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Planning Board hears public comment on Cascade Creek subdivision application

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AMENIA — About 80 residents gathered in Town Hall for a public hearing on Cascade Creek, a 26-unit housing development being considered by the Planning Board. Holding the hearing open until Wednesday, Nov. 11, to allow for the gathering of any additional written comments, the Planning Board agreed to meet with the developer in the interim to discuss residents' concerns.

Proposed by the Poughkeepsie nonprofit Hudson River Housing, the 24-acre site on Cascade Road would be divided into 26 residential lots to be used for single family workforce housing, modular in design, on quarter-acre lots. The homes would be sold to first-time home buyers who would each be eligible for funding to assist with mortgage down payments.

Zoned as Suburban Residential, the parcel lies within an Aquifer Overlay District with a portion standing within a stream corridor. The site is located across Route 22 from the Freshtown Shopping Plaza. The suburban residential zone typically requires a mini-

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Flock Safety begins removing county's license plate readers

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Flock Safety license plate readers in Millerton, Pine Plains and Amenia have been removed, but others remain standing elsewhere in Dutchess County after the county's Oct. 25 removal deadline.

The three local cameras came down by Monday, Oct. 26, following county officials' September decision to discontinue the surveillance system amid public opposition over privacy concerns.

Their removal marks the end of a contentious chapter in northeast Dutchess's history. At a public forum in September, residents from across the political spectrum harshly criticized Flock's presence in Dutchess County, citing privacy concerns, potential misuse of data and lack of accountability. District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced the decision to deactivate the cameras two days later, on Sept. 25, with removal to take place within 30 days.

But while local cameras have been removed, Flock cameras are still up elsewhere in Dutchess County. Dutchess County Director

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Historic dairy barn offers new retail space in Wassaic

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WASSAIC — An organic food and produce vendor has opened a permanent space in the Wassaic Commons farmers market.

Maggie's Delivery Service, a produce and home goods business run by Maggie Bahr, has had a stall as part of the market since it opened this past summer.

Now, Bahr can worry less about setup. Instead of a stall, Maggie's Delivery Service — henceforth known simply as Maggie's — now occupies part of the refurbished

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PHOTO BY GRAHAM CORRIGAN

Maggie Bahr stands in her new permanent space on Main Street in Wassaic, a 900-square-foot retail space where she will sell produce and home goods, on Sunday, Nov. 1.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Jason Culver feeds a bull a cookie during a visit to one of his leased pastures on Downey Road in Millerton on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Millerton farmer adopts 'virtual fencing,' ditches posts and wire

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MILLERTON — Cattle grazing without a visible fence at the former Kaplan dairy farm on Route 22 have prompted calls from passing motorists and visits from police. But farmer Jason Culver says the cows are right where he wants them.

The Millerton beef producer is using GPS-enabled collars to keep his cattle within boundaries he draws on his cellphone. When a cow approaches the invisible boundary, its collar sounds a warning. If it keeps going, it receives an electric shock.

"People would see them — even people I knew — they were pulling into the driveway," Culver said. "The troopers, the sheriffs, everybody. We still get calls, but

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Millerton police officer wins 'Life Saving Award'

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — Local police officer Erik Breen recently won a Life Saving Award for his response to an attempted suicide in October 2025.

Breen was patrolling the Irondale Cemetery on Oct. 2, 2025, when he encountered a group of people in distress. Upon approaching the group, he was informed that a 95-year-old man was suffering from a gunshot wound to the neck from a suicide attempt, according to a nomination statement provided to the Millerton News by Millerton Police Chief Joe Olenik.

Breen then contacted emergency medical personnel and began providing first aid, keeping the elderly man alive until EMTs arrived on scene to transport him to the

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton undeterred by high candy prices

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — Candy prices have jumped this year, but Millerton residents said the extra cost is worth it for a night of fun in the village.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported candy prices have risen by 7.7% since last year, outpacing inflation over the same period. Residents of Simmons Street in Millerton who were handing out candy on Halloween reported spending between $50 to $75 and as much as $150 for goodies to hand out that night.

But only a few said they felt sticker shock buying candy for the holiday. The prevailing feeling among Simmons Street residents and community members manning booths at the Festival of Frights along the Rail Trail was that it's worth the money to have a good night with the community's families.

Matt Herz, a Simmons Street resident, was emblematic of his neighbors' attitude toward spending for Halloween.

"You knew prices were going to be up," Herz said. "But what you're doing for the kids — it's a great thing."

He said he spent around $70 on Halloween candy this year. He bought enough for 600 trick-or-treaters, expecting to outdo last year's 500 visitors.

Yvonne Coburn was keeping a tally of all the trick-or-treaters that visited her house. By 7 p.m. she had counted 198, which she said was fewer visitors than she had the previous year by the same time.

Neighbors said they bought about the same amount of candy as they did last year. Claire Owens bought her candy in bulk from Costco, securing 10 pounds of candy for about $60. She said her worries about higher prices were abated by a desire to contribute to a fun night of trick-or-treating for Millerton's families.

Owens and other neighbors said Millerton is a popular trick-or-treating location for surrounding communities including Amenia and Sharon. The village's more densely populated, walkable layout attracts hundreds of children and families for candy every year.

"This is where the kids in the neighborhood come, so we'll do whatever we need to do," Owens said. "We're lucky because we go where you can get stuff that's more reasonably priced, but we would do it anyway."

Millbrook fights candy prices with community

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — The Town of Washington received more than 6,700 pieces of Halloween candy as part of its annual donation drive. Recreation Director Danielle Szalewicz said "our delivery wagon is almost overflowing, and there is more at the Village Hall."

Szalewicz and Erin Fox delivered the candy to participating houses on Thursday, Oct. 29. The team allocates sweets to a different area in Millbrook every year. This Halloween, residents on Merritt Avenue and Elm Drive were the beneficiaries. Last year, it was Reservoir Drive and Maple Avenue. Szalewicz says about 60 houses received a share of the donations.

Washington first started the tradition 15 years ago to help families with the cost of candy during the Halloween season. The town and the village of Millbrook draw big crowds for Halloween, and the price of candy has skyrocketed in recent years. A 100-piece bag of candy costs 71% more than it did in 2021 — $16.96, up from $9.91 — according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The next opportunity to donate to a good cause has already begun: from Nov. 2 to Nov. 20, Washington and Millbrook will be collecting canned goods, dried goods, and proteins for the Food for Folks pantry in Millbrook. Donations can be dropped off at either Town Hall or Village Hall: 10 Reservoir Drive or 35 Merritt Ave., both in Millbrook.



PHOTOS BY SANTI SLADE

Franklin Avenue frights

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters descend upon downtown Millbrook to collect candy on Halloween this past Saturday, Oct. 31. The village is a popular destination for trick-or-treaters across rural Dutchess County due to its walkability. In an effort to bring down costs for village residents, Millbrook operates a community candy drive that distributes thousands of pieces of candy to village residents to hand out at Halloween.



An oyster, snoopy, and the Michelin man pause at the corner of Church and Reservoir drive in Millbrook amid a night of trick-or-treating.

Trunk-or-treat draws crowds in Millerton and Amenia



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

NorthEast-Millerton Library representatives had mini-axe throwing and a goody dispenser for visitors at Millerton's Festival of Frights held on Halloween night.



Trick-or-treaters depart a home on Simmons Street after picking up candy.



A jumping mechanical spider startles a group of pickles as they retrieve candy from the Irondale Schoolhouse during Millerton's Festival of Frights.



A dairy farm theme drew kids to collect candy from the Trunk or Treat vehicle created by Selena Cruz of Dover Plains.

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN



Right, Ericka Howard makes final adjustments to her spooky web during a Trunk-or-Treat event at Four Brothers in Amenia on Halloween.

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN



OUR TOWNS

North East seeks applicants for four Town Hall positions

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — The North East Town Court is searching for a new court clerk.

The position has been vacant since former clerk Matthew Kreta left Town Hall to pursue a job teaching music in early October. It's one of a number of open jobs and volunteer positions at Town Hall currently.

Family Court Judge Casey McCabe said interested applicants could send a resume and cover letter to NorthEastTownCourt@nycourts.gov for consideration to the position.

An ideal candidate is a self-starter, who is comfortable working and completing tasks while alone in the office, McCabe said. Also important is a sense of discretion, as information contained in court documents can be sensitive and confidential in some cases.

The position is part-time, typically requiring about 28 hours of work per week, but McCabe said that total shifts due to variability in the court's dockets and what cases are being heard. The hourly wage for the position is determined by applicant experience and negotiations with the town's Personnel Committee, Town Hall officials said.

McCabe and Judge Dennis Johnson are responsible for screening and recommending applicants to the Personnel Committee. Once the judges have made their recommendation, the Personnel Committee is responsible for conducting further interviews and extending a job offer.

McCabe said the judges have met with one potential candidate, but they are still open to receiving applications.

Other open positions with the town government include an open Planning Board seat, a position in the assessor's office, and a mechanical equipment operator position with the town Highway Department.

The mechanical equipment operator is an urgent need as winter approaches, Town Clerk Tilly Strauss said. The position requires a valid commercial driver's license, and experience operating road maintenance equipment is preferred due to a short period of training time before cold weather brings snow and ice.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Chris Jeans pours a wine for a visitor to a charity benefit wine tasting he hosted at Pasture Kitchen on Route 44 in Millerton last Thursday, Oct. 29. Proceeds from the wine tasting were donated to the family of Crew Slater, a 5-year-old Millerton resident who needs a new kidney.

Proposed North East town budget includes 22% EMS contract hike

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MILLERTON — North East Town Board members have approved a preliminary budget that projects lower property tax rates.

Town Hall will host a public hearing on next year's proposed budget Thursday, Nov. 12, just after the board meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Under the preliminary budget, mill rates for each of the town's funds are projected to come down between 2.46% and 9%. The mill rate is a number used to calculate a property's tax bill. It represents the tax rate in dollars per $1,000 of home valuation.

The town's general fund mill rate is expected to drop by 2.46%, according to the preliminary budget available on the town's website. That amounts to a reduction in tax bills of just under $6 for every $100,000 of home valuation. Tax bills may be estimated by dividing the valuation of a property by 1,000 and then multiplying that amount by the mill rate recorded in the budget.

One of the largest line item increases in this year's budget is the town's contract with emergency medical service provider Empress. The town's expenses for the service increased by $150,000 to $746,345 — a 22% increase over last year's contract.

The town will have to collect a total of $4,126,049 in tax revenue to cover expenses. That number is $193,919 higher than last year's budgeted tax levy — an increase of 4.9%. That puts this year's tax levy above the state-mandated 2% limit.

Town Board members voted to waive that cap in September, anticipating higher costs would put pressure on the budget.

Mill rates are falling this year in spite of rising revenue needs because of an increase in the total assessed value of property within the Town of North East. Next year's proposed budget notes the total assessed value of property within the town has risen to over $919.4 million, an increase of 8% over last year.

Charity wine tasting raises $1,700 for child in need of a new kidney

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — A charity wine tasting last Thursday, Oct. 29, raised $1,700 for a local boy who is in need of a life-saving kidney transplant.

