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Throng of visitors crowd Amenia's Main Street on Saturday, Oct. 17, for the town's second annual Harvest Festival. The event filled downtown Amenia with vendors selling food, jewelry, trinkets, decor, books and art — and a stage on each end of the street filled the air with music.



By JOHN COSTON
Special to the Millerton News

COPAKE — New York State denied Hecate Energy LLC's application for a more than 700-acre Shepherd's Run solar project, pointing to two factors: floodplain and community protection issues and identification of and protection of wetland resources in this rural hamlet.

Jason Zehr, interim executive

director of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, issued the decision on Wednesday, Oct. 14, five days before the clock was to run out for the state to approve or deny the Chicago-based company's application.

"My analysis on each of these separate issues leads me to conclude that I am not able to affirmatively certify and determine that the project application satisfies the

criteria for a permit," Zehr wrote in his 31-page decision.

The denial caps years of protest from local residents and steadfast efforts on Hecate's part to advance the 42-megawatt project, which initially was proposed as a 60-megawatt project before it had to be downscaled after the company lost control of some of the targeted project land.

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By **GRAHAM CORRIGAN**
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POUGHKEEPSIE — A resolution to cover Dutchess County's Flock Safety cameras will still go into effect, despite County Executive Sue Serino's decision not to sign the measure. The resolution, which passed unanimously in the legislature, directs county person-

nel to cover any remaining license plate readers with opaque, non-damaging materials, so residents know the devices are no longer recording.

Serino argued that the resolution is unnecessary and could expose the county to liability if equipment is damaged. A formal demand was issued to Flock on Sept. 30 to remove its equipment by Oct. 30. If

Flock misses that deadline, Serino said, the county will work with the district attorney and sheriff to take further steps.

District 19 Legislator Chris Drago introduced the resolution on Tuesday, Oct. 13, to cover the cameras in the event that those deadlines are not met.

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State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, left, Assemblymember Didi Barrett, center, and North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan enjoy the scenes of fall south of Millerton on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the site of the new North East Town Hall.

By **GRAHAM CORRIGAN**
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MILLERTON — State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assembly-member Didi Barrett have directed \$400,000 in state funding to North East's plan for a new Town Hall.

The money covers about 28% of the \$1.44 million renovation estimate that will transform the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Route 22 into mu-

municipal offices.

The funding comes as construction is set to begin this winter. In September, the Town Board authorized the remodel of the building at 5603 Route 22. It also approved the \$1.44 million cost estimate prepared by LAN, the engineering firm overseeing the project.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Hinchey and Barrett gathered with North

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OUR TOWNS



From left, state legislators Didi Barrett and Michelle Hinchey visit the library with library board member Vicky Contino, library director Courtney Tsahalidis, and board member Dann Kenefick. The library recently won \$300,000 in state grants to help repair the building's roof and update its HVAC system.

Millbrook Library receives money for roof repairs

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library has been awarded \$300,000 in state capital grants to help fund roof repairs and heating and cooling upgrades expected to cost at least \$2 million.

The grants, announced last week, were the result of advocacy by the offices of state Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Didi Barrett.

The 15,000-square-foot library on Franklin Avenue has struggled in recent years with a leaking roof and an aging heating and cooling system. Buckets placed beneath leaks in the common area have become a familiar sight for patrons and staff.

The \$300,000 came from two \$150,000 grants: one through the Local Community Assistance Program (LoCAP), secured with Hinchey's support, and another through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST), secured with Barrett's backing.

In addition to the \$300,000, the library received \$325,000 in separate grant funding toward the \$2 million project. The balance will come from the library's trust, with those funding requests

approved in June. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2027.

Library Director Courtney Tsahalidis was quick to point out that the repair funds are not part of the library's request for increased operating funds, which is on the ballot this November.

The library is requesting a 2027 budget of \$399,000, a \$50,000 increase, to "close the persistent deficit that has been funded by savings and a generous but inconsistent flow of donations," according to a library statement.

During their visit to the library, state legislators Hinchey and Barrett praised the library's resilience and role as a centerpiece of the community. "Libraries are the most democratic of our institutions," Barrett said. "Everybody is welcome, and it's one of the most important things that our money goes to."

Hinchey added that "as everything is getting more expensive, it's wonderful to have a place like a community library." She noted its importance as a heating and cooling center in months of extreme weather, and the library's ability to draw residents of all ages in for quiet, education, and Wi-Fi. Millbrook's library is one of the area's biggest and oldest, having been established in 1901.

New home goods boutique opens in downtown Amenia

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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AMENIA — Pretty Little Things & Co., a new gift and home goods shop owned by Millerton resident Crystal Smith, opened for business last week at 5329 Route 44, at the corner of routes 44 and 343.

The store carries Smith's handmade creations alongside work by other local artists. Offerings include mugs, candles, handbags, hats, hair accessories, journals, birthday cards, coloring books, and permanent jewelry.

After picking up a plethora of hobbies during the COVID pandemic, Smith spent several years participating in regional craft fairs. But as inventory and demand grew, she decided to try her first physical location.

"People called it the Pretty Little Closet," Smith said. "It was just a roadside shed on our property."

But the car traffic didn't translate to foot traffic, and after a year of shed life, Smith



Crystal Smith sits behind the counter at Pretty Little Things & Co. with her mother, Ann Roth, right, and friend Ashley Haddon, left. The home goods store opened in Amenia last week.

felt ready to make the leap to a proper storefront. One day, she saw a "for rent" sign in Amenia's former tattoo parlor.

"I came home and talked to my husband about whether we should do this," Smith said. "It's been a dream of mine to open my own little store. And we decided to take the leap — either it's going to be successful or it's not, but how will I know if I don't go for it?"

She called the property

owner the next day, and signed a lease a day later.

At the soft opening on Friday, Oct. 16, Smith's creations covered the walls amidst a chattering group of friends and family. Aside from Smith's own work, Pretty Little Things & Co. features crafts from other local artists like A&C Creations' soy candles and ornaments from Kristie's Custom Arts.

Smith has lived in Millerton for 16 years, and says her family's support has been es-

sential to the store's opening. Husband Brandon was born and raised in Millerton, and runs his Intricate Carpentry company throughout the tri-state area. Smith's son, Evan Brammer, is in his first year of college. "They're my biggest supporters," she said. "They've inspired me to go for my dreams after I've put my life on hold for so many years."

It all happened fairly quickly: when COVID hit and Smith had more downtime outside of her full-time job at the Elyse Harney Real Estate offices, where she works as an administrative assistant, the crafting began in earnest. First came the clay jewelry. Then the cups. Then ornaments. "I just never stopped," she said. "I have a new hobby every month."

Pretty Little Things & Co. will be open Thursday through Sunday, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekend. It's located on the corner of Route 44 and Route 343, at 5329 Route 44.

Millbrook Board of Trustees seeks clarity on local cop's license plate readers

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Millbrook Police Chief Keith Dworkin discussed license plate readers and his department's use of the technology at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 14.

The chat was spurred on by recent action by Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi to dismantle the county's network of stationary, pole-mounted license plate reader cameras manufactured by Flock Safety.

Dworkin said the Millbrook Police Department uses vehicle-mounted license plate readers, commonly known as LPRs, to check a vehicle's registration status and other violations during traffic stops. "This technology has been

around for 20 years," Dworkin said, explaining that the LPR captures an image of a vehicle's license plate and the car, determining instantly whether the car has been stolen, is unregistered, uninsured, or suspended. With that information the officer can run that information through the state database.

Dworkin noted that the LPR is not able to detect information about the operator of the vehicle.

"The information gathered by the LPR is not shared," Dworkin said. Rather it is stored locally for an indeterminate period, perhaps six months.

"Maybe drafting a local policy is the best way to go," said Mayor Peter Doro, adding that "Flock" is merely a brand name, leading him to wonder about the difference between a Flock camera and an officer with a license plate reader in a vehicle.

Trustee Julia Bucklin suggested asking the local police officers about their LPR usage.

Recognizing the need for clarity about the technology and its use locally, Doro felt that residents would want to know the difference between Flock and LPR.

Dworkin agreed that a policy on the use of LPR technology would be useful and

indicated that he would draft the policy for the Trustees to review.

Tax exemption for disabled veterans

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to advance a proposed local law granting a property tax exemption to permanently and totally disabled veterans.

A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Doro noted that no one who presently resides in the Village of Millbrook would be eligible for the exemption, but there are two residents of Washington expected to qualify.

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Affordable housing subdivision set for public hearing on Oct. 28

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — A public hearing on the Cascade Creek subdivision application will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Amenia Town Hall on Route 22, beginning at 6 p.m. The hearing is convened by the Planning Board.

Hudson River Housing is proposing the project as a conservation subdivision, defining 26 residential lots to be used for workforce housing and two conservation parcels

on a 24-acre site located on Cascade Road, across Route 22 from the Freshtown Shopping Plaza.

Zoning for the site is designated as Suburban Residential and the parcel lies within an Aquifer Overlay District. A portion of the site is located within a stream corridor.

Preliminary site plans detail 26 homes, modular in design, on quarter-acre lots.

The long environmental impact analysis phase of the project, underway since 2024, was completed in July

this year, indicating no significant effects posed by the subdivision plans.

Concerns voiced by members of the Planning Board during the review process have included the effect of the subdivision on the town's character. Other concerns about water capacity and drainage plans have continued. The subdivision would be served by a common water supply.

During discussions prior to determination that the subdivision would not significantly

impact the environment, Attorney Alec Gladd of Fishkill, New York, based Cuddy Feder LLP, representing the developer, indicated that the fire department is asking for water storage capacity data that could only be answered within the site plan phase.

During the environmental review, Planning Board attorney Cassandra Britton had indicated that the issue of firefighting capacity can be raised again later in the process once the site can be tested for water availability.

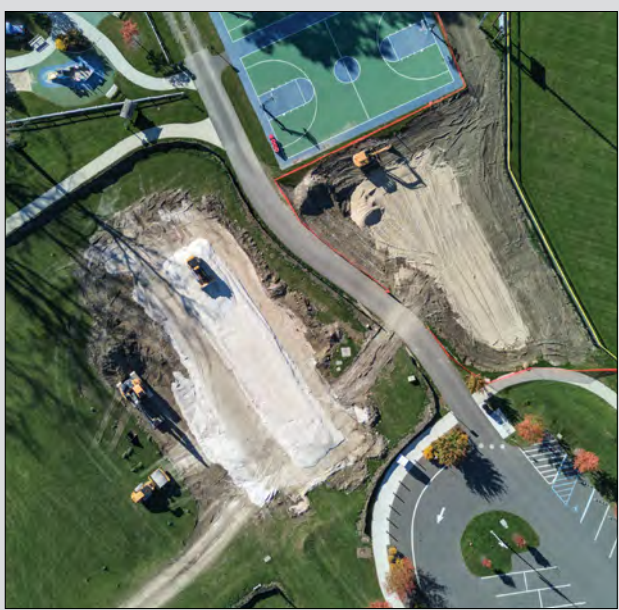


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Moving along

Construction equipment sits idle on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, at the site of a new pool and poolhouse in Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton. Construction on the pool began in September and is in its early stages.

