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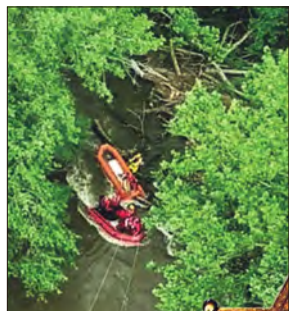
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## Millbrook's Van de Water to make second run for Congress

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Republican Kyle Van de Water announced on Monday, July 12, that he will take another stab at unseating U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) from Congress come 2022. The Millbrook attorney ran unsuccessfully against the Congressman from Rhinebeck in 2020 but feels that for a first-time effort he made a good showing, with the final vote count showing Delgado with 192,200 votes to Van De Water's 151,475 votes. Considering that Delgado outspent Van De Water 25 to 1, the former Millbrook Village Board member said he believes his chances of a victory the second time around are good.

In announcing his candidacy, Van De Water said in a statement, "Today, I am proud to announce that I will be running for Congress in 2022. While I don't yet know how the district will look, I do know that I care far too much about this district to sit on the sidelines, no matter the odds."

"It would be politically expedient to wait and see how the redistricting process shapes the district, but I am not a politician," he added. "I am not



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Kyle Van De Water

doing this for myself, I am doing this for the people of NY-19 and perhaps some from NY-18 or NY-20 as well."

Delgado and Van De Water battled each other in the race for the 19th Congressional District seat a year ago. District 19 includes most of Dutchess County and parts of Rensselaer, Montgomery and Broome Counties, as well as all of Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties.

Millbrook attorney Kyle Van De Water announced on Monday, July 12, that he will be making his second bid for Congress in 2022, running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19), though the districts may look different by the time the November General Elections roll around thanks to New York losing a congressional seat as a result of the 2020 Census.

Following the 2020 Census, however, New York State lost a congressional district, going from 27 to 26, and because of that, boundaries will change. In fact, according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, New York was shy by 89 Census responses in the 2020, meaning if 89 additional New York households had responded to the count, the state could have kept that 27th seat. According to the Census, the population change was 4.09%, resulting in an apportionment change of negative one.

With Delgado living in Rhinebeck and Van De Water living in Mill-

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PHOTO BY NORMAN OSOFSKY

The Boston Corner farm owned by Anthony Palumbo in the town of Ancram has been farmed for more than 100 years, the last 20 by farmer John Langdon. A knoll on the farm is now the subject of a controversial excavation application before the Ancram Planning Board.

### Ancram residents petition Planning Board

## Will excavation at Boston Corner farm jeopardize viewshed?

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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BOSTON CORNER — According to www.worldatlas.com, the difference between a knoll and a hill is that "knolls are generally secluded and smaller in size than hills." The British term "knoll" typically refers to "an ordinary hill" that is comparatively "tiny in size" and "characterized by

a round top," added the reference website.

That's a key point, according to the group of residents fighting the farmer, landowner and excavator who are seeking permission from the Ancram Planning Board to excavate 25,000-cubic yards of gravel from

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### Critics call power plant's move 'greenwashing'

## Cricket Valley partners with GE to convert to green hydrogen fuel

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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DOVER PLAINS — Several months since the controversial Cricket Valley Energy Center (CVEC) last made headlines, the Dover Plains natural gas power plant announced on Thursday, July 15, that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with General Electric (GE), to help reduce carbon emissions at CVEC's combined cycle power plant by converting it to a green hydrogen-fueled power plant.

Included in their agreement, CVEC and GE outlined their intent to "develop a green hydrogen technology roadmap" and "advance a demonstration project to reduce carbon emissions at CVEC's combined cycle power plant... initiating the first step toward the conversion to a 100% hydrogen fuel capable plant," according to a press release issued by CVEC on the 15th.

Also included in the agreement, the project will have consultation from both New York State and federal agen-

"People who aren't informed will treat this as things are moving onto a better track when in reality things are not moving onto a better track."

Bill Kish, Stop Cricket Valley Energy member and North East resident

cies to develop policy guidance related to the production, transport, delivery and storage of hydrogen, as well as guidance from leading hydrogen providers.

Scheduled to start in late 2022, the project is touted as being able to demonstrate the feasibility of converting CVEC's natural gas-fueled facility to utilize hydrogen. This step is to support New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which Governor Andrew Cuomo signed in July 2019 with the goal of reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030.

Leveraging GE's knowledge of combustion technology using hydrogen and low-British thermal unit (BTU) fuels, CVEC states the project will be conducted on one of the three

GE gas turbines currently operating at CVEC by introducing 5% hydrogen blended with natural gas for several weeks.

Meanwhile, the hydrogen technology roadmap will be used as a research and development plan for the technical changes necessary for increasing the percentages of hydrogen utilization at the power plant.

The CVEC power plant has come under fire on multiple occasions since it was first proposed and after its construction. This new proposal to convert the plant from natural gas to hydrogen was met with both concern and skepticism from those who have voiced opposition about the power plant in the past.

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## NECC seeks last-minute support for virtual brunch

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — Just as the North East Community Center (NECC) has supported the local community for the last 30 years, the NECC is hoping residents and local businesses will return the favor and support its virtual Chef & Farmers Brunch — its major summer fundraiser that helps replenish its coffers so it can continue to provide essential services and programs to youth in Millerton and around the Harlem Valley year round.

Under normal circumstances, NECC's annual brunch is a grand community affair geared toward raising awareness about the community center, the region's restaurants and the farms and residents who dedicate their time and efforts — many of them as volunteers — to help move their communities forward.

With COVID-19 being declared a pandemic in March of 2020, NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent said they knew they weren't going to

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# MILLERTON

## Highway garage on hold as Town Board rejects bids

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**NORTH EAST** — After careful consideration, the North East Town Board decided to reject the bids received for the construction of the joint highway garage at a special meeting held on Thursday, July 15.

The construction of the actual highway garage building is the fourth and final phase of the shared building on Route 22.

The project's other components included the construction of a storage building for the town and the village of Millerton's highway equipment (completed in December 2019); installing fuel storage tanks and a dispensing system for the town and village to use (completed last July); and the construction of a sand and salt storage building (completed last September). All three components are currently in use by both the town and the village.

Considered the largest component in the entire project, the Town Board adopted a resolution to approve the bid documents for the construction phase in May with bids due on Friday, June 18. At the time the bids were approved, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan anticipated the garage would be completed by March 2022.

The board scheduled a special meeting to discuss the bids at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday evening at Town Hall. A video of that meeting will soon be online, at [www.townofnortheastny.gov](http://www.townofnortheastny.gov).

To date, the estimated cost for constructing the garage has been calculated at \$3,127,600. Because of its size, Kennan said

the town was required by New York State law to separate the bids according to different construction trades.

As a result, the town received bids for four different trades: general construction; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; plumbing; and electrical work.

However, as the board discussed at its special meeting, Kennan said the bids the town received were substantially higher than the project estimates. Among the four different trades, the bids received totaled \$4,227,725.

After meeting with their engineer, Kennan said the board understood that "as many people know, there have been enormous cost increases in building materials this year." Much of that is due to the COVID health crisis. Those include hikes to the cost of lumber, metal, electrical materials and other construction materials.

There are also issues with obtaining the various supplies, which Kennan said puts a lot of pressure on the contractors.

Taking all of this into consideration, the board opted to reject the bids and return to the construction details of the project to see if there are ways the town can possibly lower construction and material costs. After re-evaluating the costs, Kennan said the board will re-bid the project when some of the pressure on prices has hopefully subsided.

While he didn't have a time estimate for the project moving forward, Kennan said, "We're going to be watching this very closely and we are going to finish this garage."

## Author to appear in person at library

**MILLERTON** — Robin Clifford Wood, an author writing about an author, will be sharing her insights as she discusses her new book, "The Field House: A Writer's Life Lost and Found on an Island in Maine," at the NorthEast-Millerton Library at 75 Main St. at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 23.

Wood, a Newbery Medal-winning children's writer, poet and playwright, became interested in the life of her subject,

Rachel Field, when she and her husband bought and renovated Field's island home.

While there have been other in-person events since COVID restrictions have been eased, Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said "We are very excited. This is the first time since December 2019 we will be hosting an in-person author's event," which will include a book signing. "It's flexible enough that if restrictions hadn't been lifted

we could still have it outside."

Masks are required inside the main building but if attendance calls for more space the event will be moved to The Annex at 28 Century Blvd., where masks are not needed.

Reservations are not required and all ages are welcome. For more details, call the library at 518-789-3340 or go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org) or [www.robincliffordwood.com](http://www.robincliffordwood.com).

- Carol Kneeland

### MILLERTON IN BRIEF Twilight at the Pond concerts continue

Mother Nature had her own plans for Saturday, July 17, which included an hours-long ferocious thunderstorm. That wiped out any chance of a performance for the newly-minted Twilight at the Pond Concerts, this year's version of the NorthEast-Millerton Library's (NEML) Music in the Annex.

