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## U.S. Rep. Delgado calls for Trump's impeachment

# Locals react to Capitol attack

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**HARLEM VALLEY** — U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) is among the lawmakers in Washington, D.C., calling for President Trump's impeachment following the Jan. 6 siege on the Capitol. A mob of pro-Trump supporters left a Stop-the-Steal rally protesting Congress' certification of the Electoral College vote count taking place that day and further promoting the disproven theory of election fraud — encouraged by the president's own words: "We fight like hell, and if you don't fight like hell you're not going to have a country anymore," the president

told the crowd of thousands at his Save America Rally. "We are going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue... and we are going to the Capitol..."

Those protesters did go to the Capitol, as shown in news footage from all networks, and smashed windows, broke into private offices and left a trail of destruction along their way, vandalizing Statuary Hall and other hallowed parts of the Capitol Building.

Delgado blames Trump for last week's violence and said he needs to be ousted from office immediately, despite how little time is left in his term.

"The President's actions and words during a moment of great peril for our democracy make it plain that he

is unfit for the Office of the President," stated Delgado in a Jan. 7 press release. "I took an oath to protect our democracy against all enemies, foreign and domestic. And with a heavy heart, I've come to the conclusion that in order to protect our democracy, President Trump must be removed from office by his own cabinet or this Congress."

### Local reaction

Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said had the mob not been white, the outcome would have been vastly different.

"I am appalled by the obvious fact that had the insurgents been people

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# Schools receive OK to reopen with 9% COVID positivity rate

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**NEW YORK STATE** — With the second half of the 2020-21 school year underway, schools across New York State remain in limbo as the COVID-19 pandemic rages on. Following Governor Andrew Cuomo's announcement last week that schools can be open in counties where the COVID infection rate is more than 9%, local districts are preparing their students and staff the best they can, but it's tough, agree administrators.

Cuomo's announcement on Mon-

day, Jan. 4, reverses his previous stance from July of 2020 that stated schools would close if the regional infection rate went above 9% using a seven-day average.

"We know the positivity rate in the schools, we know the positivity rate in the community," Cuomo stated recently. "If the schools are safer, then my opinion — just an opinion, not a fact — my opinion is leave the schools open, but that will be up to the school districts across the state."

Hoping to get students to return to campus safely, school administrators are struggling to provide in-person

education while not compromising the health of students and staff.

### Teachers unions weigh in

On the same day that Cuomo ruled a 9% positivity rate is OK, New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) President Andrew Pallotta released a statement that school districts should consult with parents and educators about in-person and remote learning decisions.

"The entire school community must have the confidence in a district's plan to stay open, reopen or

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# Pulver re-elected chair of County Legislature

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**PINE PLAINS** — Sometimes it's easy to understand why certain politicians keep getting re-elected, not only by their constituents but by their colleagues. Such is the case with Pine Plains native and working farmer, Dutchess County Legislator A. Gregg Pulver (R-19), who was just re-elected to chair the Legislature for a fourth one-year term. Pulver's easy going nature, his willingness to work across the aisle and his determination to get a job done once started have earned him many accolades during his many decades in public service.

"I like making a difference. I certainly love being a legislator, but as chair I have a lot more input in the process," he said last week after being re-elected at the 2021 reorganizational meeting in Poughkeepsie on Jan. 4. "[Dutchess

County Executive] Marc [Molinaro] and I get along well, so it adds to that conversation, and I think it's important that as Gary Cooper was a past chairman before me and Harry Schroeder before him, I think it's nice somebody from the northern part of the county, which is often forgotten in Poughkeepsie, is able to represent the county. I think it's important. I like that we have a say here in the county."

Cooper, also from Pine Plains, served as chair for a year around 2010 and the late Schroeder, from Millerton, served as chair for four years in the 1990s, according to Pulver.

Northeastern Dutchess, especially his hometown of Pine Plains, appreciates the representation, said its town supervisor, Darrah Cloud. Although a Democrat, Cloud is a big

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**Leg. A. Gregg Pulver (R-19)**



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The NorthEast-Millerton Library hosted a competition for the Best Masks this past summer to encourage mask-wearing. In the children's division, 2-year-old Darla Gangloff won in the online voting division.

## Remembering the challenges of 2020

# The year in review

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### Part II

**HARLEM VALLEY** — Last week The Millerton News reviewed the top stories of the first half of 2020, a year with challenges including a global health pandemic and a collapsing economy. In this week's edition, the year in review will take a brief look the headlines between July and August.

### July

As New York State and Dutchess County to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, summertime activities in the Harlem Valley continued — including summer camp, summer school, fundraisers and other area celebrations — altered to fit the new normal (or canceled) or a virtual platform.

Responding to the urgent call for police reform, local police agencies — including those in Millerton, Pine Plains and Millbrook — began to review their policing strategies, policies and procedures to develop plans to address community needs, promote community engagement and address "any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color," as mandated by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police also re-examined procedures through this and other months.

The town of North East created a Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) and appointed the nine-member board.

While the Stissing Mountain Class of 2020 celebrated its graduation at a ceremony held on Sunday, July 12, New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) officially announced her breast cancer diagnosis to the public in an effort to

raise awareness of the importance of maintaining routine health screenings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday, July 29, the town of Pine Plains officially closed on the sale of a property at 12 North Main St., bringing it a step closer to plans to revitalize its main hamlet area.

Having served the village of Millbrook since the start of 2017, Mayor Rodney Brown submitted his letter of resignation on Friday, July 31. Brown announced his intent on June 9; he gave no reason for his decision to leave office just months before his term was scheduled to end. Village Trustee Mike Herzog served as interim mayor until year's end and was just re-elected to serve as village trustee again in 2021.

### August

With the start of a new school year, Harlem Valley school districts began submitting their individual re-entry plans to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) between the end of July and the start of August. The Webutuck, Pine Plains and Millbrook school boards held multiple virtual meetings to discuss the logistics and complications that could potentially arise once students and staff returned to campus.

New York residents Creek Iversen, Ben Schwartz, Monica Hunken and George Elliot each received one year probation on Monday, Aug. 3, for climbing the smokestack to protest the Cricket Valley Energy Center power plant in Dover on Nov. 16, 2019.

Hundreds of thousands of people lost power in the wake of Tropical Storm Isais on Tuesday, Aug. 4,

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# MILLERTON



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This watercolor painting by local artist Hope Mongeau is of a young boy sledding — the perfect outdoor scene to hang on one's wall this winter.

## Artist's hope shines bright with every stroke

MILLERTON — Watercolor paintings from local artist Hope Mongeau, whose work graces homes throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and even the United Kingdom, are finally on display at the North-East-Millerton Library on Main Street after a months-long delay caused by COVID-19.

The artist, a member of the Canaan Art Group in Connecticut and Fourteenth Colony Art Group in Millerton, began painting after retiring as a fifth-grade teacher in North Canaan, Conn.

Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said she is pleased

to present the 15 paintings of "scenes from life" including many charming scenes with subjects ranging from food to animals to farm scapes, many of which are available for purchase.

"This is uplifting," said Leo-Jameson. "Regardless of the terrible things that are happening, it is good to go into the world and see something beautiful."

The exhibit is available for viewing through the end of January in the library's main building at 75 Main St. Visitors are limited to eight at a time with face masks and social distancing required due to the pandemic.

— Carol Kneeland

## North East Town Board organizes for '21

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NORTH EAST — Within half an hour, the North East Town Board found itself in good shape for 2021 after making the necessary appointments and designations at its annual organizational meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 4.

The board met in person in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex and invited members of the public to tune in via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following welcoming remarks by town Supervisor Chris Kennan, the board dove into the meeting.

To start, Kennan appointed Councilman Ralph Fedele as deputy supervisor. The board designated the North East Town Hall as its regular meeting place at 7 p.m. on every second Thursday of the month. However, Kennan noted on a later date that the next few Town Board meetings will be conducted over Zoom until further notice. Salisbury Bank & Trust in Millerton was designated as the town's official depository while The Millerton News was designated as its official newspaper.

Warren Replansky was appointed attorney for the town while Ray Jurkowski, P.E., from CPL was appointed for the town's engineering services.

The firm Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill was appointed for the town's accounting services.

Kennan appointed Lorna Sherman as bookkeeper and budget officer. Donna Morrison was appointed assessor's aide, followed by John Lloyd's appointment as real property data lister. For the North East Planning Board, Debra Phillips was appointed secretary for meetings while Sherman was appointed secretary for its office. Leslie Farhangi was appointed to the Planning Board for a term ending Dec. 31, 2027, while Dale Culver was appointed board chairman. Patricia Millius was appointed secretary to the Building Department while Judith Carlson was appointed secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); Carlson was also appointed scan clerk later in the meeting. Also for the ZBA, Patti Lynch-Vandebogart was appointed for a term ending Dec. 31, 2025, while Julie Schroeder was appointed ZBA chairman and Edie Greenwood was appointed ZBA vice chairman.

Virginia Wheatley was appointed clerk to the town justices. Kenneth McLaughlin was appointed building inspector/code enforcement officer (CEO) for administrative and zoning matters while Michael Segelken was appointed deputy building inspector/CEO for building and

fire inspections and field work.

Marcella Wheatley was appointed deputy town clerk. Town Clerk Gail Wheeler was appointed registrar of vital statistics and designated as the records management officer; she later appointed Wheatley as deputy registrar.

Michelle Haab was appointed to a term on the Ethics Committee, ending Dec. 31, 2025. Shawn Morrison was appointed highway HMEO foreman while Joshua Schultz was appointed highway HMEO assistant foreman. Richard Prentice was appointed the dog control officer while Ed Downey was appointed the town historian.