Amenia Town Board authorizes more borrowing for new garage

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Town Board unanimously authorized an additional \$2.1 million in borrowing for the new town garage and salt storage shed Thursday, Oct. 15, as construction nears.

The town authorized \$6.3 million in bonds in 2024 and another \$3.9 million in July 2025, bringing total borrowing authorized for the project to \$12.3 million.

The latest authorization is subject to a “permissive referendum,” meaning it will take effect unless residents submit a valid petition requiring a townwide vote.

The new town garage complex is being built on five

acres of town-owned land located on the east side of Route 22 south of Sinpatch Road. Some clearing and grading work has already been done at the site.

Plans call for six double bays in the main building that will include an office and breakroom. The salt shed will include attached storage space with four enclosed bays and two open bays.

In other business, the Town Board voted unanimously to amend the town's 2026 budget to provide \$149,733 in interest for a bond anticipation note.

EMS proposal

County Legislator Chris Drago, D-19, presented a report on the work of the

county Public Safety Committee where he serves as vice-chairman with County Legislator Eric Alexander, D-25.

In an effort to reduce EMS response times and lower annual costs for participating towns, Drago said that Town Supervisors of four area towns are meeting regularly to devise a new system of coverage. Area towns participating are Amenia, North East, Washington and Stanford.

“How can we provide better ambulance service at lower cost,” was the question being addressed by the Public Safety Committee, Drago said.

“If we have lower volume of calls, we must pay them

more,” Drago said of the existing ambulance service.

The potential solution is a collaborative system called a “redirect model,” Drago said. Under that plan, the four towns would comprise a single service area with a shared pool of ambulances.

When one ambulance is called into service, the others in the pool would reposition themselves so that an ambulance is always available within a reasonable distance, Drago explained.

Seen as a short-term solution that could involve county-sponsored supplemental ambulances, Drago said that a longer-term solution could be devised by creating a plan model for the state Governor to consider.

Gershwin tunes to fill Smithfield Church on Oct. 24

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Pete Anderson Trio will perform a concert featuring the music of George Gershwin at The Smithfield Church on Saturday, Oct. 24, beginning at 3 p.m. The concert is presented as part of the Bang Family Concert Series.

Saxophonist Pete Anderson will provide a narrative on the life and music of George Gershwin along with live performance of a varied program of Gershwin classics. Joining him will be Matt Munisteri on

guitar and Joe Boga on trumpet. Anderson's credits include headlining at the Blue Note, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and more.

The public is invited to this free concert, although a \$20 donation is suggested at the door to support future concerts in the Bang Family Series. Children are free. Located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road (Route 83), the church is fully accessible.

A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert. For more information, go to www.thesmithfieldchurch.org.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Decker Jr.

MILLERTON — It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ronald Owen Decker Jr. of Millerton, New York on Oct. 6, 2026, at the age of 58.

Ronald was born on Oct. 29, 1967, in Sharon, Connecticut to the late Catherine Spaulding and Ronald Decker Sr.

Known affectionately as Ronnie, he was a beloved chef for many years at various private schools in the Millerton, and Connecticut areas. He enjoyed cooking for others and lending a helping hand to anyone in need. Ronnie cherished spending time with family and making people smile. His kindness always shined bright.

Ronnie and his brother Steve spent many years together driving tractor-trailers before Ronnie returned to the kitchen.



Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Christopher Johnson, and his partner, Sara LeBaron; two grandsons; his close cousin, John Wilson (JR); his niece, Tiffany Brown, and her spouse, Sean Brown; and his great-niece, Elianna Decker. Ronnie also leaves behind other cousins and great-nieces and great-nephews. His father, Ronald Decker Sr., had other children whom Ronnie leaves behind: Kevin Decker, Dawn Decker, and Heidi Piefer.

Ronald is also predeceased by his brother, Steven Decker; his late wife, Joanne Decker; and Timothy Decker.

He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

A small celebration of life in Ronnie's memory will be held at a date to be determined.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

DOVER PLAINS — Lelah M. Somers, 97, a longtime Dover Plains, New York, resident, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, New York. Lelah was born on July 3, 1929, in Pawling, New York, to the late Byron and Lelah (Watts) Brill. Lelah grew up in Pawling and on Nov. 22, 1946, in Pleasant Valley, New York, she married James F. Somers, Sr. Mr. Somers passed away on Sept. 3, 1970. Lelah worked for New York State as a therapy aide for thirty-years and as a senior companion for New York State for thirty-two-years, with specific care provided to the mentally disabled.

Celebration of Life

Dona L. Chilcoat

Family and friends are invited to gather in loving memory of Dona L. Chilcoat at a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Lakeville Town Grove. This informal gathering

She enjoyed taking care of the mentally disabled, was a wonderful mother to her four children, always putting her family first. She is survived by her son, James F. Somers, Jr. and his wife Donna of Dover Plains; two daughters, Doreen Monica of Wingdale, and Frances "Fran" Horton of Dover Plains, who was also her caregiver for many years; seven grandchildren, Debbie, Margie, Leah, Stephanie, Deirdra, Benji and Jimmy and several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and



nephews, and her step-son, Kenny Elliott. In addition to her parents and husband, Lelah was predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol "DeeDee" Maile and Gil Maile, her son-in-law, Stephen Monica, and her son-in-law, Benny Horton as well as her companion of over forty-years, Andrew "Mac" McAlravey and her siblings, Ferris Brill, Eleanor Barryann, Richard Brill, William Brill and Barney Brill.

Lelah was a loving mother and a strong willed and hard-working woman. She was an avid NASCAR fan for many years and traveled with her companion "Mac" up and down the east coast following the sport. Her favorite track was the Daytona International Speedway in Florida that they went to every Feb-

ruary to attend the Daytona 500 race. She loved her family so much and she will be dearly missed; she lived a long life and for that her family is deeply grateful.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains, NY. Pastor Rick Totten will officiate. A reception in Lelah's honor will follow at the VFW Post # 5444, 3422 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Lelah's honor, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

Send obituaries to obituaries@lakevillejournal.com

LAKEVILLE — Carol McLaughlin (Fenn) Anderson of Brunswick, Maine, died on Sept. 11, 2026. Carol was the daughter of the late Ray and Carolyn Mary (Everhard) McLaughlin and was predeceased by her sister, Nancy Peck. She was born March 23, 1932, in Ohio and moved to Sharon, Connecticut with her family in 1942. She graduated from Bassick High School in Bridgeport and then attended Connecticut College for Women and completed her education at Connecticut Teachers College in New Britain, earning a Bachelor's degree in education and Master's degree in mathematics. She raised her family in Canton, Connecticut and lived in Lakeville, Connecticut until she moved to Maine in 1992.

Carol's love of nature and being out of doors led her and first husband, Allyn Fenn, to downhill skiing as weekend volunteers for the Catamount Ski Patrol in Hillsdale, New York. She also loved to sail, learning at a girls' camp on Moose Pond in Denmark, Maine and continuing throughout her life. She explored the waters of midcoast Maine with her late husband, Captain Robert Anderson, and Casco Bay with her family and close friend Bill Hetzel on sailboats big and small.

Carol was endlessly curious and loved to learn. She took classes, read books and articles, traveled, went to mu-



seums, and deeply listened to people. She shared her love of the world with others as a volunteer at the Maine Maritime Museum, a train host on the Downeaster, and both an elementary school and adult education teacher. An avid crossword puzzler and knitter, she always found a way to keep both her hands and her mind busy. She was active in her local churches, most recently St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brunswick.

Carol's greatest joy, though, was her family. Carol is survived by her daughter, Deborah Driver, and her husband, Roy; her son, Christopher Fenn, and his wife, Liz;

four grandchildren, Krystal Fenn, Dustin Fenn, Kate Driver, and Josh Driver; and two great-grandchildren, Evan and Aidan Miller.

Carol found great delight in little things: a nice cup of tea, a walk, watching the birds, a baked apple or a slice of fresh bread, the view from atop a parking garage in Portland, or a few minutes parked next to the ocean. She knew how to appreciate life's small pleasures, remarking on one occasion while looking out over Casco Bay after a short cross country ski with her family, "aren't we lucky." She will be missed by many.

A private graveside service was held at Salisbury Cemetery in Salisbury, Connecticut on Oct. 14th. Memorial gifts can be made to the Maine Maritime Museum.

OUR TOWNS

Pine Plains grocery store submits amended plans

Proposed grocery store includes restaurant, removes ice cream shop

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN grahamc@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Revised plans for a grocery store and restaurant at 7723 South Main St. in Pine Plains went before the Planning Board on Oct. 14, after months of delays over groundwater and drainage concerns.

The proposed 14,067-square-foot building would hold an 11,819-square-foot grocery and a 2,248-square-foot restaurant. Earlier plans for an ice cream shop are gone, and four existing structures would be demolished. The existing weigh station, which currently houses a cannabis dispensary, would remain.

No grocery operator has been named, and the project needs at least two zoning variances. The district caps building footprints at 6,000 square feet, plus traffic, stormwater and wastewater review. The town engineer asked for a traffic study and Railroad Avenue improve-

ments. The board next meets on Nov. 18.

The plans are an expansion. Earlier, developers had submitted designs for an 8,989-square-foot grocery store, an ice cream shop, and a cannabis dispensary. The cannabis dispensary has since opened as planned.

Budget & litigation resolutions

The Pine Plains Town Board passed two resolutions last week at their monthly meeting. The first was a motion to potentially raise property taxes beyond the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2027. The resolution is something of a precaution while next year's budget is being finalized. "It's identical to what we've done before," said Town Attorney Warren Replansky. A public hearing on the measure was scheduled for Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

The second involves potential litigation against local utility companies. The town has asked Central Hudson Gas & Electric to remove

several utility poles, and while the board still hopes to resolve the matter without litigation, passage of the resolution was necessary in the event that the disagreements persist.

Replacement police vehicle

The Pine Plains Police Department was granted authorization to start searching for a replacement police vehicle. The vehicle is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000, depending on availability. A patrol car was totaled in July after an officer rear-ended a stopped vehicle on Route 199. Driver inattention was cited as the cause, and both officers in the vehicle were injured. The civilian car's passengers did not require further medical attention.

The Police Department also received approval for the installation of a prescription drug drop-off box, where residents can deposit unused or expired prescriptions. The box is sponsored by the non-

profit MED-Project, and will be available to the town free of charge.