The open-air concert planned for the shore at Rudd Pond State Park, to have featured the small band with a big sound known as the Nick & Carol Duo featuring Dan Furman, will be rescheduled.

Other Saturday Rudd Pond concerts still on the calendar include Roger & Lenny on Aug. 7, at 6 p.m., and Northwest Passage on Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Despite the stormy setback, NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said the new outdoor venue, implemented as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, has gone well as patrons enjoy the relaxed atmosphere at the park. Because of the open-air setting, however, the library is not able to collect donations at the non-existent door, which leads to challenges as those funds account for approximately half of the annual budget for the concert series.

Patrons wishing to provide tax deductible support may do so by earmarking concert donations at [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org) or by sending a check to NEML at P.O. Box 786, Millerton, NY 12546.

### Tuesday is Virtual Art Meet-Up day

Artists and creators of all ages are welcome to join NorthEast-Millerton Library Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune for a Virtual Art Meet-Up on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Beginners, nervous artists, writers and anyone looking to have fun making art together are welcome. Attendees will need blank paper and drawing utensils, such as markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons or oil pastels.

To RSVP, email [kmcclune@nemillertonlibrary.org](mailto:kmcclune@nemillertonlibrary.org). Registrants will be emailed the Zoom link prior to the event.

### Vacation Bible School in August

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Millerton Presbyterian Church at 58 Main St., from Monday, Aug. 9, through Friday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Children of all ages are welcome.

For more information, email [MillertonPresbyterianVBS@gmail.com](mailto:MillertonPresbyterianVBS@gmail.com) or call 518-789-4664.

More information is also available on the Village of Millerton's website, at [www.villageofmillerton.net](http://www.villageofmillerton.net), where a link to the Vacation Bible School's registration form can be found.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

From the white leather lounge chairs to the new bar lounge, patrons are in for a swinging night at the cinema now that the upstairs of The Moviehouse has opened to the public.



Between the rows of comfortable chairs and retro movie posters, movie-goers can relax inside The Moviehouse's screening lounge as they watch films upstairs.

## The Moviehouse revamps upstairs

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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**MILLERTON** — From the framed vintage movie posters that now hang in the lobby to the fresh paintwork and carpeting, The Moviehouse's dramatic transformation is bound to surprise patrons, particularly those who attended the theater in its heyday with original owners, the late Robert Sadlon and his widow, Carol, at the helm.

Today, whether they decide to take that steep trek up the stairs or that long-awaited elevator ride, patrons will be just as overwhelmed by the changes made to the theater's upstairs area, which officially opened to the public on Thursday, July 1.

Almost 44 years after the Sad-

lons first opened the iconic village theater, The Moviehouse, located at 28 Main St. in Millerton, received a fresh start this February when David Maltby and Chelsea Altman became its new owners.

With their renovation taking place in two stages, the couple first opened the two downstairs theaters for screenings on May 28, with plans of opening the entire theater (including the first floor) on July 1, after the more intrusive renovation work was completed upstairs.

By the time The Moviehouse premiered its first screening under the new owners, the theater had been closed for about a year-and-a-half. It shut down last March due to the pandemic.

Pleased by the seamless elevator ride up, movie-goers will appreciate the upstairs art deco style and how it intermingles the past with the future, creating the look of an old hotel. The red bamboo wallpaper lining the new bar lounge sets the tone for a swinging night at the cinema, as do the white leather lounge chairs in the lobby where Altman said patrons will be able to order a glass of wine, a beer or a bite to eat before the show or perhaps stay afterward to talk about the film they just watched.

Stepping into the lounge, the alterations made to the smallest screening room are sure to wow crowds between the rows of comfortable lounge chairs and retro movie posters. Behind the bar sits a selection of wines, beers and other beverages to please an

assortment of tastes — thanks to a temporary liquor license — along with empanadas and other bites for customers to snack on.

Those who want a drink are advised to book their tickets in the screening lounge since the space is designated for alcohol. Once they do so, they're free to share a bottle of wine or enjoy a beer as the movie plays out on screen.

Asked how smoothly opening the upstairs went compared to opening the downstairs, Altman said, "We're still working on things. We did all of this very rapidly in a time where it's difficult to get staffing and supply chains are tough and we got our liquor license last minute, so we are happy that our community is so supportive and understanding."

With showing movies a top priority, Altman said that because of the tight renovation schedule, they had to make a choice in terms of opening the upstairs.

"We could wait until everything was perfect and not show any movies upstairs this summer or we could go with 'good but still fleshing it out.'"

Regardless, Maltby said the community's response has been overwhelmingly positive so far and they've gotten great feedback about the theater's design. From the people who contributed to the elevator campaign to the disabled patrons who are now able to watch movies upstairs, both Maltby and Altman shared the community's excitement in having a working elevator at their

local movie theater. (Look for more on The Moviehouse's new elevator in an upcoming issue of Compass.)

"We're still tackling things," Altman said. "It's going to be an organic process — people give us feedback, we consider it. We have a lot of plans, things we'd like to implement but you can only crawl before you walk."

Maltby added that with the community just emerging from the coronavirus pandemic, some people are still hesitant about going out for entertainment while others are ready to get out as they did before COVID-19 changed everyone's sense of normal.

"It's a learning curve for us and it's a learning curve for the audience," Altman said.

As they look to implement more event programming in the coming months, the pair said it hopes to host a classic movie series and plans to let patrons know about the ballet, the National Theater Live and other programs by Sunday, Aug. 1. Additionally, they said they'd like to start renting out the screening lounge.

To book tickets at The Moviehouse, go to [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net) or call 518-789-0022.

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## AMENIA/DOVER

# Kelly's Creamery aces summertime fun with new mini-golf course

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DOVER PLAINS — On top of savoring a frozen sweet treat from the creamery on a sweltering summer day and grabbing a tasty bite from the food truck next door, customers can delight in 18 holes of "put-put" now that a new mini-golf course has been installed at Kelly's Creamery in Dover Plains.

Located at 3202 Route 22 across from the Cumberland Farms, Kelly and Steve Cervino opened the popular ice-cream hot spot in the summer of 2019, and the creamery has since become a favorite for locals of all ages craving ice cream and Italian ices in just about every flavor under the sun.

For their second summer in business, the Cervinos added Kelly's Husband's Truck, a food truck that offers a mouth-watering menu of specialty burgers, hot dogs, brats, vegetarian sandwiches and more. It can all be enjoyed inside or out, on their many picnic tables under twinkling lights.

As far as how a mini-golf course plays into their business plan, Kelly said, "We knew this is what we wanted to do because we have the space back here, so I would say we started planning it last summer right after the food truck was up and running."

Bringing their vision to life, the couple hired Native Landscapes in Pawling, whom Kelly said was with them "every step of the way bringing it to what it is today."

Though they had to wait until after winter ended and the temperature reached 60 degrees, Native Landscapes quickly began working on turning the new addition into a reality this spring. Kelly said their vision was to have the golf course be very natural, so Native Landscapes installed a waterfall

## Correction

In the July 15 edition of The Millerton News, it was incorrectly printed that the Amenia Fire Company and the Wassaic Ladies Auxiliary awarded scholarships to local graduates at the Amenia firehouse on Wednesday, July 7. It was the Amenia Fire Company and its Auxiliary that awarded the scholarships. We regret the error.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Wassaic residents Soloman and Rebekah Chapman brought Rebekah's parents, Patricia and Dave Martineau, to the new mini-golf course at Kelly's Creamery on Route 22 in Dover Plains for a friendly round of put-put.

in the center of the course along with a birdhouse, koi pond and a selection of native plants and trees. Starting this spring and finishing this summer, the golf course was completed within a three- to four-month period.

Kelly also worked with a local artist from Hudson Valley Handwritten to create a mural on the shed at the far end of the course. As customers pass the mural, they can snap photos of themselves in front of it with the words "Let's Par-Tee" on it, a clever play on a common golf phrase.

Turning to the 18-hole course, Kelly said it's pretty challenging, making it fun for adults as well as children.

"It's not an easy course," she said. "We were thinking you hand little kids a club and a ball and they have fun no matter what, but we wanted teenagers and adults to have fun as well."

Mini-golf opened at Kelly's Creamery in June and has been drawing a crowd ever since.

Its hours of operation are Sundays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Those ages 10 and up can play for \$8 while children ages 4 through 10 can play for \$6; children ages 4 and under can

play free of charge.

"The community has been awesome since the beginning with us," said Kelly. "Everybody is so appreciative of what we've done here, what we've created for families. A lot of the locals come here every week but we also get a lot of people because we're here on Route 22."