Regarding the Town Board Committee appointments for 2021, Councilmen Fedele and John Midwood were appointed to both the Emergency Services Committee and the Cemetery Committee. Fedele and Councilwoman Lana Morrison were appointed to the Police Services Committee and the Personnel Services Committee, while Kennan and Councilman George Kaye were appointed to the Highway Committee; the Buildings, Grounds & Facilities Committee and the Zoning Review Committee. Morrison and Midwood were appointed to the Recreation Committee, while Morrison and Kennan were appointed to the Budget

Committee. Lastly, McLaughlin, Fedele, Kennan and Highway Supervisor Bob Stevens were appointed to the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

Following a resolution to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officers and establish the wage rates for all other personnel, the board authorized Wheeler to open competitive bids on public works or purchase contracts as required to be advertised. The mileage rate for the CEOs, dog control officer, assessor and real property data lister for town business within the town and for all officers or employees for town business outside the town was established at 56 cents per mile.

Kennan appointed Fedele, Midwood and Morrison as emergency interim successors. Kennan himself was later designated by the board as the delegate to the annual meeting of the New York State Association of Towns. The board also authorized appointed and elected town officials to attend the New York State Association of Towns' Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually this year from Sunday, Feb. 14, to Wednesday, Feb. 17.

After adopting "The North East Town Board Meetings: Rules of Procedure" for 2021, the board wrapped up its organizational meeting.

## OBITUARIES

### David Scott Helming

SHARON — On Jan. 10, 2021, David Scott Helming, 71, passed away from complications due to COVID.

David was born in Waterbury, Conn., on March 6, 1949, the eldest of six children of Agnes (Anthony) and Fred W. Helming.

A 1967 graduate of Kennedy High in Waterbury, he captained the men's swim team, and swam for the Waterbury YMCA, garnering many records that still stand today. He attended Rutgers University, graduating in 1971, where he was a member and officer in the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, a varsity member of the Rutgers University Men's Swimming Team, and a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

After graduation David pursued a career in insurance, settling in Sharon for a short time, then many happy years in his beloved Maine. He contributed extensively to the United Way in Portland, Maine, where he worked for the UNUM Insurance Company.

David loved the ocean and boating and had a beach cottage on Southport Island for many years. He was a member of the Southport Yacht Club, and served as Commodore from 1990 – 1992.

In 1995 he returned to Sharon, where he worked for the Prindle and Ericson insurance companies, and lived until his retirement in 2019.

He chaired the Republican Town Committee, and was a former president of the Sharon Lions Club. He moved to Sun City, S.C., with his wife, Lill,

where he pursued a variety of interests and passions.

David was predeceased by his father; and a brother, John.

He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Lill; his mother; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Peg Helming of Southport, Maine, James and Kathy Helming of Portland, Maine, and Tom and Mary Helming of Somerville, Mass.; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Chester of Charleton, Mass.; his son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Amanda Helming of Hingham, Mass.; his daughter, Sarah Helming of Portland, Maine; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and his beloved grandchildren, Caroline, Teddy and Grayson.

Dave will never be forgotten; he was a sincere, sensitive, kind man who made the world a better place by shining and sharing his light with everyone he knew. He was beloved by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held when all can gather. His ashes will be buried and scattered in his cherished Southport waters, in a small family ceremony.



### Frank C. Bartle

SHEFFIELD — Frank C. Bartle, 70, of Sheffield died peacefully in his home on Dec. 18, 2020, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born July 14, 1950, in Sharon to Janet and John Bartle.

He received his education from the Oliver Wolcott school in Torrington. Frank was a jack of all trades, spent most of his working life as a freelance carpenter.

Frank's greatest love, aside from his partner, Harmony, was the great outdoors. Whether he spent the day at the perfect tag sale, searching the woods for a set of antlers or riding his motorcycle, he never missed an opportunity to seize the day.

He is survived by his life partner, Harmony Twing, and her children, Melanie Wickwire

and her boyfriend, Scott, Chris Wickwire and his girlfriend, Billie-Jo, Shawna Martel and her husband, Jeremy, and Stacy Twing and her fiancé, Matt. He is survived by an abundance of grandchildren, Chloe, Kaylee, Christopher, Ciarra, Amaya, Karter, Gerard, Jordyn and Nathyn; his siblings, Janice Allyn, June Dziennis, Jennifer Richards, Tom and Sally Bartle, Jill

Hill, William Bartle, Jean and Bob Mangione and Jerry Bartle; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother, Janet Dietter Bartle; his father, John Bartle Sr.; and his siblings, Joel Bartle, Judi Roy and John Bartle Jr.

There are no services to be held at this time.

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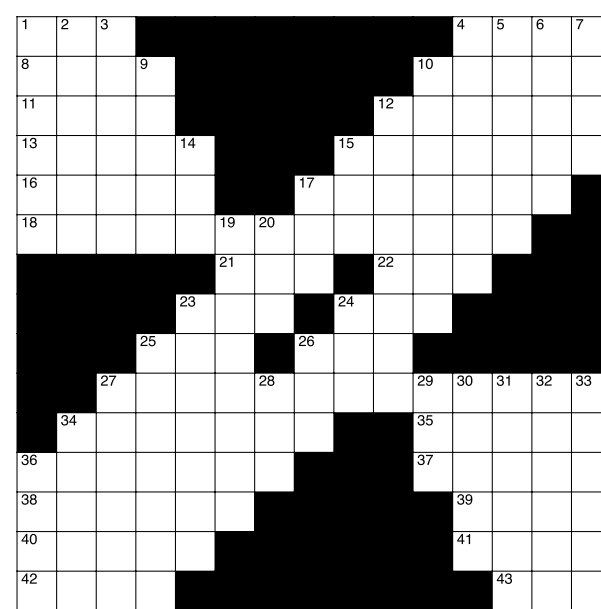
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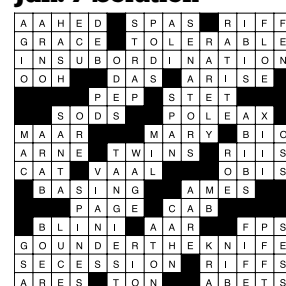
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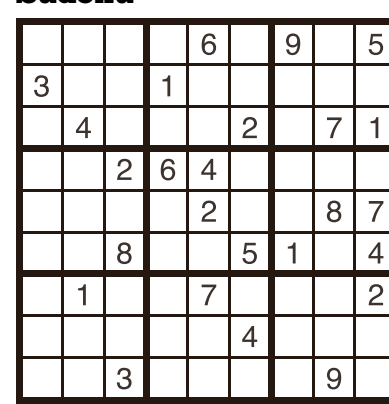
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- Kindest
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- A way to liquefy

Look for the solution in next week's issue.

### Jan. 7 Solution



### Sudoku



### Jan. 7 Solution



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## Amenia Town Board preps for '21

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AMENIA — Taking each resolution and appointment, the Town Board set its sights on a brighter future at the annual reorganizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 7.

The entire board met via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic; it was live streamed to the "AmeniaTV" YouTube channel.

The board established its business workshop meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month and the regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month; both meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall. After establishing the salaries for both elected and appointed town officials, the board appointed Ian Lindars as attorney to the town at \$200 an hour and Shane Egan as attorney for tax certioraris matters at \$245 an hour.

Moving on to town appointments and salaries, the board appointed Marge Arnold as bookkeeper at 22 hours a week for \$27.05 per hour, while Lorna Sherman was appointed alternate per diem bookkeeper at \$25 per hour. Katrina Gore-Alexander was appointed treasurer of the Water District at a salary of \$4,086 as well as senior typist for the evening hours at 16 hours a week for \$19.04 per hour. Nancy Nowak was appointed clerk of the Water District at a salaried \$4,086 and as a typist at \$16.08 per hour.

At \$175 an hour, Hilarie Thomas was appointed town court special prosecutor while Kimberley Rea, Esq., was appointed attorney for Old Amenia Landfill at \$200 an hour.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti was appointed budget officer with a salary of \$7,283, while Annette Culligan was appointed secretary to the supervisor at \$16.79 an hour. The board appointed Michael Segelken as building inspector at 32 hours a week for \$28.48 per hour.

Judy Westfall was appointed clerk for the morning hours for 16 hours a week at \$16.62 an hour, and later secretary for the Planning Board for 24 hours a week at \$16.62 per hour. Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner was appointed registrar of vital statistics at \$10 per transaction and tax collector with a salary of \$6,881.

For the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Susan Metcalfe was appointed secretary for 15 hours a week at \$18.44 per hour and Terry Metcalfe was appointed ZBA chairman with a \$2,000 stipend. For the Planning Board, Robert Boyles Jr. was appointed chairman with a \$2,745 stipend. Dave Everett, Esq., was appointed attorney to both the ZBA and the Planning Board at a rate of \$225 per hour.

Ericka Howard was appointed deputy town clerk at a rate of \$16.46 per hour while Patricia Sawicki was appointed second deputy town clerk at \$15.45 per hour. Donna Morrison was appointed to the assessor's clerk position with a \$17,836 salary, while John Lloyd and Donna Dipippo were appointed real property data listers, each at a

rate of \$18.56 per hour. Christopher Klingner was appointed constable at \$18.45 an hour; the board also appointed Jason Dean, Dewayne Jackson, Francis Lansing and Abdur Muhammad as constables with varying salaries.