Millerton Wine & Spirits proprietor Chris Jeans organized the tasting at Pasture Kitchen on Route 44 along with the restaurant's owner, Austin Cornell. All ticket proceeds from the event benefitted the family of Crew Slater, a 5-year-old boy in need of a kidney transplant to survive congenital kidney disease.

Jeans said he was inspired to get involved in supporting the Slater family after reading reports of a charity motorcycle ride in September that he missed due to a family vacation. He said helping take care of community members — especially children — is an important part of what makes Millerton special.

"It's all about the children," Jeans said. "And good wine."

The wine tasting kicked off at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Jeans had a table set up along Pasture Kitchen's front wall featuring a mix of wines from Spain, Italy, France and California. Tasters got a chance to sample an increasingly dark and increasingly dry selection of natural and organic wines, a category of wine that Jeans said is increasingly popular but still controversial among wine drinkers.

Cassidey Slater, Crew's mother, said the event was a first for her and a rewarding experience.

"We've never done a wine tasting or anything before, but we met a lot of great people," Slater said. "We were very happy with the turnout."

Slater said he has been struggling with multiple congenital issues since birth, including improperly functioning kidneys, bladder and colon.

Crew underwent his first surgery at just days old in August 2020. In the nearly six years since, he has endured countless visits to hospitals in Albany and Boston and multiple surgeries to treat his medical conditions.

Crew is currently undergoing treatment to prepare him for a desperately needed kidney transplant. Cassidey said he has reached stage 4 kidney disease, currently functioning at just 20% capacity of a set of healthy kidneys. Stage 5 of the disease is total kidney failure.

Slater said she has yet to hear if doctors have identified a kidney donor for Crew.

Jeans said he hopes to hold another event at Pasture Kitchen in the spring, but didn't have complete details ready.

REGIONAL

HVRHS students question web filters

By MEADOW MOERSCHELL
Special to the Millerton News

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — Some Housy students have become frustrated with an online content blocking program installed on school-provided laptops that they said interferes with educational research.

Most students are familiar with "looks like this page isn't allowed" when the content block is triggered. The system aims to block inappropriate sites, articles and videos using a list of banned keywords with the purpose of prioritizing education and keeping kids safe. Some say the policy is too blunt and interferes with education, but Housy's Head of IT, Mike Ellington, said it is more permissive than policies at other schools.

"We have a much more liberal internet policy for students than most schools do," Ellington said. "We don't block anything from the students that we don't also block from the faculty."

HVRHS uses the Securly SafeSearch program, with a customizable policy that allows Ellington to select which categories to block at the direction of the school administration, who give guidelines of what to block. The software then scans sites and searches for keywords within those selected categories, and blocks any searches or sites that contain them.

Online content blocking in schools is mandated by the federal Child Internet Protection Act. The law was enacted in 2000, requiring schools to take measures that will prevent kids from seeing photos that are "obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors," and also monitor online activities for bullying, according to information on the Federal Communication Commission's website.

"We're what's left to make sure that you're growing in the proper directions," Ellington said. "We are ultimately responsible for that kind of protection."

Students say the blocks are too broad. Blocking things like gambling sites can keep students on task and safe, but some students have been prevented from accessing certain sites while trying to do research for school. Some words trigger the tool, with one student noting the word "dick" prevented him from conducting research.

For instance, Finn Malone was researching the U.S. Senator Dick Blumenthal for an ECE American Politics project, only to find that the google search page was blocked after he typed "Does Dick Blumenthal take PAC money."

"It's ridiculous because if I want to find inappropriate content, I'll go on my phone," Malone said. "Not that I do, but if I did, I'll go on my phone."

The policy blocks keywords in categories such as pornography, gambling and bullying, aiming to keep students from viewing inappropriate content. But "websites about sexual health or including sexual terms but not containing pornography" are also blocked, according to the Securly HVRHS Student Policy.

Sophia Fitz, a senior at Housy, said she recently hit the block when trying to use her school laptop to read about an alleged gang rape at Cornell because the word "assault" triggered the program. She said she encounters the blocks regularly while trying to research things for her classes.

"You're supposed to have access to these things," Fitz said. "I think it's harmful just blocking a word, like the fact that assault, that's just a word that can be automatically blocked.

"It's clearly getting in the way of people's education," Fitz continued.

Jeffery Tripp, P.E. and Health teacher, said some of his curriculum actually relies on finding bad information on the internet so he can teach students to differentiate it from good information.

"They can unblock specific sites. But the problem is, I wanted students to research, so they needed access to even bad information," Tripp said. "Like, that was part of the task, to research what comes up early on in Google searches, what is good information, what is not."

Health classes research content such as drugs and sexual health, which can often lead to Google searches being blocked in their entirety. Tripp said despite the initial hiccups, the school's IT department has been responsive in unblocking content at a teacher's request.

"I've always gone to IT and we've been able to work it out," Tripp said. "So, I found them very helpful." Tripp continued.

Tripp advised that students should talk to IT when they need something unblocked for academic purposes. "Conversations can be had to make sure that our academics and our curriculum is able to be performed at the highest level," he said.

This story appeared in the Nov. 5 edition of HVRHS Today, a quarterly publication produced by HVRHS students in conjunction with Lakeville Journal staff. Look for the full issue online at lakevillejournal.com/hvrhs-today or in this week's edition of The Lakeville Journal.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Conklin



NORTH CANAAN — Raymond "Pete" Conklin, 89, of North Canaan, Connecticut, passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, 2026. He was born on March 10, 1937, in North Canaan, where he grew up and lived most of his life. As a boy, he spent countless hours with his grandparents in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. There, his grandmother worked as a cook for Norman Rockwell, and his grandfather taught him to fish and appreciate the outdoors.

After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School (H.V.R.H.S.) in 1955, Pete joined the US Air Force, proudly serving for four years while stationed in Phoenix, Arizona. Following his service, he returned to Canaan and built a successful career as a mechanic and machinist, working at Becton-Dickinson and later the Torrington Company before retiring in 2002.

Pete lived a full life anchored by his deep love for the great outdoors. Whether tracking deer at dawn in the quiet woods with his friend Nick, chatting about their gun collections, or spending time at the shooting range, Pete found his truest peace outside. Though a man of few words, he possessed a big heart and endless patience—qualities that made him both a seasoned hunter and a loyal friend. He loved sharing stories about his past, and his quick wit always brought joy to those around him. Holidays with his family were among his favorite times, and he especially looked forward to all the food.

When Pete wasn't outdoors, he enjoyed cooking and watching Westerns on TV. John Wayne and Clint Eastwood were his all time favorite stars. In the earlier days, Pete and Audrey would go out and enjoy dancing the jitterbug and waltzing the night away. He was an excellent dancer which very few people knew about him.

He is survived by his former wife and loving friend of over 50 years, Audrey Hartman; his best friend of 89 years, Nick Graf; his daughter by marriage, Sherrie Corban; his granddaughters, Jennifer Corban Woods (David) and Samantha Corban; his great-grandchildren, Nicolette Corban and Mason Collins; and his great-great-granddaughter, Evangeline Zahm. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert R. Conklin and Ethel Elizabeth Blackwell Conklin, and his sister, Dorothy "Dot" M. Conklin.

The family will hold a private gathering following cremation to celebrate his life. He will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pete's name to the Action Wildlife Foundation in Goshen, CT.

James Lawrence Sullivan

COLEBROOK — James Lawrence Sullivan was born on Feb. 18, 1936, in Winsted, Connecticut, to John Sullivan, who immigrated from England, and Emma Isabelle Sullivan, who immigrated from Canada. James was a first-generation American who carried his family roots with pride. He grew up alongside his brother, John Sullivan, and went on to build a life that reflected the values of hard work, independence, and family.

James attended Oliver Wolcott School and proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. After completing his military service, he began his career with C. H. Nickerson Construction Company, where he worked as a foreman. A tough, hardworking carpenter by trade, James was a skilled craftsman who took great pride in working with his hands. He was never one to sit still and always seemed to have another project going. He could build just about anything, and perhaps his greatest accomplishment was building his own home from the ground up in Colebrook, Connecticut. That home became more than a structure; it became the heart of his family's memories and a lasting part of his legacy.

James was happiest outdoors. A true outdoorsman, he had a lifelong love of trapping, fishing, and farming. He especially enjoyed the winter months checking his trap lines. Trapping was a passion he loved sharing with his family, and he took pride in teaching his son and grandson the skills and traditions of trapping, passing along knowledge that will live on for generations.

His farm and all its animals held a special place in his heart. He especially loved his very first cow, Elizabeth, who would always hold a special place in his memories. The farm was more than land and animals to James; it was a way of life and a source of happiness. He was also a lifelong member of the NTA, CTA, and NRA, organizations that reflected his longstanding interests and passions.

Above all, James valued his family. He married Barbara Thiery on June 27, 1957, and together they shared 72 years of love, companionship, and memories. Their life together was built on commitment, family, and the many experiences they shared throughout the years.

James leaves behind his beloved wife, Barbara; his three children, Gail Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, and Michele Sullivan; and his two grandsons, Nicholas Sullivan and Mitchell Sullivan.

James will be remembered as a tough, hardworking, independent man who knew the value of an honest day's work. He was a carpenter, a farmer, an outdoorsman, and a devoted family man. He built more than a home; he built a life, a family, and a legacy that will carry on through the generations. His hands built the house, worked the land, cared for his animals, and followed the trap lines. But perhaps his greatest legacy is the knowledge, traditions, stories, and love he passed down to his family.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

May he rest in peace.

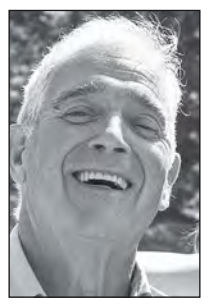
A Celebration of James's Life

Family and friends are invited to gather for a remembrance of James on Nov. 9, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Norbrook Brewery.

All who knew and loved James are welcome to join in sharing stories, memories, and celebrating a life well lived.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Ernest B. Sinclair



NORFOLK — Ernest B. Sinclair, April 20, 1937 - October 26, 2026. Ernie, 89, passed quietly on Oct. 26 ,at Geer Lodge in Canaan, Connecticut surrounded by those he loved.

Ernie was born in Bar Harbor, Maine. The family moved to naval housing in Middletown, Rhode Island while father Leon was stationed on battleships in the South Pacific during the second world war. After the war, they made the move to Norfolk, Connecticut. It was here that Ernie met his childhood sweetheart, Carolyn Ryan. They were married in 1959 and wasted no time in starting a family. Over the next six and a half years, four boys and a girl were born. They lived in several places early in their marriage, but in 1967, the lure of a smaller town and a larger house brought them back to Norfolk. Ernie's earlier experiences with the town had taught him that this was the perfect place to raise his family. He would spend the next 59 years of his life with Norfolk as his anchor. Needing a bit more care to navigate life's challenges, Ernie moved to Geer Lodge in Canaan just this past May.