"I just think it's a great addition," she added. "I think it's a really good final piece to what we have going on here because we started with the creamery and that took off and it went really well, and we decided last summer with the food truck and then we wondered what we could do [next]... I would just say it brings all of this together: They'll get food from the truck, play a round of mini-golf and

then grab an ice cream."

Looking to keep the put-put course open and active for as long as possible, Kelly said they're planning to hold future fundraisers at the mini-golf course, possibly with Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, which is also located in Dover, and also for the Dover Union Free School District, which Dover town Supervisor Richard Yeno is trying to plan at the moment.

Come the first week of October, Kelly said they'll have the course decorated for Halloween to make it festive for the community along with fall food specials added to both the food truck and the creamery menus.

To call Kelly's Creamery, dial 845-442-9366 or go online to [www.kellyscreamerykht.com](http://www.kellyscreamerykht.com).



PHOTO COURTESY DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

It took the efforts of many police agencies and emergency response teams from multiple towns and states to rescue a man and woman who made the decision to go tubing on the Ten Mile River after days of torrential rain.

## Multiple agencies rescue two tubers from Ten Mile River

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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WASSAIC — With sirens howling and lights glaring, numerous fire and rescue trucks raced along Route 22 at around 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, July 18, after Dutchess County 911 dispatched the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), the Wassaic Fire Department and the Town of Amenia EMS to the Ten Mile River following the report of a male and female in the middle of the river holding onto a log.

According to the DCSO, "due to the complexity of this technical water rescue, a unified command system was established and additional resources were requested to the scene, including swift-water rescue technicians from the Arlington and LaGrange Fire Departments; Sheriff's Office Marine, Underwater Search & Recovery and Unmanned Aerial Systems [UAS] Units; Millerton Fire Department with a Utility Terrain Vehicle; Kent, Conn., Fire Department with a boat; and personnel from the Amenia, Dover and Pine Plains Fire Departments; Town of Dover EMS; Millbrook Fire EMS; Northern Dutchess Paramedics; Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response; Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police; and the New York State Police."

Due to the spate of recent heavy rainstorms, flooded areas and the general terrain, rescue efforts were difficult for first responders, who had a tough time accessing the river and locating the victims.

Dutchess County 911 dispatchers were able to stay connected with the victims on the phone line, and therefore simultaneously help first responders pinpoint their exact location via GPS information from one of the victim's cellphone.

Once rescuers could gain access to the Ten Mile River, swift-water rescue technicians set up a highline system, deployed rescue boats and were then able

to rescue the two victims from the swift-moving river. Both the man and woman were then transported to Poughkeepsie via ambulance.

The male was a 27-year-old from Dix Hills, N.Y., and the female was a 25-year-old from Melville, N.Y., who decided to go tubing down the Ten Mile River despite the recent torrential downpours.

According to the sheriff's report, the female started to struggle in the water; the male helped her, but then injured his own shoulder. The two grabbed onto a downed tree in the river until they could be saved by swift-water rescue technicians. Neither was wearing a lifejacket.

The DCSO reminds everyone of the following: "Avoid rivers, streams and creeks after rainstorms. Do not engage in recreational water activity during such dangerous conditions. Increased water levels and powerful currents are extremely treacherous. Other hazards such as debris being washed down stream, water obstructions and strainers create a life-threatening situation for anyone in storm waters."

For more on how waters in the region have risen to dangerous levels and flooded in recent days, read this week's Lakeville Journal and go online, to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

## LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that a license, no. 2225362 has been applied for by The Movies, Millerton, Inc. to sell beer, wine, cider at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, at a tavern/café located at 48 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546, for on-premises consumption.

07-15-21  
07-22-21

### PUBLIC NOTICE RFP for Town of North East and Village of Millerton Joint Government Operations Greenhouse Gas (GHG)-related Studies and Plans

The Town of North East is seeking proposals for the following Government Operations greenhouse gas (GHG) studies and plans, for the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton, in accordance with the NYS Climate Smart Communities program, as part of their shared goal to achieve certification as Climate Smart Communities: 2019 or 2020 Government Operations Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Government Operations Climate Action Plan.

RFP packets will be available starting 07/19/2021 at North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Avenue, Millerton

NY between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Additional Town Clerk office hours are Wednesdays 5:00-7:00pm, and Friday from 9:00am-12:30pm. E-mail requests shall also be accepted.

RFPs shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside: Town of North East Government Operations Greenhouse Gas-related Studies and Plans and be delivered by mail or in person to the Town Clerk's Office, North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY 12546 by 2:00pm on August 31, 2021, when they will be opened and publicly read and available for public inspection.

The Town of North East reserves the right to accept only that proposal which it deems best aligned with the shared interests of the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton.

"This project has been funded in part by the Climate Smart Community Grant Program, Title 15 of the Environmental Protection Fund through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation." Dated: July 15, 2021.

By Order of the North East  
Town Clerk  
Gail Wheeler, Town Clerk  
07-22-21

## WASSAIC IN BRIEF

### Join World Peace Flag Ceremony

The World Peace Sanctuary invites area residents to send their intentions, visions and prayers for peace to prevail on Earth by attending the World Peace Flag Ceremony on Tuesday, July 27.

The ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. at the World Peace Sanctuary, located at 26 Benton Road in Wassaic.

For more information, contact [annmarie@worldpeace.org](mailto:annmarie@worldpeace.org).

## We all follow our own path

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Mark Vila  
Amenia Branch Manager

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## PINE PLAINS/AREA



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The Pine Plains softball 10-u team was declared District 17 champions following a tough home game against Pawling/Dover on Monday, July 5. The team's victory over Pawling/Dover was just one of many wins celebrated in the community during the past few weeks. Now they're headed to the state championship game in Rochester, thanks to local support.

### Pine Plains team District and Sectional Champs

# 10-u Allstars excited to compete for state title

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — After celebrating victory after victory on the ball field these past few weeks, the Pine Plains softball 10 and under (10-u) Allstars softball team is now headed to the state championship tournament with their bats at the ready and the Pine Plains community cheering them on.

With Coach Andy Belanger guiding them, the 10-u team is currently comprised of 12 local players. It was only last year that the majority of the team held a softball for the first time, according to Pine Plains Little League Baseball and Softball Program President Rich Tamburrino — today, he said they're performing at the top level.

"They have shown great skills and pure talent from the top of the line up to the bottom," Tamburrino said in praise of the young athletes.

As for the coach, on top of all his hard work maintaining the town's playing fields and helping the Little League Baseball and Softball Committee, Tamburrino spoke highly of Belanger's excellence and dedication as a coach, saying the team is an extension of Belanger.

Tamburrino reported the team started its playoff run with an undefeated season, taking down teams from LaGrange, Poughkeepsie and Pawling in the process and finishing its regular softball season with a 17-0 record.

Moving into the Allstars games, the team beat Pawling/Dover on Monday, July 5, winning the District 17 Championship. The team then advanced to sectionals where they defeated Indian Valley, 23-3, and then Chatham with a score of 11-4.

As of today, Tamburrino said the team is "the number one seed in Section 2 South."

It headed to Rochester for the week-long state finals, scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, through Sunday, July 25, with the first few days set aside for a round robin to determine seeding, followed by semifinal/final elimination rounds.

Praising each and every player on the team for their athleticism, talents and teamwork, Tamburrino said, "All of these girls are hard workers and you

can see that at practice. They come early and, to the parents' dismay, stay late. They are hungry for competition and look forward to playing good teams at the State Championship Tournament. They look at how hard it will be to win states and smile right back."

The girls themselves said they were very excited about their success this season and the prospect of going to states.

Proud of their softball team for their feats on the field, the Pine Plains community rallied behind the girls to help them get to the states on a high note. Realizing the team was short of funds to get to Rochester to compete at the state level, The Stissing Center performing arts center launched a fundraiser to help raise the \$10,000 needed to cover lodging costs during the tournament. The players' parents and coaches paid to cover

the costs of food and travel.

Any funds raised in excess of the lodging costs will go to the Pine Plains Recreation Department to help fund the construction of new softball dugouts.

As a credit to the community spirit of Pine Plains — not to mention the town's love of all things softball and baseball — in two days, The Stissing Center announced it had reached its fundraising goal with local businesses collecting money in cash jars.

As posted in her recent town newsletter, Pine Plains town Supervisor and fervent cheerleader Darrah Cloud remarked it was the cash jar at the Platter that helped them reach the goal.

Thanking the town of its terrific support, Cloud wrote, "You continue to be the small town where people take care of each other. Play ball, Pine Plains!"

## 2021 Young Writers Contest winners

PINE PLAINS — The following students are the winners of the FRIENDS of the Pine Plains Library 2021 Young Writers Contest. The students, who are from the Pine Plains Central School District, were announced in June by the FRIENDS, and The Millerton News would like to join the community in congratulating them all on their hard work and creative skills.