Maureen Moore was appointed court clerk for the Honorable Norman Moore with a \$17,857 salary, while Dawn Marie Klingner was appointed court clerk for the Honorable James Devine with a \$17,163 salary.

Paul Voorhees was appointed working supervisor for the Highway Department at a rate of \$25.86 per hour, while Darren Peterson, Preston Vincent, John Williams and Jay Spock were all appointed highway equipment operators with varying salaries.

Judith Carlson was appointed account clerk typist for 15 hours a week at \$17.30 per hour. At a rate of \$16.46 an hour, James Morse was appointed custodian, while Shawn Howard was appointed groundskeeper at a rate of \$19.79 per hour and Charles Mayville was appointed assistant recreation groundskeeper at \$16.79 per hour. Kelly Milano was appointed recreation supervisor at a rate of \$15.45 per hour.

Lastly, the board appointed Michael Hagerty as a grant writer at \$29.13 an hour; Michael Flint as an audio visual technician at a salary of \$6,535; and Maria Genovese as the animal control officer at a salary of \$9,795.

Following the annual appointments, the board executed an agreement to spend highway funds totaling \$200,655.67 in 2021 and then approved the various town appointments without salaries and a resolution to approve \$1 million bonding for town officials. The mileage reimbursement was established at the federal rate of 56 cents a mile. The town's contract with SEBI Environmental Services Inc. for water treatment to the water district was renewed for \$34,000.

Bank of Millbrook and Salisbury Bank & Trust were designated as the town's official depositories, and The Millerton News was designated as the town's official newspaper.

Perotti read aloud her supervisor's goals, which included planning the construction and financing of a new highway garage and salt shed, researching feasibility study grant options for a wastewater system downtown and completing the town website's upgrade through its shared services plan with Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services.

## Fountain's resident Chester Wojtecki has artwork featured in Expressions calendar

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MILLBROOK — Every year the Watermark Company, which has more than 60 community properties including retirement and senior facilities like The Fountains in Millbrook, creates a calendar featuring artwork by residents from their sites across the country. The best artists are chosen for the calendar.

For the past number of years, The Fountains in Millbrook has been able to boast that some of those best artists have lived among its residences; it can do so again this year as Chester Wojtecki, or Chet, as he prefers to be called, had his art featured in the 2021 calendar. Wojtecki's painting, Quiet Creek, is on page that faces the month of January — starting off this year's calendar with a bang.



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Chester Wojtecki

Born in Poughkeepsie, Wojtecki is a Navy veteran and retired legal analyst who has lived at The Fountains for a little more than a year. He moved there to enjoy his retirement with his wife, Joan; they have been married for 67 years. The amateur artist enjoys painting, golf, music, wood carving and his family, all things that make him a happy man, he said. Possibly his contentment is mirrored in his paintings.

The calendar, entitled, Expressions 2021, was released just



Quiet Creek is a painting done by Chester Wojtecki of Millbrook, now featured in the Expressions 2021 calendar.

in time for the holidays. This is the 23rd edition of the calendar, a 32-page wall calendar from Watermark Retirement Communities. It celebrates active aging and the arts by showcasing the work of 57 artists who reside at Watermark retirement communities from coast to coast.

The winning artwork was announced in November 2020,

but Wojtecki only learned in mid-December that his painting had been chosen.

Complimentary copies of the Expressions 2021 calendar may be picked up at The Fountains at Millbrook or any Watermark community. Go to [www.watermarkcommunities.com](http://www.watermarkcommunities.com) for a complete list of locations or to view the calendar online.

## Millbrook Board holds re-org, seeks trustee

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MILLBROOK — The annual reorganization meeting of the Village Board took place on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom, it was the first meeting led by newly elected Mayor Tim Collopy, with recently re-elected Trustees Vickie Contino and Michael Herzog present. Trustee Kevin McGrane participated through Zoom. Also present were Village Clerk and Treasurer/Tax Collector Sarah Witt.

Collopy, Herzog and Contino were sworn in by Witt; Witt was sworn in by Collopy. Collopy thanked Herzog and said he had done an admirable job; Herzog took over the duties of mayor from July through December of last year after former Mayor Rodney Brown resigned before the end of his term. Herzog said it was a "joint effort" with the rest of the board; he was appointed to serve as deputy mayor for 2021, after that the position will be rotated among the trustees annually according to seniority.

**Board seeks new trustee**  
The board is seeking a replacement for Collopy's trustee position, left vacant when he was elected mayor. The attributes the board would like to see in the next trustee include: someone who understands the

position is not merely ceremonial; someone who has time to dedicate to the position; preferably someone with accounting experience; someone who is responsible; someone who would represent the entire village and not just special interests; someone to act as a liaison for other groups; someone with a wide range of interests; someone who is a village resident. The trustee appointment is for one year; the candidate will have the option to run for the office in November if they wish to remain a trustee in 2022. If interested, send a letter of interest to Village Hall.

**Reorg details**  
Andy Doro will remain chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals; Matt Forte will be chair of the Planning Board; and Kay Vanderlyn will remain a Planning Board member.

The shared service agreement with the Town of Washington was approved.

The official daily newspaper for the village will be The Poughkeepsie Journal and The Millerton News will remain its official weekly newspaper. The village's official depository is the Bank of Millbrook.

Designated meetings for 2021 will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. If a second meeting is needed it will take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings will start at 6 p.m. At this

time the Village Hall is closed to the public due to COVID-19, but if a member of the public wishes they can notify the village clerk by noon on the preceding Monday and she will e-mail them the necessary information to access a meeting on Zoom. Special meetings may be held, and meetings may be canceled, for which notices will be posted at Village Hall, the post office, the firehouse and at Town Hall. Meetings are also available for viewing via the village website, Channel 22 and after noon on the day following the meeting.

Sexual harassment training must be completed yearly by all staff and board members. The Employee Handbook will reflect that there are 13 paid holidays; Juneteenth is being added; an employee may choose to give up their voting day in order to take the day of Christmas Eve off; no swapping is allowed for other days.

The deputy mayor will up-

date contact and equipment lists annually in the Emergency Plan. All invoices are to be submitted and paid by July 2021 for the fiscal year 2020-21 in order to close the year with sufficient time. The handbook and the website depictions are being coordinated to reduce redundancies; a hard copy will be given to the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, Fire and Rescue, Trustees, Heads of Departments with three fill-in sheets to be signed and added to personnel files.

**Jan. 13 meeting a biggie**  
Collopy urged attendance at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13, to be held via Zoom; Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) is scheduled to discuss the status of COVID-19 vaccinations in Dutchess County. There is also supposed to be an update given on the status of the village's water project and sewer project. Grant applications for those projects are due by Feb. 13.

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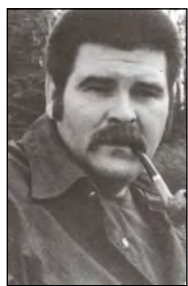
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## Edward R. Davis

LAKEVILLE — Edward R. Davis of Hampton, N.H., died on Dec. 27, 2020, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, N.H., following complications from a major stroke. Ted 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 Wononscopomuc 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, Senior 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 mats 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, 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.

Come spring (and with hopefully with less COVID impact), a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Hampton; and a Celebration of Life will be held in Lakeville. Dates are TBA. The family requests remembrances (photos, written memories or tributes) of Ted to be sent to Aimee at connectandbalance@gmail.com, so they may be shared at the spring celebrations.

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.

## Domenico Macchi

NORTH CANAAN — Domenico Macchi, 84, passed away on Jan. 6, 2021, surrounded by family and friends.

Domenic was born on April 23, 1936, in Sheffield, Mass., the son of the late Mary and Rinaldo Macchi.

Domenic grew up in Sheffield and moved to North Canaan, where he and his beloved wife, Rosemary, raised their family.

Domenic owned a local produce store and he was very active in St. Joseph's Parish. Domenic was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus.

During his retired years, he was very active in the commu-

nity and was always volunteering and selling raffle tickets for many town organizations and charities.

Domenic was predeceased by his brother, Richard Macchi; and sister, Angeline Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rosemary; his three sons, Scott, Russell and Kevin; his grandchildren, Matthew, Samantha, Shelby and Tesla Macchi and William Poley; his sister, Sophie Miller; numerous nieces and nephews; and a community of friends and fellow Knights of Columbus brothers.

Services will be held later this year.

## OBITUARIES

### Gary Robert Boyles

DOVER PLAINS — Gary Robert Boyles, 64, a 20-year resident of Dover Plains and formerly of Wassaic and Amenia, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Gary retired from the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, Highway Division on Nov. 10, 2012, where he had worked as an equipment operator and truck driver for over three decades.

Born Dec. 22, 1956, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Robert "Big Bob" and Beverly J. (Killmer) Boyles of Wassaic.

He attended Immaculate Conception School and Webutuck High School in Amenia.

On May 18, 2002, in Lithgow, he married Donna Marie Matero. Mrs. Boyles survives in Dover Plains.

Gary was a former member and past lieutenant of the Wassaic Fire Company and was an avid Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings fan.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends and they will also miss his daily weather reports and talking sports.

In addition to his wife, Gary is survived by his grand-

daughter, Destiny Kitzweger; four stepchildren, Jennifer Dugas and her husband, Tom, of Salt Point, N.Y., Trisha Davis of Monticello, N.Y., Kim Lawrence and her wife, Kelly, of Saugerties, N.Y., and Stephen Lawrence of Vermont; his sister, Judith Curtis and her husband, Sherrill, of Amenia; his brother, Robert Boyles Jr. and his companion, Carolyn Bosley, of Wassaic; a niece, Jessica Ackerman of Wassaic; and a nephew, Russell Boyles, of Wassaic.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Margaret E. "Peggy" Ackerman of Wassaic; and a nephew, Chadd M. Ackerman of Wassaic.