Ernie attended Oliver Wolcott Technical School, Grinnell College and the Rhode Island School of Design, eventually obtaining a degree in architecture and becoming a licensed architect, builder and building official. After working for a number of firms early in his career, he began his own design/build business. Working with his three oldest sons, he designed and built structures in Norfolk and much of the surrounding area.

In retirement, Ernie enjoyed many interests including wood carving, drawing, and his real passion, singing. He was a member of many singing groups including the Norfolk Church of Christ choir, Gaudeamus, Octo Cantabile, and the Litchfield County Choral Union. He was also a contributing vocalist on Pete Seeger's 1996 grammy winning album "Pete".

Ernie was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ in Norfolk where he served in various leadership positions, sang in the choir and was involved in the completion of many capital improvements to the church campus including the covered entryway at the rear of the chapel - a project he was particularly proud of. He was given the honor of being named a Life Steward for his commitment and service to the church.

Ernie and his partner of the past 26 years, Susie, used their later years to enjoy many of the things together that life had not afforded them earlier. They travelled, sang together and spent many winter months in a condo that Ernie had purchased in Venice, Florida.

Son of the late Leon and Janet (Coffin) Sinclair, Ernie is also predeceased by his wife Carolyn and brothers Pete and David. He leaves behind his partner Susan Hooker, brother Bob and wife Jill, brother Kirk and wife Cindy, son Stephen and wife Barbara, son Scott and wife Lisa, son Michael and wife Patti, daughter Holly, son Tom and wife Deeda, as well as 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a large extended family.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Geer campus in Canaan, Connecticut for bringing joy and comfort to Ernie in his final months.

A celebration of Ernie's life will be held on Sunday Nov. 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, Congregational 12 Litchfield Road, Norfolk, Connecticut.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of Christ, PO Box 582, Norfolk, CT 06058

Memorial Service

Raymond (Butch) Sprague Jr.

Raymond (Butch) Sprague Jr., of Coleman Station Rd., Millerton, NY, died November 1, 2026 in Lakeville, CT. He was the son of the late Raymond and Emma Sprague. Calling hours will be Saturday, November 7, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, CT. A complete obituary will be posted at a later date.

In Appreciation

Mike Citrin

Mike Citrin of Ancramdale, New York, passed away on August 9, 2026. Many in our community knew him as a friend and a man of uncommon virtue. I knew Mike as his physical therapist of many years, and he was one of the most remarkable and heroic persons I will ever meet.

Mike developed Parkinson's disease more that 30 years ago. A few years back, he lost all his strength and mobility, coming close to death. Deciding he needed to get out of the clinic and back into nature, we turned to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. There, he regained his ability to walk and found another chance at life. Remarkably, at age 80, he recovered such stamina with his walking aid that he eventually could outlast me on the trail.

But this was not enough for Mike–he wanted to ride a bike again. We found a three-wheeled bike that fit his bent-over posture perfectly, and took to the trail once more. He became so adept that soon he was a low-riding and ubiquitous figure, soloing all over the roads of southeast Columbia County.

He graduated from physical therapy, and I became his biking partner. It was an exhausting role;even at the very end, in his mid-80's, I was never able to keep pace with him. When Parkinson's nearly killed him a second time, he recovered yet again. Soon he was riding the Rail Trail 12 miles to Millerton for lunch, and 12 miles back home.

Mike regained several robust years of his life from the healing graces of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, and I experienced this remarkable grace alongside (and far behind) him.

I have cast six stones with Mike's name, and placed them alongside the Rail Trail to honor him. They are hidden, and some may never be found. It is my hope that the stretch of the Rail Trail between Millerton and Copake Falls will forever be imbued with his spirit, and will henceforth be known as the Mike Citrin Path.

Ken Rude

Red Hook, New York

George R. DelPrete



LAKEVILLE — George R. DelPrete (Rick) passed away peacefully on Oct. 18, 2026. He was the husband of Barbara for 62 years, and the father of Skip, Jena, and Steve DelPrete, and the grandfather of eight.

Rick was born and brought up in Framingham, Massachusetts, the youngest child of Arthur and Mary DelPrete. He attended St. Stephen's School, followed by Framingham High School. In high school he was on the honor roll, lettered in football, and on the Student Council. After graduation he attended Bowdoin College, where he majored in history and classics. He was a member of Psi Upsilon, a letter man in football and lacrosse, and President of the Student Council.

After graduation in 1961, he tried the insurance business but wanted to teach. He and Barb moved to the West Coast, where he entered UCLA. Barb took classes and worked to support them.

After graduation he took a position at Berwick Academy in South Berwick, Maine where he taught history and served as the Athletic Director, head football and lacrosse coach.

After five years he moved on to The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut where he taught history and became the Athletic Director and head football coach in football and lacrosse. He retired after thirty-four years continuing to live in Lakeville. He was on the school board, chairman of the Education Committee, a member of the Zoning Board and a Justice of the Peace. His favorite hobby was fly fishing and he did it from Alaska to New England.

There will be a funeral on Nov., 21 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Lakeville, CT at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be private. Ryan Funeral Home, Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Trout Unlimited of Northwest CT.

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Week of November 8, 2026

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EDITORIAL

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The board's job was to find savings — it found a school to close instead

GUEST COMMENTARY
Kyle Odell

On October 6, 2026, the Pine Plains Board of Education voted unanimously to close Cold Spring Early Learning Center and move roughly 150 pre-K through first-grade students into Seymour Smith beginning in 2027-28.

Superintendent Brian Timm presented the district's own numbers that night — a document titled "Financial Savings of Consolidation" — and those numbers, taken at face value, still don't justify what the board did. This process didn't start with those numbers though. It started with fear. In 2025, Dr. Timm presented to town boards across the district through the fall warning that Pine Plains would lose its Foundation Aid and face a four-million-dollar hole. That turned out to be a story that didn't hold up. The district used a hypothetical threat that had already been rejected by both the governor and the legislature to manufacture urgency for a decision the actual numbers can't support.

The only serious proposal to touch save harmless, the state aid minimum, came from a Rockefeller Institute report in December 2024, which proposed phasing out half over five years. Hochul's office publicly distanced itself from that recommendation within a week of its release. When she tried to move on it anyway, 40 of Long Island's 117 districts faced aid cuts of up to 10%, and the legislature rebuffed her on a bipartisan basis. Her own January executive budget proposed no formula changes at all, preserved save harmless, and added a 1% minimum for every district. The legislature pushed back even on that — and the 2026-27 enacted budget ended up replacing save harmless with a 2% floor for all districts, which is save harmless with a higher number attached. More than 500 districts statewide are still on it.

The Superintendent's report offers two scenarios. Scenario one: eliminates 6 paraprofessionals, 2 custodians, and .5 food service worker: $482,337 in personnel plus $200,000 in transportation, for $682,337 total. Scenario two: additionally eliminates a typist and 2 classroom teachers, reaching $1,135,266. Both figures include that same $200,000 transportation line. And both are explicitly labeled estimates subject to union negotiations.

Start with the personnel

The report's own labels give it away. The paraprofessionals aren't redundant — Cold Spring runs pre-K through first, Seymour Smith runs 2 through 5, and there's no grade overlap at all. Those are staffing reductions the district could pursue in any budget year whether Cold Spring stays open or not. The 2 classroom teachers in the high-end scenario are the same story: no overlapping grades means no positions eliminated by the merger, just roles relocated. If the district thinks it can operate with 2 fewer teachers, that's an argument for any year, not a consolidation savings.

And paraprofessionals deserve better than being the first name on a consolidation list. They're the adults in the room when a five-year-old melts down, when a child can't read the worksheet, when a kid needs one more minute before the bus. Cutting them to hit a number means cutting the extra adult that turns a room of 20 five-year-olds into something a teacher can actually manage.

Custodians and food service are the one place where closing a building does create some genuine overlap — you'd likely need fewer of both. But that's a narrow slice of the total, and it doesn't rescue the framing. The report dresses up ordinary budget cuts as consolidation savings across the board. The only number that truly depends on shutting the door is the $200,000 in transportation — and that exists only if the district is willing to put 4- and 5-year-olds on buses averaging over an hour each way, with some children riding considerably longer. That's not a savings. That's a trade of instructional time and early-childhood stability for a line item.

The cost of closing a building

Then there's the building itself, and this is where the board's story falls apart. Dr. Timm has pushed hard on leasing Cold Spring as the financial justification for closing it — a plan the board has signaled it wants to pursue. That framing doesn't survive the district's own report. The $300,000 a year in state building aid continues for 10 years whether the building is shuttered or leased.

Leasing is a net negative: the current rent is only about $26,500, far short of the utilities, maintenance, and insurance the district would still have to pay. Those carrying costs are why shuttering beats leasing by roughly $175,000 a year, even after subtracting the current rent. The lease isn't a revenue stream. It's a liability the board has chosen to keep.

Meanwhile, Seymour Smith needs $290,000 to $330,000 in playground, bathroom, and parking upgrades before it can absorb 150 more children. Subtract that from the high-end scenario and you're at roughly $800,000 — less than 2% of a $40.5 million budget.

The district has a history of failing to address staffing. When the May budget failed, it claimed $291,000 in savings from 3 positions that either weren't filled or were already gone. That's not cutting. That's taking credit for arithmetic.

So what would actually addressing staffing look like? A district of under 800 students doesn't need a director of curriculum. It doesn't need 3 guidance counselors stretched across a middle school and a high school that together enroll fewer kids than most single buildings. It doesn't need an assistant principal on top of a principal. Those aren't luxuries that happen to exist — they're a staffing model built for a district twice its size, and every dollar in them is a dollar not going to the classroom. The school stays open. The kids stay put. The money's still there.

The board's job was to find savings. It found a school to close instead.

I served on the Building Utilization Advisory Committee and was one of the members who dissented from its recommendation. What they presented to this community wasn't analysis. It was a justification written after the decision was already made.

Kyle Odell served on the Building Utilization Advisory Committee and is a resident of Stanfordville.

LET'S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

A public hearing on the proposed 26-unit Cascade Creek housing development in Amenia was held Wednesday, Oct. 28. While an environmental review found no significant adverse impacts, several residents raised concerns about potential effects on wildlife, water resources and neighborhood safety.

How do you think the proposed Cascade Creek development could affect the Amenia community?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

Bank robbery bandits

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Millerton News

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

November 7, 1935
Connecticut Band Blamed For Robbery

Similarity To Sharon, Kent Jobs Seen In Safe Blowing

Authorities are convinced that the Amenia bank robbery was committed by bandits who have been operating recently in Connecticut, although they made little headway in attempting to link the safe blowing at Amenia with the Catskill railway station mail robbery on Monday night of last week.

Corporal Edwin Draisey of the Amenia Blation, State Police, has expressed the belief that although no clues to the robbers have been found, the thieves are the same ones who recently burglarized post offices in Sharon and Kent and in other southern Connecticut communities. The similarity of the several post office jobs in recent months indicates that the same bandits are doing the work, Corporal Draisey said.

