly cared about all his patients, and they and their parents all loved him.

I am honored to have worked with him and to have been his friend over the more than five decades I knew him. He may be gone but he will never be forgotten, either by me or my family. He made the world a better place while alive, and he has left the world a better place than when he arrived.

Ellen Wertheimer  
and Family  
Lakeville

Marilyn F. Butts

AMENIA — Marilyn F. Butts, 83, a longtime resident of Amenia, passed away on Sept. 24, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Mrs. Butts was a cashier at Webutuck Central Schools for 33 years, retiring in 2000.

Born on July 28, 1938, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Genevieve Daniels Adams.

On July 5, 1955, in Elkton, Md., she married William Butts, who predeceased her on Aug. 20, 2011. Mrs. Butts loved to crochet, cook and garden. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Butts is survived by a daughter, Linda Butts of Amenia; a son, Robert Butts of Ame-

nia; two grandchildren, Marilyn Wynne and her husband, William, of Conshohocken, Pa., and Thomas W. Butts and his wife, Jennifer, of Chatham; and two great grandchildren, Annaleigh and Robert Butts.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Butts was predeceased by a son, Thomas William Butts on July 29, 2021.

Graveside services and burial took place on Sept. 28 at Amenia Island Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amenia Fire Company, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

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Marilyn (Lyn) Hart A Remembrance Memorial will be held for Marilyn (Lyn) Hart at the Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street Sharon, CT 06069 on Saturday, October 2nd at 11 am. Masking and social distancing in the church is required. Donations (in lieu of flowers) can be made to Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut. Bring your memories to share, if you'd like.

Worship Services Week of October 3, 2021 Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services. The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon Greenwood Community Church St. John's Episcopal Church North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC The Sharon United Methodist Church Promised Land Baptist Church The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall The Smithfield Presbyterian Church SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH Canaan United Methodist Church Millerton United Methodist Church

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Town of Washington CP review  
**Second Mountain still a main concern**

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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WASHINGTON — The second open forum seeking comments on the Town of Washington (TOW) Comprehensive Plan (CP), run by the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC), took place on Thursday, Sept. 15. It was led by CPRC Chair Paul Schwartz. The meeting was held both in-person and via Zoom at 7 p.m.

The Washington Town Board charged the CPRC to amend its CP and possibly add the definition of hospitality, especially in light of the currently on-hold application by famed NYC restaurateur and developer Will Guidara.

Guidara bought the 350-plus acre Migdale estate in Mabbettsville with plans to ultimately open a hotel/spa, complete with condos and cottages, two restaurants, pools, a theater, trails, tennis courts and an assortment of other high-end amenities. The project was named Second Mountain and brought a flood of complaints from nearby residents, plus two groups or neighbors armed with attorneys ready to fight the application in court.

Although the Second Mountain application is currently on pause, as is the request for a Zoning District Overlay change, it did encourage the town to re-evaluate its CP, and to appoint the CPRC.

The full charge of the CPRC can be found on the TOW website, [www.washingtonny.org](http://www.washingtonny.org). The committee has been followed closely since its inception a few months ago; it held its first public forum on Aug. 26, which was well attended.

While the CPRC reviews the CP, the town recently approved a townwide temporary building moratorium.

The CP was most recently updated in 2015, with the consensus that the town should remain pristine, rural and that businesses should be centered in the village of Millbrook.

At the recent Sept. 15 meeting, resident Elizabeth Hewitt pointed out that more people are working remotely and may be looking to move into the community full time. Many are looking to buy houses in the town or village, she said, because of its rural nature and quaint setting. Developers could ruin that, according to her.

"We are already seeing a large increase in the number of new houses being built, which will be good for tax revenue, but the last thing we need is to change the current comprehensive town plan, which is only 6 years old, and to permit large scale resorts to spring up all over our township," said Hewitt. "Millbrook needs organic growth, not an outside developer, who will come in and monetize our bucolic setting and pave a path for other developers to do the same. Once land is developed it's taken away, and you can never get it back. Now more than ever, it is important that we stand together as a community and protect our township's rural scenic lands for us all to enjoy."

Resident Ted Briggs, meanwhile, said Airbnbs are not the answer to providing more hospitality options in Millbrook. Raising one's family doesn't go hand-in-hand with a change of neighbors every few days who are enjoying a vacation or party atmosphere while one is trying to live a normal life.

Resident Darren Henault lives near the proposed project in Mabbettsville with a business in neighboring Amenia. He also offered his opinion.

"I also run and operate a local business, Tent, a home decor business in Amenia. I'm very, very pro-business in the larger community, and I know how important it is to get local sup-

port for your business," he said. "A resort will not support local business. People go to a resort and they stay there, period."

"In my store we ask every person who comes in where they're from as market research," he added. "In 10 months we've had four people come in from [the multi-million dollar Amenia housing development] Silo Ridge, with sales totaling less than \$500. That's not going to pay my rent. Hospitality is already taken into consideration and allowed for in our existing comprehensive plan."

Resident Nancy Hathaway noted that her friends will not come to Millbrook and spend \$2,000 per night at a resort.

"But they might stay at a smaller boutique hotel or a country inn," she said. "I was really excited about the concept of the Cottonwood, because if we have hospitality close to the village then the guests may actually go and use the village facilities, as opposed to an inclusive resort with two restaurants, where people paying that kind of money are going to tend to stay where they are."

The possible renovation of the Cottonwood Motel was mentioned at the meeting, causing many there to express their excitement and optimism.

Resident Simon Roosevelt also spoke, asking for patience.

"As chairman of a land trust and a resident of the Millbrook area I'm keenly aware of the importance of open spaces and their connection to real estate values," he said. "I'm also aware of the importance of commercial prosperity to the continued vitality of an area. Every town needs growth for all of its people to prosper. It is the balance of these two things that is essential for the continued success and prosperity of our community. An increase in hospitality offerings in Millbrook can support both things if planned carefully and respecting the existing values of the area. Let's have growth, but at a scale consistent with the village, consistent with the character of our area and adjacent to the village, to ensure that it supports and grows local businesses."

The meeting lasted for two-and-a-half-hours, and as expected, centered more on the Migdale project than the actual examination of the term hospitality and its inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan.

The CPRC will likely plan more meetings, as the community will likely continue to weigh in on the issue. Stay tuned to The Millerton News for the latest updates.

**Memorial service:**

**Edward R. 'Ted' Davis**

LAKEVILLE — A celebration of the life of Edward R. "Ted" Davis will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Town Grove in Lakeville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The family requests remembrances (photos, written memories or tributes) of Ted to be sent to Aimee at [connectandbalance@gmail.com](mailto:connectandbalance@gmail.com) to share at the celebration.

Ted died on Dec. 27, 2020, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, N.H., following complications from a major stroke. He was 77 years young, born in Haverhill, Mass., to the late Grace E. (Dusseault) and Emery E. Davis.

Ted was a graduate of Winnacunnet High School, '61, Bates College, '65 and Middlebury College, '67, after which he taught Environmental Studies/Limnology and Biology and coached track and field, football and the wrestling program he founded at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. The impact on his students, athletes and the health and stability of Lake Waconoscopum were profound, and his influence extended to the local community as well. For 26 years Ted instructed Emergency Medical Technician and Life Saving courses, and was deeply dedicated with service to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

After retiring from Hotchkiss in 1998, Mr. Davis returned to Hampton with his wife, Betsey Davis. Turns out rest didn't suit Ted well, and just six months into retirement, he had committed to coaching three seasons of athletics at the Philips Exeter Academy. Ted's civic duties continued in New Hampshire when he joined the Hampton Area Lions Club and later earned the Club's highest national award, The Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Ted served as an active member of the Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association and was dutifully present at the alumni tent for every home football game. He was also frequently complimented on how beautiful he kept a few of North Hamptons Cemetery's as the "Lawn Father."