Graveside services and burial were held Jan. 12, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia, the Rev. Robert K. Wilson officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wassaic Fire Company, P.O. Box 287, Wassaic, NY 12592.

To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

### John W. McMullan

SALISBURY — John W. McMullan, 80, of Salisbury and Selbyville, Del., passed away in the loving care of his wife, Barbara, and Seasons Hospice at his Selbyville home on Jan. 3, 2021.

He fought a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer with integrity and grit.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1940, to the late Frank A. and Elizabeth McMullan in New Haven, Conn.

John was a very unique and versatile man with many diverse accomplishments. He was a retired Spanish instructor at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville and Millbrook School in Millbrook, and a textbook author. John coached wrestling and field hockey at Hotchkiss. He served on the Board of Recording for the Blind and he worked in a leadership position for Educational Testing Service for the grading of the Spanish Advanced Placement Examinations.

He loved '60s tunes and doo-wop music. He also enjoyed fishing and travel.

He was greatly influenced by his father, who taught directing, at the Yale School of Drama and developed his longtime passion for the Spanish language and culture when living with his family in Santiago, Chile, where his father directed and taught theater.

John was a demanding teacher and was considered a master teacher by his colleagues and students.

Most recently in Delaware,

John was involved with a men's singing group and a weekly writing group. His Delaware friends shared: "Our community is bereft of a man with dignity, humor and intelligence in a time when we need more like him rather than less."

John is survived by his wife and companion of 31 years, Barbara S. Gatski; and his children, Elizabeth S. McMullan, Daniel F. McMullan, Jenna L. Gatski Einstein and her husband, Matthew T. Einstein, and Megan L. Gatski and her husband, Nathan S. Ivey; his grandchildren, Arthur John (AJ) Conrad, Andrew Y. Ivey and Stella C. Ivey. Other family members are his brother, David F. McMullan and wife Eileen Wheeler, of Cambridge, N.Y.; his nephews, Sean F. McMullan and wife Alice, Kirk W. McMullan, Matthew Interis and his wife Alba Collart; and four great-nieces, Sarah E. McMullan, Kaelyn H. McMullan, Emily S. McMullan and Lillian P. McMullan.

John is also survived by his beloved, beautiful canine companion, Millie, who was at his side when he passed away, and is an important part of the family. Due to the coronavirus restrictions, a memorial service will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Scholarship Assistance at Hamilton College, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 12223, which can also be found on-line at [www.hamilton.edu/give](http://www.hamilton.edu/give).

### Christine (Cahill) Cashman

MILLERTON — Christine (Cahill) Cashman, 50, died suddenly at her home in Rhinebeck on Jan. 5, 2021.



Formerly of Millerton and Mills River, N.C., Christine was the daughter of Peter Cahill of Little River, S.C., and Helen Andrews Valentine of Millerton.

She was a graduate of Webutuck Central School and Johnson & Wales University. She had worked at Community at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck.

Throughout her life she found happiness in traveling, the beach, music, dancing, her beloved dog Layla, her special gift of caring for others and the love of her family.

In addition to her parents, Christine is survived by two daughters, Katherine "Kate" Cashman of Asheville, N.C., and Emila "Emi" Cashman of Mills River; a sister, Amanda Katherine Schillig and her hus-

band, Matt; a niece, Izabel, and a nephew, Elijah, of Blacklick, Ohio; and two half-brothers, Todd and Adam Cahill.

A visiting hour will take place on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomeko, 222 Silver Mountain Road in Millerton. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will take place privately at the Andrews family plot in Irondale Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538; or to the American Heart Association, 301 Manchester Road, Suite #105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

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### In Loving Memory of Jeffery Jay Petkovich

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### In Loving Memory of Peter C. Roosa

October 12, 1950 to January 11, 2019

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 But from our hearts you're never gone.  
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 The Petkovich and Roosa Family



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## Winchester Wonders: Who Really Owns the Land?

Simon Winchester was an adventure traveler, a young Brit in the 1960s who started small by hitchhiking around North America and then dove deeper by joining a six-man sledding expedition in an uncharted section of the East Greenland ice cap.

He worked for a Canadian mining company in Africa, was a field geologist in Uganda and then worked on an oil rig in the North Sea before settling down to a career in journalism — which didn't mean that he gave up on adventure travel, it simply meant that he began to write about it as well as experience it.

Perhaps his most dangerous reporting assignment was one that was closest to home: He was named Britain's Journalist of the Year in 1971 for his coverage of the Irish Troubles (and that was even before he covered the events of Bloody Sunday in 1972).

Since then he's been posted to Washington, D.C., India, the Falkland Islands and Argentina (where he and two other reporters were put in prison) and Hong Kong.

He eventually landed in New York City, where he wrote a nonfiction account of an American (who was in prison at the time) who was instrumental in helping to create the first Oxford



PHOTO BY ANDREW BLECHMAN, THE BERKSHIRE EDGE  
**Simon Winchester talks about his new book, "Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World," in a virtual conversation with Becky Thornton, on Jan. 20, hosted by Oblong.**

English Dictionary in the late 1800s. That book, "The Professor and the Madman," became a huge hit and was eventually made into a feature film starring Mel Gibson and Sean Penn. The success of that book allowed him to focus solely on books, of which he has now written a dozen nonfiction titles as well as two books for young adults.

In the meantime, he also became an American citizen, and bought

a house here, in the Berkshires, with his wife, Setsuko Sato, a former producer for NPR.

**More than a dozen books**

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### MARMALADE CORRECTION

The Jan. 7 print edition of Compass in The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News had a recipe error. It said the marmalade should be kept at a rolling boil with "very big bubbles but foaming." Instead, it should have said, "but not foaming."

of living in The Country, a life that largely revolves around "letterpress printing, bee-keeping, astronomy, stamp-collecting, model railways and cider-making," according to the bio on his website ([www.simonwinchester.com/bio](http://www.simonwinchester.com/bio)).

And, of course, to researching, writing and thinking deeply about topics that interest him. The latest topic, and the subject of his new book, is property rights, which he explores in "Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World" (it will be released on Jan. 19).

Most histories of England talk about the very early days of the island nation, when land was open and shared, for farming and grazing and living. At some point, a major change in British life and culture happened when plots of land were fenced off and became the property of individual owners.

In this new book, Winchester explores whether individual ownership of property is actually a good thing or whether land, like air and oceans, should be available for everyone on the planet to use and share.

**Talk with DLC on Jan. 20**

Oblong Books and Music in Millerton is hosting an online conversation with Winchester on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. via Crowdcast. He will be interviewed by Becky Thornton and Julie Hart, from the Dutchess Land Conservancy in New York state.

Thornton is the president of the conservancy, Hart is senior manager of stewardship and education.

To take part in the presentation, purchase a copy of the book from the Oblong website. If you purchase your book in-store, send an email to [events@oblongbooks.com](mailto:events@oblongbooks.com) with a photo of the receipt. An event access code will be emailed 48 hours prior to the event.

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### WRY COMMENTS, WITH A NEEDLE AND THREAD

Natalie Baxter uses needle, thread and wit to make statements about the world around her in fabric.

She will give an online talk about her work, hosted by the Wassaic Project, in Wassaic, N.Y., on Friday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m., with time for questions from participants.

Other upcoming talks in the Featured Artist series from Wassaic Project include Ashley Epps on Jan. 27, Liz Nielsen on Feb. 12, Mark Fleuridor on Feb. 26 and Jamea Richmond-Edwards on March 12.

For more information and Zoom links go to [www.wassaicproject.org](http://www.wassaicproject.org).

## Martha Mitchell, From Comedy to Tragedy

On the evening before the presidential inauguration, the Shakespeare & Company theater group in Lenox, Mass., will once again air a taped performance of the play "Martha Mitchell Calling," by Berkshires resident Jodi Rothe and starring Annette Miller as the wife of the attorney general and Kale Brown as John Mitchell.

"Outrageous, flamboyant, courageous and the life of the party, Martha Mitchell ultimately played the pivotal role in the downfall of Nixon's Presidency," according to the announcement of the show, which will be on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.

"A Southern debutante who dreamt of fame, her marriage to John Mitchell was a love story come true

— until she discovered the Watergate conspiracy and had to choose between patriotism and personal happiness."

The play is essentially a one-woman performance, with Martha Mitchell narrating in a vivacious and humorous manner her strong feelings about what was going on at her husband's office.

Ultimately, though, she is essentially imprisoned in her bedroom, and access to her beloved telephone was taken away.

There is no cost to watch this virtual performance but donations are welcome.

Register online to get log in information, at [web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10607356](http://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10607356).

— Cynthia Hochswender

### MAHALIA JACKSON AND HUDSON VALLEY GOSPEL

The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival begins a series of monthly Zoom presentations about the history of gospel music

in the Hudson Valley on Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., with Professor Ciesta Little-Quinn of the Department of Black Studies at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

The Hudson Valley has a rich history of gospel music including Marva Clark, Gretchen Reed and Toni Graham. Many famous gospel performers graced the stages in the area, including Mahalia Jackson, whose performance and legacy will be featured in the March presentation.

To hear the talk, RSVP to [forms.gle/R92E937X-smxwLd1u6](https://forms.gle/R92E937X-smxwLd1u6)

### TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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### SHARON PLAYHOUSE GALA ON ZOOM ON JAN. 23

Sharon Playhouse will host a fundraising gala event on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. with a preshow Zoom party at 7 p.m.