Cemetery tours return Oct. 23 and 24

Cemetery tours will return to Pine Plains Oct. 23 and 24. Attendees will encounter actors portraying historical figures from Pine Plains' past as they wind through the town's cemetery. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and have sold out in the past.

Preliminary budget discussion postponed

Deliberation of the 2027 town budget was delayed until Thursday, Oct. 22, at 5 p.m. Supervisor Brian Walsh was unable to attend the Town Board meeting, and the remaining members decided to wait until his return to take up the budget. The Thursday meeting will then be able to account for the fire department's budget deliberations, which were scheduled for the night of Wednesday, Oct. 21. A public hearing on the budget is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10 at 6 p.m.

 Worship Services Week of October 25, 2026	
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Congregation Beth David <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i> 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i>
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 10 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 9 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i>
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All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us	Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11:00AM - Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i>

LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

Four northeastern Dutchess County communities are exploring a shared ambulance service that officials say could improve emergency coverage and reduce municipal costs.

What benefits or challenges could sharing ambulance services bring to northeastern Dutchess County communities?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What are your thoughts on the closure of Cold Spring Early Learning Center? How do you think it will affect students, families and the community?

"I think it's a hard pill to swallow for some, but the taxpayers deserve to know that they are getting the most bang for their buck. I'm fine with paying for schools even though I no longer need them, but I'm not fine with paying for 3 partially full buildings when 2 would suffice. This does mean that my tax bill should go down though. School board? Are you listening?"

—Darrin Culver, Pine Plains

"Long overdue."

—Rick Butler

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Value teachers in early childhood education

I am the Director of Youth Programs at NECC. I just wanted to share my thoughts on the early learning center closure at Cold Spring and the movement of students to Seymour Smith.

Early Childhood is a complex issue. Our country and region wants the care and Universal Pre-K. However, do they want to do what it takes to actually fund it and have top level professionals work in these arenas? Teachers need to be paid much, much more.

We need to value educators more. The pedagogy of early childhood education also needs to be considered as learning is play, not rote memorization. The reality is the top 1% in Dutchess County need to be willing to pay their fair share of taxes along with those owning second or third homes. We can criticize this closure all we want but until these systemic issues are addressed it will keep happening.

Brandon Wolfe, M.Ed.
Millerton

Thanks from Fire Co.

On Sunday, October 18, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a nice crowd of 187 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the

support of the community. We thank everyone who attends our events and hope you will join us at our next breakfast on November 15 at the firehouse.

Andy Murphy,
on behalf of the
Breakfast Committee,
Amenia Fire Co. & Auxiliary

Riley fights for 19th

I am writing to encourage voters to get out and vote in November and return Josh Riley to his job as our congressman for the 19th Congressional District.

Josh has been our House member for two years and in that short time he has made a big difference and fought for and advocated for our part of upstate New York.

When I met and talked to Josh Riley, I was impressed by his energy, willingness to listen, his sincerity and his commitment to the people of our upstate district. He is a do-er and relentless in his pursuit of a better and more affordable life for his 19th district constituents.

Josh comes from a working-class family in Endicott, so he knows how bills for housing, health care, electricity and groceries can erode a family's finances.

Please know that one of Josh's big efforts in Congress has been to push back on the steep electric rate hikes we have faced in the past year.

For myself, the NYSEG bills have been crippling for me and in the winter, I am reduced to keeping the heat to a low number, wearing two sweaters and a blanket wrapped around me.

Josh introduced legislation to prohibit utility executives from

receiving bonuses when they raise rates faster than inflation.

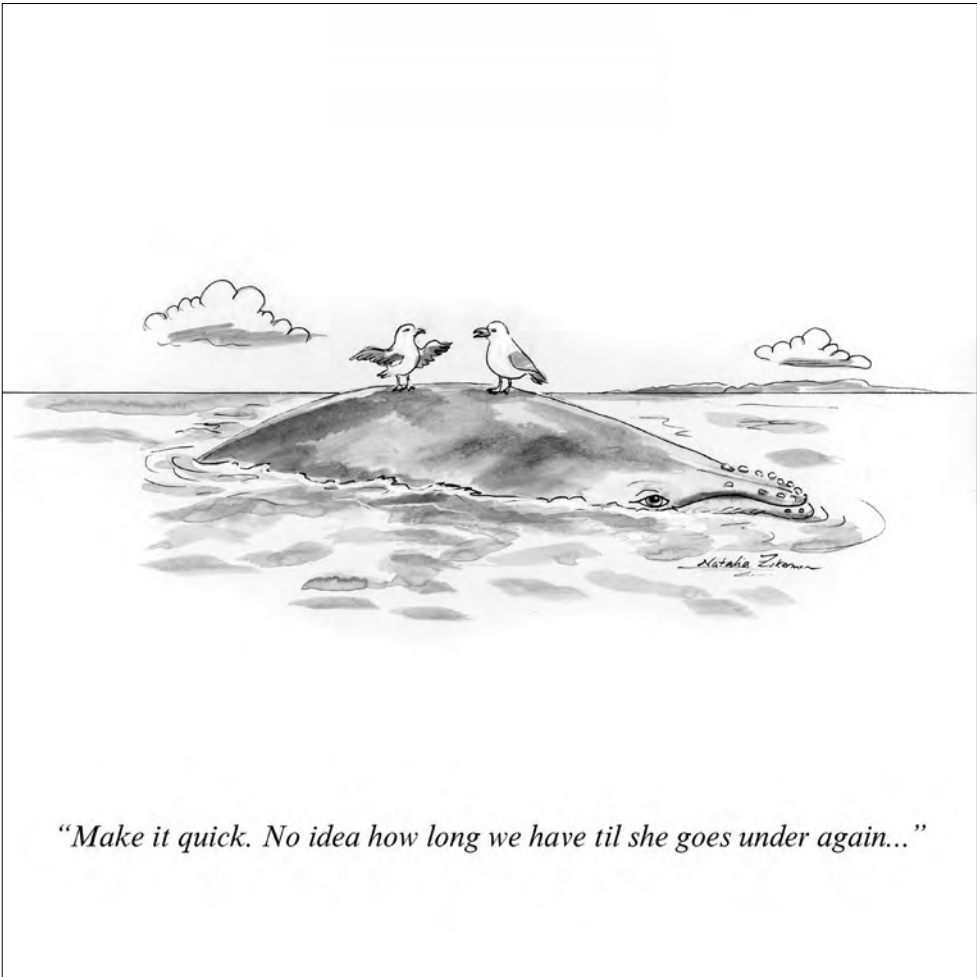
Another of his bills would bar utility companies from passing along to customers such expenses as lobbying, political donations, private jet travel, entertainment, investor relations and regulatory fines.

Josh appeared before a state regulatory board to cross-examine NYSEG executives about their proposed rate hike.

Josh fights for affordability and affordable housing. He helped pass the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act in July, a bipartisan law that promotes home construction by lowering costs, cutting red tape in housing programs, protecting housing in rural communities and restricting large institutional investors from buying affordable single-family homes.

Josh has fought for better and more equitable health-care; co-sponsoring legislation called the Rural Hospital Stabilization Act. It would deliver up to \$5 million in funding per hospital to help struggling ones keep their doors open. And he demanded that the CEOs of UnitedHealth Group, Humana and CVS Health justify their decision to drop Medicare Advantage plans in rural areas upstate.

Marianna Houston
Hillsdale



WPA projects, New Deal, pheasants, police

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

October 24, 1935
Bulk Of WPA Projects Left In Question
Albany Office Credits Dutchess With Only \$45,658 Approvals

Approval of the bulk of Works Progress Administration projects for Dutchess County previously reported approved in press releases from Washington and involving the expenditure of more than \$400,000, was left in doubt last week-end when the WPA office in Albany listed approvals amounting to only \$45,658 for the county. Similarly, the Albany office credited approvals aggregating \$4,745,048 for upstate New York, whereas the earlier word from Washington stated that a total of \$7,535,365 would be spent in New York State outside New York City.

School Fire Drill Follows Village Siren Students Believed Building Was Afire - Orderly Exit Made
By F. E. WOOD, Principal

The fire chiefs pulled a fast one on us last Monday when they rang the school fire gong just after the village fire whistle blew. The ringing was so well timed that we all thought the school building was on fire and it was a good test of the efficacy of our fire drills. The chiefs report that the exit was in no way marred by the excitement and that everything was left in shipshape. Now we are wondering if our chiefs are in cahoots with the village fire chief. This last drill was the eighth we have had this fall and completes our fall quota. There is no doubt but [sic] that we can empty this building in a short time and in good order, so now we will allow things to quiet down until next spring. when four more drills will be in order.

The Millerton News does not endorse or oppose candidates for public office.

This issue of The Millerton News is the last before the general election in which we will publish letters supporting or opposing candidates. To ensure fairness and allow an opportunity for response, election-related letters in the Oct. 29 issue will be limited to rebuttals of previously published letters.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

Woman Finds House Afire, Puts It Out

Finding an upstairs room of her home near Boston Corners in flames Monday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Call practically extinguished the fire before assistance reached the scene. When the Millerton Fire Department and neighbors arrived they found her beating out the last of the smouldering fire. She was exhausted but uninjured. Her clothing was afire, her apron being nearly burned away.

Risk Attacks New Deal At G. O. P. Rally

MILLBROOK - Charles F. Risk, the Congressman who recently won election to the House of Representatives from the state of Rhode Island in a single-handed battle with the New Deal and thereby became nationally prominent almost over night, criticized policies of the Roosevelt administration before a large audience at Thorne Memorial Hall here last Wednesday night. Speaking at a rally sponsored by the Town of Washington Republican Club, Congressman Risk weighed repudiated pledges and broken promises of the New Deal against its planned accomplishments. The former, he found, by far out-weighted the latter.

October 28, 1976
Pheasants Released

The Millerton Gun Club has released 100 pheasants in the Northeast area. Each bird has a legband with the Gun Club name on it.

In order to keep apprised of the movement and condition of released birds, the Gun Club is offering three prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5.

Police Purchases Okayed; Halloween Curfew Oct. 31

Millerton's village board spent about \$650 on police-related items at the Monday, Oct. 25 meeting.

Board members approved a request of \$500 to outfit the 3 village policemen. Chief Traver indicated his patched sleeves and David Decker the general worn out quality of his clothes to demonstrate the need for new uniforms.

The outfits purchased will be in a shade of brown.

Halloween Curfew

In another police related matter, the Board recognized Sunday, Oct. 31, as Halloween and set a curfew of 9 p.m. for that day. Additional police will be on duty during the celebration.

Auxiliary Police

Some confusion between the auxiliary and relief police was corrected at the meeting. The four men named in the 10-14 issue — Briggs, Brazeli, Fitte, and Harrison — will form a permanent relief roster. They will substitute for regular personnel in case of emergency. The relief men are paid for their services.