Edward R. Davis, aka: ERD, T, Ted, Dad, Senor Daddo, Papster, Grampy, Grampster, Coach, Mr. Davis, lived a full life. He had an endless library of passionate stories about being a 10-year veteran lifeguard on Hampton Beach, fishing escapades with his comrades on the Northeast Coast, cooking for the Cajun Queen at major raceways across the USA, EMT calls for SVAS, holiday weekend and shopping with his favorite people, wins and losses from his college days through countless championships on the fields and

trails of Hotchkiss and Philips Exeter.

Ted found great joy in hosting gatherings, his family, boat trips and more. He always offered a drink with plenty of food to follow, and could always be counted on to have a set schedule and a plan.

Ted was a master at withholding and a man that bestowed a good heart with decent intentions. He gave the biggest "Bear Hugs" and his love as fully as he was capable.

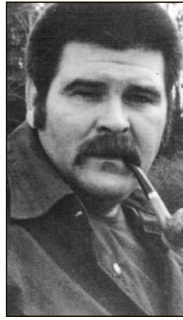
"My dad's life has ended too early. The kind of early that didn't allow him to see his grandchildren graduate from high school or to meet his newest great-grandson, Remington... the kind of early that didn't allow for visits because of COVID. There is a sense of great loss, especially for my sister not being able to spend time with him during these last 10 months and to have him die alone. It is a true blessing that my father's heart stopped. The stroke eliminated his speech center. Knowing my father, this post-stroke condition would have been prison like for him and I believe he knew this." — Aimee D. Davis

Ted shared 39 years of marriage with his wife, Betsey A. (Squire) Davis.

Ted is survived by Betsey; his two daughters, Katharine A. Gates (50) and her husband, Shad, and Aimee D. Davis (47) and her partner, Israel Fitch; five grandchildren and their beloveds, Michael W. Hogan, Kevin D. Chassi, Sarah Lamie, Riley J. Davis-Gagnon, Bennett Gates, and Elise Gates; and two great-grandchildren, Lilian and Remington Hogan. Also survived by Ted are Betsey's children, Chris Lamie and his wife, Jen, Sue Lamie and her husband, Steve; he was preceded in death by Daniel P. Lamie. Immediate surviving family are brother Bob Davis, his wife, Nancy, and his two nephews, Jeffrey and Andrew Davis.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Salisbury Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068; or to the Hampton Area Lions Club, P.O. Box 1088 Hampton, NH 03842 to honor Mr. Edward R. Davis.

More obituaries appear on Page A3



**Shelley Rose Parsons**

HILLSDALE — With sad and heavy hearts, the family of Shelley Rose Parsons, 70, of Hillsdale, N.Y., announces her peaceful passing on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, N.Y., surrounded by her loving family.

Loved by many, she was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Shelley participated in several organizations and will be greatly missed by all. Her family was blessed to have her in their lives and know although she fought to the end, her suffering is over.

Shelley is survived by her husband, Gary Swart Sr. of Hillsdale; two sons, Gary Swart Jr. and his wife, Renee, of Dover Plains and Sheldon Swart and his companion, Denise, of Salisbury; a daughter, LeaAnn and her companion, Ray, of Hills-

dale; her sister, Kellie Parsons of Millerton; and four grandchildren, Brianna and Kyle Swart of Dover Plains, Taylor Swart of Salisbury and ReneeLynn Savoy of Hillsdale.

She was predeceased by her loving parents, Norton and Leatrice Parsons.

Calling hours will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hillsdale Fire Company, P.O. Box 305, Hillsdale, NY 12529; or the Community Rescue Squad Ambulance, 283 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY 12516.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).



**Robin Robert Waldron**

SALISBURY — Robin Robert Waldron, 60, passed away peacefully at his home at 12:46 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

He was born April 12, 1961, the son of Harriet and Edward Waldron.

He is survived by his wife, Holly; his daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law Eric. He will be incredibly missed.

Heaven was full of people that welcomed him home: Brothers Eddie, Richard and David, Sister Sharon, and Best Friend Robert "Bob" Lee.

Those missing him from life

are Brothers Mark, Gary, and Michael, Sisters Shirley, Nancy, Melody, and Jill.

Services are being held for the family on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville. The following Saturday, Oct. 2, is open for calling hours from 4 to 6 p.m. for friends, and acquaintances at 41B Fowler St., Salisbury CT 06068.

We thank and look forward to sharing our love and memories of an amazing Father, Husband, Brother, Uncle and Friend.

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**Wildfires, a burning issue**

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook held a program on Wild Fires: a Burning Issue, on Sept. 16. Reporter Judith O'Hara Balfe covered the presentation and shares what she learned online, at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

Learn why the featured panelists think we need to be concerned about the kind of out-of-control wildfires that have been ravaging the West here in the Northeast.

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# COVID-19 outbreak has Amenia Town Hall requiring appointments, masks

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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AMENIA — Two town of Amenia employees were confirmed to have contracted COVID-19 on Friday, Sept. 24, when town Supervisor Victoria Perotti announced that she is keeping the doors locked to the Town Hall and allowing the public in by appointment only, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

While Perotti wanted to keep the names of her employees private due to HIPAA rules — HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, a federal law that created national standards to protect private patient health information from being shared without a patient's consent or knowledge — she did say her employees are doing OK and are home quarantining. At least one of the employees was confirmed to have been vaccinated.

"Most of the people I've talked to who have gotten it are vaccinated, but it's crazy," said Perotti. "From what I understand, if you're vaccinated and get the variant, then you don't get as sick as you would have if you weren't vaccinated."

The supervisor herself said she was feeling fine, but nevertheless she was going to be tested for the coronavirus that afternoon.

"I'm healthy as a horse; I don't have any symptoms," she said, adding the rest of the Town Hall staff was getting tested as well. "But what I've done is we've closed the Town Hall and made it open by appointment only to keep everybody safe... We're taking all precautions trying to keep ourselves and everybody else safe... If you're vaccinated and don't want to wear a mask, well, if you want to get in this building, you have to wear a mask."

Perotti added that the town had already been taking strict precautions to keep the Town Hall on Route 22 secure. The building is a former elementary school building, which she said is actually helpful because all of the town departments have their offices in separate rooms and are "self-contained," many with Plexiglas separating workers if there are more than

one employee per office. Those offices without Plexiglas tend to have their desks spread out with plenty of space between them, said Perotti.

All offices have been routinely sanitized since the pandemic hit in March of 2020, and everything is regularly wiped down and sanitized nightly, she added.

"We're taking precautions," she said. "Wherever they picked it up from, it's not here. They're both EMTs, so who knows where they got it. I just feel bad for them."

The town supervisor said she was contacted about "two minutes" after the one employee got the positive test result back, "so we needed to start letting people know" immediately.

Town court, held on Tuesdays, has already been canceled for this week. Town Justice Norman Moore, and his wife, Maureen, who is his justice clerk, were tested last Friday.