### Grades six through eight Poetry

First place, Ren Babcock, grade eight, "Echoes."

#### Fiction

First place, Alina Fouts, grade six, "A Twisted Truth."

Second place, Kaylei Murphy, grade eight, "The Drive-way."

Third place, Ren Babcock, grade eight, "Beginning With A Closed Window."

Honorable Mentions, Hunter Boyles, grade six, "Reginald"; Samantha Douglass, grade six, "One Crazy Day."

### Creative Non-Fiction Memoir

First place, Gabriella Torre, grade eight, "My Poppy Flower."

Second place, Bridgette Roach, grade eight, "You're So Careless: A Lesson on Relationships."

Third place, Mackenzie

Miller, grade eight, "Straight No Wait I'm Gay: Realizing That I'm Not Straight."

Honorable Mentions, Brooke Alexander, grade eight, "A March For Freedom"; Lily Archer, grade eight, "Heading Down A Rocky Road"; Ren Babcock, grade eight, "The Spontaneous Stissing Mountain Hike"; Patrick Cronin, grade eight, "My First Trip To The ER"; Lia Flowers, grade eight, "A Gift From God"; Avery Lamando, grade eight, "A Day To Remember"; Jayla Lilley, grade eight, "The Perfect Porcelain Doll"; Hydra Miles, grade eight, "Moving Away"; Madison Rego, grade eight, "Competition Session Begins"; Emily Rivas, grade eight, "Living In Fear And Chaos"; Melanie Roach, grade eight, "The Origins Of My Family's Pets"; Alana Marie Scofield, grade eight, "Broken Friendships."

### Grades nine through 12 Poetry

First place, Cameron Decker, grade 10, "When The Apoca-

# Ancram Republicans and Democrats hold caucuses

ANCRAM — Getting a start for this year's General Election, the Ancram Republican and Democratic Committees held their caucuses on Saturday, July 10, to nominate candidates for the two open seats on the Ancram Town Board and the open seat for Ancram town supervisor.

Both caucuses were held at the Ancram Town Hall on County Route 7, with the Republican caucus scheduled at 2 p.m. and the Democratic caucus scheduled at 4 p.m.

Each candidate gave a brief

presentation stating their qualifications and interest in running for office this year. Those who are elected to the Town Board will serve a four-year term in office while the town supervisor will serve a two-year term in office. All terms begin on Jan. 1, 2022.

The Ancram Democratic Committee nominated Art Bassin, a Democrat and the current supervisor, for his seventh term in office. It also endorsed current Democratic Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt for an-

other term and newcomer and Democrat Amy Gold to the two open Town Board seats.

The Ancram Republican Committee cross-endorsed the Democratic Bassin. For the Town Board, the committee only had one interested person step forward as a candidate, Stephen Olya, who it nominated.

This year's General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ancram's polling site has yet to be determined.

— Kaitlin Lyle

# Serino in Pine Plains to help local businesses bounce back

PINE PLAINS — Motivated by a mission to help small businesses still reeling from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) launched a Small Businesses Bounce Back listening tour the week of July 9 to learn more about area employers' experiences and efforts to rebuild in the wake of the health crisis.

Kicking off her tour in Pine Plains, Serino was accompanied on her visits to local businesses by Pine Plains native and Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) and Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud.

From A.R. Massage Therapy and Barber Shoppe and Shaving Parlor to Pine Plains Auto Body and Moose on the Loose Sandwich Shop, the officials visited a wide variety of local merchants to talk with employers and their employees to hear first hand about how things have been going since the pandemic hit.

As published in a recent press release from Serino's office, by visiting small businesses across



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Among the stops she made on her listening tour of Pine Plains, New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) paid a visit to Pine Plains Fine Wines at 2881 Church St. the week of July 9.

the Harlem Valley this summer, Serino is looking to hear "first-hand about ways in which the state can empower businesses to ensure they thrive again."

As the state senator focuses on engaging with her constituents and continues her listen-

ing tour throughout July and August, local small businesses interested in having her stop by their places of work can reach out via phone at 845-229-0106 or email at serino@nysenate.gov.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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### PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF

#### Art show at The Platter July 23

On Friday, July 23, the Pine Plains Platter at 2987 Church St. will host the opening reception for local artists Diane Ferrari and Santina Tirone's watercolor depictions of Pine Plains with the exhibit of "Visions at the Heart of Pine Plains."

Running from 5 to 7 p.m., the art show, which has been described as "a collaborative

heartfelt painted portrayal," will feature paintings of some of the town's local businesses and sell postcards of paintings featured in the exhibit.

Admission is free of charge and those who attend are invited to enjoy champagne, cheese and blues guitar as they enjoy the art on display.

**VAN DE WATER** *Continued from Page A1*

brook, there is a chance they may not end up in the same district, but at this point, nothing is certain.

Van De Water did mention in his statement that for a time, the 2020 race was too close to call, and on Election Day, the margin was miniscule.

"Why?" he asked, "because we had the better message. With your help, I will have the resources this cycle to deliver that message to those I could

not personally meet in the last election. I am excited to demonstrate that I am the right person for the job."

Van De Water, his wife and children live in Millbrook; he is an associate at Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, L.L.P., in Poughkeepsie. He is also a veteran who served eight years in active duty with the U.S. Army JAG Corps, attaining the rank of major when he was deployed to Afghanistan. He served another

three years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

In addition to serving on the Village Board, he also volunteered on the Town of Washington Recreation Commission and on the Millbrook Business Association.

Delgado is also an attorney, and is serving his second term in the House of Representatives. He was elected as part of the progressive Blue Wave that took hold of Washington in 2020.

**FARMER BRUNCH** *Continued from Page A1*

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**Learning about the local food system and careers related to it, area teens were photographed preparing fresh produce from local farms for the North East Community Center's (NECC) food pantry delivery program as part of the NECC's Farm and Food Education program.**

be able to do the brunch at all since it usually takes them eight to nine months to prepare. Given the unknown factors surrounding the pandemic and COVID-19 vaccinations, she said NECC was prevented from planning for the brunch ahead of time, which led to them canceling the event.

However, Sergent said she did a lot of research and spoke with a lot of people — many of whom had experience organizing fundraisers and virtual events. The feedback she kept getting, she said, was that the NECC is an organization with a clear mission "and the kind of work we do is why people support us."

"People care that we're fulfilling that purpose," she continued, "... and it seemed that we could just ask and people would be there for us and help."

When the Chef & Farmer Brunch Fundraiser went virtual last year, Sergent was advised not to be ostentatious, so she

kept its digital campaign simple and humble. After struggling back and forth with what to do this year, Sergent decided to implement a campaign similar to last year's, complete with digital releases and videos promoting their community work.

This year, they added a few components to celebrate the local angle, such as recipes and videos featuring local farmers, chefs and restaurants that have worked with NECC on past Chef & Farmer Brunches — including Full Circus Farm in Pine Plains and both Rock Steady Farm and 52 Main in Millerton.

The 2021 campaign kicked off mid-June with the release of an initial video on June 18. Sergent said it will continue past the usual Chef & Farmer Brunch date, until Sunday, July 25.

Sergent said the main drawback of going virtual is that NECC "is a very personal organization," which is sometimes hard to express via video.

"The work we do is typically one-on-one or in groups in real time, whether we're educating children, transporting seniors or holding an event, activity or workshop for the community," she said. "In-person is where we find that most, so that is really hard for us not to do this year and that's what we miss the most."

In the meantime, the community center has received many donations from longtime supporters. Donors have also started volunteering at its many programs, and new residents have

also started reaching out to learn more about the organization.

"The most amazing thing is how supportive this community has been to the NECC," Sergent said. "More importantly, to the people we're serving."

Between August and September, Sergent said NECC hopes to bring back more of its community activities and in-person resources that people used to access before COVID-19 hit, including hearing tests, senior exercise activities and community workshops.

While all of the NECC staff has returned to its office at 51 South Center St. in Millerton, the building currently isn't open to the public, with the exception of programs like the Teen Team and the Food Pantry.

Now that some of its programs are in-person, Sergent said she looks forward to bringing back more activities this fall. Additionally, she said NECC anticipates participating in Millerton's Fall Food Festival this September and organizing its annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Columbus Day weekend, along with another community event currently in the works.

To make a donation to the Chef & Farmer Brunch fundraiser, go online to [www.neccmillerton.org](http://www.neccmillerton.org) or send a check in the mail to Chef & Farmer Brunch Fundraiser, NECC, 51 South Center St., Millerton 12546 NY.

For more information, call 518-789-4259 or go to [www.neccmillerton.org](http://www.neccmillerton.org).

**FARM EXCAVATION** *Continued from Page A1*

the Boston Corner farm in the town of Ancram's Scenic Overlay District, which normally prohibits such actions.