Seth Merwin Is Elected Master Of Millerton Grange Monday Night

Seth Merwin was chosen master of Millerton Grange at the annual election and business meeting on Monday night, succeeding Robert Tischofer. Other officers named ware: Clayton Call, overseer; Helen Deughty, lecturer; George Cook, steward; Reginald Pulver, assistant steward; Mrs. Anne Diegnan, Chaplain; Renwick Peck, treasurer; Edith Pulver, secretary; James McGhee, gate keeper; Mrs. Clayton Call, Ceres; Mrs. Bessie Mathews, Pomona; Helen Pulver, Flora; Mrs. George Cook, lady assistant steward; Elmer W. Simmons, member of executive committee for three years; Charles Brusie, member of executive committee for two years; Mrs. Roy Doughty, pianist; Mrs. Gladys Woodnutt; juvenile matron.

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The property at 37 Sheffield Road, featuring two houses on 3.92 acres — one built in 1800 and the other in 2015 — sold for $900,000.

Amenia home prices rise slightly as sales volume slows

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The median sale price of single-family homes in Amenia, excluding Silo Ridge Field Club, rose to $389,000 for the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2026

The latest figure represents a 4% increase from $375,000 for the same period a year earlier and a 7% increase from the same 12-month period in 2024.

Prices in the Town of Amenia, excluding homes in Silo Ridge Field Club, have oscillated between $325,000 and $430,000.

A total of 23 single-family homes sold in the twelve months ending Sept. 30, 2026. That marks a slight slowdown from the 27 sold in the year ending on Sept. 30, 2025, and from 2024, when 30 homes sold in the year.

By the end of October, the number of publicly listed residential properties decreased to eight single family homes plus two mobile homes and three multi-unit properties. A wide range of land is listed from $8.9 million for 422 acres to $129,000 for 0.78 acres. Rentals are readily available with several listed for over three months.

September Transfers

54 Midway Ave. — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.37 acres transferred to John Grega for $350,000.

64 Depot Hill — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home built in 1972 on 1 acre transferred to Syed Ali for $255,150.

183 Redtail Pass — 5 bedroom/6 full bath/2 half bath home on 0.36 acres with an accessory apartment in Silo Ridge Field Club transferred to Jarred Chamberlain Trustee for $11 million.

3481 Route 22 — Two family raised ranch with 3 bedrooms/3 bathrooms transferred to Skyrunner Enterprises Inc. for $485,000.

37 Sheffield Road — Multiple residences on 3.92 acres with 4 bedrooms/1.5 baths and 2 bedrooms/1.5baths transferred to Kelly Adelia for $900,000.

Westerly Drive (Parcel #073906) — 7.91 acres of vacant residential land transferred to West Ridge Farm LLC for $180,000.

* Town of Amenia property transfers are supplied by Dutchess County Office of Real Property. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Current market data from One Key MLS and Infosparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Stanford gets Purple Heart Town designation

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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STANFORD — On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Town of Stanford will officially be designated as a Purple Heart Town. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at Bangall War Memorial, and will include the dedication of a Purple Heart plaque.

The title of Purple Heart Town is in recognition of communities who have honored service members injured in the line of duty. "It reflects our community's enduring gratitude for their courage, dedication, and sacrifice," said Stanford Supervisor Julia Descoteaux in an accompanying statement.

Stanford joins Pleasant Valley and Beekman as the third Dutchess County town to receive the designation. Dutchess is also designated as a Purple Heart County.

The Purple Heart Trail program began in 1992 at the behest of the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization. The trail spans all 50 states, and starts in Mount Vernon, Virginia — the former residence of George Washington. Washington started the predecessor of the Purple Heart, the Badge of Military Merit, in 1782 by awarding soldiers who displayed extraordinary bravery in the field with a crest purple cloth.

Washington awarded just three of the designations before the tradition fizzled out. The U.S. War Department revived the practice — and renamed it the Purple Heart, shifting the focus to those wounded or killed in action — in 1932.

The goal of the Purple Heart Trail, according to the agency's national office, is to make the public aware of what the medal represents. The symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and towns spans 45 states.

Millerton seeks volunteers for three village committees

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — Village officials are seeking volunteers to fill positions on three different committees.

The village is seeking individuals to fill positions on the Planning Board and Tree Commission in addition to seeking an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals who could serve in the case of a regular member's absence.

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek called attention to the open positions during the most recent Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Oct. 26. She said village government depends on volunteers to function and urged Millerton residents to apply for the position.

Appointed village board positions are open to any Dutchess County resident, following a decision by trustees in August 2025 to strike the village's local residency requirement. The board made that move last year as village officials struggled to find Millerton residents to fill empty seats on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Village Trustee Matt Soleau said the decision to allow any Dutchess County resident to apply to those boards spurred greater interest from Millerton residents to fill the positions. He said there were concerns at the time that the move would lead to outsiders from distant communities making decisions that impact villagers, but those worries didn't come to fruition.

"We had an influx of people that are village residents come in and fill seats," Soleau said. "We do want the people that live here and the people that care about the village to have input on those boards."

Additional information on the open positions can be provided by the Village Clerk, Lisa Cope. She can be reached via email at clerk@villageofmillerton-ny.gov or by phone at 5518-789-4489.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Park construction marches on

The footings of a new community building and poolhouse have been installed at Eddie Collins Memorial Park. The pool is expected to complete construction next summer, with village officials hoping the pool and park can reopen before the end of the summer season.

Washington sets preliminary budget

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — The Town of Washington's 2027 proposed budget would likely result in slight tax increases for residents in both the town and the Village of Millbrook. The budget will be presented at a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 5, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mill rates for residents, which are property taxes based on assessed home value, will rise 4.87% outside the Village of Millbrook. Within the Village, the increase is only 2.97%.

The preliminary budget has a subtotal of $7,504,766 — $3,090,278 in appropriations for the general fund, $3,545,092 for highway fund, and $869,396 for the fire department.

After revenues, the 2027 budget shows appropriations of $1,163,314 for the general fund, $1,151,551 for the highway, and $869,396 for the fire department. That makes for a total tax levy of $3,184,261, up 4.85% from last year's levy of $3,036,946.

The budget also includes an increase of $50,000 for the town library. It's subject to voter approval, and would increase the library budget from $349,000 to $399,000.

For a Washington home with an assessed value of $266,900, taxes will increase overall by $37.74. Homes with an assessed value of $721,600 will see their taxes increase by $102.03, and a home of $2,146,300 will see an increase of $303.47.

The budget also includes a line item of $235,000 for building improvements. The Town Hall will repave its blacktop in 2027 for an estimated cost of $85,000 and replace the building's windows for $150,000. A portion of the window replacement cost will be covered by a $25,000 grant rewarded to the town earlier in 2026.

To view or print a copy of the preliminary budget, visit www.washingtoonny.org.

Veterans outreach to visit North East

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — North East Town Hall will host veterans seeking information on benefits programs on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Veterans Service Officer Beth-Anne Canero will visit Town Hall next week to provide information and assistance registering for benefits, resources for emergency funding and transportation assistance. The event, set to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is part of Dutchess County's Office of Veterans Affairs "Operation: Mobile Outreach."

The outreach program sends Canero to village and town halls across the county.

Canero will provide assistance to veterans pursuing federal, state or local benefits. No appointment is required prior to the event.

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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

A group of English white cattle graze a pasture off of Downey Road in Millerton. The cattle are contained using "virtual fencing" technology that uses GPS-enabled electric collars rather than physical barriers.

Millerton farmer adopts 'virtual fencing,' ditching fence posts and wires for GPS

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not nearly as many."

Passersby and law enforcement who contacted Culver expressed confusion and concern over who the cows belonged to and whether they were wandering the countryside. Those concerns were quickly abated, Culver said, once he explained the cattle were being contained by his new virtual fencing system.

He said the concern never rose to the level of an official complaint, and New York State Police and Dutchess County Sheriff personnel were satisfied with Culver's description of the technology and assertions the cattle were contained despite a lack of a physical fence.

Use of the technology has been slow to catch on in the United States, especially in the nation's eastern half.

New York State law specifies that farmers are responsible for containing their livestock, but does not specifically require physical fences. The unfamiliar technology triggered more curiosity than controversy, Culver said, and reassurance that the cows were intentionally placed in the pasture set the general public and police officers at ease.

"People would see them — even people I knew — they were pulling into the driveway," Culver said. "The troopers, the sheriffs, everybody. We still get calls, but not nearly as many."

New York farmers are still largely unfamiliar with the technology. A New York Farm Bureau representative said the organization currently has no members that use virtual fencing. Rich Blazeski, who serves as a regional chairperson for the New York Beef Producers Association, similarly reported being unaware of any farmers that use similar collars. A spokesperson for the state Department of Agriculture & Markets said the agency has offered no guidance on the use of virtual fencing, and that state law currently does not regulate the devices.

Culver demonstrated the collars and how they've changed his farming practices during a visit to two of his herds on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The collars are battery-powered and connect to GPS satellites orbiting the globe to provide real-time tracking and the ability for farmers to set virtual boundaries.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Heather Kading feeds a black angus cow at the former Kaplan dairy farm along Route 22 south of Millerton. Around the cow's neck is a Nofence GPS-enabled collar.

Culver uses an app on his cellphone to connect with the collars. He can see each cow's real-time position on the map and adjust boundaries for the animals, limiting them to specific sections of a pasture. As a cow approaches one of the virtual fences, the collar will play a warning tone. Cows that continue to stray out of a boundary receive a shock from the collar.

The virtual boundaries are effective, Culver said. Cows have strong herding instincts, and don't typically wander away from their group for very long without good reason. According to Nofence's website, this behavior inspired the use of virtual fencing. By eliminating fences, the website states, livestock are free to escape threats from predators unimpeded by a physical boundary.

"Conventionally, you're moving a fence every day or setting up a fence or a small paddock with a single strand of electric fence," Culver said. "I can do it from my desk at home, drinking coffee."

Once a cow crosses the boundary, Culver would receive a notification on his phone. He can then monitor the cow's location and watch for it to return to the herd. In almost all cases, Culver said, the cattle return right away. In the event of an escape, he would know exactly where the cow is, preventing a potentially long search for missing livestock roaming the countryside.

But that's all just in theory. In practice, Culver said his cattle have remained contained by the virtual fences all summer with no issues.

Under their current grazing patterns, the cows located on the former Kaplan dairy farm can roam within about 300 feet of Route 22. Culver said he's set the virtual boundaries as close as 40 feet away from the road this summer without experiencing any cattle breaking containment and causing risk to drivers.

A Nofence spokesperson said the company doesn't offer explicit guidance on perimeter fencing, but acknowledged that utilizing a completely fenceless grazing system near a busy road carries risks that a farmer should consider.

Culver said training the cattle took just a few days. Cattle are introduced to the collars in a fenced pasture, and then limited to half of the space with a virtual boundary. Culver said the cows stayed within the virtual fence consistently after two days wearing the collars.

Culver started out with 10 of the collars for his herd. But after just a week of using them, he bought 50 more for the rest of his cattle.

The system does come with unique challenges and drawbacks. GPS-enabled collars are battery-powered, and products that don't have built-in solar panels require regular charging or battery replacements — a process that's more difficult for beef cattle farmers because beef cattle are not typically used to being handled. Some collars — such as the Nofence-manufactured collars Culver uses — address that issue by using solar panels that charge the batteries continually, although the company advises that shaded pastures could impede the solar charging.