"I haven't talked to that many people, but we've been plus or minus five in numbers on the Dutchess COVID Dashboard, which might flip up a bit but then goes down again," said Perotti. "I think people are just taking precautions. But the thing is, a lot of people are asymptomatic."

That's why she said the Town Board and other boards and committees will start airing their meetings on Zoom again, including the Thursday, Oct. 7, Town Board meeting.

Additionally, Perotti said the Town Hall has a secure drop box on side of its building, to the left of the door, for people to drop off paperwork and/or payments so they don't have to enter the building.

Residents can also call the Town Hall at 845-373-8860 when they arrive at Town Hall to ring inside; there is a list of department extensions on the front door, or one can dial the main number and go through the directory of prompts.

Additionally, said Perotti, if one shows up for an appointment at the Amenia Town Hall, he or she better be masked up.

"There's no way in hell anybody is getting in here without a mask," she said. "I don't care what the CDC says. I want people to be protected and safe — that's my number one priority."



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Helping community members get a head start on their winter holiday shopping, Dana Davis invited customers to browse the Christmas decorations and succulent plants on display at her table.

## Creative crafts and more at Wassaic firehouse

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary couldn't have asked a more splendid September morning to welcome the community to the

Vendor and Craft Fair Penny Social it sponsored on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., local residents popped by the Wassaic firehouse to browse the menagerie of treasures put on display by the fair's participating vendors and craftspeople.

On top of the goods and wares available for purchase, the Auxiliary held a winter coat drive for the coming season and offered community members the chance to partake in a 50/50 raffle.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Among her many products from Natures Notions by Nana, Donna Eastwood gave community members a chance to browse an arrangement of natural stone necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings and other products at her craft table.



Joann Holbrook drew people over to her table at the Vendor and Craft Fair Penny Social with her array of beautiful hand-knitted items, including the friendly green octopus seen in her hand.

### AMENIA IN BRIEF

#### Hudson Valley Rodeo Oct. 2

The first annual Hudson Valley Rodeo, supporting the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization and sponsored in part by the Silo Ridge Community Foundation, is on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Keane Stud in Amenia.

A country music concert will follow at 7 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the rodeo begins at 4 p.m. There will be local food trucks and libations for the adults.

After the rodeo ends at 6 p.m., attendees will be admitted to the concert field where Saugerties musician Ian Flanigan, a top finalist on The Voice, will open the concert at 7 p.m.

Award-winning country musician Chris Janson will headline the musical performance.

Tickets are being sold both as a package (rodeo and concert) or individually for just the rodeo or the concert. For tickets and more information, go to [www.HudsonValleyRodeo.com](http://www.HudsonValleyRodeo.com) or @HudsonValleyRodeo or contact [www.foundations@siloridge.com](http://www.foundations@siloridge.com).

The Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization (AWCO) supports the work of qualified nonprofit community organizations serving the Amenia-Wassaic area. Through cooperation with partners, AWCO helps to enrich the lives of its neighbors by bringing community services, health, arts, education, conservation and cultural programs to the area. Its goal is to create healthier, happier, more connected lifestyles for all Amenia-Wassaic residents. Through partnerships with local organizations, the AWCO is looking to establish and support parks, trails, town improvements, public spaces and community programs for everyone.

The Silo Ridge Community Foundation (SRCF) helps local nonprofit organizations aid those in need throughout the Amenia-Wassaic area. The SRCF provides funding through its grant program to organizations addressing issues such as hunger, veteran reintegration, senior needs, education, conservation and community enhancement. It is supported by Silo Ridge Field Club members, guests and friends in the community and their financial donations.

## DEC REPORT

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### Rain-Soaked Owl Rescue, Dutchess County

On Monday, Aug. 23, ECO Kevin Wamsley received a call about an owl in distress in the town of Dover.

Upon arrival, the ECO found the great horned owl stranded in a field and getting drenched by rain from Tropical Depression Ida.

ECO Wamsley grabbed his net and approached the bird. The owl could not fly due to an injured wing and had recently been sprayed by a skunk. The owl was quickly captured and transported to a local rehabilitation facility for treatment.

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level, is core to our mission as a local community news source."

According to Dare Thompson, recent president of the New York State LWV, the League, which is widely known for getting people to register to vote and become active in the political process, has sponsored and moderated debates and political forums for much of its 101-year history.

"It grew out of suffrage... its goal is to educate voters... we started with the presidential debate," said Thompson, who has belonged to the League since her 20s, and for nearly half of the New York chapter's existence. "I always mention how old we are and this is what we've been doing all this time. That is our public value. If people don't

trust us, we really are worthless. All of us have opinions, we just put them aside. Our positions are fairly progressive; we believe in clean air and water, immigration reform, etc., and anybody who looks at that believes we're all Democrats, and many of us are, but our behavior... we speak to each other in a fair way and we're trying to protect that as best as we can."

She said the LWV's biggest goal is to remain transparent at all times.

"If the rules are laid out, and are all transparent, that's the way people know it's fair," said Thompson. "I don't know what else I can say... We're almost boring in our effort to be fair."

This year, in particular, Thompson said she's been called

to facilitate an incredible number of political forums in many more communities than normal — from Dutchess County to Ulster County to Sullivan County to Orange County.

"I'm doing five nights in Orange County, I'm not doing all of them myself, but they're coming out of the woodwork," she said. "It's odd, because Amenia we've never done, Stanfordsville we've never done, Pine Plains — all of you in that corner — maybe it's spreading because you talk to one another. We have a relationship with Pawling. But really, it makes no sense."

The LWV gets a nominal \$75 typically, as a token fee, to cover travel costs for its volunteers. It's "not a good business model," Thompson acknowledged, but the organization believes it serves a larger purpose: To provide a fair and open forum for candidates to present their platforms to voters.

Thompson explained that when people first enter the auditorium on Oct. 6, they will be given index cards and pencils to write down their questions. None of the candidates are given questions ahead of the forum.

"It is the responsibility of the LWV to review all questions, combine duplicate questions and eliminate questions that seem personal or mean spirited before the moderator begins," explained Amenia forum volunteer organizer Kevin Gardiner. "I have attended several of these events and they are cordial and fair."

"We take questions from the audience. I rarely insert a question," Thompson said. "It's very controlled, unpleasantly controlled."

In the case of the Amenia event, it is not a debate, the candidates will not be arguing points against one another. With eight candidates in total, there won't be time, said Thompson. "It's a timed event, usually a

little over an hour, I think an hour-and-a-half," she said. "Every once in while I feel things are petering out and then I end early. Everybody gets an opening and closing statement; when there are a lot of candidates there's no time for questions. I know the development question is big. There's no pretending I don't know. Everybody knows it. I might allow a little extra time for that."

The candidates running for the two open Town Board seats, currently held by Councilmembers James Morris and Michele Somogyi (who lost in the June 22 Amenia Republican Primary), are: Morris, who is seeking his second term; Brad Rebillard, who is running on the newly-created independent party line, Amenia Strong, as well as on the Republican ticket; Jamie Vitiello, who is running on the Amenia Strong Party line; Leo Blackman, who is running on the Democratic and Working Families Party lines; Katherine Lee, who is running on the Democratic Party line; and former Democrat Stacy Mantel, who is running on the Working Families Party line.

Incumbent Republican town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, also running on the Conservative line, is seeking her fifth term in office. Perotti is being challenged by political newcomer Julie Doran, who is running on the Amenia Strong ticket; Doran lost to Perotti in the town's Republican Primary.