It will feature performances by Playhouse Alumni and Broadway's Finest, including Debbie Gravitte, Wanda Houston, Paul Kreppel, Amanda Lea

LaVergne, Trevor Martin, Rex Smith, Haley Swindal, Nicholas Ward, the Youth Ensemble, plus appearances by Alison Arnggrim, Kevin Bacon, Blair Brown, Jane Kaczmarek, Kyra Sedgwick and more.

Tickets are \$25 per household. Go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Despite concerns about COVID-19, some cultural venues are opening again and some events are being scheduled — but some events are then being canceled as infections rise again. It's a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.



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of color, they'd have been shot right away," she said. "That these people were mainly white is what saved them. But the police suffered regardless of their color, didn't they? One [officer] has died. That is shameful. I can't bear the thought of any one of my own police force being hurt or killed in the line of duty."

Cloud, a Democrat, added that the president is himself to blame for the lives lost and the chaos at the Capitol.

"I am deeply saddened by what happened. Words have power... and the president of the United States used his power to instigate a mob insurgency," she said in disbelief. "The election was counted well and fairly, perhaps the safest/fairer election count in history due to automation and the scrutiny of it... The president has promoted the idea that the election was fraudulent and it is simply not true."

Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti is a loyal member of the Republican Party who said she was dismayed at what she witnessed last week.

"Violence is never the answer. I was shocked and amazed at what happened, at the lack of security," she said. "It's so sad there were fatalities and injuries. I'm still kind of in shock over the whole thing."

When asked if she thought the November elections were fair, Perotti hesitated.

"I really have no idea," she said. "I know there are issues and have been issues with many elections, and I think the elections need to be looked at — at what worked, what didn't and what needs to be better. The unfortunate thing is, there was

an historic vote, and there are a lot of voters out there that feel disenfranchised for one reason or another. I think all the voting mechanisms need to be looked at to make people feel that their vote really counts."

When asked if she thinks the voting process is secure in northeastern Dutchess County, Perotti responded immediately.

"Yes," she said without hesitation.

Her counterpart, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, a Democrat, had this to say:

"Like many of us, I am still trying to get my head around the events in Washington. The mob invasion of the Capitol Building was something I could never have imagined happening," he said, adding he worked on Capitol Hill as an intern when he was 19. "What happened on Wednesday was shameful. It was embarrassing to our country, as was the puzzling lack of preparation for an event that had been widely publicized and encouraged by the president and his allies."

Kennan blames social media for allowing people to "express thoughts and opinions that they might never express in person, face to face, or even in a newspaper. It enables people to propagate lies, conspiracy theories and hate speech, with little to no accountability."

He added he's "grateful to live and work in a community where there is less of this. As a local official, it's my job to speak as truthfully as I know how... and to encourage open discussion and debate... people, for the most part, have been able to disagree without hatred or

name calling."

Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature A. Gregg Pulver (R-19), a Pine Plains native and longtime public servant, has hopes the president-elect will be able to unite the country — even though he himself is a Republican and Biden is a Democrat.

"This is a great country. I love it, and I have great hopes that President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris can quell the flames. That's really what I want them to do," said Pulver. "That was the most disappointing thing from President Trump: the name calling, the bullying, whatever you want to call it. The thing we need, is we need to heal."

"I would fully support invoking the 25th Amendment and having his leadership turned over to Vice President Pence until the coming administration," said Alec Pandaleon, who both lives and works in Millbrook; he owns Putnam Insurance Brokerage. He also happens to be a 35-year reservist of the U.S. Marines and New York State Defense Service and New York Naval Militia Seagoing National Guard Group. Pandaleon was a registered Republican for years, but left the party a few years ago and is now unaffiliated. "This guy, I gave him a lot of latitude, but he has crossed the line so much. And to see those pictures of the Capitol protective service barricaded on the floor with their pistols drawn, for me that harkens back to the Puerto Rican nationalists trying to storm the Blair House trying to kill President Truman back in 1950. There are serious repercussions to such acts.

"Shame on the Capitol Police for not being prepared; they were woefully unprepared," he added. "I find that troubling. Having been in government for 36 years, you plan a contingency, and then have a contingency to your contingency in the military."

"It's been a long time since we have had someone who exercises statesmanship — that's what we need," Pandaleon added. "Even at the local level you see some togetherness. Here's to hoping 2021 is better than 2020."

**Pursuing impeachment**  
On Monday, Jan. 11, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the House of Representatives released a resolution to impeach Trump, charging him with one article of incitement of insurrection. It is the second time Congress has pursued impeaching the president, a first in American history.

Some lawmakers, as covered by national news, are calling for Trump to be removed from office through the 25th Amendment, which in simple terms states that if the president becomes unable to do his job, the vice president shall step in and take over as president. For that to happen, Vice President Mike Pence and "the majority of the cabinet would have to bring the allegation against the president," according to The Poynter Institute.

CNN and other media outlets have reported that pipe bombs were found on Capitol Hill, some protesters were armed with weapons, zip ties, carried the Confederate flag and wore clothing endorsing the Nazis, white supremacy, QAnon and other symbols promoting violence.

**Housing group seeks direction, participation**

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**MILLERTON** — The Tri-Town Coalition's Millerton-North East working group wants to get the message out to the communities it serves: Amenia, Pine Plains and Millerton/North East, and met via Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to figure out how to do so. Member Sam Busselle said engaging with community leaders is key, including the North East Zoning Review Committees, Comprehensive Plan Committee, North East and Millerton Planning Boards and the municipalities themselves as well as relief agencies.

In addition to being facilitators, Busselle said they know the local population. For example, he said he spoke with The Watershed Center's Co-founder Gregg Osofsky and Rock Steady Farm Co-owner Maggie Cheney. Busselle suggested the group develop a short- and long-term action plan from such experts and then meet with a facilitator who can help galvanize food resources and funds.

"I think this is our next step," Busselle said. "We're not getting a very robust group of people at these working groups... and we've got to figure out how to get not only the community engaged, but also the leadership function."

**Engaging the community**  
"At this point, I just feel like we're in a bit of 'chicken and the egg' question of which comes first," Osofsky said. "I do think having ideas for projects is really important, but I also think there's the outreach that needs to happen to get more engage-

ment so that we are actually going down a path that has the community's support on it."

Osofsky said he's interested in figuring out the Millerton-North East working group's role — which seems to be "sort of an organizing nucleus as opposed to a space for community engagement."

Busselle said he and North East Community Center (NECC) Community Program Director Nathan Briggs have spoken about the need for more communication. Briggs said they scheduled an upcoming meeting with a marketing consultant to work with the Tri-Town Coalition and its subcommittees to craft a broad message across each of the three communities its working with, to discuss content and delivery methods.

Busselle said he wants the message of agriculture and the need for the continuation of services and economic development through the rural nature of the local area to spread far and wide.

**Local challenges**

Addressing Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud and Pine Plains Councilwoman Sarah Jones later in the meeting, Busselle asked how they'd like to move forward. Cloud acknowledged she's at a loss about how to engage the community, citing issues with broadband access and difficulties using Zoom for meeting with large groups of people.

Cloud also said, to her, affordable housing, equitable housing and workforce housing tend "to bring up feelings that are actually generated by ages-old racism."

She added some Pine Plains residents like things the way they are. On the other hand, Cloud said, "nobody can find a place to rest." Currently the town has little land, though some people do own property, convincing them to move is hard; she's tried for three years, she said. Until the town has something to show, Cloud said she's confused about how to get community support.

"I think the notion of controlling the message is critically important," Jones said. "It's important in politics and it's important around this issue, and I think help with that and a coordinated effort when you have some kind of project to try to come out and control the message... Pine Plains communication has always been very difficult, so it's not so easy. It's easy to say but it's another issue to actually get the job done."

**SCHOOLS** *Continued from Page A1*

expand its in-person offerings as infection rates rise..." Pallotta said. "Where there isn't confidence, remote education is the only viable option."

With COVID-19 positivity rates spiking after holiday celebrations, NYSUT and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) reported last week six out of 10 regions in the state have surpassed the 9% threshold. Pallotta and AFT President Randi Weingarten made a joint statement.

"There are many ways to

mitigate risk, but weakening school safety standards is not one of them," the pair said. "Let's not make the mistake of undoing the bonds of trust among parents, educators and districts that we've spent months building up."

County superintendents met with the county Department of Health (DOH) on Jan. 6 to discuss the new guidelines.

**Pine Plains schools**

Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler told his Board of Education (BOE)

that if the county infection rate is 9% or higher, schools will have to test a portion of their population to hold in-person learning.

Handler said his district will send out consent forms to parents in order to test students for COVID-19 "just to be prepared." He asked Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm to order 500 COVID-19 tests from the state, which will provide results in 15 minutes.

Once the vaccine makes its way to school personnel, Handler asked the DOH if they will be distributed among just teachers or to all school personnel. Dutchess County Health Commissioner Dr. Anil Vaidian responded "it's [for] anyone who would have potential contact with students."

Handler intends to get a vaccine later this month. So far one of the district's three nurses has been vaccinated and the remaining two nurses have scheduled their vaccination appointments. Soon the general school staff will be eligible.

**Webutuck schools**

Having resumed its hybrid learning model on Monday, Jan. 11, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District is in a two-phased plan with the DOH, according to its superintendent, Raymond Castellani. The first phase involves a vaccination plan for faculty and staff while the second phase involves working on an optional testing program. The district will not participate in the testing program immediately, but will abide the governor's mandates so it can reopen quickly once able to.