October 25, 2001
Arnoff Proposes Storage Facility In Town

MILLERTON — Arnoff Moving and Storage hopes to build and operate a 40,000-square-foot mini-storage and warehouse complex on a 3.7-acre parcel of land near the intersection of Route 22 and Main Street.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of Formation of Arc Brand Partners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/29/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 55 Townsend Farm Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Legal Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DISCO PICNIC LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on 06/22/2026. Office located in Dutchess County. Principal business location: 59 Yellow City Road, Amenia, NY, 12501. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: 59 Yellow City Road, Amenia, NY, 12501. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Legal Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LAUREN WOLFENDEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/06/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 331 Market Lane, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to Lauren Wolfenden at the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Legal Notice
The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot owners and general business meeting on October 24, 2026 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

10-15-26
10-22-26

LEGAL NOTICE
The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on October 8, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding

contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Millerton, New York, October 8, 2026
/s/Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED October 8, 2026. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$927,543.93 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF REMODELING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5603 Route 22 IN THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST FOR USE AS A NEW TOWN HALL

Specific object or purpose: Remodeling of the property located at 5603 Route 22, Town of North East, for use as a new Town Hall

Period of probable usefulness: 40 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$1,535,813.93
Obligations to be issued: \$927,543.93

SEQRA status: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance materials available in the office of the Town Clerk for inspection during regular office hours by appointment.

10-22-26

LEGAL NOTICE
The South Amenia Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held Friday, October 30, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 266 Rudd Pond Road, Millerton, NY 12546, for the election of officers and trustees and the transaction of other such business as may legally come before it.

Amiee C. Duncan,
Secretary
10-22-26
10-29-26

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on October 15, 2026, duly adopted the resolution published herewith **subject to a permissive referendum.**

Dated: Amenia, New York, October 15, 2026
Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 15, 2026. A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTIONS DATED DECEMBER 5, 2024 AND JULY 17, 2025, TO AUTHORIZE, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$2,108,874 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF

the CONSTRUCTION OF a NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE AND SALT STORAGE SHED, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN. WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, the Town Board has determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and WHEREAS, by a bond resolution dated December 5, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, authorized the issuance of \$6,333,449 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the construction of a New Highway Garage and Salt Storage Shed on a Town-owned parcel of land on the east side of Route 22 between South Simpach Road and Tower Hill Road, including original furnishings, machinery, equipment, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, site water supply, septic system and storm water drainage improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Town; and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, on July 17, 2025, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$3,936,116 bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the aforesaid project; and WHEREAS, it has now been determined to authorize additional financing for said capital project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of a New Highway Garage and Salt Storage Shed on a Town-owned parcel of land on the east side of Route 22 between South Simpach Road and Tower Hill Road, including original furnishings, machinery, equipment, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, site water supply, septic system and storm water drainage improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, is hereby authorized at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$13,443,851.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of said class of objects or purposes is as follows:

a) by the issuance of the \$6,333,449 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to the aforesaid bond resolution dated and duly adopted on December 5, 2024;

b) by the issuance of the \$3,936,116 additional bonds of said Town authorized to be issued

pursuant to the aforesaid bond resolution dated and duly adopted on July 17, 2025;

c) By the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,065,412 other monies; and

d) by the issuance of an additional \$2,108,874 bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 11(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall

contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a longterm basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

10-22-26

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public hearing on the adoption of

a for the Adoption a Local Law No. A of 2026 Entitled " A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2027" on November 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on the adoption of said Resolution shall be given an opportunity to do so.

Dated: October 15, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE
PINE PLAINS THE
TOWN BOARD.
MADELIN DAFOE,
Town Clerk
10-22-26

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to N.Y.S. Education Law #259 (1) (B) and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Washington at the General Election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE MILLBROOK LIBRARY BE INCREASED FROM THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND (\$349,000) DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND (\$399,000) DOLLARS ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that said Election shall be held at the Millbrook Fire House in the Village of Millbrook on the 3rd day of November 2026 and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6:00AM and 9:00PM.

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East Supervisor Chris Kennan to tour the facilities.

The state money is split down the middle: \$200,000 each is coming from Assemblymember Barrett and State Senator Hinchey’s offices.

The new town hall building will consist of 4,513 square feet of floor space, nearly twice that of the current Town Hall at 19 N. Maple Ave. Plans call for separate offices for most employees and departments, extra room for town records and a meeting room, also used as the town court, for up to 40 people. The single-story building has no basement, so all town operations will be on one floor.

The mostly empty building is barely recognizable as a former house of worship. Two defining features remain: a stage at the front of the meeting room and a glass wall at the rear overlooking several small rooms.

Those rooms will become offices when the building is converted. Construction is expected to be completed next fall.

“Our small town infra-

structure was built for a previous time,” Hinchey said. “And has not been upgraded with the needs that exist today.

“It’s really important that a town building is a welcoming space, that people know how to contact their local representatives and be involved in what makes the town run.”

Barrett added that town employees “are largely either volunteer or not very well paid community members, who are putting in their time to help our communities thrive...so we’re happy to be able to put state resources here.”

Both legislators credited Supervisor Kennan with helping move the project forward.

The new town hall will replace the Maple Avenue building, which Kennan has described as inadequate. “There are no elevators, and the stairs are steep,” he said in late 2024.

The building will be fully compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The former Jehovah’s Witness hall is a single-story structure.

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Hamm discussed the proposal at an Amenia Town Board meeting last Thursday, Oct. 15, where County Legislator Chris Drago outlined an initiative involving North East, Amenia, Stanford and the Millbrook area. Drago and county Public Safety Committee Chair Eric Alexander have helped bring the communities together to explore the approach.

“Our ultimate goal is to have the county play more of a role,” Drago said. “Where we wouldn’t have to be so reliant on private companies.”

For the time being, however, Drago emphasized that towns working together and pooling emergency resources was a good place to start. Other town supervisors have also expressed support for the initiative.

“Getting four towns to agree on a new, collaborative system is not easy,” said Town of North East Supervisor Chris Kennan. “But the Supervisors of our four towns and the Mayors of our two Villages (Millerton and Millbrook) have been working very hard to see if by sharing this service, we can reduce the burden on our taxpayers.”

“We want our EMTs to provide high quality care, and to do that, they need to be busy,” Kennan added. “At a time when the cost of everything seems to have been going up, up and up, this could actually bring our EMS cost down.”

Stanford Town Supervisor Julia Descoteaux echoed Kennan’s comments, calling attention to the low call volume across rural northeast Dutchess County.

“In a given month, we have between 15 and 30 ambulance calls,” Descoteaux said. “Sometimes our ambulances are sitting there for three or four days without a call. We’re paying for that, and the EMS personnel are not getting any experience during that time. That’s not what they signed up for, they want to be able to improve and cultivate their skills.”

The four participating towns currently have their own separate contracts with Empress. Millerton spent \$696,000 this year on EMS, and is set to pay \$746,000 in 2027. Stanford paid \$768,000 this year. That number will rise to \$860,000 next year after automatic contractual in-

creases. Descoteaux estimates the proposed shared service model could save about 20% in EMS costs.

“It’s less about the cost savings,” Descoteaux said. “And more about using the system more efficiently.”

Currently, each town has its own dedicated ambulance that often isn’t in use. The more an ambulance is in use, the less expensive it is for the township. Empress gets paid through insurance reimbursements. Lower call volume means higher costs for the town.

Costs are high for North East and surrounding rural towns, Kennan explained, because municipalities have to cover the cost of EMT’s idle time. In larger communities and cities, the burden to municipalities is much lower because EMS providers collect more revenue from patients and insurance companies.

Under the proposed new model, the towns would share three ambulances that would move through the region throughout the day, filling gaps where they emerge as calls come in.

“We’re not trying to replace perfect,” said County Legislator Eric Alexander. “There’s nothing perfect about the current system. I campaigned on this because it just seems that the county government is cowed by the complexity of this issue. But you’ve got to take on the difficult issues and deal with them proactively.”

“It would be more of a readiness model, rather than a dedicated service model,” Drago said. “The goal is not just to reduce costs, but improve service.”

Drago noted that Empress has offered to include a fourth, supplemental ambulance in case of larger emergencies. That fourth ambulance would not be included in the towns’ joint contract, but rather act as an insurance of coverage.

Specific details of the plan are scant, and there’s much work yet to be done. Supervisors from the four towns will meet with fire departments and volunteer services in the coming weeks, and the level of county support is unclear. Drago said Dutchess County’s EMS Commissioner, William Beale, has been supportive of the initiative, but that county-sponsored supplemental support.

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Shepherd’s Run was slated to be built near the intersection of Routes 7 and 23 in Craryville. The company first envisioned Shepherd’s Run in 2017 and has faced opposition from residents, state legislators and local politicians. In February, 2024 the company’s first application for what has been dubbed “Shepherd’s Run I” was dismissed by the state. The company then followed up with the current application in late December, 2024.

“Hecate strongly disagrees with this disappointing decision and is evaluating all available legal avenues to challenge it,” said Matt Levine, a Hecate vice president who has worked on the Shepherd’s Run project for years.

“Hecate Energy followed ORES’ rules and regulations, and ORES staff twice recommended permit approval. Yet this decision appears to elevate political pressure and misinformation over a fair, established permitting process. It sends a troubling message to developers and raises serious questions about New York’s commitment to its clean energy goals,” Levine added.

The Town of Copake has been a consistent opponent from the beginning.

“We are gratified that the long saga of Shepherd’s Run has concluded with a formal decision denying a permit,” said Richard Wolf, Copake supervisor, who has chronicled the project’s progress in periodic ‘Solar Update’ reports to the town’s residents. He counted up 79 separate updates over the years, he said.

Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a citizens group that has fought the project, wrote in a press release: “This brings an end, at least for now, to a David and Goliath battle between the small town of Copake, N.Y., and Hecate Energy, a large Chicago-based corporation.

“This has been a decade-



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The hamlet of Craryville in the Town of Copake, New York, will no longer be the home of a 42-megawatt solar farm following New York’s Office of Renewable Energy Siting denying a permit for the facility to Chicago-based Hecate Energy LLC.

long struggle, one where we kept raising the numerous reasons why this project should not be built,” Sensible Solar added.

The state received 1,166 individual verbal and written comments from members of the public. Of those 751 were opposed to Shepherd’s Run, 409 were in favor and six were neutral. The issues raised by the public focused on several areas: compliance with local laws; whether the Municipal Home Rule Law was being violated; impacts on agriculture, community character and visual impacts; and public health and safety. Concern also was raised about Hecate’s financial viability, raising questions about what would happen if the company couldn’t meet project obligations. There also were concerns expressed about the impact to wildlife, including loss of habitat, and to wetlands and flood risk.

Those who supported the project noted its contribution to renewable energy goals, including combating climate change. Supporters also endorsed reducing dependence on fossil fuels and

decreasing air pollution along with economic benefits to the community.