The 7 p.m. Meet the Candidates night is being held in the auditorium at Webutuck High School on Haight Road in Amenia, which can seat between 300 to 500 people.

There are COVID safety restrictions for all school buildings that will need to be followed, including social distancing of 3 feet within the room. Face masks are also required by all who attend the forum.

**CONSTRUCTION** *Continued from Page A1*

said "structurally, it needed his touch."

Construction started on the Steed property around the end of August and the bollards were installed in the parking area a few weeks later. Marti explained they were here to protect the construction crew as well as the building from being hit by Millerton's heavy traffic, which draws cars and trucks from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

There's also the matter of protecting the building's septic, underground wiring and electrical work, which are buried below the parking lot.

When asked about the time line for the restoration, she said it really depends on when Jason — who is working as the contractor — can get to it. Before addressing larger issues like the roof, Marti said workers have to repair the underlying architectural design, the gutters and parts of the building that have previously been hit by trucks.

In the meantime, she said they have to keep the bollards available in the parking lot for whenever the construction crew can work, which she said has been impossible given the amount of traffic traveling in and out of Millerton, heaviest on weekends. "We've allowed people to park in the parking lot for years and now we need to have it available whenever we need it," Steed said.

With construction now underway, village officials have shown their support for the Steeds' plans to restore the

building, but they've also expressed their concern about the reduced parking in the village, already short on spaces.

"The board is very concerned about the loss of parking," said Millerton Trustee Laurie Kerr. "We're also happy about the restoration of the old train station, and we understand that spaces are needed to accommodate that work. That said, we're hoping to reach a long-term solution that works for everyone."

"It's great to see them continue to restore the building and work on that, and that's a good sign for downtown Millerton," said Mayor Jenn Najdek.

Having spoken with Ron Steed about the construction work, Najdek said he mentioned they had to do some drainage work and once done, the bollards would be moved back and potentially the parking will be opened up again.

As manager of the Oakhurst Diner — a business that has used the Steed parking lot for its customers — Jess LeJeune commented that the bollards have "definitely hurt our parking and business on the weekends."

"I feel people just drive around looking for parking and give up, so I think maybe it's been a little less busy," she said.

Apart from that, LeJeune said they've been fairly busy at the diner with the only complaints coming from customers curious to know why the bollards are blocking parking spots that previously were available to them.

**MOLINARO** *Continued from Page A1*

the House from Kesicke Farm in Rhinebeck on the Tuesday evening, Sept. 21.

In July, the late Kyle Van De Water had announced he intended to make a second run against Delgado for the seat; the Millbrook attorney had run unsuccessfully against Delgado in 2010.

Delgado, who lives in Rhinebeck, was swept to Washington as part of the Blue Wave of progressives that took over D.C. that year.

This summer, on Aug. 27, Van De Water surprised many when he suddenly ended his second run. Two weeks later, on Sept. 7, the town of Poughkeepsie Police announced they had discovered the war veteran and family man in a local cemetery with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead a short time later at a local hospital.

Molinaro, 45, is used to being in the limelight. He joined his hometown village of Tivoli's Board of Trustees at the age of 18. One year later, in 1995, he became the youngest mayor to serve in

America. At 36, he was the youngest county executive in the history of Dutchess County.

Prior to that he served four times on the Dutchess County Legislature and in 2006, he represented the 103rd District in the New York State Assembly.

Molinaro unsuccessfully challenged former Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2018; he lost by a margin of roughly 2 to 1.

The popular Dutchess County politician has publicly endorsed Long Island Republican Congressman Lee Zeldin in this year's gubernatorial race. Zeldin recently announced he has leukemia, but has said that he is in remission and the illness will not affect his run for the state's top political spot.

The 19th District includes most of Dutchess County; all of Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Delaware, Schoharie, and Otsego Counties; parts of Rensselaer and Montgomery Counties; and a small portion of Broome County.

**BOE** *Continued from Page A1*

gard to having cameras in the classrooms.

"Cameras will protect the teachers, they'll protect the students from bullying, they'll protect the teachers from being bullied," Tabor said, adding they would also let parents know what their children are up to every single day at school. "We should be able to see it. Are the classrooms civil? Are there problems in there? Are there things being said that aren't part of the curriculum?"

The board did not respond.

**'Jackass' email**  
As Pine Plains resident Scott Cavey stepped up to the podium, the BOE said he needed to continue wearing his mask or they'd adjourn the meeting.

Cavey told the BOE he sent an email to Superintendent Martin Handler with questions about the New York State Department of Health (DOH) having regulating issues. In response, he said Handler wrote an email to BOE President Anne Arent asking if she wanted him to "email this jackass."

"I want an apology," Cavey said, addressing both Handler and Arent. "It was disrespectful — they were proper questions written in a proper form, so for you to call me a 'jackass' is un-

acceptable, and madam, for you not to ask him as his supervisor to recant, you've got to be careful what goes out in email."

"I agree with you, and I will tell you publicly it was totally unprofessional on my part and I sincerely apologize for the remark," Handler said.

As Cavey left, a few parents in the audience said Handler's apology was inadequate.

**Quarantine or segregation?**

Stanfordsville father Jim Meyers, who has two children at Seymour Smith Intermediate School, then said his children were quarantined by the school last spring. He learned he had been given false information from the district after giving the DOH exposure details the school based its quarantine decision on.

One of his sons has a medical note to exempt him from wearing a mask; Meyers said he was told to keep 6 feet away from the other students — in class and during a fire drill — while his classmates could work side-by-side.

"What a horrible experience for a child," Meyers said. "This is discrimination and segregation... I am requesting the school board, the administration and the faculty start being honest,

stop discriminating and segregating and do what the people in this community are asking you to do. I will not back down when it comes to my children — if this qualifies me as a jackass, I'm a damn proud jackass."

Other comments focused on masks, including the lack of mask breaks. The majority of parents, though, expressed anger at Handler's "jackass" email comment.

**Gender pronouns**

Stanfordsville resident Jennifer Lamping said she heard from several people via text and phone students in grades eight through 12 had to fill out a sheet their first day with their name, the name they want the teacher to call them and their preferred pronoun.

While there were several questions she thought were "extremely inappropriate" — such as whether the teacher can use the pronoun in front of the class, when contacting home and/or in front of other teachers — she was most upset that students were asked if they wanted to follow up with teachers privately about their pronouns.

"How dare you approve of that going out in the school?" she asked. "No conversation should be happening between the teach-

er and our children privately in regards to this. The only private comments that should be happening between teachers and students are, 'Do you need extra help in geometry?' 'Do you need extra help in writing, reading?'"

Lamping said if a child feels close enough with their teacher to share that kind of private information, that's their choice.

**Masks still an issue**

Wryly introducing himself as "Jackass #7," parent Joe Leyden, in addition to voicing disgust about inappropriate flyers posted in school, asked about finding ways to "take the masks off our children?"

He also asked for confirmation that schools are fined \$1,000 per child per day for children who don't wear masks.

"If you decline to answer that, I'll just take that as a fact," he said.

Given everyone who has raised concerns about masking their children, Leyden demanded to know "where the BOE's transparency was?"

## Essentials to register to vote

**DUTCHESS COUNTY** — Election Day is not until Tuesday, Nov. 2, but residents concerned about who gets into office in their community need to make sure they're properly registered to vote in order to cast their ballots.