**Scenic Overlay District**

According to the town of Ancram's guidelines on Protecting Scenic Views, Ancram created the overlay district to protect its ridgeline and steep slopes, which includes 1,164 acres — 4.2% of the town's total 27,464 acreage. That includes 69 of 1,250 parcels that are more than 800-feet in elevation with slopes steeper than 15 feet that are visible from more than 4 miles of town roads.

According to the guidelines, "Ancram's goal is to preserve scenic views throughout town, [which] has open rolling hills, ridgelines and slopes everywhere... Their aesthetic value contributes to Ancram's unique scenic character... Careless development on steep slopes can decrease stability, cause erosion, increase storm water runoff and fragment habitats."

**Permitted uses**

There are a few exceptions to the rule, however, including for activities like agriculture, which qualifies the Langdon Hurst Farm, the farm in question. According to local neighbors, the land has been owned for more than 20 years, possibly even 30 years, by Anthony Palumbo of Palumbo Block Co. Inc. in Dover Plains (noted as "a leader in the manufacturing of concrete block" online).

The land has been farmed by John Langdon for at least two decades; he previously had some animals there but now grows corn and soybeans and sells it as livestock feed up north.

Langdon is growing soy this season, according to excavator Fred Schneeberger, which will make excavation easier, as soy is a shorter crop than corn and will be easier to cut down than those tall corn stalks.

**Application details**

The application before the Planning Board is not technically for a gravel mine, as some neighbors feared. Rather, it's for "an agricultural use to level out the land to make it more suitable for farming," explained Planning Board Chairman John Ingram.

Langdon reportedly fears his farm equipment, which Schneeberger described as "state-of-the-art," cannot safely handle the steep grade of the knoll in question and could become dangerous if attempted. That's why he approached Schneeberger to excavate that portion of farmland.

Schneeberger, who has worked in the construction business since the 1970s and has run his Ancramdale excavation business without complaint for many years, submitted an application to the Planning Board on May 5. Ingram said it makes no difference that the excava-

tor submitted the application instead of the land owner or the farmer.

"It doesn't matter if the excavator made the application; he's the one doing the work," said the chairman. "The farmer sent a letter to the Planning Board advising us he'd like the knoll removed to do his farm work."

Ingram said removing the 25,000-cubic yards of gravel on the land that's been farmed for more than a century "is less disruptive to do in stages; to remove the soil off the knoll, remove the knoll and then put the soil back then to try to strip the whole field and put the soil back."

**Neighborhood concerns**

Next door neighbor Carol Falcetti, who has rallied nearby residents to petition the Planning Board to reject Schneeberger's application, said there's no need to go to such extremes and remove all 25,000-cubic yards.

"We believe that 25,000-cubic yards do not have to be excavated, with bulldozing and with engineers' plans, we could bulldoze some steepness out, maybe 5,000 yards, to make it safe for the machine operator, for whatever machine he's using and keep the topography of the field in harmony with the rest of it, because that's what the beauty of the scenic corridor is," she said. "We have the beauty of rolling hills; we don't have to cut out 25,000-cubic yards. To all of us, that's the compromise. The farmer needs to be safe and we want to keep the beauty of our scenic corridor and that would do both, we believe."

**Applicant goes on the record**

Schneeberger wants to make it clear that he got the go-ahead from the Planning Board when he was first asked to do the work.

"When the farmer approached me about this, I asked all of the powers that be if this was a permitted use where it is because of what it is," he said. "It's an agricultural reclamation because of what it is; they're calling it a gravel mine. It's not a mine. We do not need a New York State mining permit. The town has that letter on file from the state that we do not need a mining permit, from the Division of Mineral Resources."

He added that he doesn't want to "start a war with anybody" and truly believes the knoll is "steep enough you would have trouble getting [machinery] up and down." The excavator added that he will be content with whatever ruling the Planning Board makes.

"If the town tells me I can't

do the work because the law doesn't permit it, than so be it," he said, repeating he did get consent early on.

**Mining in Boston Corner**

There's another gravel mine in the Boston Corner neighborhood, the O&G Gravel Mine, which though active doesn't seem to create much of a stir.

Ingram said O&G renewed its permit several years ago and there was "no resistance at that time." Falcetti said with the Palumbo farm, though, she's very concerned.

"That field has been farmed for 100 years; it's been farmed for the last 20 years by the same farmer now, and there's a lot of construction going on and Palumbo needs gravel," she said. "And then there could be as many as four big tractor trailer trucks making six round trips an hour... For me, the noise from a truck every 11 minutes, it definitely increases heavy traffic for another, figure 12 to 15 months. It's a lot."

If approved, Schneeberger expects the work to take about 15 months, simply because he doesn't plan on working through the winter when there is snow and ice, as it's harder to do so as mud could get tracked on the roadway. He also noted he doesn't plan on removing all of the gravel at once.

"It will be a little bit at a time as we go, so the visual impact will not be that big," he said, adding he will hire all local workers, likely between three and four.

**The work ahead**

Yet Falcetti is nervous that despite the more than 26 residents who signed a letter pleading with the Planning Board to reject Schneeberger's application, the law and the powers that be are not on her side.

"We're going to lose this," she predicted.

Still, she hasn't given up hope just yet.

"Bottom line, we want to preserve our scenic corridor," she persisted.

That's why Falcetti and her supporters continue to research with the state and its Department of Environmental Conservation, as well as with the Planning Board, to see if there are any loopholes or other ways to force the applicant to either compromise or withdraw his application altogether.

**Future hearings**

Meanwhile, the public hearing that was continued from the July Planning Board meeting regarding the Schneeberger application will continue in person at Ancram Town Hall at 1416 County Route 7 on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m.

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## Dover-Wingdale thanks essential workers with special concert

WINGDALE — With help from the local band, Scarecrow, and a few other special guests, the Dover-Wingdale community both thanked and paid tribute to the essential workers living in the Hudson Valley, with a special recognition concert held on Saturday, July 17.

Running from 4 to 7 p.m. in Boyce Park in Wingdale, area residents attended the concert with their folding chairs and blankets in tow to enjoy the concert and show their support for those who helped the community get through the worst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Due to the storms in the forecast, Dover Recreation Director Julie Muncey said the concert wasn't as well-received as the town had hoped for, but she said those who did brave the rain had a great time.

Along with the musical entertainment at the concert, the event featured guest speakers, food, face painting and other community fun for those who honored their Hudson Valley heroes.

— Kaitlin Lyle



**Between the band Scarecrow, above, and other special guests, the Dover-Wingdale community enjoyed an afternoon of music at Boyce Park in honor of the Hudson Valley heroes at the Thank You Essential Workers Recognition Concert on Saturday, July 17, despite the rainy weather. Along with the speakers, food and musical guests, members of the Dover-Wingdale community had fun at the face painting station, right.**



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With the current public interest in the proposed rewrite of the Inland and Wetlands Regulations for the Town of Salisbury, it seems a good time to recommend an informative link on the Ct DEEP website. It is called the Citizens Guide to Participating in the Municipal Regulation of Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses and can be found at: [portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Wetlands/Citizens-Guide--Inland-Wetlands-Regulation](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Wetlands/Citizens-Guide--Inland-Wetlands-Regulation). This contains valuable information on how to participate with your Town's IWWC. In addition, the CTDEEP web site ([portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Wetlands/Inland-Wetlands-and-Watercourses](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Wetlands/Inland-Wetlands-and-Watercourses)) has numerous educational videos on the value of wetlands, water hydrology, purity and how to balance this with development.



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## Letting les Bons Temps Roll at Sharon Playhouse

Good times have been rolling at Sharon Playhouse in recent weeks, first with the ABBA tribute band performance on July 10, which attracted an estimated crowd of 300 people (and yes, everyone got up and danced and sang along to "Dancing Queen," and no, Meryl Streep and Christine Baranski, who starred in the ABBA film "Mama Mia," did not attend).

A mere four days later the theater hosted an epic Bastille Day dinner party with Robert Arbor from the new French restaurant in Sharon, Conn., called Le Gamin.

For those who attended and had a wild time, and for those who missed out but would like to catch the next ride, the theater has numerous performances scheduled for the outdoor stage in the coming weeks (and there is talk of moving some performances indoors soon).

This seems to be the summer of tribute bands at many area performance venues, possibly because uncertainty has lingered over whether COVID-19 and its variants will force a return of a quarantine.



It's not just a laser show: ELO Encounter plays some of the prog rock band's greatest hits at the ELO Laser Encounter at Sharon Playhouse on Aug. 27 and 28.

So if you love tribute bands — or if you've always secretly wanted to see one but were embarrassed to do so — then this is your year!

Coming up on Saturday, July 24, is Motown Under the Stars. The following weekend (Aug. 7), it's Swinging with the Rat Pack. For youngsters among our readers, that term refers to a number of Las Vegas entertainers, notably Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra. Aug. 21 is The Sounds

of Swing and Soul, which is followed by not one but two evenings of the Laser Encounter tribute to the British band ELO, also known as the Electric Light Orchestra (Aug. 27 and 28).