But as time passed, scrutiny of Shepherd’s Run intensified. Last month, two administrative law judges held an adjudicatory hearing in Copake’s town hall that was attended by more than 100 residents, with few expressing favor for Shepherd’s Run. The hearing ran from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and was geared to obtaining testimony aimed at establishing a fact-based record. On Oct. 5, those judges, Maureen F. Leary and Dawn MacKillop-Soller, administrative law judges at the New York State Department of Public Service’s ORES office, recommended denying Hecate a permit “based upon Hecate’s failure to demonstrate compliance with applicable wetlands laws and regulations.”

That left the final say up to Zehr, who wrote: “In summary, the evidence required to demonstrate compliance is absent in the topic areas of identifying base flood elevations, establishing the reliability of inputs for [Hecate’s] hydrology modeling, the

ability of facility components to avoid being inundated by flooding, the reliability of the design and operation of measures intended to control panel operation during a flood event, and the avoidance of siting of facility components near or within a floodway.”

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Serino’s decision not to sign the measure delays its implementation. Under the county charter, an executive who objects to a resolution has 10 days to return it to the Legislature with written objections.

“It’s disappointing that the County Executive is more worried about potential damage to Flock cameras than protecting her constituents’ privacy,” Drago said. “Rather than sign the resolution, the County Executive chose to delay it.”

County Legislator Eric Alexander, the Chair of the

Public Safety Committee, said the resolution “simply calls for the county to do what they’ve agreed to. They said the cameras were going to come down within a certain time frame, and that’s all this resolution says.”

“There was nothing unclear about the direction provided by the people at the Flock forum,” Alexander said. “it’s our responsibility to act on what they’ve already agreed to.”

The dispute follows months of public concern over surveillance. Residents pressed officials at a September public forum hosted by

Legislator Eric Alexander, with District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati attending. Flock cameras had been placed in every county municipality, in some cases on private property under agreements with the Sheriff’s Office. Parisi and Imperati said they deactivated the county’s cameras on Sept. 25, after residents demanded it at the forum.

Parisi has said the county must still address the investigative gap left by losing the technology. Imperati has said further steps beyond deactivation are unnecessary.

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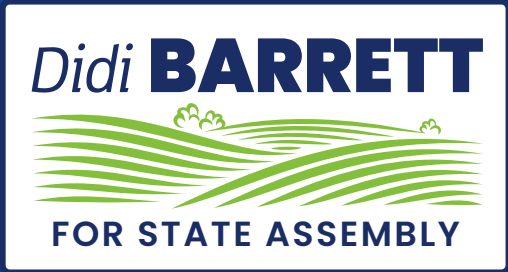


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Stephanie Saetta runs Charlie Chicken Bones, a sanctuary in Salisbury.

A sanctuary for second chances

By Madi Long

Stephanie Saetta has spent much of her life caring for others. A physician at White Plains Hospital, she has another calling at home in Salisbury — one that has four legs and a wagging tail. She runs Charlie Chicken Bone Sanctuary, a nonprofit dog rescue that brings dogs from overcrowded pounds and the streets of Texas to foster homes in northwestern Connecticut, where they can begin again.

The sanctuary is named for Charlie, the dog who taught her how special a bond between a person and rescue animal can be.

Dogs have been at the center of Saetta's life since childhood. She remembers going to the library to research different breeds and trying to convince her parents the family needed a dog. She had her heart set on an Irish Wolfhound, but she was more than happy when her mom brought home a West Highland terrier.

After college, she adopted Charlie as a puppy from a rescue on Long Island. He was a hound-shepherd-Rottweiler

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BUSINESS

The Pink House AM is serving up community

By D.H. Callahan

It all started with a yoga class. Mare Rubin was working on her second act after leaving the Upper West Side, where she'd raised a family and worked in corporate marketing. Newly empty nesters, she and her husband decided to move to the wilds of northwestern Connecticut, where they had spent 15 years as weekenders, to see what life in the woods had in store for them.

Rubin started teaching yoga classes at the Union in West Cornwall, a space designated by the town of Cornwall as a community hub with couches, Wi-Fi, occasional events and a growing yoga class schedule. She was adjusting well but missed one important thing about city life: a casual coffee shop.

She decided to talk to David Ellen, principal owner of the Pink House, West Cornwall's trendy eatery, which was hitting its stride with a new paint job and some rave reviews. Serving dinner only Thursday through Monday and brunch on weekends, the stylish restaurant sat empty much of the time. The idea was simple. Rubin would use

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Cornwall Historical Society celebrates Connecticut's Black patriots

By D.H. Callahan

On Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Cornwall Historical Society, author and genealogist John Mills will breathe new life into the stories of some of Connecticut's more underappreciated patriots. The reason these heroes were forgotten? They were Black.

At a time when white colonists were fighting for their own liberty and political independence, many Black men who fought alongside them remained enslaved. Some risked their lives only to return to bondage. Though enslaved people were promised freedom from both sides of the Revolutionary War in exchange for their service, Great Britain, too, was still deeply dependent on slavery. For Black people in America, the war presented both extraordinary risks and uncertain paths to the freedom that white colonists were demanding for themselves.

One systemic consequence of slavery is the loss and obscuring of the histories of those who were enslaved. Records were often not kept about where Africans had been stolen from or who they were related to. Families were torn apart, leaving nothing but the faintest traces of the past. The delineation point, where genealogists can no longer trace histories back, is referred to this as the "document wall."

Today, 250 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence and more than 160 years since the Emancipation Proclamation, there is a growing effort to restore some of the



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John Mills at the birthplace of Connecticut abolitionist John Brown.

history stripped from enslaved people and their descendants. Among the leaders of these efforts is Mills, president of the Alex Breanne Corporation, a nonprofit organization that works to identify previously anonymous Black Americans from history and connect them with their living relatives.

The work began with Mills' sister, who started digging into their family's past in the 1990's and introduced him to this emerging world of genealogy. Through that process, the Mills family discovered their great-great-grandfather, Ned Mills, who had been enslaved in Texas. His last name came

from his final enslaver and remains the family surname. Through their research, they found that the document wall directly affected their ancestor, who learned of his liberation on June 19, 1865, now commemorated as Juneteenth.

"For the first time," Mills writes on his website, "American slavery wasn't something that had happened to anonymous people in a history book. It had happened to my family."

The discovery gave Mills a familial pride he had been missing for years. That pride fueled his desire to help others find their own history. In 2023, Mills received his certificate in

genealogical research from Boston University. He has used his expertise to help descendants of enslaved people uncover histories they never dreamed of learning.

To do this, he uses a process called "reverse genealogy," identifying a person from the past and working forward to discover their descendants. Along the way, Mills has found some remarkable people who fought for freedom on American soil, some of whom were never freed.

At the Cornwall Historical Society event, Mills will present the stories of four Connecticut

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COMMUNITY

Big ideas come to Lenox for inaugural field festival

By Natalia Zukerman

What do joy, gardening, artificial intelligence, the American experiment and the creative process have in common? Quite a lot, as it turns out, at least when some of the world's most compelling thinkers get together to talk about them.

From Friday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 25, Lenox, Massachusetts, will host the inaugural field festival, a three-day gathering of writers, artists, scholars and cultural figures at Shakespeare & Company. Billed as a festival of ideas, entertainment, learning and discovery, field brings together an impressive roster of voices to explore everything from the deeply personal to the profoundly political.

The premise is both simple and increasingly radical: Bring people together, encourage curiosity and make room for thoughtful disagreement. The festival's guiding principles are to respect other voices, hear opposing perspectives and remain engaged in conversation, even when the subject matter becomes uncomfortable.

Opening the festival Friday evening is celebrated artist and

author Maira Kalman, whose whimsical illustrations and paintings have appeared on numerous New Yorker covers. Kalman will discuss her new collection, "Joy," which explores the small, often overlooked mo-

ments of beauty that persist even during difficult times.

Saturday's programming moves across disciplines and generations. Pioneering psychologist Carol Gilligan, whose groundbreaking 1982 book "In

a Different Voice" transformed conversations about gender and moral development, will join psychologist Niobe Way to discuss care, connection and the emo-

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mix who suffered from intense seizures. Some veterinarians recommended euthanasia, but Saetta wasn't ready to give up on him.

When Charlie would have an episode, she would sit with him, nose to nose, talking him through it. She learned to look for the moment he began to come around — when he could smell her again and his tail started to wag.

"You only get one or two of these soul connection dogs, so I do this in his honor," Saetta said. "I like to think that all the dogs that come through are going to have that person that they connect with just the same."

Through a network of women working to rescue animals in Texas, she learned about the desperate situations facing many dogs.

With limited space, some public pounds euthanize even healthy animals to make room. Limited access to veterinary care leaves sick dogs or unvaccinated puppies especially vulnerable.

Saetta saw that reality firsthand with a puppy named Gus, a Labrador mix she fostered who has since been adopted. Gus and his sisters had been dumped beside a road, where they were living under an abandoned car. People would leave food for them, but no one would take them to the pound.

"Even the people who rescue animals down there were like, 'sadly, the best place for them



PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Stephanie Saetta, with her rescue dog George and Blue (left), a shepherd mix awaiting his forever home.

“You only get one or two of these soul connection dogs, so I do this in his honor:

STEPHANIE SAETTA

to be is on the side of the road,” she said. “That’s safer. Someone might actually help them that way.”

Saetta knows that there are far more dogs than any one person can save, but she also knows that helping one dog means one fewer on the street.

Charlie Chicken Bone Sanctuary operates entirely through foster homes, a model that Saetta believes is best for the dogs

and the humans hoping to adopt them.

Rather than moving directly from a difficult environment into a permanent home, the dogs have a chance to settle into a quieter setting. They can learn what it’s like to live with a family, sleep somewhere comfortable and receive affection without fighting for attention. Fostering also allows the rescue to really get to know each dog.

“As fosters, we’re honest,” said Saetta. “We’ll tell you everything that’s been bad, everything that’s been good. What their temperament is and how they’ve responded to all the things they’ve experienced.”

A successful adoption is not just about finding a dog a home;

it’s about finding the right home where the dog and family can thrive together.

Saetta is looking for more people willing to open their homes to foster dogs. She understands that the thought of growing attached and eventually saying goodbye can feel daunting. But she sees that goodbye a little differently.

Fostering means being part of a dog’s journey, even if only for a short time. It gives dogs a safe place to rest, the chance to trust again and the love they have gone without for much of their lives. And when the time comes for them to leave, it is not really a loss. It is the reward of knowing they are moving on to a forever home.

Blue, Saetta’s current foster, is hoping to find his perfect home.

Now around 7 years old, Blue spent most of his life wandering the streets of Texas. People sometimes left food out for him, but his mangy, dirty coat kept them from stopping to pet him. Today, he has a chance to experience something different.