The necessary forms must be hand delivered to the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) at 112 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or postmarked by the U.S. postal service no later than Friday, Oct. 18.

Nov. 1 is the last day to apply in person for a general election ballot.

Nov. 2 is the last day to postmark an application for a general election ballot. It is also the last day to deliver a general election ballot in person to the BOE or any poll site in the county where one votes, by the time polls close on Election Day.

According to the BOE's website, in order to register to vote an applicant must "be a U.S. citizen; be 18 years old [you may preregister at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18]; not be in prison for a

felony conviction; not claim the right to vote elsewhere; and not found to be incompetent by a court [of law]."

Neither absentee ballots nor requests for them are automatically sent to voters. Absentee ballots must be requested and returned following the requirements, procedures and deadlines specified on the BOE website. Concerns about COVID-19 are considered a valid reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

All forms and details are available at [www.elections.dutchessny.gov](http://www.elections.dutchessny.gov), where county residents may also check to see if they are registered to vote.

Nov. 2 election hours run from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Election Day polling locations, along with times for early voting, which runs from Saturday, Oct. 23, to Sunday, Oct. 31, are also on the BOE website.

For more information, call the Dutchess County Board of Elections at 845-486-2473 or email [dutchessselections@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dutchessselections@dutchessny.gov).

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

COOKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Like a Trip to Sicily, in the Heart of North Canaan

Ian Edwards can spin the most delicious stories, ones that imbue a plain old jar of salt or a package of pasta with romance. It makes sense: When he isn't here at the farm he bought last summer in North Canaan, Conn., he is at his New York City job working in communications for the fashion industry.

Of course, anyone can work in communications and not be a talented teller of food tales. Here's how you know how good Edwards is. When I walked into his new shop in North Canaan last week, called Tenuta Market, in the Ducillo building across the street from the Depot, I was so certain that I wasn't going to like anything in the shop that I actually brought in my wallet.

Usually when visiting a new store, I'm smart enough to leave my wallet in the car. I figured everything would be overpriced and precious, and I was wrong. I walked out with 20 pounds of dry goods and even now, a week later, I remain deeply in love with every item that I bought.



Ian Edwards and Travis Powell have opened Tenuta Market in downtown North Canaan.

Tenuta Market is a tiny little slip of a store, beautifully designed by Nick Gagne of New York City. Edwards opened it on Sept. 17 with his business partner, Travis Powell, who (curiously) lives in Canaan, N.Y.

The chic metal wire shelves hold bespoke cooking ingredients, from rare capers to Italian semolina



flour to exquisite little bottles of salt. Everything is beautiful, which normally makes me not want to buy it.

But it's impossible not to when Edwards starts to walk you through the store, telling you the when and where and why of the special pasta in bright yellow packages (one of the only Italian pastas made with Italian wheat, he promises) or the wine vinegar with "skin contact" from the grapes ("effectively an orange wine vinegar").

Clipped to some of the shelves are photos of the men and women who produce the artichoke hearts in extra virgin olive oil, and my favorite, the *estratto di pomodoro*, which is straight up the best tomato paste on the planet.

Everything in the shop

is either from Sicily (where Edwards spent a "gap year" from his job) or Venice, pretty much. I particularly love when Edwards says something has a whiff of the sea; I keep opening my little jar of the Italian version of sea salt (*fiore di sale marino*), feeling that it will transport me to a Sicilian seaside restaurant or, at least, to an episode of the Montalbano detective series, set in the fictional coastal town of Vigata.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that most of the things I bought didn't cost significantly more than they would at a regular grocery store. And really, it was all so much cheaper than getting on a plane to Italy, or even taking the train in to Manhattan.

Tenuta Market is open Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 62 W. Main St., North Canaan, Conn. Learn more at <https://tenuta.market/>.

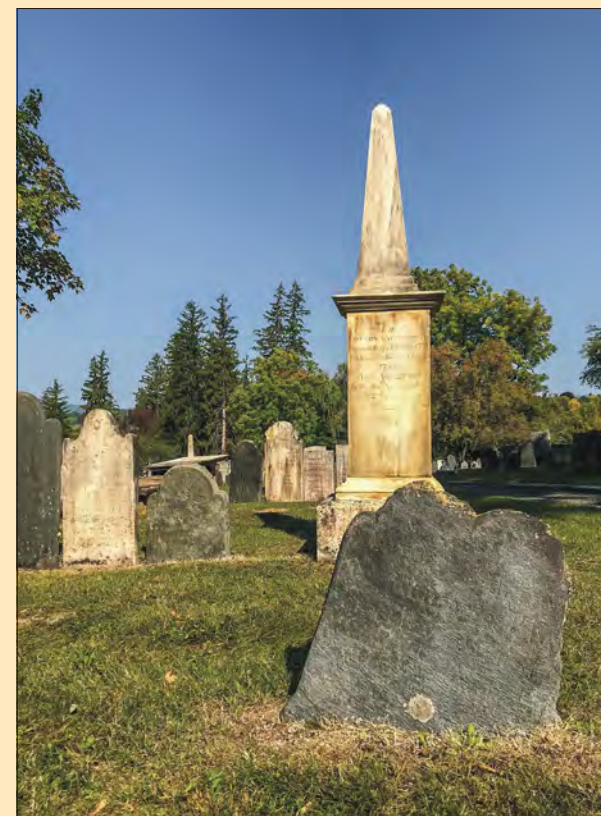


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## A RETURN TO SPOON RIVER AT SHARON'S HISTORIC BURIAL GROUND ON OCT. 9

"From Sharon to Spoon River" returns to the historic Sharon, Conn., burial ground for the second year, after sold-out performances last autumn.

Twenty actors will perform stories from "Spoon River Anthology" by Edgar Lee Masters and some original monologues created for the tour of the burial ground.

The Spoon River tales are told from the point of view of the deceased — so what better setting could there be for their stories than an actual cemetery?

The one-day event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Hillside Cemetery with six tours beginning on the hour from noon.

"We're excited to bring back these new and old stories to life, as it were, in the history of our own local cemetery," said Alan M-L Wager, Artistic Director of the Sharon Playhouse. "We're also pleased that we can give our incredible local actors the opportunity to share their talents as well as our talented youth."

"From Sharon to Spoon River" is a joint production of the Sharon Playhouse, the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, the Sharon Historical Society and the Historic Sharon Burying Ground.

Audience members will follow a tour guide around the cemetery, and hear tales of life — and life after death.

The performances will coincide with Ghosts On The Green, an educational experience for teens that is new this year. Teens from the area have been meeting with Sharon Playhouse Vice President Sarah Combs to write and create stories based on the Burying Ground and beyond, to be presented on the town Green near the cemetery entrance.

All current local and federal guidelines for social distancing will be followed and attendees will be asked to wear a mask.

Advanced registration is required at [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org). The suggested donation is \$10 per person.



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Lorenzo Piccione, in the photo, next to his glorious tomato paste, available in North Canaan at Tenuta.



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

**House of Books**, 4 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.houseofbooksct.com](http://www.houseofbooksct.com)  
David Michaelis, "Eleanor", Oct. 5, 6 to 7 p.m.

### KIDS

**Bridging Divides**, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge, [www.berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/](http://www.berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/)  
Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge 2021, submission period open through Nov. 1

### MISC.

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)  
Tai Chi in the Garden, Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

**Noble Horizons**, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org)  
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### MOVIES

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**MUSIC: FRED BAUMGARTEN**

# Music and Life, as One, in 'Aria Code'

I could fill up a book with the reasons why so much of classical music radio sucks. There, I said it.