To buy tickets and to find out about other performances this summer (including the youth theater shows, which have proven to be very popular), go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org).

The tribute shows are mostly on the outdoor stage. Some cars are al-

lowed in the parking area but it's better if you park across the street in the parking lot for the medical offices. Bring a folding chair. You can pre-order boxed meals prepared by Sharon's own J.P. Gifford; they will be waiting for you when you arrive.

There are also shows on the patio, where there are cabaret-style chairs and tables, and cabaret-style singers (including Sharon Playhouse favorite Amanda Lea Lavergne on Sept. 25) and comedy.

CAT VIDEOS:  
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## America's Favorite Cat Videos, On the Big Screen

There are many reasons to rejoice that the beloved Millerton, N.Y., movie theater, The Moviehouse, is open again (and now has an elevator and an ice machine!).

New owners David Maltby and Chelsea Altman also are working hard to schedule films that are diverse, timely, interesting — and quirky. There was the screening of "Jaws," in time for national Shark Week, for example. Also unexpected was the screening of the remastered version of the erotic French thriller, "La Piscine."

Coming up this weekend: A film that pays homage to the animal that many believe is responsible for the success of the YouTube online video channel: the cat.

From July 23 to 25, The Moviehouse will show the hour-long "CatVideoFest 2021." As YouTube has shown, you don't have to be a cat, own a cat or even particularly like cats to like videos about cats.

Preview materials about the film say that, "CatVideoFest is a compilation reel of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos



PHOTO BY ADINA VOICU FROM PIXABAY

The most amusing cat videos of the past year are featured in "CatVideoFest 2021," which opens this weekend at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

and classic internet powerhouses. CatVideoFest is a joyous communal experience, only available in theaters."

In other words, you could watch cat videos alone at home, but isn't it much more fun to watch and laugh along with your friends and neighbors? Best of all, 10% of ticket sales from The Moviehouse screenings will go to the Little Guild in West Cornwall, Conn.

Tickets are \$8.50 and \$10.50 and can be ordered online ahead of time at [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net).

For those who are more interested in cool cats than in real cats, the theater is also showing the documentary film about the late chef and general cool cat Anthony Bourdain this month.

## PREPARING PUPPIES (AND INMATES) FOR LIVES IN SERVICE

The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., will host a free outdoor live event that features puppies — not just because they're adorable but also because they are being trained as part of a program founded by Salisbury, Conn., resident Gloria Gilbert Stoga.

The puppy program will feature Stoga and Police Officer Jonathan Stackhouse of the Acton, Mass., Police Department and his dog, Zane. It will be outside the library on Saturday, July 24, at 3 p.m.

The library is at 30 Pine St. in West Cornwall.

Stoga will talk about how Puppies Behind Bars' dogs are trained in prison by inmates serving long sentences. Stackhouse's dog, Zane, is a yellow Labrador retriever who was trained by the Puppies Behind Bars program.

Zane and Stackhouse work together daily on community outreach and police work.

There will be a demonstration of some of the 92 commands that Zane has

been taught by his prison "puppy raisers."

Puppies Behind Bars was started more than 20 years ago. Prison inmates raise service dogs and teach them to help wounded war veterans and first responders; they also train explosive-detection canines for law enforcement and police officers in general.

Puppies enter prison at the age of 8 weeks and live with their inmate puppy-raisers for approximately 24 months.

As the puppies mature into well-loved, well-behaved dogs, their raisers learn what it means to contribute to society rather than take from it.

Many Puppies Behind Bars inmate puppy raisers find work in dog training, grooming and related fields after they are paroled.

Approximately 140 inmates have participated in the program as puppy raisers in New York and New Jersey and, to date, the program has raised more than 1,200 puppies.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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### ART

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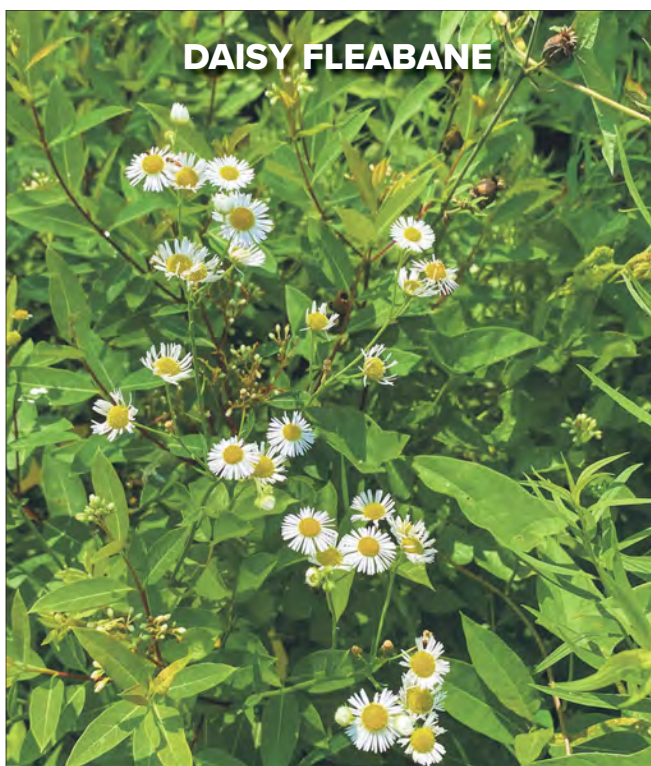
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— Cynthia Hochswender



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# High turnout as Republican Committee caucuses on July 13

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MABBETTSVILLE — The Town of Washington's Republican Committee held its caucus on Tuesday, July 13, at the Town of Washington Park in Mabbettsville. In spite of the rather dreary and wet evening, 101 people turned out for the event. Held under the covered pavilion, there were no surprises announced by Republican Committee Chair Cathy Shanks, as most of the nominees were predetermined when the Democrats caucused on Thursday, June 24. The Democrats only nominated one candidate for the Millbrook Village Board at their caucus, but none for the Washington Town Board.

The July 13 Republican Caucus, on the other hand, only nominated candidates for the Town of Washington elections

come November. There are three councilmember seats on the Town Board up for election as well as the town supervisor's position.

Nominated for town supervisor was the man who currently holds the position, Gary Ciferri, who is running for another four-year term starting Jan 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2025. Ciferri has been serving as town supervisor since 2012. So far he is running unopposed.

Also nominated for the Washington Town Board were current Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Michael Murphy and Joseph Rochfort.

Turletes has been on the board since 1995; Murphy has served on the board from 2005 to 2008 and then again from 2016 to the present; and Rochfort is currently filling the unexpired term of the late Councilman Al De Bonis un-

til year's end. De Bonis passed away mid-term unexpectedly. Rochfort now has to run for a full term in November's General Election. He previously served as trustee on the Millbrook Village Board from 2018 to 2020.

Shanks said she was surprised, but happily so, with the turnout for the caucus, especially considering the bad weather.

"I was so pleased with the turnout last night of over 100 people," Shanks said, "and happy to have such a great slate of incumbents running again in November. The Town of Washington is a fantastic community to live in and this is due to the good people on the Town Board and Town Committees."

### Independent ticket:

Also running for the Washington Town Board seats are Andrew Spence, Leslie Heaney and Doug Giles, all of whom are running on as-of-yet un-

announced independent party lines rather than either the Republican or Democratic tickets.

### County race

Incumbent County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) has also announced she is running for re-election. She is being challenged by newcomer Daniel Hutnik, a Democrat from Amenia.

Because the Dutchess County Legislature just announced last week that it has approved downsizing the number of county legislators from 25 to 21, there is a chance that Harlem Valley districts may be redrawn, which could impact District 25, which includes Washington, Millbrook and Dover.

That move, however, still has to be approved by voters come November through a public referendum on the ballot, so it is very much up in the air at the moment.



Quiara Alegria Hudes, co-writer of the book **the hit movie, "In the Heights" was based on, signed copies of her memoir, "My Broken Language," at Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook on Sunday morning, July 4.**

## 'In the Heights' creators at virtual Merritt event

MILLBROOK — Merritt Bookstore has been hosting events this summer centered around the Tony award-winning Broadway play and major motion film, "In the Heights."

First Merritt held a virtual event on June 15 at 8 p.m., with famed Broadway and Hollywood actor and producer Lin-Manuel Miranda, along with Quiara Alegria Hudes and Jeremy McCarter, the co-writers of the book, "In the Heights Finding a Home." Miranda based his popular musical and film on Hudes and McCarter's novel.

The three discussed the play, film and book, which have received rave reviews. The stories are of community.

Tickets for the virtual

event were \$9, and included a copy of the book. Those who participated could forward questions ahead of time to be answered during the program.