Another challenge is connectivity. The collars rely on cellular networks and satellite connections, which are sometimes blocked by trees or metal roofs in the pasture. Poor connectivity could cause the collars to malfunction, allowing a cow to wander past the boundary.

Sometimes the collar is functioning properly, the battery is charged and the connection is perfect — but a determined cow might push right through the shock anyway. According to Nofence, this is exactly what's intended to happen. In the event that a predator or other threat enters the pasture, cattle are relatively free to evade it as they see fit. Then a cow would have the opportunity to return to within the boundary unimpeded once the danger has dissipated, presenting another advantage over fences, Culver said.

Despite the drawbacks, Culver said the technology has been worth it for his beef cattle operation. He leases land for his cows to graze, using a rotational grazing system where cattle are confined to smaller sections of pasture and moved after a period of days or weeks. The system makes more efficient use of available grass, improves cattle nutrition and growth and allows Culver to delay feeding hay into later in the fall season.

The collars allowed Culver to refine his rotational grazing system. He said his herds graze on about 10 acres of area for a week before he moves them.

At a cost of nearly $25,000 for the collars and the associated subscription, virtual fencing is a major savings for Culver. Material cost, man hours and the risk of leasing pasture that could change hands have all dropped since he bought the collars.

"It's substantially cheaper than the fence, by hundreds of thousands of dollars," Culver said. "Especially like on this leased land — if somebody changes their mind or the place sells, you're just out."

Improvements in rotational grazing are already paying dividends, Culver said. His cattle have grown faster and healthier this year, and the healthier grass has delayed the need for hay bales.

"I haven't even fed a round bale yet this year," Culver said. "I don't foresee having to for a little while."

All that adds up to a lot of savings, paired with expected increases in profits from the cows' larger size and improved quality. Overall, Culver said the experiment was a success and he expects it to transform his business.

"It was one of the better gambles I had taken in a while," Culver said.

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of Communication Colleen Pillus said Monday, Nov. 2 that 22 cameras need right-of-way work permits from the state to be removed. Those permits are still in the process of being obtained by Flock.

"Flock is responsible for removal of the cameras, so it would be their responsibility to coordinate the permits," Pillus said in a statement. "The Sheriff's Office, as well as the District Attorney's Office, are jointly working with Flock for the camera removal as their offices coordinate the contracts."

The removed cameras in northeast Dutchess, however, were also along state highways. Questions about why some Flock camera removals require permits, and others do not, were not answered by the time of publication.

County Legislator Chris Drago, who introduced legislation to physically block the cameras with non-damaging covers if they were not removed within 30 days, said he was "concerned about the ongoing utilization of Flock technology in Dutchess County by the county, municipalities, and private operators."

The removed cameras were located across from Silamar Farm on Route 22 in Millerton, along Route 82 north of downtown Pine Plains, and at the former Willows Motel on Route 343 in Amenia. A fourth camera in Milan was also removed last week. There were about 60 Flock cameras active in the county before District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced the decision to deactivate and remove the cameras at the end of September.

Dutchess County joins a number of municipalities that have banned the cameras or terminated their contracts with Flock. In New York, Ulster County banned the cameras on Oct. 26. In Connecticut, Windsor and Fairfield removed their Flock cameras earlier this year. Across the country, more than 100 cities and counties have followed suit — but over 100,000 Flock cameras are still operational nationwide, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

In Poughkeepsie, Mayor Yvonne Flowers vetoed a measure on Oct. 30 that would have banned the city's 13 Flock cameras. In a statement, Flowers said, "I believe we need additional discussions, a comprehensive assessment of the resolution's implications, and a clear understanding of the alternatives available before making a decision that could significantly affect public safety and City operations.

"My concerns about removing Flock technology by next week are not simply administrative or contractual. They are personal, rooted in my experience living through a period when gun violence deeply affected our neighborhoods and when crime was on the rise in our city."

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office have maintained the cameras helped to quickly apprehend criminals and acted as a force multiplier. The department's Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center will remain active to highlight ways in which technology is supporting crime prevention and investigative coordination.

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barn on Main Street in Wassaic. Bahr's organic produce, cheeses, candles, soaps, and other items are spread out over 900 square feet of the Wassaic Commons — about a quarter of the space.

Wassaic Commons' co-owners Munawar Ahmed and Matthew Schnepf issued a joint statement on the barn's new layout, saying, "Maggie is no longer a vendor. She will officially be a tenant as of Nov. 1."

Maggie's is open for business on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The space is steps away from the popular coffee and baked goods destination Vitsky Bakery, also located in the barn. In the spring, Bahr has plans to open the space in the afternoon for what she calls "siesta hours."

Bahr won't be going it alone. She's splitting the space — and the rent — with fellow makers Veronica Tyson-Strait of Novae Farm & Gardens and J.Y. Lym of OM Champagne Tea. Tyson-Strait is a farmer and artist offering flowers, tea blends, hot sauce, and other seasonal products. Lym offers a line of probiotic drinks, including kombucha and a turmeric tonic.

For Bahr, sharing the space has been its own reward. "It's amazing how good it feels," she said. "We had no business plan, just people coming in and expecting to see us."

The produce is what keeps people coming back, Bahr said. She sources from local farmers as much as possible. This past weekend, Maggie's had apples, pears, cauliflower, radicchio, and six different kinds of potatoes available alongside shelves of tallow products and cheeses. "We're really not trying to be a grocery store," Bahr said. "We're trying to be a specialty food store … But it's really important for me to have consistency with a few items."



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Bahr's new space occupies about a quarter of a historic dairy barn in the hamlet center.


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Dave Jones

WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

After 30 years, Dave Jones is shifting into lower gear

By Laurie Fendrich

My husband and I first met Dave Jones in 2019, after we'd just moved into our house in Lakeville, a former auto repair garage with 14-foot-high ceilings that had been renovated into a residence. One day, when we woke up to a dead car battery, we called Lakeville Automotive, the nearest repair shop. Jones answered the phone a bit gruffly but then surprised us by showing up in half an hour to jump-start our car. We invited him inside for coffee, and looking around, he said with a grin that for 10 years, back in the day, he'd stored

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FILM

A Halloween scream with David Arquette

By D.H. Callahan



PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

David Arquette, left, talks with moderator Victor Dandridge during "Behind the Scream" at the Warner Theatre in Torrington on Oct. 31.

This December marks the 30th anniversary of Wes Craven's "Scream," one of the most influential movies in horror history. On Saturday, Oct. 31, David Arquette, one of the film's stars, came to the Warner Theatre in Torrington for a Halloween screening and conversation billed as "Behind the Scream."

"Scream" was met with critical praise when it premiered in 1996, with many noting its satirical, self-aware look at the horror genre without the usual trappings of camp or kitsch. Featuring a cast of mid-1990s A-listers including Drew Barrymoore, Matthew Lillard, Rose McGowan, Liev Schreiber, Neve Campbell and "Friends" star Courteney Cox, the movie was destined to be part of the cinematic zeitgeist.

Ahead of the event, the Warner got into the Halloween spirit on Friday, Oct. 30, with a live performance on the street. Hartford's Bushnell Theatre, which has a long working partnership with the Warner, brought its digital creative team to project a spectacular Halloween-themed visual display onto the theater's facade while dancers from the Nutmeg Ballet performed the "Thriller" dance and employees passed out candy to area trick-or-treaters.

The spooky festivities continued on Halloween night, with some moviegoers dressing in costume for the screening. After the film, Arquette emerged from the wings donning a holiday-appropriate suit himself. His talk with the evening's host, Victor Dandridge, seemed effortless, giving audience members the sense that they were sitting in on a candid conversation about "Scream," Arquette's life, his time as a professional wrestler, his status as a certified Bob Ross painting instructor and his relationships with his fellow actors.

While he regaled the audience with stories from his career, attendees seemed particularly tickled by the tale of Arquette and co-star Rose McGowan crashing a local prom. He talked about his relationship with Courteney Cox, which began on the set of "Scream," thanks in part to his admitted crush on the TV star. He recalled his personal relationship with director Wes Craven, whose encouragement helped Cox and Arquette become a serious couple. The two would go on to marry and have a child together.

Though there were planned plugs for other projects, including the professional wrestling documentary "You Can Not Kill David Arquette" and his ownership of the rights to Bozo the Clown, the conversation felt more intimate than one might expect walking into the grand theater.

The Warner has a packed calendar of events for the remainder of the year. "Almost, Maine," a play about relationships in a small town in Maine, will run on select dates throughout November. Almost Queen, a Queen tribute band, will take the stage just one night after country music superstar LeAnn Rimes comes to town.

From there, the theater will off a host of holiday programming, including productions of "The Nutcracker," screenings of "Frozen," "White Christmas" and "The Santa Clause," and seasonal performances by Clay Walker, Jessica Lynn and the Torrington Symphony Orchestra.

For more information and a complete calendar of events, visit warnertheatre.org.

BUSINESS

A different kind of neighborhood bar

By D.H. Callahan

When Ryan Andrade moved back to the Tri-Corner region during the pandemic, he wasn't looking to create a new kind of neighborhood bar. But by the time he connected with Robert Arbor of Le Gamin in Sharon, his vision was clear. In May, they brought that vision to life at a revitalized Le Bar.

Andrade grew up around Millerton, attending the Webutuck High School before heading to Western New England University, where he studied psychology. He'd been slinging coffee since high school but didn't catch the cocktail bug until managing a cafe at the SoHo Grand Hotel, which, thanks to an international clientele accustomed to different time zones, had a morning bar service. It was there that Andrade discovered the seemingly infinite possibilities of the cocktail world. While there was only so much one could do with coffee, learning about the potential for cocktails, with their shelves and cabinets of curious ingredients, had Andrade feeling like a kid in a candy shop. It wasn't long before he was seeking out mentors to teach him the industry

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Gretchen M. Studio opens in Salisbury

By Natalia Zukerman

The keys are hanging from the lock when Gretchen Mol comes to greet me at her new studio on Academy Street in Salisbury. The door is open, and so, it turns out, is she. Mol has the easy familiarity of someone you've known for years. And in a sense, you have.

The actress, known for her roles in "Boardwalk Empire," "The Notorious Bettie Page" and, most recently, "Tulsa King," is opening Gretchen M. Studio, a creative space and showroom for her small-batch clothing line, with an open house Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7.

But don't call it a store.

"It's really a studio space," Mol explained. "It's my personal kind of place to be creative, and then at the same time I am trying to sell dresses."

And pants, and tops, and perhaps eventually jumpsuits and maybe even coats. The possibilities are open-ended, which seems to be exactly how Mol likes it.

"I've always loved making spaces," she said. "I want people to feel like they could come in any time and just be here."

Mol launched her clothing line about three years ago, inspired by a vintage 1940s house dress she had owned for decades. Her acting career, particularly her work in period pieces, had given her an appreciation for the artistry of costume design.

"You really step into someone else," she said of wearing period clothing. Of her role in "Boardwalk Empire," she said, "I loved that time period. I love those old movies. I think somehow, you put on these clothes and you stand taller."