Blue is still waiting for his forever home. Saetta believes he would do best as the only dog in a household or alongside another senior dog. He will need someone willing to continue working with him on his training and understand that a dog with his history needs patience.

But what he gives in return is a whole lot of love.

“He’s so enthusiastic, he’s so excited for life, he’s so friendly, and he’s got such a good heart, and he loves to cuddle,” Saetta said. “He’s a good, good, good dog.”

For more information on adopting Blue or how to foster, visit ccbsanctuary.org.

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Hunter Runnette, founder and board chair of field, has spent years fostering arts and cultural programming in the Berkshires.

tional lives of young people.

Historian Annette Gordon-Reed will sit down with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Brent Staples to examine the contradictions between America’s founding ideals and its history of slavery and racial inequality, a particularly resonant subject as the nation marks its 250th anniversary.

In another conversation, acclaimed writers Jamaica Kincaid and Saidiya Hartman will explore gardening as a practice that connects memory, history, beauty and belonging. Moderated by scholar Farah Jasmine Griffin, the discussion promises to reveal how something as seemingly ordinary as tending a garden can become an act of cultural and personal discovery.

The creative process will take center stage when novelist Colm Tóibín joins former New York magazine editor Adam Moss for a live conversation inspired by Moss’ book “The Work of Art: How Something Comes from Nothing.” Together, they’ll examine how artists turn an initial idea into a finished work, including the uncertainty, revision and occasional loss of faith along the way.

The weekend also ventures into medicine and technology, with bioethicists and health care leaders discussing the intersection of artificial intelligence, scientific innovation and equitable care. Other sessions explore grief, spirituality and the ways people make meaning of loss.

On Sunday, British painter and printmaker Tom Hammick will offer an illustrated look at his creative practice, incorporating music, poetry and images of his work to explore art’s capacity to express love, loss and the experience of being alive.

The full festival schedule also includes Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Kai Bird and Susan Goldmark discussing their new book about Roy Cohn; political analyst Jonathan Alter examining the midterm elections; and trauma researcher Bessel van der Kolk discussing psychedelic-assisted treatment with psychiatrist Ronald D. Siegel.

Field takes place Oct. 23–25 at Shakespeare & Company in Lenox. Weekend passes and individual event tickets are available at fieldlenox.org.

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families: Job Lathrop of Norwich, the son of Pirmus Armes, about whom Mills has published a book; Prince Mortimer of Middletown, also the subject of a book by Mills; the three sons of London Wallace of Simsbury; and Robert “Robin” Starr of Danbury, who later lived in Cornwall and Sharon.

A few years ago, Cornwall Consolidated School social studies teacher Will Vincent reached out to Mills for research guidance on a local history project his students were undertaking. Together, they learned about Naomi Freeman of Cornwall. After purchasing an acre of land on Great Hollow Road in 1828, Naomi Freeman became the first Black female landowner in Cornwall.

The students petitioned the town to rename a road after the historic Cornwall resident. In April 2025, Great Hollow Road was officially renamed Naomi Freeman Historic Road. U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes joined Mills and the Cornwall Consildated School students for a presentation of their research.



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John Mills speaking at Quinnipiac University.

Since then, Mills has guided the students in their quest to learn more about Starr’s story. Starr was a Revolutionary War soldier who joined the Continental Army to earn enough money to buy his own freedom, receiving the Badge of Merit in the process. The stories of his descendents’ services are equally worthy of their

own books.

In recognition of Mills and the students’ work, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway proclaimed Feb. 8 as Robin Starr Day.

Preregistration is required for the event at the Cornwall Historical Society. To learn more about Mills’ work, visit alexbreanne.org.

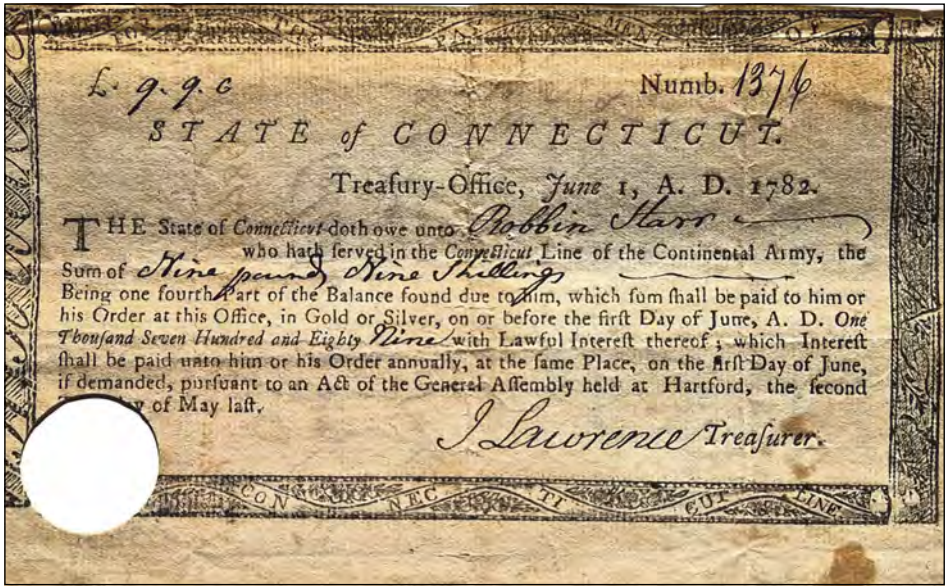


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the space to serve coffee and, with a little luck, find somebody who could bake.

Rubin turned to her yoga community to ask if somebody was interested in joining this crazy, if not entirely illogical, idea. That's when Maggie Levine chimed in. After 25 years as a teacher in Brooklyn Heights, Levine was also looking for life's next challenge. Though some time had passed since her days working in the pastry world, including a stint in a Wolfgang Puck kitchen, she'd never lost her love for baking. Just like that, a team was born.

Ellen had been interested in making better use of the space for some time and was patient enough with the cafe newcomers to let Rubin take some time to become a barista. Not many people take to the espresso machine for the first time in their 50s, but Rubin was determined to do it right. She knew a good cafe requires a skilled barista, so she spent days driving to No. 6 Roastery in West Stockbridge. There, she learned about the intricacies of the beans, how best to brew them and even took a couple of lessons in latte art, all while giving Levine the chance to refine her baking skills. By the time they opened those morning doors, their tools were sharp and the frittata recipe was perfect.



Mare Rubin and Maggie Levine of the Pink House AM.

PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Though Rubin and Levine might disagree on how crisp they like their toast, the biggest challenges have been practical. The Pink House AM is part of the Pink House business, but the dinner and brunch restaurant has priority for the kitchen and coffee space. That means setting up and breaking down the entire cafe operation every day.

Much of the team's goal is to provide a space for community. It's not uncommon to find groups of longtime locals who meet morning

after morning to chew the fat and enjoy coffee and pastries. A few enthusiastic customers have become such regular fixtures that they've had drinks named after them, including a flat white named after West Cornwall-based photographer Martin Chalk.

The team is also hosting Cedric Gairard of local arts publication Fieldwork to play vinyl records outdoors on Thursdays or Fridays, depending on the weather.

For now, full service is available Monday through

Friday until noon, and coffee is available before the Pink House brunch service starts at 11 a.m. on weekends. Though not ready to disclose their future plans, the team has additional offerings in the works. For now, the space is open and ready for the casual laptop user, groups of old friends or even a curious couple to sit, enjoy their coffee and read a copy of The Lakeville Journal.

Follow the Pink House AM on Instagram at @pinkhouse.am.

MUSIC

Sons of Astro are musicians, friends and bandmates — in that order

By D.H. Callahan

No matter where they are in the world, musicians seem to find other musicians. There's a shared language, a shared experience of being on stage and performing, and a shared enthusiasm for making those melodies by themselves or together. Such is the case with Norfolk and Brooklyn-based cosmic Americana band Sons of Astro.

That magnetic musicians' bond drew Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Mike Cobb into the orbit of singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Matt Statler. The two neighbors took to each other right away and were soon playing open mics together. As an ethics professor at NYU's Stern School of Business, Statler made the case that if he sat in for Cobb's set and Cobb sat in for Statler's, they could play together and double their stage time. Clearly, these men wanted to make as much music as possible. That became a little harder when Cobb and his family moved up to Norfolk, Connecticut.

All the while, Cobb had also been talking to architect, musician and amateur luthier Ben Herzog. Herzog spent his pandemic downtime teaching himself to build guitar- and bass-like instruments for fun. He also hosted a bluegrass jam session at his architecture office in Brooklyn. Cobb mentioned he had moved to a small town in Connecticut. It turned out, Herzog had a place in Norfolk, too. Things were starting to



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The Sons of Astro will be at the Common Pub in Housatonic on Oct. 24 and the 2nd Home Lounge in Winsted on Nov. 14.

come together, but what would really solidify them as a band was a drummer. Cobb called Brooklyn-based drummer Charlie Shaw, who has a collapsible drum kit that he can fold down to suitcase size. For that special X factor, they brought in Rip Westmoorland from Herzog's jam sessions. Westmoorland has an enviable instrument collection featuring several vintage guitars he was happy to lend to the group, which was now officially a band.

The name Sons of Astro comes from a chance encounter with a couple of cloned dogs, but their music is far from a cold scientific copy. In fact, in a time when AI threatens all forms of art, their music feels remarkably human, and uniquely familiar.

Their debut EP, "Another Day Above the Dirt," hits Bandcamp and other streaming services Nov. 6. It pulls from influences like

the Grateful Dead, Tom Petty and the Byrds, and features timely lyrical themes and hooks you'll want to sing along to.

You can catch Sons of Astro at the Common Pub in Housatonic on Oct. 24 and at the 2nd Home Lounge in Winsted on Nov. 14.

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ART

One more weekend to get inside the art at ArtEast

By Natalia Zukerman

ArtEast's annual October Open Studio Tour is already underway, but there's still one more weekend to step inside the creative worlds of artists working throughout eastern Dutchess County. On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25, artists will once again open their studio doors, inviting visitors to see where the work happens, meet the people who make it and perhaps discover something worth taking home.

Now in its 21st year, the ArtEast October Open Studio Tour offers a self-guided journey with participating studios in Holmes, LaGrangeville, Hopewell Junction, Pawling, Patterson, Poughquag and Wingdale. Visitors can explore painting, photography, sculpture, mixed media and other artistic practices, and get some leaf-peeping in at the same time.

Unlike a traditional gallery exhibition, the tour offers a chance to see art in the places where it comes to life. There are works in progress, tools of the trade and opportunities

to ask artists about their inspirations, techniques and creative processes. It's an invitation into spaces that are generally private, and a reminder of just how much artistic activity is happening in our own backyard.