An added attraction for Merritt customers was the book signing by Hudes for her memoir, "My Broken Language," which was held at the bookstore on Sunday, July 4.

Hudes is also a Pulitzer Prize winner. She won the coveted literature prize for "Water by the Spoonful."

Signed copies of "In the Heights" and Hudes' memoir may still be available at Merritt Bookstore at 57 Front St., Millbrook; call 845-677-5857 for more information.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

## BOE reorganizes for '21-22 academic year

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The reorganization meeting of the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) Board of Education (BOE) for the 2021-22 school year was held via Zoom on Tuesday, July 6. The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by District Clerk Cheryl Sprague.

The first action was the swearing in of two new BOE members, the sole candidate who campaigned, David LaVarney, and write-in candidate Chris LaBelle. Following that action, elections were held for board president and vice-president. Former BOE President Perry Hartswick was re-elected, as was former Vice-President Howard Shapiro. The other members of the board are Paul Tobin, Jennifer Carneccia and Chris Rosenbergen.

The board then appointed chairs and members to all relevant committees and discussed charges for each. These include committees on facilities, technology, audits, legislative and PTO liaisons, as well as its district leadership team, safety committee and wellness committee.

A chairperson and members were appointed to the Committee on Pre-School Special Education. Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance and Operations Brian Fried was appointed trustee and Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell was appointed alternate trustee to the Dutchess County Workers Compensation Consortium.

A motion passed to designate Mitchell to certify the district payroll for the upcoming school year at no additional salary, and

Fried as the alternate person to certify the payroll in Mitchell's absence at no additional salary.

Other appointments were passed, including:

Eric Seipp, principal of Millbrook High School; Steven Cabello, principal of Millbrook Middle School; Thomas Libka, principal of Alden Place Elementary School; Michael Setaro, principal of Elm Drive Elementary School.

Mike Ragusa was named facilities director and chemical hygiene officer; Holly Peters-Headley was named district wellness coordinator; Cheryl Sprague was named administrative assistant to Mitchell and district records manager.

Lunch prices were set at: high school, \$3.25; middle school, \$3; Alden Place and Elm Drive, \$2.85 (no change from the previous year).

Breakfast prices were set at: high school, \$2; all others, \$1.75.

Summer school support teachers for the 2021-22 school year are not to exceed 64 hours unless otherwise stated.

Samantha Holsborg will be the coordinator for the English as a New Language (ENL) program, not to exceed 132 hours. Giselle Aldarondo will also work in the ENL program, which is in both elementary schools. Karen Outwater and Adam Peek will work in the Secondary Summer Program. Samantha Hale, Alessandra Suriano and Amy Quinn will work in the Elementary Summer Program.

Other teachers appointed include: Kristen Skovan, music; Jessica Gilmour, health; Samantha Hale, pre-k.

Appointed teacher's aides include: Fatmire Lamaj, Jan-

ice Murray and Ann Thiebolt. Jeanine Secor was appointed as a monitor. Brian Avery was appointed as a maintenance helper for a 26-week probationary period.

A donation was accepted from Ruge's Chevrolet for \$918.69, which cleared all lunch debt in the district.

Mitchell praised all of the efforts made to make Graduation Day so successful, and said it was "almost a return to normal."

Other discussions included which courses are still pertinent for students and which ones may not be, as enrollment in some classes and clubs are extremely low, yet still important to the few students who are interested in them.

### Presentation from athletic director

A presentation was made by Athletic Director Al Hammell, who spoke of student participation. He spoke also of low enrollment, and of parents who still want a football program despite few students expressing interest in recent years. Football teams in the MCSD were minimized and often beaten due to a loss of players due to injuries or the academic restrictions for athletes, he said. Merging teams among different school districts is one option that's been considered, and Hammell said he's looking at merging with Dover High School, but Millbrook only has two players interested in doing so.

Dover would be the host team, so football games would be played at the Dover fields. Also, transportation could present a problem, as Dover ends its school day earlier than Millbrook does. It then begins its practice time while Millbrook

students are still in class. More research about merging athletic teams, including the varsity football team, is being done, said Hammell.

The athletic director also said there is less interest today in sports like football and lacrosse, while other sports have become more popular, such as soccer and cross-country track. BOE members agreed that some extra-curricular programs, academic courses and athletics as well as intern programs might need to be revisited and reassessed before being continued and refunded.

For more information on past and future meetings, go to [www.millbrookcsd.org](http://www.millbrookcsd.org). Also check out past articles on [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

## Traveling zoo visits young readers at Millbrook Library

MILLBROOK — The front lawn at the Millbrook Library was the scene of happy children and animals on Thursday, July 15, when the Two by Two Petting Zoo paid a visit.

The traveling zoo was established in 1993 by the Iannucci Family, which includes Peter, Heather, Jessica and Casey.

It is not your typical petting zoo, but rather an educational traveling zoo with a message of learning lessons of kindness and sharing by learning how to handle animals and gather together with children their own age.

Hosted by the library, registration was required, but the event was both safe and free.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



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Children and animals learned the lessons of kindness and understanding together on Thursday, July 15, at the library.

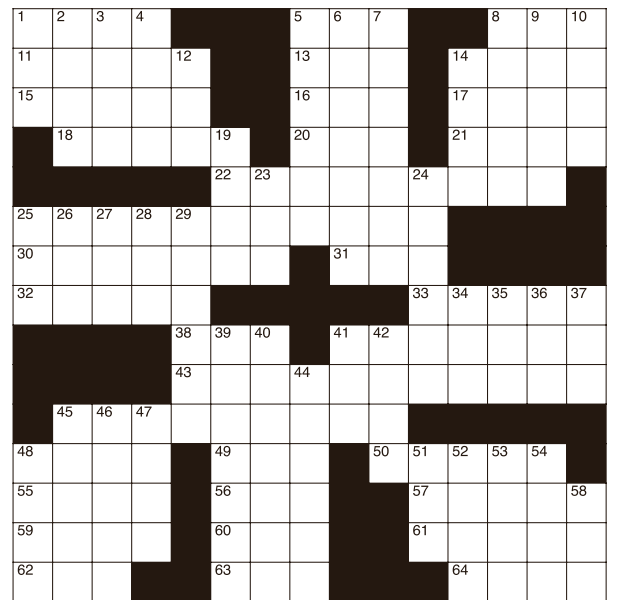
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Language group with Iranian influence
- No seats available
- Health insurance organization
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Defunct European economic organization
- Dutch word for "language"
- Hard to penetrate
- When you'll get there
- Iranian city
- Small fishes
- Dry white wine drink
- Turkish city
- U.S.-born people
- Synthetic resin
- Major nerve in human body
- Type of recording
- Small drum
- Alters
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Venezuelan capital
- Free of deceit
- Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
- Competition
- Launch an attack on
- Cavalry sword
- Spiritual leader
- One point east of due south
- Afflicted
- Database management system
- Snakelike fish
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Small drink
- Not wet
- Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

- Father
- Performed perfectly
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Thin, compact object
- One attempting to find something
- No longer working
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Book of Genesis character
- Volcanic craters
- Brand of American automobile (slang)
- Hip hop icon Kool Moe
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Family of genes
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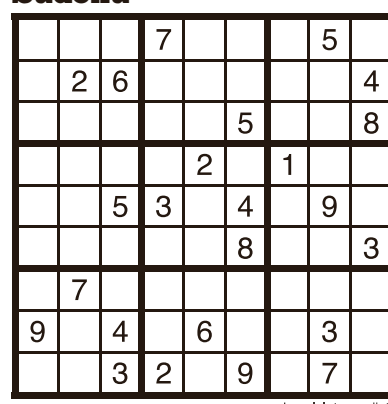


- Pacific Standard Time
- S. American wood sorrel
- Women's \_\_\_ movement
- Chinese hoopster Ming
- Layers of rock
- Patriotic women's group
- Solid water
- Shade of brown
- Very fast airplane
- Put clothes on
- Quality of one's character
- Time zone
- Primates
- Pleasantly
- Metrical feet
- Rogue
- German river
- Relieves from
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Those who resist authority
- Criticize

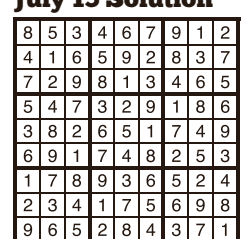
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EDITORIAL

# 'Critical need' for fire volunteers

We all know how much we rely on the brave men and women who selflessly volunteer their time and their energy to serve on our local volunteer fire departments throughout the Harlem Valley.

Can we stress that ever-so-important word one more time? *Volunteer* fire departments, as in they don't get paid for the many hundreds, if not thousands, of hours they spend training, testing and then serving in our local firehouses to make sure those who live and work in our communities remain safe and protected when tragedy strikes.