Or I could say "Sunrise" from Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite" and you'd probably get the idea — especially after the 1,300-and-millionth time you hear it on classical radio.

And then there is "Aria Code": the glorious exception to the anodyne norm; a podcast. Not a radio program: A mighty little podcast that ought to start a revolution in radio.

Each episode of "Aria Code" takes a deep dive into a single operatic aria. Far beyond just a musical analysis, it explores the meaning of the music and lyrics — their universal humanity as well as their relevance for our times.

It is hosted by country/blues/folk musician and MacArthur "Genius" Rhiannon Giddens. That alone lifts it out of the realm of the ordinary. She is an engaging host whose enthusiasm for opera shines through and whose pronunciation of

world languages is better than three-quarters of all the classical radio hosts I know.

In a recent episode, Giddens lined up four guests to guide us through the "Mad Scene" from Donizetti's "Lucia di Lamermoor": Natalie Dessay, a soprano who has sung it at the Metropolitan Opera; Mary Ann Smart, a music professor who wrote her dissertation on 19th-century operatic "mad scenes"; Phyllis Chesler, author of "Women and Madness"; and Melody Moezzi, an Iranian-American woman who chronicled her own experiences of bipolar disorder and mistreatment at the hands of the American health system in a memoir.

As with many of the episodes I have listened to, I found myself having to pull off the road to take in Moezzi's heartbreaking story, through tears. The episode's larger examination of how "madness" and diagnoses of mental illness have often been used to isolate and dehumanize women was riveting and



PHOTO FROM WNYC

**Although she is best known as a country/folk/blues performer, MacArthur "Genius" Rhiannon Giddens was classically trained. She is host of the "Aria Code" podcast, which makes opera relevant to the modern world.**

illuminating.

All of this is set to beautiful music which, by the time it is performed in its entirety at the end of the episode (recorded at the Met with the guest singer), has taken on many new and rich meanings.

One of my favorite episodes featured the "Doll's Song" from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman," which was the launch pad for a

discussion of artificial intelligence — and how one of the guests, a psychologist, carried on a yearlong romantic correspondence with a Russian bot!

That "Aria Code" draws primarily from the well of 19th- and 20th-century European opera can be forgiven, and it has been adventurous enough to tackle Philip Glass and other modern pieces.

"Aria Code" is produced, ironically, by WQXR (the New York classical station) and the Metropolitan Opera. If even 25% more of classical radio was about making sense of music through modern ears — and hearts — I would listen raptly, even if it meant pulling over and being late to my destination.

## ARTISAN SALE ON OCT. 9

The Salisbury Artisans Group will hold a one-day Fall Festival Market in downtown Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be the group's only market this year. The traditional Salisbury Fall Festival will not be held this year.

For the artisan sale, more than 20 vendors will be on the Green in front of The White Hart and Chaiwalla. Wares will include jewelry, clothing, textiles, pottery, art, toys, baskets and more.

From 10 to 11 a.m., vendors and customers are asked to wear a mask, to allow those most vulnerable a safe shopping experience. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. For more information, go to [www.artisansale.org](http://www.artisansale.org).

**ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

# Retrospective Show of the Work Of Jasper Johns

Jasper Johns, considered the greatest living American artist — and a resident of Sharon, Conn. — has a retrospective of his work now at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City and, simultaneously, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, "two institutions with which Johns has had long-standing relationships," according to information on the show at the Whitney's website. The exhibition opened Sept. 29 and remains up until February.

"Mind/Mirror" includes the artist's "most iconic works along with many others shown for the first time, it comprises a broad range of paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures from 1954 to today," the website promises.

Included in the museum's descriptions of the exhibition are links to three artists whose photo portraits of Johns are in the Whitney's collection: Richard Avedon, Jack Shear and another Northwest Corner resident, Jeannette Montgomery Barron.

To learn more, go to [www.whitney.org](http://www.whitney.org).



PHOTO BY JEANNETTE MONTGOMERY BARRON

**There is a retrospective of the work of Sharon, Conn., resident Jasper Johns now at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This portrait of the artist was taken in 2015 in Sharon by Jeannette Montgomery Barron of Kent, Conn.**

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## PINE PLAINS/AREA

## Town Board updates zoning code with guidance from ZRC

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — After arranging the necessary public hearing, the Pine Plains Town Board unanimously approved the proposed text changes in its zoning law as recommended by the Pine Plains Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) at its board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16.

The public hearing was held on Thursday, Aug. 19, when the board welcomed guidance from Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky and from Frank Fish and Taylor Young, both of whom are planners with BFJ Planning.

As Young projected the changes for the board and the public to view, Fish explained there are essentially seven text changes and that the ZRC worked on for about four months before submitting its recommendations to the Town Board.

Young said the first proposed text change was to remove the New Neighborhood Development (NND) district sections and all mentions of the NND district from the zoning code.

For accessory dwelling units, Young said the ZRC recommended clarifying the zoning text for accessory dwelling units so a property owner can live in either the principal unit or the accessory dwelling unit.

On pre-existing nonconforming uses, he said the text change is to give the Planning Board the power to approve expansions up to 35% and allow the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) the ability to grant an area variance for expansions greater than 35%.

Other recommended text changes included adjusting minimum building setbacks to give property owners in the hamlet's zoning districts greater flexibility; adding specific mentions of protecting ridgelines and views of ridgelines to the town's design standards and conservation submission design guidelines to strengthen the Planning Board's ability to protect ridgelines when reviewing applications; setting

the maximum building size for senior housing, educational facilities and resorts; and allowing the Planning Board to require a conservation subdivision design to minor subdivisions if the board finds a conventional subdivision would impact agricultural resources, open space or natural resources.

Fish noted the Planning Board met the night before the Town Board did and voted unanimously to approve the amendments.

Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud extended her thanks to both the ZRC and the planners for their work and guidance. Having reviewed the changes, she said the Town Board determined the text changes are consistent with the zoning law, that they won't affect any areas and establishments in town negatively and that there's adequate facilities and infrastructure to support the changes. She reminded the board the town needed to keep the public comment period open for written comments for the next 10 days.

The board resumed the pub-

lic hearing at its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. As there was no other comment, the public hearing closed after a few minutes.

Moving forward, Fish turned the board's attention to Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), used to determine if the changes will have any significant adverse impacts as part of the mandated State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process.

Believing the changes have mostly beneficial impacts, Fish said, "The whole zoning code text changes are mostly about creating a few variances and making it a little bit easier for people to upgrade their existing buildings and conform to the zoning codes."

The board later voted in favor of a negative declaration under SEQRA, stating the action wouldn't cause any significant adverse environmental impacts.

After the resolution was read aloud by Replansky, the board unanimously adopted the amendments updating the town's zoning code.



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The Gallatin Community Church, built in 1748 and known under many different names, is going to be inducted into the National Historic Register on Sunday, Oct. 3. The public is invited to attend the celebration and ceremony.

## Gallatin Community Church to join National Historic Register

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

GALLATIN — History buffs will have a chance to dip their toes into the stream of time during a celebration of the listing of the Gallatin Community Church on the Interior Department's National Register of Historic Places on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

A descendent of one of those families, Rodney Bathrick, will speak about his eight decades in the area. Two members of Rhinebeck chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution will also attend.