Among the participating artists are sculptors Bob and Karen Madden, painter Sharon Nakazato, photographer Lonna Kelly, sculptor Brian Wohrman and mixed-media artist Doreen O'Connor. Their work represents just a portion of the creative talent spread across the region, with studios ranging from intimate home workspaces to larger environments dedicated to making art.

Founded in 2006 to raise awareness of artists working in eastern Dutchess County, ArtEast has grown into a regional arts organization that fosters connections. In addition to its October tour, the organization has expanded its programming to include spring open studios and other opportunities for artists and the public to connect.

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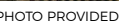
Author Tarajia Morrell in her kitchen.

An appetite for life: Tarajia Morrell's “Desire Feeds the Feast”

Her family founded fine

For tickets to the book talk on Oct. 24, visit troutbeck.com.

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The participating artists in this year's ArtEast open studios.

map before setting out, as some participating artists were open only during the first weekend, Oct. 17 and 18. For a complete list of artists, studio locations and tour information, visit arteastdutchess.com.



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Pheasant casserole, a South Dakota tradition, passed down through generations and made for sharing.

Bobby’s Pheasant Casserole

Growing up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October meant one thing: pheasant hunting season. For generations, it’s been a cherished tradition bringing family and friends together, both in the fields and around the dinner table.

Our family’s annual pheasant hunt has continued for 43 years, spanning three generations. It’s a tradition filled with crisp autumn mornings, great stories and memories that last a lifetime. And although I’ve traded the South Dakota prairies for the hills of northwest Connecticut, my love of pheasant season has followed me home.

Each year, after the big hunt, Matt and I gather friends around our table to enjoy this special treat. For many, it’s their first taste of pheasant, and even Matt, who didn’t grow up with the tradition, has come to love it.

Of course, the evening is about more than what’s on the plate. It’s about setting a beautiful table, lighting the candles, opening a good bottle of wine and making everyone feel welcome. To us, that’s the true gift of hospitality: sharing something you love with the people you love.

And no pheasant season would be complete without our family’s favorite pheasant casserole. It’s the very dish Matt and I serve each year after the big hunt, a recipe passed down through generations and still marked “our family favorite!” in our original cookbook.

It’s comforting, delicious and perfect for a table full of friends. Best of all, it can be prepared ahead of time, leaving more time for what matters most: enjoying the company around your table.

Bobby’s Pheasant Casserole Serves 6

- Ingredients**
- 12 ounces mild pork sausage
 - ½ cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
 - 8 ounces water chestnuts, chopped
 - 1 large onion, finely chopped
 - 1 (6-ounce) box wild rice mix
 - ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 - ¼ cup butter

What’s cooking...

Bobby Graham & Matthew Marden

- ½ cup milk
- 1¾ cups chicken broth
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Tony Chachere’s Original Cajun Seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups cooked, boned pheasant (or turkey or chicken)
- ½ cup slivered, toasted almonds

Preparation
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a large skillet, sauté the pork sausage until browned. Drain well, reserving a little of the drippings.

Sauté the onion and mushrooms in the reserved drippings until softened. Add the chopped water chestnuts toward the end of cooking. Squeeze the lemon juice over the mixture.

Prepare the wild rice according to package directions.

In a separate saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and gradually add the milk and chicken broth, stirring until smooth and thickened. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large casserole dish, gently combine the cooked pheasant, sausage, wild rice and mushroom mixture. Pour the cream sauce over everything and toss gently to combine.

Bake for approximately 1 hour, until heated through and bubbling. Sprinkle with toasted almonds just before serving.

NOTE: This is a wonderful dish for entertaining because it can be made ahead. As our original family recipe reminds us, the flavors only get better as the casserole rests. If holding it warm before serving, keep it at 140 degrees or above.

Each month, Bobby Graham and Matthew Marden, owners of Dugazon in Sharon, share a recipe inspired by traditions, stories and a sense of welcome.

BUSINESS

Berkshire Mountain Distillers is bringing brewery vibes to Sheffield

By D.H. Callahan

Almost 20 years after Chris Weld first opened Berkshire Mountain Distillers in Sheffield, Massachusetts, he’s expanding his offerings yet again. This time, he’s bringing the beer.

When Weld opened his distillery in April 2007, it was a bit of a risk. Nobody had distilled spirits in the area since Prohibition. Fancy cocktail culture was just emerging in major cities and alternative urban centers. The craft distilling market had not yet matured to its eventual level of popularity.

Nonetheless, the distillery was impressing casual tasters and critics right away. Its fresh granite spring water helped ensure ideal distilling conditions for its bourbon, vodka, gin and rum lines. The distillery won all sorts of awards, and their Greylock Gin was named one of the best craft gins in the country by the New York Times just five years into its run.

Making an exceptional spirit is one thing. Getting the average customer to try it is quite another. Weld estimates that maybe 50 craft distillers operated in the United States when he opened his doors. Today, following a dramatic post-pandemic spike in 2023, the American Craft Spirits Association estimates there are just over 2,000 craft distilleries in the country. That’s a lot of competition.

Berkshire Mountain Distillers (BMD) has done a lot to distinguish itself in an increasingly crowded market. It has released limited runs, like its Smoke and Peat series, in which whiskey and rum are aged a



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Mike Cobb and the Crevulators at Berkshire Mountain Distillery

second time in used barrels from Scotland. Its Cultural Cocktails program saw BMD team up with local arts institutions like the Clark Art Institute,, Berkshire Botanical Garden and the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center to create custom cocktail recipes inspired by the venues.

In 2021, BMD introduced the Craft Brewers Whiskey Project, partnering with regional breweries to distill their beers into whiskeys. The project has seen BMD collaborate with a dozen breweries, including Sam Adams, Two Roads in Stratford, Connecticut, and Big Elm, just down the street from the distillery in Sheffield. That first year, Smoke & Dagger Whiskey, BMD’s collaboration with Massachusetts-based Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, won a gold medal in the beer-distilled whiskey category at the U.S. Open Whiskey and Spirits National Championship.

Unfortunately, their friends at Big Elm closed down their brewery and beer hall earlier this year, leaving a hole in Sheffield’s

social scene. Weld decided to pick up the slack by making the distillery experience more like that of a neighborhood brewery. He brought in games, created a seasonal food menu, added seating to the tasting room and started booking musicians to play free shows on Saturday afternoons. There was only one thing missing: the beer.

After mastering the crafts of distilling and cannabis cultivation — Weld is also co-founder of local cannabis dispensary, The Pass — odds were good that he’d brew a pretty choice beer. But as is frequently the case when navigating regulations surrounding alcohol and cannabis, the seemingly endless and sometimes illogical red tape proved difficult to overcome in the short time Weld had before summer. So he tapped back into his partnerships, asking some of his brewery collaborators to help with his first beer releases.

So far, working with partner breweries, BMD has created three beers: an IPA, a hazy pale ale and a lager, with a hefty brown ale on the way. Many early consumer reviews rank their available varieties above four out of five stars on the beer-rating website Untappd. Until now, the beers have been available only at the distillery, but bottles will soon be available to take home.

Weld is thrilled to send customers home with bottles of his spirits and his beers, but this time, the main goal seems less about setting a brand apart from the competition and more to creating a space for locals, weekenders and, yes, even leaf peepers to gather, enjoy Sheffield and its people, and sample the fruits of Weld’s many labors.

To learn more about Two Lanterns Brewery and Berkshire Mountain Distillers, visit berkshiremountainindistillers.com.

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Dee Salomon, “The Ungardener”

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OCTOBER 22

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Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwood Road East, Norfolk, Conn.
The Norfolk Economic Development Commission hosts a conversation with Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation President Kara Mikulich, Vice President of Programs Maeve O’Dea and Community Engagement Officer Aileen Meehan. Learn about the foundation’s grant opportunities, funding process and support for local nonprofits, and share your organization’s needs and perspectives. 5 to 6 p.m. RSVP at norfolklibrary.org

OCTOBER 23

Race Brook Lodge Tag Sale
Race Brook Lodge, 864 S. Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.
Oct. 23 to 25
As Race Brook Lodge closes a chapter, furnishings and treasures collected over more than 30 years are up for grabs, including furniture, rugs, lighting, dishes, decorative objects and restaurant equipment. The weekend also features live music, food, drinks and dancing. Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3 p.m. Free admission. rblodge.com/tagsale

“Patterns of Life” Exhibition Opening
Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y.
The Millbrook Arts Project presents “Patterns of Life,” featuring work by Shari Diamond, Richard Garrison, Paul Lewandowski and Jim Morris, curated by Sharon Bates. An artist conversation takes place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., followed by an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibition runs through Nov. 28. millbrooklibrary.org

Wassaic Commons Farmers Market and Moonlit Market
3 Main St., Wassaic, N.Y.
Featuring locally grown produce, vendors, artisans, psychics, halloween activities and more, Wassaic’s main street will be filled with farmer’s market each day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with moonlit market on Oct. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. Vendors welcome. Contact hello@wassaiccommons.com

Kids’ Sewing and Embroidery Course
Common Place Craft Workshop, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Oct. 23 through Nov. 20
This five-week course introduces ages 7 to 13 to hand-sewing, mending and embroidery through simple projects including a coin purse and pillowcase. No experience necessary; adults are also welcome to enroll. Fridays, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Register at commonplacecraft.square.site

Eric Forstmann at the Mayflower Inn
Mayflower Inn, 118 Woodbury Road, Washington, Conn.
Oct. 23 to 25
Eckert Fine Art presents paintings by Connecticut realist Eric Forstmann, known for his detailed still lifes and landscapes. Meet the artist and view his work daily from

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forstmann will sign copies of his latest book, “American Realist Artist,” during a cocktail reception Friday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m.

2026 Haunted Barn and Monster’s Ball
Wassaic Project, Wassaic, N.Y.
Oct. 23 to 25
The Wassaic Project’s annual Haunted Mill moves to the Luther Barn, with immersive installations, performances, a shadow puppet show, a haunted petting zoo, an alien robot workshop and more. The Monster’s Ball, with a costume contest and live music, takes place Saturday at 7 p.m. at The Lantern’s garden. Tickets and info at wassaicproject.org

The Art of Fine Art Restoration: Causes & Remedies
Saint James Place, 352 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Master Conservator Troy J. Amuso presents an evening exploring the hidden threats to oil paintings, including humidity, light exposure, improper cleaning and neglect. 7 p.m. Tickets proceeds benefit The People’s Pantry and Saint James Place. Register at saintjamesplace.net.

“Julie & Julia” Screening and Q&A
The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Nora Ephron’s beloved film starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. A post-screening Q&A features former Food & Wine editor-in-chief Dana Cowin in conversation with cookbook author Jessie Sheehan and chef Kristen Essig of Stonewood Farm. 7 p.m. Tickets at themoviehouse.org.