Castellani added the district will inform parents once it develops a plan. It's submitted the names of its nurses to the DOH for vaccination appointments. Webutuck also conducted a survey to learn its staff's thoughts on vaccinations.

"I'm definitely concerned [about opening with a 9% positivity rate]," Castellani said, "but as we have found, the schools and the hygiene and the social distance protocols are safer areas for students, but we're hoping it's the spike of the holiday and we're hoping it drops off in the next two weeks."

**Millbrook Schools**

Administrators at the Millbrook Central School District did not return multiple calls for a comment on this article before press time.

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**Abigail Herace, left, and Liz Burroughs attended the Social Justice Block Party at Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre in Amenia on Thursday, July 16.**

throughout the Tri-state region, with fallen trees and wires.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Pine Plains voters cast their ballots in a special election to authorize the Pine Plains Fire Company to issue \$275,000 in bonds to finance the purchase of a new 2021 Class A pumper to replace an old firetruck. Out of 77 votes cast, 68 voted in favor of the purchase; nine votes were against the buy.

Though Election Day was still months away, Gov. Cuomo signed a new law into effect on Thursday, Aug. 20, to make absentee ballots permissible in the 2020 election.

In Millbrook, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies received support in the amount of \$11 million through its Campaign for Cary for a renovation project, with the hopes of raising the remaining \$2 million.

After more than 20 years of planning and saving, the Amenia Free Library held a ground-breaking ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 29, to celebrate

its long-awaited expansion, with an opening date for the new addition scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

**PULVER** *Continued from Page A1*

fan of Republican Pulver. The two often work together.

"I am so proud to be able to work closely with our legislator, who has the confidence of the county executive and the Legislature," she said. "Dutchess County is fortunate for his leadership and he is a perfect example of the kinds of people we grow in Pine Plains."

As legislator for District 19, Pulver represents Pine Plains as well as the towns of Stanford, North East and Milan. He began his life in public service on the Pine Plains Board of Education, which he served on for six years. He then served 12 years as the Pine Plains town supervisor. In 2012, he lost to Democratic opponent Brian Coons.

"I lost the election because of zoning and the Durst Project. I lost — that was all there was to it," said Pulver frankly. "That taught me a lot. That defeat probably did more for me than winning all those years. And I think we had a pretty good run... I'm happy where I'm at. I love being a legislator and I love being the chair."

Some of the accomplishments he's most proud of during his tenure include enacting term limits — there is now a 12-year cap for the county executive, county legislators and county comptroller. The Legislature also put in independent political redistricting; it is only the second county in New York State to do so, which Pulver said means "no more gerrymandering."

Molinaro, who offered congratulations to "my friend Gregg Pulver upon his re-election," also offered his support on Pulver's push for redistricting in a Jan. 4 statement.

"I support Chairman Pulver's hope for possibly reducing the

size of the Legislature as we look to begin the important process of redistricting," stated the county executive. "[It] would reduce costs to our taxpayers — which is perhaps more critical than ever following this past year of financial uncertainty."

Pulver said Dutchess County now has what he said are the "strongest ethics laws in the state that I know of, plus my two favorite laws: the animal cruelty registry law and the humane tethering law. I give a lot of credit to my wife for that, and to DCSPCA."

Those laws were drafted in 2019. In 2020, Pulver said, "the focus was on one thing and one thing alone: Finances and doing whatever we could to make the population safe. I give a lot of kudos to Marcus and Health Commissioner Dr. [Anil] Vaidian and Department of Health. It's a tough thing; a lot of people like to compare us to Columbia County, but we have 300,000 residents and Columbia County has 60,000. It's apples and oranges, and I think we've done an outstanding job."

Pulver said the Legislature works well together, and he hopes it will continue to do so.

"We're good, we're better than most," he said. "We're certainly better than the Congress and Albany. But I was talking to people who said we don't get a lot of notoriety; that's great. We like it, in Dutchess County, like that."

"Congress is in the news everyday fighting with one another, Albany is in the news everyday fighting with one another. I don't want people thinking that's how government should be," he added. "Hopefully we'll get through the inoculation phase of COVID and bring civility back, but I want to make sure we strive toward working well bipartisanly."

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With more buyers looking for land, I ran across a checklist that would be helpful in completing your due diligence prior to making an offer. This list addresses the areas of zoning, engineering, environmental and more. While this is a general list, I found that this could provide a blueprint of items to check. I particularly liked the discussion on confirming that there is a proper survey to identify any easements or Right of Ways. Also the advice on how to check floodplain and wetlands issues which could impact the location of the building site. If you would like a copy of this, happy to email it to you!

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## PINE PLAINS/DOVER

# Town Board prepares for 2021 with reorg meeting

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — The Town Board moved into 2021 on strong footing at its annual organizational meeting on Thursday evening, Jan. 7.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and live streamed to the “Town of Pine Plains” YouTube channel. Town Supervisor Darrah Cloud shared how, in 2020, the town “learned to operate a local government and keep the open and democratic process going in a pandemic.” She said the board managed to get much done, including a sewer feasibility study, a police reform plan and the purchase of 12 North Main St. Cloud also spoke of community efforts to help those struggling during the pandemic.

“Maybe most importantly for this year, people took the request to wear masks seriously and we kept our numbers low throughout this very dangerous and challenging time,” Cloud said. “Thank you to all who were a part of Pine Plains in this mo-

ment in our history, because your efforts are historic.”

Following an executive session, the board resumed its meeting with a discussion on plans to reorganize its Recreation Committee. Cloud explained that it determined it was in its best interest to dissolve the committee and not appoint new members.

Councilman Matt Zick encouraged anyone interested in joining the new Recreation Committee to send a letter of interest to the Town Board, Cloud or Recreation Director Michael Cooper. Cloud reported 12 letters have been sent thus far, and Councilwoman Sarah Jones said the board intends to restructure the committee at its workshop meeting on Monday, Jan. 18.

## Reorg details

After approving the salary list, liaisons were named. Jones will serve as the liaison for both the Board of Assessment Review and the Planning Board while Zick was appointed liaison for the Recreation Department. Councilman Rory Chase was appointed liaison for both the Conservation Advisory Council

(CAC) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Jones was appointed liaison for the Justice Department and the Town Clerk while Zick and Chase were appointed liaisons for the Fire Department. Zick was also appointed liaison for the school district. Councilman Don Bartles will be liaison for the Highway, Assessors and Water Departments and to the town engineer, while Cloud was appointed liaison to the Pine Plains Free Library, to the town insurance agencies, the attorney to the town and the Police Department.

## Appointments

Cloud was appointed chairperson to the Town Board as well as budget director. Bartles was appointed deputy supervisor while Town Clerk Judy Harpp was appointed registrar of vital statistics, marriage officer and clerk to the Town Board. Madelin Dafoe was appointed deputy town clerk and deputy registrar while Eileen Ciaburri was appointed tax collector. Alice Hanback-Nuccio was appointed secretary to the supervisor, followed by Karen Frenzel's

appointment as bookkeeper to the supervisor. Warren Replansky was appointed attorney to the town, while the engineering consulting firm Clark Patterson Lee was appointed town engineer and Ray Jurkowski was appointed water engineer. Robert Lee Couse was appointed to tend to building and grounds and Michael Coons was appointed the highway mechanical operator in charge of the Highway Department.

Karen Pineda was appointed secretary to the highway superintendent while Debra Phillips was appointed clerk to the Water Department. The board appointed Richard Diaz as chair of the assessors; Lynda Wisdo was appointed as secretary to the assessors; and Drew Weaver was appointed as both the code enforcement officer and zoning enforcement officer. No one was appointed as the Board of Assessment Review chair as that position needs to be filled. The board appointed Maryann Lennon as justice court clerk, Patricia Ramos as court clerk and Kerri Yamashita as town prosecutor.

John Hughes was appointed police officer in charge with Michael Lawson, Steven Camburn, Michael Beliveau and Mark Perotta appointed to the Police Department patrol. Richard Prentice was appointed as both the animal control officer and the all hazard mitigation plan representative. Michael Cooper was appointed recreation director; Kelly Nielsen was appointed assistant recreation director. Gerald Parlman was appointed the recycling center attendant.

The board appointed Michael Stabile as chair of the Planning Board; Patricia Devine as Planning Board secretary; Vikki Soracco as Planning Board deputy chair; and Ken Maccariello, Steve Patterson, Kate Osofsky, Dick Hermans and Peter Salerno as members with JL Hoffman and Ethan DiMaria as alternates. Scott Chase was appointed ZBA chair; Devine as ZBA secretary. Margo Jackson, Carl Baden, Marie Stewart and

Mike O'Neill were appointed ZBA members with Amanda Zick as an alternate.

Hoffman was appointed chair of the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), followed by Soracco, Joan Franzone, Rachel Greenfield and Suzanne Ouellette as CAC members. The Little Nine Partners Historical Society was named town historian.

## Meeting times

The board will meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.; and its workshop meeting will be the Monday before its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The Planning Board will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.; the ZBA will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., if needed.

The Millerton News was designated as the official newspaper while the Bank of Millbrook and Salisbury Bank & Trust were designated as the town's official banks.

# BOE assesses new COVID-19 guidelines, ratifies agreement with county

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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) discussed the school district at its Zoom meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler turned the BOE's attention to Governor Andrew Cuomo's recent announcement that school districts can open in counties that have a COVID-19 positivity rate of 9% if testing shows the spread in schools is lower than the community average, as was discussed at length at the meeting by the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) and Dutchess County superintendents earlier that day.