When they do so, it will surely be with a nod to those who have come before and who now rest in the gentle hillside cemetery, which, along with the former parsonage, is included in the honor.

Originally the Greenbush Dutch Reform Church of Gallatin, its first baptism was recorded in its inaugural year of 1748, with the first grave marked in 1770.

The white church at the base of the cemetery, a replacement for the original, has gone through many name changes over the years but, according to the registry application the "property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history."

According to Pastor Robert Rogoshewski, the church's historical importance in the area cannot be overstated as it was the "mother church to all 14 associated congregations in the area," a fact that was pivotal in the acceptance to the registry.

Although the original building was eventually condemned, a replacement, erected between 1823 and 1824, was recognized by the registry "to be historically significant as an example of the Wren-Gibbs type Protestant meetinghouse," a widely used construction, explained Pastor Rogoshewski.

That building was modified in 1872 to allow the installation of the church's pride and joy, a Boston Steep organ, which will be featured at a musical presentation at the Oct. 3 celebration.

The registration, which was approved on July 29, was accomplished after a four-year process that required extensive local research and a 48-page report, in addition to two detailed inspections of the entire property by a representative of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Approval there led to the inclusion on the state historic registry and the nomination to the national registry.

Rogoshewski said when he and his wife, Melissa Curtis, arrived at the church nearly six years ago, they were surprised to learn that it was not listed on any registry despite its rich

history, which included strong support for independence by its pastor, John H. Livingston, both before and during the American Revolution.

The couple decided to take on the registry project when their natural interest in that period grew after moving into their own historic home, which is located about a mile from the church.

That building began its life in 1770 as a general store and stagecoach stop. It once sheltered General Henry Knox and his company as they stopped during the arduous wintery 1775-76 and their 300-mile trek from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston.

There, they captured 60 tons of cannons and artillery that were key to the American victory at The Battle of Bunker (Breeds) Hill.

Their home was built by Militia Captain Hugh Rea, who is buried in the cemetery with

more than a dozen of his Minutemen, whom Rogoshewski describes as "patriotic heroes."

With them are numerous members of the area's founding families — many of whose names are recognizable today — whose tombstones also contributed to the inclusion on the registry as they provide "a broad range of funerary art."

Although the "all volunteer" church is currently home to only 10 congregants, Rogoshewski said he feels it is in good hands with painting and repairs funded in part by the Ladies Auxiliary and its twice a month soup sales, which run from October through April.

With the inclusion of the Gallatin Community Church on the National Registry, other funds may become available to help fulfill future needs to maintain the historical nature of the building, which Rogoshewski said, "you feel just as soon as you walk in."

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday October 4th 2021 at 7:00 pm on the Review of the Tentative Budget for 2022.

Said meeting will be held at the Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Rt. 199, Pine Plains, N.Y. 12567.

By Order of the Town Board  
Madelin Dafoe  
Town Clerk  
09-30-21

### LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items will be received at the Office of Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Avenue, PO Box 516, Millerton, New York 12546 until 10:00 AM. on the 15th day of October 2021, at which time they will be read aloud.

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Washed Crushed Stone  
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Bituminous Mix (Hot Mix All Types)  
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Latex MP Materials  
Base Conditioners  
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(Spread On Road By Gallon) Full Depth Reclamation By Square Yard

Relevant items may be bid F.O.B. or delivered. Bid period will be from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Bid winners will be notified in writing. All bids must be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid (01/01/22-12/31/22)". The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Information may be obtained by calling the Superintendent of Highways at 518-789-4850.

Dated: September 30, 2021.  
Robert D. Stevens  
Superintendent of Highways  
Town of North East  
09-30-21

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of North East has caused to be compiled a Benefit Assessment Roll for the North East Water District No. 1 which describes the benefit assessments for 2021-2022. The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for the receipt of comments on the Benefit Assessment Roll on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:25 p.m. at the North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton, New York 12546.

The Benefit Assessment Roll will be available for public inspection after September 17, 2021 at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to

12:30 p.m.

An information sheet containing the procedures for contesting an assessment, complaint forms, and the map of the Water District are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Dated: September 9, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE  
NORTH EAST TOWN  
BOARD  
Marcella Wheatley, Town of  
North East Deputy  
Town Clerk  
09-30-21

### TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of North East shall conduct a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c" on October 14, 2021 at 7:20 p.m. at the North East Town Hall, located at 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York 12546. A copy of the said proposed Local Law is available for inspection and review in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on the adoption of said Local Law shall be provided with an opportunity to do so at the said public hearing. Dated: September 9, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE  
NORTH EAST TOWN  
BOARD  
Marcella Wheatley  
Deputy Town Clerk  
09-30-21

## PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF

### Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale

The Pine Plains First United Presbyterian Church at 3039 Church Street (Route 199) is holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale on Friday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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EDITORIAL

Amenia forum offers chance to Meet the Candidates

The Millerton News is so pleased to be sponsoring a Meet the Candidates forum, which the impartial New York State League of Women Voters (LWV) will be moderating, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at Webutuck High School.

The LWV, for those who aren't familiar with the group, is "a nonpartisan political organization, [which] encourages informed and active participation in government [and] works to increase understanding of major public policy issues," according to its website, www.lwvny.org.

The Oct. 6 event will afford voters in the town of Amenia the opportunity to hear first-hand what those running for office have to say about why they want to serve their community.

Considering how hotly contested the races for the two open Town Board seats are, with six different candidates running from four different political parties for those coveted four-year term seats, not to mention the two candidates vying for the two-year term, town supervisor position — this year's election in the town of Amenia guarantees to be an exciting one.

It also has the potential to change the balance of power on the Town Board and alter the course of history for who knows how many years.

What that history will ultimately entail promises to impact many things: town-wide property values and/or perhaps at least a renegotiation of property values at the Silo Ridge Field Club; lawsuits and/or legal challenges filed against the town, its assessor, some of its employees and some of its departments by the Silo Ridge Field Club, employees and/or principals and/or residents of Silo Ridge Field Club; future residential and commercial development in the town of Amenia; recreation and senior programs; protection of the Assessor's Office and of all property owners paying Fair Market Value; development of affordable housing; creation of a wastewater system; economic development in town; the opting in or out of commercial cannabis establishments; and so much more.

What we are especially excited about is that we're working with the LWV, which has a long history — a 101-year history to be exact — of moderating debates and political forums to get people involved in the electoral process, ever since the suffrage movement began.

As recent president of the New York State LWV Dare Thompson explained, it all started back with Susan B. Anthony, the "mother" of the women's rights movement who fought for suffrage in the mid-1800s. The New York League started working to educate voters more than a century ago, focusing on the presidential debates; other Leagues go back even further than that.

Thompson said in the world of televised presidential debates, there is no way the LWV would be able to compete with the moderators who manage today's political spectacles.

"I hear people say, 'I wish the Leagues would do it,' but it would be very hard to do it fairly with the parties having as much control of the process... and we would be much more boring," she said honestly. "There's no question: We wouldn't be able to do something that would make for good TV for people, I kind of suspect."

In fact, the event like the one being held at Webutuck High School on Oct. 6 will not technically be a "debate," said Thompson, but rather it will be a "forum."

A forum is defined as "a place, meeting or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged." A debate is defined as "a formal discussion on a particular topic in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward," according to the Oxford Dictionary.