Billy Copley: “Bags, Maps, and Ledgers”
Room for Art, 5979 Route 82, Stanfordsville, N.Y.
Room for Art presents an exhibition of collages and works on paper by Billy Copley, transforming everyday objects — shopping bags, maps and vintage ledger pages — into playful, colorful compositions. The exhibition runs through Nov. 22. Opening reception 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. roomforartny.com

Kate Kortum Quartet
Indigo Room, 20 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Award-winning jazz vocalist Kate Kortum brings her quartet to the Mahaiwe’s intimate Indigo Room for two performances. A Juilliard graduate and winner of the 2025 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition. 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets mahaiwe.org

Pete Anderson Trio: Gershwin Classics
The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y.
The Pete Anderson Trio performs a program of George Gershwin classics as part of the Bang Family Concert Series. Refreshments follow the performance. The church is fully accessible. 3 p.m. Suggested donation \$20; children free. thesmithfieldchurch.org/concerts

ArtEast Open Studio Tour
Eastern Dutchess County and neighboring Putnam County, N.Y.
Oct. 17 to 18 and 24 to 25
ArtEast’s annual fall tour in-

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vites visitors into the working studios of artists in Holmes, LaGrangeville, Hopewell Junction, Pawling, Patterson, Poughquag and Wingdale. Meet the artists, see works in a variety of media and get a behind-the-scenes look at their creative processes. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some studios are open the first weekend only. More info at arteast-dutchess.com

Forest Bathing with Fru Molnar
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrral Road, Millbrook, N.Y.
Slow down, awaken your senses, and discover the restorative power of nature during a peaceful guided forest bathing experience among Innisfree’s autumn woodlands. 10:30 a.m.

Hunt for Books Giant Book Sale
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
The Friends of the Hunt Library hosts a giant book sale featuring thousands of new and gently used books at bargain prices. The sale coincides with the Apples ‘n’ Things fall festival across the street at Falls Village Congregational Church, featuring baked goods and handmade crafts. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission.

Candlelight Reading with Laurie Lane-Zucker
Race Brook Lodge, 864 S. Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.
Sheffield author Laurie Lane-Zucker reads from his new book, “The Impact Entrepreneur Breakthrough: A Field Manual for the Regenerative Economy.” Part memoir and part portrait of pioneering changemakers, the book includes a 2018 gathering of global leaders at Race Brook Lodge. Signed copies will be available. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light
Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Fresh off their 2025 Telluride Bluegrass Band Contest win, the Boston-based trio blends folk tradition with feminist storytelling, poetic grit and close harmonies. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

“Lightworkers” Documentary Screening
Bushnell-Sage Library, 48 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.
A free screening of “Lightworkers,” Bobby Roth’s documentary featuring people responding to social, political and environmental challenges through individual action and collective responsibility. The film asks what each person can do to help build a more just and compassionate world. 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

Books & Cake Anniversary Celebration
Books & Cake, 8 Anthony St., Hillsdale, N.Y.
Books & Cake marks its first anniversary with a day of cupcakes, giveaways and good cheer, including coffee mugs while supplies last and tote bags for the first 20 visitors. The celebration concludes with thriller writer William Landay, author of “Defending Jacob,” in conversation at 5:30 p.m. Free; reservations

for the author talk at book-sandcake.com/events.

“Mad as Hell”
Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Harry Moses, longtime “60 Minutes” producer and author of “Mad as Hell: How 60 Minutes Took on the Powerful and Made Television History,” discusses the groundbreaking news program with Richard Schlesinger, former CBS News correspondent. 5 p.m. In-person only. Registration required at 860-672-6874 or CornwallLibrary.org.

A Tasting Party, for the Kids Without the Kids
Lakeville Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn.
An evening of wine, beer and culinary experiences will benefit Housatonic Child Care

Center. Tickets are available by calling 860-435-9694.

Community Reuse & Repair Cafe
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. bring your clothing, bikes, small appliances, furniture and more and get help and tips from skilled volunteers to fix it, share it, love it and keep it out of landfill! Also, knife sharpening available. Organized by Sharon Energy and Environment Commission.

Book Talk with Tarajia Morrell
Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.
Join Tarajia Morrell for a pre-release book launch of “Desire Feeds the Feast,” a memoir about food, love, loss and finding home. Morrell, a James Beard Award-winning writer and Troutbeck’s communications director, will discuss the book, followed by a signing. Refreshments will

be served. 4 p.m. tickets at troutbeck.com

■ OCTOBER 25 All-Ages Craftspace: Block-Printing
Common Place Craft Workshop, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Experiment with block-printing using easy-to-use print-making tools and pre-cut rubber stamping blocks, with tote bags, note cards and wood photo frames available to decorate. All ages; coffee and tea served. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Register at commonplacecraft.square.site

Cottage Courses: Spoon Carving with Kate Hawes
Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.
Learn the fundamentals of spoon carving in a hands-on workshop led by woodworker Kate Hawes. Suitable for beginners and those with some woodworking experience. 1 to 4 p.m. \$120. Registration required at troutbeck.com

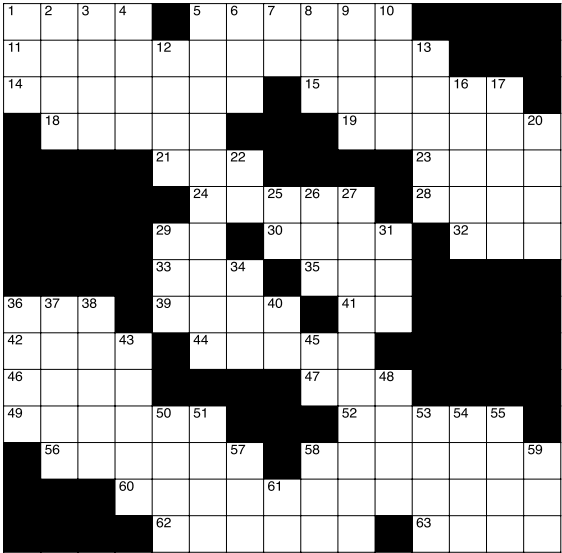
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- 5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
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- 15. Washington city
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- 19. Mark used over a vowel
- 21. Explosive
- 23. Popular 500 car race
- 24. Pile up
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- 30. A minute amount (Scottish)
- 32. Mass of fish eggs
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Licensed accountant
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- 60. Force
- 62. As a result of this document
- 63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a mistake
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- 6. Scotland’s longest river
- 7. One of the six noble gases
- 8. Body art
- 9. Two-toed sloth
- 10. Electronic counter-countermeasures



- 12. A foolish person
- 13. Of the wind
- 16. Mansion
- 17. Sound
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OUR TOWNS

Median Washington home prices remains above \$900K

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

WASHINGTON — The median sale price of a single-family home in the Town of Washington, which includes the Village of Millbrook, reached \$905,000 for the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2026 — up 36% from a year earlier and just below the record set the previous month.

The median was slightly below the \$907,500 recorded for the 12 months ending in August. It was up from \$667,500 for the comparable period in 2025 and \$550,750 in 2024, an increase of 64% over two years.

The average sale price was \$1,716,932, about 1% below the previous month's record. The gap between the average and median reflects the influence of high-priced properties on the market.

Annual sales of single-family homes in Washington have remained near their lowest levels in 20 years since the beginning of 2022.

A total of 32 homes sold in the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2026, compared with 47 in the corresponding period in 2025 and 28 in 2024. Sales peaked during the pandemic, with 64 homes sold in the 12 months ending in October 2021.

In early October, 54 properties were listed for sale or rent across all real estate categories, including seven commercial properties in the center of the Village of Millbrook.

The 27 single-family homes for sale were concen-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The home at 44 Merritt Ave. was built in 1901 and renovated by Christopher Quinn. The 0.33 acre village property also included a small cottage. It sold on Aug. 31, 2026 for \$1,117,500, 14% under its listing price of \$1,295,000.

trated at the upper end of the market, with 20 listed above \$1 million, including seven above \$3 million. Only six were priced at or below the current median sale price of \$905,000, including just one below \$500,000.

Of the 13 apartments and houses available for rent, nine had asking rents below \$3,000 per month.

September transfers

44 Merritt Ave. — 3 bedroom/3 bath home in the Village of Millbrook transferred to Jean Sultzby Jones for \$1,117,500.

81 Verbank Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.81

acres transferred to Michele Samaha Colon for \$359,050.

40 Rascal Road — 3 Bedroom/1 bath raised ranch on 3.86 acres transferred to Rascal Road LLC for \$258,000.

91 Tower Hill Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath home on 5.83 acres transferred to William Murphy for \$1.99 million.

571 Tower Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3 bath home built in 1920 on 22.07 acres transferred to Richard McKeon Jr. for \$1,636,500.

3716-3718 Route 44 — 3 bedroom/1 bath residence plus a commercial building on 0.87 acres transferred to 3718 Dutchess LLC for \$700,000.

565 Halls Corners Road — 5.05 acres of rural vacant land in Dover School District transferred to John Harris for \$131,000.

* Town of Washington recorded real estate transfers from September 1 to September 30, 2026, from Dutchess County Office of Real Property. First Key MLS and market data from InfoSparks. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Current listings from One Key MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Sept. 30 to Oct. 14.

Oct. 1 — Deputies responded to Shady Lane in the Town of Dover for a reported physical melee between cousins. Upon arrival, investigation revealed no active disturbance. Both parties were intoxicated and uncooperative with deputies.

Oct. 2 — Deputies responded to Oniontown Road in the Town of Dover to investigate a physical domestic dispute between cousins. The matter was resolved without further police intervention.

Oct. 3 — Deputies responded to Sanita Road in the Town of Pawling to investigate a reported domestic disturbance. The matter was resolved without further police intervention.

Oct. 10 — Deputies arrested Julio Tiul, age 22, for driving while intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in the Town of Amenia. Tiul to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

Oct. 12 — Deputies responded to 214 Sinpatch Road in the Town of Amenia to investigate a neighbor dispute. Situation mediated by patrol.

Oct. 13 — Deputies pa-

trolled to Route 55 in the Town of Dover to investigate a reported landlord/tenant dispute. Situation mediated by patrol.

Oct. 14 — Deputies responded to Pine Ridge Road in the Town of North East to investigate a physical domestic dispute. Matter mediated and further investigation is pending

Oct. 14 — Deputies responded to 3306 Route 343 in the Town of Amenia for a Two-car Property Damage Automobile Crash. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Crisanto Cancaal (age 34) who was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Cancaal to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.



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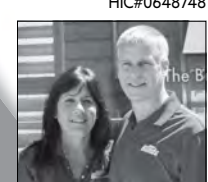
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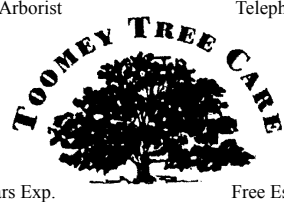
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