But Mol wanted to make something less precious and more practical. Her original house dress was something she could wear around the house, out to dinner or even over pa-

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his Mazda Miata right in our living room.

From then on, whenever our 2012 Mazda 3 has needed a tune-up, new brakes, tires or a new exhaust pipe, we've taken our car only to Dave. (It still purrs like a kitten when driven.) When you know diddly-squat about cars like I do but love the car you have so much you want it to last a couple of hundred thousand miles, you need a mechanic who knows his stuff, will be there for you and is fair and trustworthy. That's Jones.

The second of four children, he was born not far away, in Sharon. When he was in grammar school, however, the family moved to Florida and stayed for five years. While only in his early teens, he started using what he simply calls his "knack for cars" to take engines apart and put them together again. "I made lots of mistakes," he said.

It wasn't until his family moved back to Connecticut and he was 16, a junior enrolled in a work/study program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, that his car tinkering turned serious. Jones got a job working at Arnold's Garage in Canaan, driving back and forth in what he considers his first "real car," a '69 Mustang. To this day, he still drives his second "real car" — a '68 Dodge Dart that, when he was younger, he drove in drag races at Lebanon track.

After his stint at Arnold's, Jones spent the next several years working at a succession of garages — Autosport in Sharon, Jack's Auto Service in Wassaic and Hans Rocke in Lakeville. He then spent five years working with his father doing excavation but, realizing that was "a wrong turn," returned to Autosport for another five years.

Jones also moonlighted, repairing friends' cars in his yard in Salisbury. Growing tired of the buildup of cars on his property and, more importantly, realizing he'd be a lot better off financially if he opened his own shop, he took the plunge and purchased an abandoned gas station in downtown Lakeville in 1996, converting it into Lakeville Automotive.



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Dave Jones, owner and chief mechanic at Lakeville Auto.

> "Now, 30 years later and in his late 60s, Jones is at the point in his life where he's 'figuring out how to land the plane.'

He had to teach himself the business and bookkeeping side of things, which he says led to some mistakes that cost him considerable money. Eventually, he learned enough — along with his know-how with cars — to make his shop succeed.

Now, 30 years later and in his late 60s, Jones is at the point in his life where he's "figuring out how to land the plane." Not quite ready to retire, he's deliberately slowing things down. For almost a year, he's been without an assistant mechanic and, by choice, is working strictly on his own.

Several years ago, Dave bought a 25-foot pontoon boat. For the past eight years, he and his longtime partner, Edith Hanzy, have spent their summers moving lazily about Twin Lakes. In the fall, they have the boat wrapped up, and in March, they tow it south to Florida, where they've been renting the same house in Cape Coral for the past eight years. There, they moor the boat right outside their home and spend days and nights traversing the 400 miles of canals in the area, spotting manatees, beautiful birds and dolphins trailing them by day and gazing at the stars at night.

Jones reflects that it's not as much fun working on cars as it was in his youth. Newer models have a plethora of electronic control modules (ECMs) and don't require his kind of mind/eye/hand intelligence. He says — almost but not quite jokingly — that "Cars are evil."

He doesn't mean environmentally, although he understands the impact of internal combustion engines on our planet. He means the feeling that there are malevolent forces at work when you labor on a car. Only someone whose knowledge is built on years of experience working with his hands knows what it feels like for a bolt to suddenly, and for no reason, snap in half, thereby turning an hour-long repair job into a full day's work.

Here's to Jones taking a long, slow approach to landing that plane of his. Many of us want him to stay in Lakeville for a lot longer and not entertain any ideas about sailing away to Florida.



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Hungry Reaper Farm founders and managers Will O'Meara and Jill Verzino

MUSIC

Harvesting experimental sounds at Hungry Reaper Farm

By D.H. Callahan

On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7, the farmers at Hungry Reaper Farm in Morris, Connecticut, will host the first concert at their new outdoor venue, The Three Hickeries, smack in the middle of a beautiful field on their farm.

Farm co-founders and co-managers Will O'Meara and Jill Verzino have always been interested in independent means of production. On the farm, that means growing organic produce on a small scale with a big impact. Their crops feed folks from Bridgeport, where Verzino runs a farmers market on Saturdays, all the way over to Millerton, where their vegetables can be found at Tri Corner FEED Market, the community-minded grocery store offering locally sourced food on a sliding scale.

Both O'Meara and Verzino have extensive experience growing food. Verzino grew up helping her grandmother tend her quintessential Italian vegetable garden. O'Meara started working on farms when he was just 16, got a degree in sustainable food and farming from UMass Amherst and managed other farms before the couple, who have been dating since high school, decided to start their own.

Part of their decision to strike out on their own was based on a desire to do things differently. Local organic food can often feel like a luxury reserved for the privileged and budget-blind. They wanted to bring their produce to a wider audience. Since starting on one acre of rented land, they've worked with food pantries, local municipalities, schools and other nonprofits to get their fresh produce in the hands and mouths of people who don't traditionally have access to such high-quality food. They also landed on a pretty provocative name, with edgy branding to boot.

Verzino, who trained as a visual artist, is responsible for all of the branding. She seems to have an affinity for the medieval and macabre. But more than just a personal preference, it's a way for them to stand apart from the standard farm branding, which, though often adorable, can start to blend together. Nobody forgets a bag of organic lettuce with a grim reaper sticker on it. After all, Verzino says, "farming is all about sex and death."

That preference for the weird and unique doesn't stop with their brand. The couple, who both grew up in the area, used to see a lot of live music. They reminisce about the now-closed Cafe Napoli in Watertown, where they could see a new band with a new sound every week. To them, the small, independent acts seemed to speak the same language as their approach to food and farming. They wanted to find a way to bring that kind of experience to their community.

As they worked their fields, three stately hickory trees towered over the crops. "We like experimental music. We like creative people. We like trees," Verzino said.

This, they decided, was where they would harvest their next offering — live music.

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PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

Ryan Andrade brings his passion for inventive cocktails and neighborhood hospitality to Le Bar in Sharon.

secrets required of an innovative mixologist.

Through a series of bartender jobs in Manhattan and Brooklyn, Andrade found those mentors and learned those secrets. He started making his own creations, and the consistently positive reactions fueled his enthusiasm and desire to learn more. By the time the pandemic ravaged the industry in New York, his tool belt was full of tips, tricks and a deep knowledge of the cocktail world.

Robert Arbor, the restaurateur behind Sharon's Le Gamin and its popular sister location in Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighborhood, was looking for something more than a place to sling beers. He'd taken over the space behind his French restaurant in the heart of Sharon and was turning it into a bar with beer, basic cocktails and light snacks. His restaurant staff doubled as bartenders, learning the trade on the job. It was the beginning of something the community craved, but it wasn't quite there yet. He'd known of Andrade and his reputation working at the White Hart in Salisbury and Panacea in Amenia, but it wasn't until Andrade was between jobs that they got to talking shop.

Though he'd settled in nicely in his six years since moving back to the region, Andrade missed his neighborhood bar. He'd reminisce about walking to the corner for a cocktail with friends or grabbing an easy meal on a whim. With years of experience in New York, Arbor knew exactly what he meant, and was eager to help him create it.

It's not easy to get people to come into a bar for a cocktail when they have to drive out of their way to get it. But when you pair it with food, it's simply a dinner out. Andrade wanted to pair his cocktails with casual, albeit elevated, food options. The region is full of refined options for discerning diners, Le Gamin included. The idea behind Le Bar's food was to make it easy, accessible and delicious. The bar comes first, but the food still needs to be good. With access to Arbor's kitchen and staff, they took some of the French staples from Le Gamin and added some more casual options, including a chicken sandwich and sausage bites. During happy hour, their offerings are some of the best deals in the area.

Of course, the star of the show is the cocktail menu. Arbor raves about Andrade's skills, passion and attention to detail. He recalls a time when a regular customer brought in a whole bushel of fresh raspberries. Andrade jumped at the chance to turn them into a compote for his cocktails. The passion comes through in every glass served. His focus while mixing a drink borders on obsessive. His mastery of the bar tools is notably impressive. His garnishes elevate each drink into a cookbook-worthy work of art.

Diners at Le Bar choose their own pace. Some pop in for a quick bite, while others settle in for the evening with friends over rounds of cocktails, laughs and some of those delicious fries. It's not uncommon to find a table of 20-something weekenders mixing it up with a group of Gen X locals.

Together, Arbor and Andrade have built that new kind of neighborhood bar and whether you're coming from around the corner or a farther away, you'll feel right at home.

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Playing the first show at The Three Hickories are a couple of experimental acts indeed. The headliner is Old Saw from Ripton, Vermont. Led by composer Henry Birdsey, the ensemble makes experimental ambient music using a wide variety of unexpected instruments. More than songs, each piece feels like a weathered tapestry cloaking the whole scene in haunting textures. A larger-than-life sound emerges from their instruments like an ancient giant awaking from its gothic slumber.

Opening the show is the Knife Kickers from right down the road in Thomaston, Connecticut. Singer and guitarist John Zacarria is the nucleus of this rotating lineup. Sometimes he plays by himself, and sometimes he brings his friends. Rumor has it he'll be joined by the cellist featured on his last release, "an acoustic album."

November might seem like an odd time to launch a DIY outdoor concert in Connecticut, but O'Meara and Verzino aren't just relying on the hearty nature of New Englanders. To warm the audience and musicians, they've enlisted the help of pop-up coffee cart Backdrifter Coffee. Still, a sweater and some gloves might be a good idea, just in case.

For tickets and more information about the farm, visit hungryreaperfarm.com.



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Will O'Meara, Jill Verzino and the three hickories.

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Grethen Mol at her new studio in Salisbury.

jamas. She began experimenting with fabrics, modifying the silhouette and, at the suggestion of her sister-in-law, adding pockets.

"Pockets!" Mol recalled her sister-in-law insisting. "And I was like, 'Yes. Of course.'"

Today, Mol sketches her designs and works with a technical designer and manufacturers in New York City to produce exceptionally small runs, sometimes as few as 10 pieces. She sources fabrics from places like Mood Fabrics, allowing the materials themselves to inspire new iterations.

"You're not gonna see it everywhere," she said of her collection. "You don't have to worry that you'll show up at a party in the same dress as someone else ... well, maybe except for around here," she added with a laugh.

For her clothing line, Mol has partnered with lawyer Jill Foley, who brings business and organizational expertise to the endeavor. The partnership allows Mol to pursue the project alongside an acting career that can take her away for months at a time.

"It's been really fun to have something else besides my acting," she said, "that's generated from me, and that I can just put my head to when I have the time to do it and when I feel inspired."

The studio itself is an extension of that creative impulse. Alongside her clothing are vintage pieces, books, puzzles and other objects that have caught her eye. On the walls hang paintings by her late mother, Janet, an artist and longtime teacher whose commitment to making space for her own work left a lasting impression.

Mol remembers that after her parents divorced, her mother, now a single parent, gradually claimed more room in their family home for her art. Eventually, the living room became her studio.

"I was like, 'That's so badass,'" Mol recalled, laughing. "Who needs a couch there?"