That means the candidates won't be arguing the issues among each another, but rather they will be introducing themselves and their platforms and then making closing statements. Audience members will be able to submit questions, which Thompson will ask during the forum as time permits. She said she is aware of the pressing concerns of future development in the town, and will try to include that issue among the evening's questions.

Her main objective, as always with the LWV, is to be transparent and fair, and to keep to the very strict timetable for all of the candidates. In fact, Thompson described the League's forums as "unpleasantly controlled," adding that "we're almost boring in our effort to be fair."

What more could a voter ask for when checking out potential candidates running for a Town Board on a weekday evening in a high school auditorium? Seriously, though, we do hope Amenia residents attend — we promise it will be informative and worth your while.

Be aware that all COVID-19 safety regulations will be strictly followed. For details, read this week's front page.

COVID is killing Sequoia trees in our National Forest

The long-term cause and effect of this pandemic is reaching into one of the world's most unique and precious treasures: the giant Sequoia forests in California. Financial pressure has caused both cutbacks as well as staffing issues nationally.

Let's get one thing out of the way: The nonsense talked about people preferring to receive handouts instead of working is silly. If your kids aren't at school and you can't afford daycare — of course you can't take that menial paying job either. Get real people. Stop pressuring families to get a job when they can't leave their kids, yet.

Back to the cause and effect of COVID... staff shortages and financial government cutbacks have meant that for two years

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

the Sequoias — in a National Park, in an extremely drought effected region of California — have not had brush clearing or controlled burns to reduce the tinder-dry brush that cause massive wildfire eruptions. For decades small, controlled fires and brush clearing have kept the forest safe. Not the last two years. Now whole groves of 1,500-year-old trees have died. They won't return in this century or 10 centuries.

Is climate change to blame as well? Of course. They have not been able to stay ahead of the undergrowth and in the



Silo Ridge rodeo, residents could try to be less off-putting

As a former events producer for the Amenia World Peace Festival, I would have to say that the excessive proliferation of multiple signs advertising the Hudson Valley Rodeo at every intersection has been overkill. We get it, you're putting on a rodeo! Sponsored by Silo Ridge and Friends as a benefit for your community foundation!

However, this event, perhaps inadvertently, assumes that all locals naturally enjoy buckaroo events. This seems to be a misread of the complexity of the people who live in our area, without taking our diversity into account, perpetuating a rural stereotype. The producer of this event, LKC Rodeo Productions, is from Billings, Mont., and presents rodeos "at county fairs in Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado."

What is fun out West, perhaps at the other Discovery Land Company resorts, might not translate to being as much fun up here in the Northeast. But, since some people might enjoy seeing a rodeo, despite concerns about cruelty to animals, and if the intent is to promote goodwill between the community and the wealthy gated newcomers at Silo Ridge, then the price of admission should be set to enable citizens of all economic backgrounds to be able to attend both the rodeo and the concert afterwards. I'm sure a rodeo of this scope has a benevolent benefactor or two as backers, so why not subsidize tickets to enable the workers of Amenia to be able to attend?

If you don't seek local input, you risk being perceived as an outsider.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regret missing Fire Company's Open House

I'm sorry I missed the festivities at the Millerton firehouse and its new Annex on Sunday, Sept. 12th.

Honoring our firemen, past and present, is extremely important. Our Village and Town would be in a sad situation if we did not have these wonderful volunteers in our midst.

Unfortunately, I knew nothing about the event. I had not gotten a local paper that week and I had not heard of it from friends and neighbors.

My first knowledge of it came from a nephew in Manchester, Conn., who saw it on Facebook after the fact.

Wow! Many of my (older) generation do not subscribe to Facebook or have limited use of it.

When asking a number of individuals if they knew about the celebration they all said "no."

I certainly wish there had been more publicity, in which case I think the attendance would have been enhanced.

In contrast to that event the recent Millerton Food Festival was publicized everywhere. I saw signs up and down every street and even out of town. The turnout of people for the Food Festival was amazing in the Village. That was great to see and shows what advertising can do.

I just wish as much effort had been put into advertising the fire district affair. Many people I spoke with said they would have attended, as would have I.

Diane Walters  
Millerton

I am proud to be a Proud American, and veteran

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

I guess I have always been a proud American, though as a tyke I didn't always realize it. I learned my family's ancestors even served during the American Revolution. An ancestor of mine even became POTUS. My grandfather was named after him: Martin VanBuren Conklin. An uncle served in the Korean War, my father served during the Normandy invasion.

I recall we always flew the American flag. When capable, I was assigned daily to present and retire our national colors. I learned when you live under 50 white stars encompassed by 13 red and white stripes, you wake up each morning to make your own decisions and live accordingly.

Flashbacks from my life include being given various simple tasks, strictly assigned and expected to be completed. I often got into trouble for my overzealous efforts in finishing them. Hoeing weeds I once targeted the large ones (they were actually vegetables). That was not so good. While feeding and watering 10 chickens, an escapee fell victim to my youthful retribution. It was another troubling day for me, but it did put a bird in the pot for the family dinner.

I lived with my grandpar-

ents outside of the village, from whom I learned all about hard work and self-sufficiency, and living off the land. Life was about farming and harvesting our own bounty and the plentiful game and fish. We canned meats and veggies for the winter, and stored fresh veggies in our root cellar. I trapped animals to supplement our income.

While growing up, I acquired a close group of friends with similar interests and goals, and we developed a tight-knit camaraderie. We camped during spring, summer and winter vacations, occasionally in very adverse conditions.

Mother Nature provided our provisions, supplemented by a few canned supplies. We didn't realize we were developing then into Proud Americans, following in our ancestors' footsteps. We were seeking our own individual identities, embracing our independence, learning survival skills, and how to work as a team.

We also learned to savor our freedom. We toughened ourselves for what we would deal with in the future. My group of friends all reached our late teens during the beginning of the Vietnam War; some of us went off to serve our country in that war, including me.

During our military service we learned a great deal about leadership, organization, cooperation and punctuality. These were all requirements for survival. Lacking such conditioning could send someone home in a box to Dover Air Force Base or to the bottom of the sea.

This was the time my awareness of just how proud I was to be an American blossomed. My friends and I, especially those of us who went to war together, depended upon the professional and precise actions of one another. Race, ethnicity, religion, culture — none of these mattered in the trenches. We were a cohesive force.

Visiting other nations while in the Armed Forces, I learned our country was well worth fighting for, and if necessary,

house in Millerton. They said no, that they already have all those offerings inside their community. So they had no need to come out and see what life is like in Amenia or surrounding towns and meet the "locals."

What would be nice, in addition to the rodeo, would be for the residents of Silo Ridge (who seem hell bent on not being seen), to invite "the locals" over for a barbecue or a picnic at their clubhouse, so those of us who live here in Amenia year-round could meet and greet our new neighbors on their own turf, face to face. It could even be a potluck! That would be the neighborly thing to do, to open their gates once a year. We don't bite.

Tonia Shoumatoff  
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## Access Services Coordinator

Edsel Ford Memorial Library  
Full Time, Benefit Eligible, Academic Year

This position supports the library services desk at Hotchkiss School overseeing circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, periodicals, and collection maintenance. We seek individuals who embrace flexibility; thrive in supporting a learning environment; and who possess keen attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills so to positively interact with all patrons of the library. A bachelor's degree or equivalent relevant work experience required; library work experience with high school students preferred.

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