And as we all know all too well from the past 17 months, thanks to the hard lessons of the coronavirus pandemic — one glaring but sole example — tragedy can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere.

So, too, can any other number of emergencies, whether that includes a possible kitchen fire, electrical fire or full-out structure fire in a home or business; a fallen tree through a roof; a cat stuck in a tree; or worse, a child who fell in a well; or maybe it's a brush fire in the nearby woods; a raging barn fire at one's family farm; or a multi-vehicle accident with multiple injuries on that winding mountain road you take home on those icy winter nights.

Whatever the disaster, our local firefighters and Rescue Squad members who volunteer at our area fire departments need to be properly thanked for their devoted service doing what has to be some of the toughest, most grueling and most dangerous work there is. And they are doing it at a serious handicap, as most of our firehouses are seriously understaffed.

Just last week, the Copake Fire Station sent out a call for volunteer firefighters, Fire Police Officers and Fire Explorer Scouts (ages 14 and up). The district will be offering an "interactive experience" on Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., for anyone interested in learning more about how to fill those positions.

As the Copake Fire Team announced, there is a "critical need" for volunteers for 2021 and beyond. Those who want to make a difference and help keep their community safe are encouraged to attend on July 24. There they can learn in a controlled environment how to operate a hose line, the Jaws of Life, rope rescue equipment and more.

"Learn what we do — you can do it too," states the recruitment flyer, which also promises would-be volunteers they'll hear about the benefits Copake firefighters receive.

Those with questions should email [depchief@copakefire.org](mailto:depchief@copakefire.org) or call 518-329-4161, option 5.

It's not just the Copake Fire District that needs support, in nearby Millerton, the North East Fire District is also in dire need of volunteers, according to Millerton Fire Chief Jason Watson, who just said on Sunday, July 18, that recruiting new members "is hard for everybody."

That's why the Millerton Fire Company is holding a formal grand opening at its still-new equipment annex on Century Boulevard, across from the firehouse at 24 Century Blvd. The event will be on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m., and the public is welcome, even encouraged, to attend.

Watson is hopeful residents interested in possibly volunteering with the 50-member fire company will approach him and others about joining.

It takes 14 firefighters to respond to a scene and begin to fight a blaze, so it's absolutely critical the department has a large enough pool of volunteers to call on in an emergency. Neighboring community companies often supply back-up for one another, as it's rare that one department can provide enough firefighters to put out a fully-engulfed fire.

That's why Watson said the need for new recruits is so great, and that if would-be volunteers can't stop by the annex on Sept. 11, there are other opportunities to do so.

Drop-ins are always welcome at the Millerton firehouse on Mondays at 6 p.m., at which point those interested in volunteering can speak to a current firefighter about the requirements to join and pick up an application.

According to Watson, training is provided by the fire district; the state and county help the fire district cover all costs. The length and cost of training is dependent on whether the recruit wants to become an exterior firefighter, which requires less training, or an interior firefighter, which requires more training.

To become a firefighter one must be at least 16 years of age.

Like Copake and Millerton, practically all other fire departments in the area are seeking new recruits as well. If you live in the Harlem Valley, are physically capable, have the time and energy to commit to training for and volunteering with your local fire department — and you're interested in helping your community in a very real way — consider contacting your local firehouse. It's one of the most heroic things you could ever do.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Lazy daisy



## County is wrong to dissolve commission

After decades of decennial map-making during which the party in power used the new Census to draw district lines that favored its own candidates, Dutchess County voters in 2020 voted decisively to create a non-partisan Independent Redistricting Commission.

This Commission was formed early this year and since February has been diligently working on its assigned task of creating fair and balanced legislative districts. But late last month the party in power moved to "dissolve" it and to form a new Commission, later this year, on which none of the current members (or the current list of 163 volunteers) would be allowed to serve.

This clear abrogation of democratic principles cannot be allowed to stand. The current Independent Commission should be allowed to continue its vital work without interruption or interference from the party in power.

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## San Joaquin farmer: 'This year was bad — next year may be worse'

As any New Englander will tell you — especially farmers — mitigation of risks, avoiding obvious pitfalls of pretending it'll all be alright on the day, and especially assuming anything when it comes to outside influences (you know the saying... assume makes an "ass out of U and me") — these are the only ways to keep your business thriving and your house from being taken away. Guessing is a dumb way to plan for your future.

When we lived in Amenia just down the road from Millerton and Lakeville and nearest to Kent, we had a small farm. During nearly 20 years there we had one tornado (the first ever in our valley in 175 years), two FEMA-declared disasters (flooding in February that filled the Ten Mile River valley bank-to-bank), five days of -16 degree weather (that killed 50-year-old fruit trees), a summer drought with 10 days over 105 degrees, too many lightning strikes to keep count of and, worst of all, usually absolutely no idea of what the next winter/spring/summer or fall would bring. Now, many people would say this is just nature cycling, absolutely normal.

It may once have been, spaced out over 150 years, but all that happened in a 20-year period. It is the frequency and impact of huge swings of change that nature and our environment cannot take.

This year, if you listen carefully, you will hear farmers who produce 65% of all the food you eat talking about the winter — farmers from east and west of the Rockies, farmers from east and west of the Sierra Nevadas, all of whom depend on well and running water to grow crops.

I live now at the base of the Mogollon range (bottom of the Rockies) and for the last five years there has been a short-fall of snowpack — how short? Zero, nada, nothing. Normally, in Hummingbird Pass in the Mogollons up until the 90s, there was 16 feet of snowpack by end of winter. Between 2000 to 2009 there was a shortage to 6

### A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

to 8 feet. In the last few years the snowpack after winter was zero. Farmers in the San Joaquin Valley in central California have become terrified at this problem, snowpack of the Sierra Madres there was zero as well. All of them are drilling deeper and deeper wells, tapping into the last water reservoirs underground — some wells already go below 1,500 feet.

Why should San Joaquin worry you? Thirty percent of all the fruit, onions, lettuce and other vegetables that are served in America come from there. Half of the trains trundling across the country carry that produce.

Here's something to remember as well: 40% of all employed workers in America are working in or linked to the food and beverage industry. If the crops fail, the workers will be laid off — pickers, stackers, truckers, train drivers, supermarket employees.

If climate change hammers us again this winter the economy — remember 40% of all workers — will falter again. And, as that farmer in the title said, "Next year may be worse."

Isn't it time to stop guessing or assuming it is all nature's normal course and try to mediate and remedy the problems? We build oil pipelines at the drop of a hat to feed cars. Couldn't we build water pipelines to actually feed our children — taking flood waters and distributing this asset? Couldn't we actually switch to sustainable energy to stop the breaking of the Earth's climate systems and calm things down? If not now, when? Soon, the snow won't fall in the mountains and food will triple in price and become scarce. Will people pay attention only then, or is it all too late already?

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Candidate thanks Democrats for Town Board nomination

I would like to thank the Town of North East's Democratic Committee for nominating me to run in November's election for a seat on the Town Board of North East. As a lifelong resident of the area and a young resident of the Village of Millerton, I am grateful for the opportunity to present myself as a candidate

for those who call the Town of North East home. I am filled with desire to become involved where I live, and hope to make as good a neighbor as a potential member of the North East Town Board.

Griffin Cooper  
Millerton

### We must solve the climate emergency

During this August recess, as our senators and congress-people come home from D.C., we should all ask that they look around and see the ways climate change is impacting our community and country. I care about our changing climate because I see the impacts severe storms, worsening allergies and increased food prices are having on my family and community. We stand together on this. Seventy-eight percent of Americans now say they personally are concerned about climate change. Ninety-six percent of us believe we have a right to live in a healthy environment with clean air and water (ecoAmerica, 2021).

We need to solve the climate emergency, not just put another

bandage on it. We can accelerate and increase our actions to eliminate carbon pollution, restore thriving nature and prioritize solutions that include and are fair to all of our neighbors. Each of us needs to take steps to eliminate all fossil fuel pollution in our homes, workplaces, communities and in the nation through systemic change.

I personally have committed to cutting my climate pollution in half by signing onto MomentUs ([www.ecoamerica.org/momentus/](http://www.ecoamerica.org/momentus/)). Please join me yourself, and urge our policy makers to do the same.

Robbianne Mackin  
Chief Development Officer,  
ecoAmerica  
Millerton

### Sherman thanks voters for support in re-vote

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many voters who came out to vote in both the Millerton Village general election on June 15th and the special election on July 6th.

Additionally, I would like to give my special thanks to the majority of voters who entrusted me with their votes

to win the election for village trustee.

I will endeavor to serve the people of the Village of Millerton, fairly and equitably, and do what is best for the whole community.

Thank you.  
David Sherman  
Village trustee  
Millerton

### Grocery store is imperative

Many things change and so does Millerton.

One thing does not change: We all have to eat.

Millerton needs a grocery store.

Rowena Fenstermacher  
Millerton

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