Looking back, she recognizes the significance of watching her mother insist on having a creative life.

"I never felt she neglected anything to do it," Mol said. "In retrospect, it was so important that I saw her do that."

Now Mol has carved out a room of her own, right in the center of Salisbury. She isn't entirely sure what it will become, and she's comfortable with that uncertainty.

"I'm doing this thing. I'm not exactly sure and clear what it's gonna be and what the future is, but I'm so excited to see where it takes me," she said.

For someone accustomed to inhabiting other people's stories, stepping forward with something of her own has required a different kind of courage.

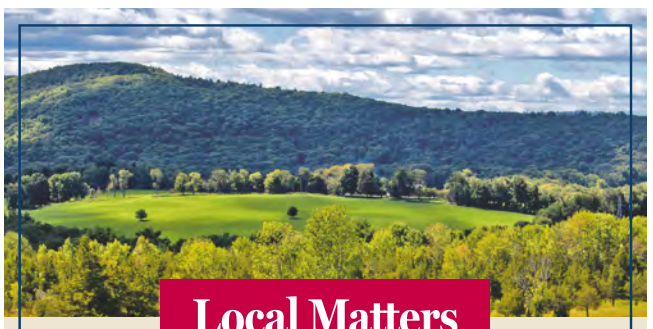
"You do have to step out in front of it," she said. "That's been the interesting part for me, to grapple with how much I'm ready to do that."

For now, she's simply inviting the community in.

"Swing by. Check it out. Maybe you'll like it."

Gretchen M. Studio, 7 Academy St., Salisbury, will celebrate its opening Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No RSVP is required. Following the opening, the studio will be available by appointment, with occasional open hours. Visit gretchenm.com.

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A packed house watches the 75th Warren Miller film at Mohawk Mountain in 2024.

FILM

Warren Miller's "Days Off" to screen at Mohawk Mountain

By. D.H. Callahan

For more than 75 years, the name Warren Miller has been synonymous with incredible skiing adventures. On Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7, Mohawk Mountain will screen "Days Off," the 77th film bearing Miller's name.

Miller was a ski bum in the truest sense, pioneering the nomadic lifestyle now adopted by skiers, climbers, hikers and van-life influencers alike. Long before it was normal, Miller would camp out in the parking lots of big ski mountains to save money on hotel rooms. He'd shoot and eat his own dinners, usually rabbit, unless some well-to-do admirer felt like taking him to a restaurant. He got by as a ski instructor for 25 cents an hour, plus free hamburgers. Eventually, he got his hands on a video camera so he could watch himself ski for the first time, and took to it so naturally that there was no question about his next move.

In 1950, Miller released his first ski movie, "Deep and Light." In 1951, it was "California Skis." Then "Wandering Skis" in 1952 and "Ski Fantasy" in 1953. Every year until 1987, Miller would shoot, direct and narrate an entirely new ski movie. He'd take it on the road from ski town to ski town, showing it to packed theaters of fans.

In the beginning, Miller narrated the films live in the theater. He'd take his script and comment on the footage he had shot and edited together, showing perfect runs through dream conditions in seeminly impossible locales.

By the time he recorded his narration directly onto the films, he had honed a kind of relaxed style that endeared him to audiences. His dry wit and humor made him and his annual screenings part of their family traditions.

Miller kept narrating his films until 2004, when he retired to run the ski program at the Yellowstone Club, one of the most exclusive outdoors clubs in the world. His production company, however, never slowed down, cranking out a movie every year, even after Miller's death in 2018.

Mohawk Mountain has its own storied history, important to skiers all over the world, whether they know it or not. Though Civilian Conservation Corps cut some trails into the mountain in the 1930s, it wasn't until Army veteran Walt Schoenknecht leased 100 acres of land from the state forest in 1946 that skiing really took off.

But just two years into its operation, Connecticut had a nearly snow-free winter. Rather than sit and complain, Schoenknecht put his Army ingenuity to work and tried something nobody had the guts or means to do — he made his own snow.

That first season, Schoenknecht and his team chipped and spread tons of ice, which melted just a few days later with a day of rain. But the concept had been proven. The following year, Mohawk Mountain started building infrastructure that would allow it to cover nearly a quarter of its trails in artificial snow.

Today, the mountain is known as the birthplace of snowmaking, a technology that has extended ski seasons around the world and brought skiing to areas that never had consistent snowfall. In the face of climate change, it's one of the most important aspects of modern ski resort success.

Warren Miller was one of the first people to champion this technology, bringing it to a wider audience through his films. Though Schoenknecht is credited as the father of snowmaking, Miller was one of its greatest advocates.

Before the snowmaking machines even have a chance to fire up, Mohawk will get the skiing community in the mood by screening "Days Off" in its base lodge. For over 20 years, this has been a tradition unlike any other on the mountain.

Mohawk doesn't screen other movies, and aside from the Cornwall Rummage Sale, it tends to focus on creating unforgettable skiing experiences at Connecticut's largest ski area. If you're looking forward to a season on the slopes, nothing will get you excited quite like a Warren Miller movie.

For more information about Mohawk Mountain and to purchase tickets, visit mohawkmtn.com.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Sergei Fedorjaczenko in his Falls Village studio with his recent oil painting, "Cubes Bursting Forth," part of his exhibition "The Engineering of Art," opening Nov. 7 at the David M. Hunt Library.

ART

Sergei Fedorjaczenko and the engineering of art

By Robin Roraback

Sergei Fedorjaczenko's studio is filled with paintings in watercolor, acrylic and gouache, along with sculptures made from wood, metal, plastic and found objects. The variety of materials reflects a lifelong fascination with both art and engineering, two disciplines that have shaped his work.

"I liked art and also liked the technical things. Industrial design filled both needs," Fedorjaczenko said.

Fedorjaczenko and his family came from Germany when he was just 4 years old. They lived first in New York City before moving to Connecticut about 10 years later, in 1960. He has lived in Connecticut ever since.

"I was always drawing," Fedorjaczenko recalled.

Although he wanted to study art, his parents insisted he pursue something more practical, so he enrolled in an engineering program.

After a year and a half, he dropped out, realizing engineering was not for him. With the Vietnam War underway, he was drafted into the Army, where he became a photographer.

While serving, he thought about what he really wanted to do. The answer: design cars.

He wrote to Chuck Jordan, vice president of design at General Motors. Jordan "responded with a handwritten note," advising him to pursue industrial design.

After leaving the Army, Fedorjaczenko earned a degree in industrial design from the University of Bridgeport. He then worked for General Electric for 14 years, during which time he was credited with four patents and a trademark.

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> SERGEI FEDORJACZENKO

"I ended up designing everything but cars," Fedorjaczenko said.

After General Electric, he sought other jobs and other puzzles to solve.

In February 2000, he read an article in the Hartford Courant about Cornwall artist Tim Prentice, known for his kinetic sculptures. The story made a lasting impression.

"I read the article about 20 times, thinking, 'This is what I want to be when I grow up. A guy living out in the country making sculpture and stuff.'"

In 2001, he and his wife, Zoe, bought a circa 1730 house in Falls Village. A year later, Fedorjaczenko retired. After spending several years restoring the property and creating a studio for himself, he was able to concentrate more on painting and sculpture.

Today, his three-level workshop is equipped with tools for metalworking and woodworking, including an English wheel, a sheet metal brake and other equipment he has used to make components for a full-size car. He can mill and turn parts, bend and cut sheet metal and tubing, and weld and sandblast components for his sculptural work.

By a window sits a table he designed and made from wood offered to artists when Cornwall's covered bridge was restored. His "Bridge Table" is a simple, clean design, reflecting his interest in both form and function.

Fedorjaczenko enjoys the physical process of creating art "because I am making something, using my hands."

His work is influenced by the Bauhaus, a German design school that operated from 1919 to 1933 and became an international movement. For his upcoming exhibition, "The Engineering of Art," Fedorjaczenko used the triangle, square and circle, primary geometric shapes associated with the Bauhaus, in each of the pieces.

On his website, Fedorjaczenko shares a quotation often attributed to Pablo Picasso: "I am always doing that which I cannot do so that I may learn how to do it."

It seems a fitting philosophy for someone who has spent a lifetime moving between disciplines, learning new skills and finding creative possibilities in unfamiliar territory.

Despite his considerable body of work, Fedorjaczenko resists the label of full-time artist.

"I don't consider myself a full-time artist. I consider myself a jack of all trades ... with many interests."

"The Engineering of Art" opens Saturday, Nov. 7, at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show runs through Nov. 27. Fedorjaczenko will give an artist talk about his life and work Thursday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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PERFORMANCE

Rumi at Race Brook

By Natalia Zukerman



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Poet and translator Haleh Liza Gafori brings Rumi's centuries-old verses to life at Race Brook.

Writer Rebecca Solnit remarked, "If you haven't heard Rumi's work performed by a translator who can read him — and sing him — in the original Persian, this Rumi, presented by translator — and rock star — Haleh Liza Gafori is for you."

On Friday, Nov. 6, Gafori will bring Rumi's poetry to life through spoken word and song at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield, Massachusetts, in what will be the venue's final performance before closing.

The evening promises to be both a celebration and a farewell, as the beloved Berkshires gathering place prepares to end a chapter of music, community and cultural exchange.

Gafori, a translator, vocalist and performance artist, has spent a decade exploring Rumi's poetry and finding new ways to make his centuries-old wisdom accessible to contemporary audiences. Her acclaimed translations, published in two volumes, "Gold" and "Water," capture the poet's ecstatic language and enduring themes of love, longing, transformation and the dissolution of boundaries.

Accompanied by cellist Isabel Castellvi, Gafori will recite her English translations and sing Rumi's verses in their original Persian, creating a musical and poetic conversation across languages, cultures and centuries.

A 2024 MacDowell fellow, Gafori has presented her work at Lincoln Center, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and universities across the country. Her approach honors both the musicality of the original Persian and the spiritual urgency of Rumi's writing, bringing ancient poetry into dialogue with contemporary life.

The evening will open with a performance by Western Massachusetts poet and musician James Bird, whose ethereal folk music draws on mythology and timeless stories of love, loss and renewal.

For Race Brook Lodge, which has long welcomed artists, musicians and audiences seeking connection through shared experiences, the evening offers a fitting final note. Rumi's poetry, with its insistence on love as a force that transcends separation, seems particularly suited to the occasion.

The performance begins at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. For information and tickets, visit rblodge.com.



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Cornerstone in Pawling is one of the restaurants participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week. Chef Harris Mayer's menu is created directly with farmers in the region.

FOOD

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week serves up two weeks of dining deals

By: Natalia Zukerman

There's no better excuse to try a new restaurant — or revisit an old favorite — than Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, returning Monday, Nov. 2, through Monday, Nov. 16.

The biannual culinary celebration, organized by Hudson Valley magazine, brings together approximately 100 restaurants across eight New York counties, including Columbia and Dutchess, offering specially priced prix fixe menus that showcase the region's diverse culinary landscape.