Questions remain — such as whether the infection rate is over a seven-day average or how much of a district's student and staff population need to be tested — Handler said the DOH have “no more of a clue than we do because they've got no guidance from the state health de-

partment.”

However, to make sure the district is prepared, he shared plans to send out a consent form to parents for permission to test students for COVID-19. Handler informed the BOE that school nurses will do the tests, which he called “minimally invasive” and with results in 15 minutes. Calling them “surveillance tests,” Handler said while “not 100% accurate,” they indicate if someone is positive for COVID-19.

BOE President Chip Couse asked Handler to explain the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Pine Plains district and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DCDBCH). Handler explained that for the district to conduct COVID testing, it must do so under the DCDBCH's license. Using test kits obtained from the state, Handler said district staff would be trained by the county to administer the COVID-19 tests.

Handler explained why the memorandum arrived late that

afternoon, stating the district had the original MOA with the county allowing it to test for COVID-19, but that the MOA “got kicked back to the county.” Handler told BOE members to keep in mind that there are several different lawyers from several different school districts reviewing the agreement. He added that the MOU featured on the board's agenda that evening was roughly its fifth draft.

“I'm not thrilled getting a 13-page document three or four hours before a board meeting and then having to react to it, is my concern,” Couse said.

Handler noted that if the MOU wasn't passed that evening, the BOE would have to put it back on the agenda in two weeks, adding the district wouldn't be in a position to do any COVID testing.

“I don't want to hamstring this, and that's the difficulty of the thing,” Couse said. “On the one hand, I hate to get it three or four hours before the meeting, and on the other hand, the topic is a fairly serious one and needs

to be dealt with.”

Since the document speaks to general liability insurance, Couse asked Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Michael Goldbeck what the district's coverage is. Though he said he could get back to the BOE on the specifics and would like time to review more documents, Goldbeck replied that the district was covered for “more than a million for liability.”

The BOE ratified the MOU that evening, though Couse pointed out on a later date the agreement applies to a scenario where it “does do sample COVID-19 testing.”

He explained that the agreement is a proactive step and won't be implemented “until and unless we are declared a ‘yellow zone.’”

In trying to get “all our ducks in a row” in advance of any change of destination, Couse said the agreement would prevent the need to shift to remote learning while the district is getting the required steps in place to bring students back to school.



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## Take a chair at the Stissing Center

The Stissing Center in Pine Plains showcased musician Emily Ritz in its recent Chair Series. As described on the nonprofit's website, [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org), The Chair Series was designed for friends of The Stissing Center to perform inside the recently renovated historic building, whether that involves music, dance, poetry or a monologue. A resident of the Hudson Valley, Ritz played her guitar and sang on Dec. 30; the video is posted on “The Stissing Center” YouTube channel, where it can now be viewed.

# COVID-19 vaccines to be dispensed in Dover

DOVER PLAINS — Starting Saturday, Jan. 16, eligible residents will be able to get vaccinated against the coronavirus at Dover Middle/High School.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the County's Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) has established a number of Point of Dispensing (POD) sites where county health workers will administer the vaccines to eligible residents as they become available, with sites in Poughkeepsie and locally, right here in Dover, with a future site in Rhinebeck.

The sites will be open next week by appointment only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those in Phase 1a and 1b as determined by New York State's Phased Distribution Plan.

## POD locations

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

Dutchess County Behavioral & Community Health – Mental Health Campus, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie.

North Road Appointment Registration Link: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=4330>

### Friday, Jan. 15

Former JCPenney store location, Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie.

JCPenney Appointment Registration Link: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=4333>

### Saturday, Jan. 16

Dover Middle/High School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains.

Dover Plains Appointment

Registration Link: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=4334>.

Additionally, DBCH is partnering with Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck for vaccinations to be available at the Health Annex at Northern Dutchess Hospital located at 107 Montgomery St. Phase 1a includes vaccine distribution for hospital staff, direct care providers and emergency responders.

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced last week that individuals in Phase 1b are eligible for vaccination starting Monday, Jan. 11. Phase 1b includes:

- People 75 and older
- Teachers and education workers
- First responders
- Public safety workers
- Public transit workers

“Though New York State's distribution of COVID-19 vaccine has been slow and sorely lacking, Dutchess County has planned for weeks how to best dispense the doses we do receive efficiently and effectively,” Molinaro stated. “The opening of these initial Points of Dispensing sites is the next step in ensuring eligible residents have access to this life-saving vaccine.”

The PODs will supplement hospitals that are already dispensing vaccines to eligible priority groups.

The governor announced on Friday, Jan. 7, that the state's current vaccine supply is extremely limited and that distribution to Phase 1a and 1b could take 14 weeks based on present pro-

jections of vaccine availability. Those eligible for the vaccine should anticipate potential delays of several weeks before they get an appointment, as demand far exceeds supply.

“Dutchess County stands ready to quickly dispense each and every dose of vaccine we receive into the arms of eligible residents,” said the county executive. “We encourage residents who are currently eligible to get vaccinated, and we urge patience as this process will take time due to limited vaccine availability. We must continue to all work together to stop the spread of coronavirus — so keep wearing a mask, washing those hands and physical distancing, then get vaccinated as

it becomes available to you.”

On Monday, Jan. 11, The New York Times quoted Cuomo from the previous day stating more than 8,400 people are now hospitalized statewide, which is more than twice the number of cases there were at the start of December. New York's rate of positive test results is now 6.22%, versus 5%, from around Dec. 1.

On Monday afternoon, Jan. 11, the governor opened a statewide vaccination hot line (1-833-697-4829) for eligible residents to call to schedule appointments to get their vaccinations.

For more on the POD sites in Dutchess County, go to [www.dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine](http://www.dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine).

— Whitney Joseph

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EDITORIAL

A dark day for America

There are times when we, as human beings, question what we're seeing with our very own eyes. We perhaps doubt that what we're witnessing is actually what we are witnessing. Could it be an illusion, a trick, a mirage? Wednesday, Jan. 6, was such a day, when thousands of agitated protesters, all riled up from a Stop the Steal rally led by President Donald J. Trump moments earlier, marched up Pennsylvania Avenue to where Congress meets, and when confronted by a weak Capitol Police force, scaled the building, shattered windows and busted down doors to enter the U.S. Capitol before storming its hallowed halls.

Inside, Congress was attempting to certify the Electoral College vote count that had fairly elected former Vice President Joseph Biden as our next president of the United States. A number of Republicans in the House and Senate — pressured by Trump — had promised to vote against Biden's victory, though it would have done little to change the end result.

As the process was getting underway, the Capitol Building was being stormed by a mob of thousands, some armed, all belligerent, easily overtaking the Capitol Police. Members of Congress were swiftly swept away to secure secret locations, along with the Electoral College ballots, thanks to quick-thinking Senate staffers.

During the hours-long riot, chaos ensued. In the end, five people died.

The president is blamed for inciting the riot. He told his supporters to "fight like hell" at his rally or they would no longer have a country to fight for — certainly words encouraging action.

Congress is now calling for Trump to be impeached for an unprecedented second time during his presidency, despite there being roughly a week left in his term. On Monday, Jan. 11, the U.S. House of Representatives released a resolution to impeach the president, charging him with one article of impeachment for incitement of insurrection. The House expects to vote this week.

Many lawmakers believe he is a danger, especially with access to the nuclear codes. Others simply want to prevent him from ever serving in federal office again. There's also the possibility of using the 25th Amendment to remove Trump and put Vice President Mike Pence in charge until Biden is sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

And the Justice Department has not ruled out the possibility of charging the president for instigating the insurrection.

"We are looking at all actors, not only the people who went into the building," said Michael R. Sherwin, the U.S. attorney in Washington, last week.

The New York State Bar Association, meanwhile, is seeking to remove Trump's personal attorney, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who addressed the thousands at the White House during the rally repeating Trump's baseless claims of election fraud in both the presidential election and the Georgia U.S. Senate runoffs.

"If we're wrong, we will be made fools of, but if we're right a lot of them will go to jail," Giuliani said to the protesters before bellowing his now infamous fatal battle cry: "Let's have trial by combat."

Citing its bylaws, which state that "no person who advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States... shall be a member of the Association," the legal group described the attack on the Capitol as "nothing short of an attempted coup, intended to prevent the peaceful transition of power."

It should also be noted that Trump has reportedly been looking into the idea of pardoning himself, which has never been done before and no one seems sure of exactly how it would work, or if it would ultimately protect the president.

But instead of thinking about protecting himself, why wasn't Trump thinking about protecting the Capitol, our lawmakers or our very democracy last Wednesday? Certainly we need to examine why the Capitol Police response was so light.

According to The Military Times, "Hundreds of National Guard troops were posted in the streets of Washington, D.C., on Wednesday afternoon, but there was little they could do to respond as pro-Trump rioters overran the Capitol."

It added that "the National Guard only shows up to D.C. when they've been invited, and the Capitol Police did not extend that invitation until after the breach," noting that "The several hundred troops posted around downtown D.C. on Wednesday were there at the request of [D.C.] Mayor Muriel Bowser, to support local police."

How law enforcement treated protesters is also being questioned, especially in comparison to how police treated Black Lives Matter (BLM) protesters in 2020. It was the frequent cases of Black people killed by white cops that triggered the BLM protests in the first place, raising questions about the need for police reform and a call for social justice.

But beyond all of those issues is one truly troubling thought: The sitting U.S. president has damaged what the United States represents to the world. We are a beacon of democracy. We represent what all free nations strive to become. President Trump's words of hate, untruths and manipulation have done more harm in a single day, in a single hour (and let's face it, in four years) than one could have ever imagined possible. Our reputation around the world has been permanently marred. After nearly 250 years of incredible history, the United States of America is no longer the ideal of what a democracy can be — it is now an example of what can go wrong — thanks to an egomaniacal, megalomaniac, power-obsessed man who cares more about himself than his country.

To be fair, Trump has done some things that benefited America during his term, but his good deeds are by far overwhelming compared to the havoc he's brought on to his office, this nation and now, the world.

Jan. 20 can't come soon enough.



Amenia should tune in for Wastewater update

**A**menia residents: Don't miss next week's Town Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. for an Information Session presented by the town's Wastewater Committee. To understand why it's so vital, please continue reading.

For more than four decades Amenias has explored getting a sewage treatment system built in the town. The studies have focused on installing a system in the business district with varying degrees of inclusion of nearby residential neighborhoods, especially those with failing and substandard septic tanks. The 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Hamlet Development Plan both stated that without a wastewater treatment system, business development would be very difficult to achieve.

Senior Public Health Engineer with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health James A. Upright, P.E., P.G., is familiar with Amenias history and recently offered these observations:

"This department supports the design and construction of a central sewer system for the hamlet to protect public health and to enhance economic opportunities in the hamlet. Based on the projects I have reviewed for the hamlet of Amenias, most septic systems in the hamlet are old and substandard and there is no way for most of them to meet current standards. The parcels in the hamlet are limited in what businesses can do to open and/or expand due to a combination of some or all of the following constraints.

"Most of the lots are too small to accommodate approved septic systems — especially for restaurants. The library barely had space for a new septic for their new expansion.

"Most of the lots along Route 343 (East Main Street) and Mechanic Street abut or are located wholly or partially in a NYSDEC wetland, which further limits possible septic locations. Additionally, the groundwater at these lots is close to the surface, which requires a fill pad to obtain separation distance. Monte's had to install an expensive fill pad [large quantities of special soil trucked in and carefully placed by an excavator] surrounded by a retaining wall to obtain our approval — losing valuable parking spaces.

"The lots in item two and many adjacent lots are located in a 100 year flood plain, which again limits placement of new

GUEST COLUMN Jim Wright

systems. Cumberland Farms, at the intersection of East Main and Mechanic Street, has a septic system that has been failing for over two years. However, due to the flood plain [and shallow groundwater] there is no acceptable location for a new septic.

"Most of these parcels surround a lake and wetland that are part of the watershed for two of the hamlet's four water supply wells. Several years ago the hamlet had to abandon two additional wells in this area due to groundwater contamination from nearby septic systems.

"This department firmly believes that a municipal sewer system for the hamlet is and has been needed for some time and will support efforts to establish a system."

On Thursday, Jan. 21, the Wastewater Committee will present details of how a treatment system could benefit our town. **Please note:** This will be an opportunity for the Committee to share information with both the Amenias Town Board and the public. The Board has not decided on whether or not to move forward with a sewer system.

The Committee will share the proposal for a feasibility study submitted by Erin Moore, an engineer with Tighe & Bond. Having worked on that study she knows Amenias well and will update the 2012 report based on community input and the latest wastewater treatment technology. Erin will participate in the Jan. 21 presentation, and will describe the successful approach neighboring communities are taking to provide affordable wastewater treatment.

With her passion for finding and implementing solutions to community wastewater challenges, Erin will present an outline of the process, time line and approach to developing wastewater service in the Town of Amenias.

Please mark your calendars and watch the meeting starting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21, on Channel 22 or at [www.youtube.com/ameniatv/live](http://www.youtube.com/ameniatv/live). Thanks!

*Jim Wright is chairman of the Amenias Wastewater Committee and has been a resident of Amenias since 1984.*



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Bridge over calm waters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump mob 'traitors'

Not since the American Civil War have so many citizens of the freest nation on Earth so enthusiastically and despicably defiled the Constitution. The domestic terrorists who stormed the Capitol are traitors to democracy.

America has long been a shining city on a hill for nations across the globe as they strive to shed authoritarian regimes and we must return to the respectful debates that made that true.

I applaud Congress for not bending under the threat of physical violence and finishing the certification of the free and fair election. I'll be watching President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration as the peaceful transition of power occurs and hope a simultaneous transition

to a more gentle nation begins.

However, we all must acknowledge that these types of actions and mind-sets are not geographically restricted to the area surrounding Washington, D.C., as it has permeated into every community in every corner of this country.

As a local elected official, it is my duty to speak the truth, have constructive debates and strengthen the bonds of our community.

I know Dutchess County has many leaders who will join me and live up to that task.

**A. Gregg Pulver**

Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature (R-19) Pine Plains

An open letter from Molinaro to Gov. Cuomo

Although prioritization is important based on the limited availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time, it is critical that law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, ambulance personnel and other first responders not covered by the current New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidance be added to the list immediately. Providing this group with the vaccine as soon as possible will better help to protect them while they conduct their essential work as well as the individuals they serve. First responders are working in our communities and providing face to face services every day, they put themselves at great risk to serve the people of their communities, I believe we must do everything in our power to protect them and those they serve. Leaving these groups to wait is a serious miscalculation and would be detrimental to the public's health and wellbeing.

Further, making the vaccine immediately available to this larger, yet still, essential population, will allow for a faster and more efficient vaccination campaign. NYSDOH guidance and your own draconian policies are requiring vaccine providers to move more quickly and get more shots in the arms of individuals or risk having their access to the vaccine removed. The failure here is not on the part of the vaccine providers, but on an overly complex and complicated system which hospitals are not built, trained or equipped to carry out on their own. However, broadening the priority group to

such first responders and in general will allow greater flexibility for vaccine providers, thereby speeding up the process and ensuring no doses are left on the shelf. Local vaccine providers have voiced concerns that the lack of flexibility and the overly narrow priority groups are slowing the process and leaving vaccine allotments sitting unused for longer than is necessary.

Additionally, my administration, including the local health department, have been pressing state officials, both those who partake in our regional calls as well NYSDOH officials, for detailed information on the distribution of the vaccine. To date, we have not received this information, but continue to believe it is of utmost importance as it will allow local hospitals, healthcare providers and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health to monitor the vaccination program locally. The most pertinent of this information is as follows:

- How many doses have been received from the federal government?
- How many doses have been received from the vaccine developers directly?
- How many doses have been distributed within Dutchess County and how many remain unused?

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide. Be safe. Be well. We are all in this together.

**Marc Molinaro**

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**NEW YORK STATE** — Even with COVID-19 restrictions making outings difficult, New Yorkers are still managing to enjoy some socially distant wintertime sports, from skating and skiing to snowmobiling. Anticipating an increase in snowmobile trail use, New York State officials are urging riders to be responsible and exercise both safety and COVID-19 precautions this winter.



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**New York State officials are urging snowmobilers to ride responsibly and keep safety and COVID-19 guidelines in mind when they hit the trails this winter.**

"We encourage snowmobile enthusiasts to take advantage of the beautiful trails in our great state, but we want to make certain the first priority is safety," said New York State Police Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen in a press release issued by New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Office (NYSRPHO) in December. "By making responsible and safe choices, New Yorkers can do their part to keep our trails safe and enjoyable for all."

The season is legally set to begin after the end of the big game hunting season and when snowmobile clubs officially open their trail systems. The opening of the trail systems, he said, depends on land owner permissions, a sufficient trail base and adequate snow coverage, while the end of the big game season, which varies between the state's southern and northern zones, typically occurs around the third week in December.

That being said, the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) recently issued a reminder to riders that local trails aren't considered open until local snowmobiling clubs have inspected and officially declared them open. NYSSA has reminded riders to look for club postings on trail conditions and to exercise

caution at the beginning of the snowmobiling season since snow can hide potential hazards, such as mud holes, fallen trees and tree limbs, rocks and unfrozen water holes.

Some safety tips include to always wear helmets when operating snowmobiles, to remain on the trails and not to operate snowmobiles if impaired. Adding COVID-19 guidance into the mix, riders are required to wear face masks, practice social distancing and follow COVID-19 safety protocols both at the trailheads and during breaks. Other recommendations for safe riding, as issued by NYSRPHO, include riding responsibly and within one's abilities; operating the snowmobile at a speed that's designated as safe and prudent for the given conditions; making sure to ride with a friend or at least one other person; staying on marked trails; and wearing the proper snowmobile equipment, such as gloves, boots, jackets and bibs.

Any snowmobiles being operated in New York State must be registered with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) before they can hit the trails; information regarding snowmobile registration can be found online at [www.dmv.ny.gov/registration/how-register-snowmobile](http://www.dmv.ny.gov/registration/how-register-snowmobile). Riders must

carry registration and proof of insurance when riding; those with a snowmobile safety certificate must have the certificate on them when riding as well. A portion of each snowmobile registration goes toward the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund to support more than 10,000 miles of public snowmobile trails in New York State, snowmobile safety education programs and enforcement of state snowmobile laws.

To keep snowmobilers educated on safety protocols, the state is continuing to offer safety courses during the COVID-19 pandemic with limited class sizes under its health department regulations.

A listing of available courses can be found online at [www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx](http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx). Once a course is successfully completed, riders will receive a New York State Snowmobile Safety Certificate. Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are required to have this certificate in order to operate a snowmobile, though all riders can benefit from taking the course.

For more information about snowmobile requirements and snowmobile safety, contact the NYSRPHO at 518-474-0446 or go to [www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles](http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles).

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