Participating restaurants will offer brunch, lunch and dinner menus at several price points. Brunch is available for $24.95 or $29.95, lunch for $24.95, $29.95 or $39.95, and dinner for $29.95, $39.95 or $44.95. Most menus feature three courses, giving diners an opportunity to sample a restaurant's offerings without committing to the usual à la carte prices.

While the event does not include restaurants in Litchfield County, Connecticut, diners in the Northwest Corner can find participating establishments in nearby Dutchess and Columbia counties. Among the options are Corrigan's Iron Furnace in Verbank, Savona's Trattoria & Bar in Red Hook and Cornerstone Restaurant & Bar in Pawling.

From creative farm-to-table cuisine featuring locally sourced ingredients to international flavors and classic comfort food, Restaurant Week celebrates the chefs, farmers and food producers who make the Hudson Valley a culinary destination.

Participating restaurants determine which meals and days they will offer the special menus, and some offer takeout options. Prices do not include beverages, tax or gratuity.

No tickets or passes are required, but reservations are strongly recommended. *For a complete list of restaurants and menus, visit hvmag.com/events/restaurant-week.*

COMMUNITY

Backgammon and pizza night

By Natalia Zukerman

Backgammon of Northwestern Connecticut has added a third location to its weekly gatherings, bringing friendly competition, conversation and pizza to The White Hart Inn in Salisbury every Wednesday at 5 p.m.Founded four years ago by Sharon resident Roger Lourie, the group has grown from a handful of players to a mailing list of 70. In addition to Wednesday evenings at The White Hart, the group offers free lessons at the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and social play at Le Gamin Cafe on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

There are no membership fees, and players of all skill levels are welcome.

"This is a way for people to connect on an individual basis," said Falls Village resident David Dabill, who initiated the new "Pizza and Play" sessions. "Winters are long here."



PHOTO BY ROGER LOURIE

Playing backgammon at Le Gamin in Sharon.

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The Berkshire Theatre Critics Association will celebrate the region's theatrical achievements at its 10th annual Berkshire Theatre Awards, known as the Berkies, on Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at Shakespeare & Company's Tina Packer Playhouse in Lenox, Mass. Sharon Playhouse received six nominations, including scenic design and choreography for "Swingtime Canteen," acting honors for Savannah Stevenson and Michael F. McGuirk in "42nd Street," and outstanding ensemble performance for "Come From Away." Call 413-769-8306 for reservations.

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NOVEMBER 5

Medicare Q&A
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
huntlibrary.org
5:30 to 7 p.m. Amanda Halle of the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging will answer questions about Medicare and preparing for Medicare Open Enrollment. Registration is encouraged but not required. Email dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Vieux Farka Touré & Samir LanGus
Race Brook Lodge, 864 S. Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.
Malian guitar virtuoso Vieux Farka Touré brings his electrifying blend of desert blues, rock and African musical traditions to an intimate benefit concert supporting the Ali Farka Touré Foundation. Moroccan musician Samir LanGus opens with Gnawa music, blending North African traditions with jazz. Doors open at 6 p.m.; music begins at 7:30 p.m. rblodge.com

Medicare 101 & 2027 Updates
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
scovillelibrary.org
Insurance specialist Sheri Wright explains Medicare basics, coverage options and changes for 2027 during the annual open enrollment period, which runs through Dec. 7. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Registration recommended at scovillelibrary.org.

NOVEMBER 6

Millbrook Music Salon: Radu Ratoi and Friends
Lyall Memorial Church, 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook, N.Y.
At 4:30 p.m., award-winning Romanian accordionist Radu Ratoi joins violinists Risa Hokamura and Lun Li and cellist Bennett Tsai for a program blending folk traditions and classical music. All four musicians are internationally acclaimed performers and members of Young Concert Artists. Tickets available at millbrookmusicsalon.org. Unreserved seats are free.

Holly Miranda & Amber Rubarth
The Grace Note at Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Two acclaimed singer-songwriters share an intimate evening of music. Miranda, known for her work with The Jealous Girlfriends and collaborations with Lou Reed and Karen O, joined by Rubarth, an award-winning songwriter whose music blends folk, storytelling and introspection. 7:30 p.m. thestissingcenter.org

Haleh Liza Gafori: The Poetry of Rumi
Race Brook Lodge, 864 S. Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.
Translator and vocalist Haleh Liza Gafori brings the poetry of 13th-century Persian mystic Rumi to life through spoken word and song, accompanied by cellist Isabel Castellvi. Poet and musician James Bird opens the evening. 8 p.m. Tickets rblodge.com

NOVEMBER 6-7

Opening Celebration of Gretchen M. Studio
7 Academy St., Salisbury, Conn.
Friday 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., stop by for a first look at Gretchen M., the new creative home of actress Gretchen Mol. No RSVP required.

NOVEMBER 7

Twelve Moons Coffee House: Wanda Houston and the HBH Band
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by an open mic at 6:30 p.m. Wanda Houston and the HBH Band perform from 8 to 9 p.m., celebrating 21 years together with a mix of jazz, R&B, blues, gospel and more. Guests may bring their own food and drinks. Coffee, tea and baked goods available. Donations appreciated.

Annual Craft Fair
NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop handmade goods by local crafters, artisans and artists, along with books, baked goods, vintage items and raffles featuring donations from local businesses. Give AI a rest and put your own creativity to work at the library's Zine Tree, featuring uniquely stained, handmade mini-books ready to fill with your own words, drawings and ideas. All proceeds benefit the library.

Millbrook Repair Café
Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y.
Give broken belongings a second life with help from local repair coaches. Bring lamps, furniture, small appliances, jewelry, clothing and more for free repairs or advice. Knife and garden tool sharpening, bicycle repairs and recycling for plastic bags and batteries also available. Limit two repairs per person. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. millbrooklibrary.org

"Cool & Collected — The Gift Edition"
Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn.
Nov. 7 through Dec. 20
The gallery's annual holiday exhibition celebrates the art of giving with small-scale paintings, drawings, ceramics, textiles and handmade objects priced under $2,000. Opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 7. Free and open to the public. kbfa.com

Current Fiction Book Group
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
scovillelibrary.org
Join Claudia Cayne for a discussion of Colm Tóibín's "A Long Winter," a moving story of loss, grief and the bond between mother and son. Copies are available at the library. 4 to 5 p.m. No registration required. scovillelibrary.org

Farm Cat: A Farmer Appreciation Dance Party
Coyote Flaco, 6063 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y.
Celebrate local farmers with an evening of music and dancing featuring a local DJ. Free admission. Doors open at 6 p.m.; dancing from 7:30 to 11 p.m. RSVP at farmcat.greenspace.earth.

Fall Celebration and Pumpkin Smashing
Grounds of the Old Elementary School, 5833 South Elm St., Millerton, N.Y.
2 to 4 p.m. NECC and Millerton Climate Smart host a free community celebration featuring pumpkin smashing with a catapult, live music, warm apple cider and composting demonstrations. Kids can create splatter paintings, and everyone is invited to bring their own pumpkins or smash those provided. Free and open to all.

The Burritt Percussion Group
Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Founded by acclaimed percussionist Michael Burritt, the ensemble of former students brings contemporary percussion to life with driving rhythms, lyrical passages and virtuosic performances. The program features Burritt's original compositions alongside modern works showcasing the expressive range of percussion. 7:30 p.m. Tickets thestissingcenter.org

Innisfree Woodland Terrarium Workshop with Brad Roeller
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y.
Create your own miniature Innisfree landscape using mosses, plants, stones, and other natural treasures from the garden, then take it home to enjoy all winter long. 1 p.m.

Sergei Fedorjaczenko — "The Engineering of Art"
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
huntlibrary.org
Nov. 7 to 27
Falls Village artist Sergei Fedorjaczenko presents paintings and sculptures inspired by Bauhaus principles and constructed around three elemental shapes: the circle, square and triangle. An opening reception will be held Nov. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m., with an artist talk Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the library. huntlibrary.org.

Veterans Pasta Dinner
Church of Christ Congregational, 5 Old Middle St., Goshen, Conn.
Local Boy Scouts host a Veterans Pasta Dinner featuring pasta, salad, rolls and dessert. Free for veterans; $5 per plate for family and friends. 5 to 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8

Writers & Readers: "Rose Knox"
The Grace Note at Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Author Rachel Greenfield discusses her new biography, "Rose Knox," with Pulitzer Prize-nominated writer Amy Reading. Discover how Knox transformed a small gelatin company into a national brand while navigating the challenges of working motherhood in the early 20th century. Presented with Oblong Books and the Pine Plains Free Library. 3 p.m. Free. thestissingcenter.org

Albert Rivera Quartet with Ricki Rizzo
Milton Congregational Church, 548 Milton Road, Litchfield, Conn.
Litchfield Jazz/Milton Music presents saxophonist Albert Rivera and vocalist Ricki Rizzo in an afternoon of jazz featuring pianist Alejandra Williams and bassist Sam Dingle. All four musicians have ties to Litchfield Jazz Camp as alumni or faculty. The concert launches the new season of Milton Music in the historic 18th-century church. 3 p.m. Tickets AlbertRiveraQuartet.eventbrite.com

NOVEMBER 8-9

"Of Mice and Men" Auditions
Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, N.Y.
Nov. 8 and 9
The Ghent Playhouse holds open auditions for John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," directed by Brian Sheldon. All roles are available for the Depression-era drama about two migrant farmworkers dreaming of a better life. Auditioners will read scenes from the script. Performances run April 8-18, 2027. 6:30 p.m. both evenings. For information, visit ghentplayhouse.org or email brianactorsheldon@gmail.com.

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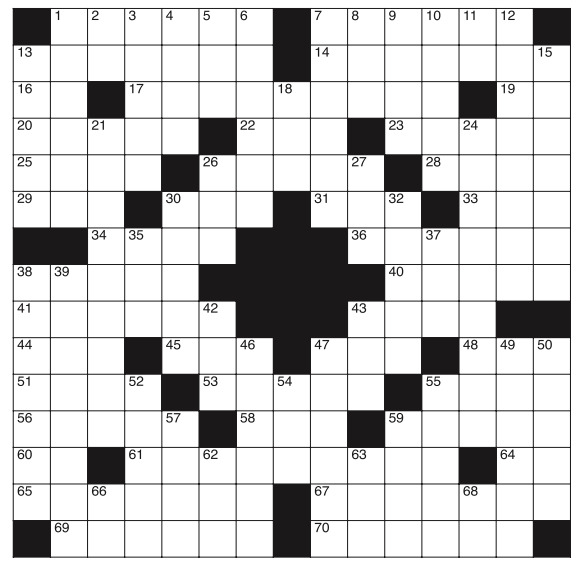
Felted Fall Garlands Workshop
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
scovillelibrary.org
Artist Susan Lynn Smith of Second Nature Arts leads a hands-on workshop creating seasonal garlands using felt, colorful wool, roving and yarn. All materials provided. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration required. scovillelibrary.org

"Memory in Story": A Discussion Series
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.
hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15
Join literary scholar and book discussion leader Mark Scarbrough for a four-part discussion series exploring the role memory plays in novels from the Netherlands, England, the United States and Bulgaria.Discussions take place at 2:30 p.m. in the Hayes Community Room. Attend one or all sessions. Registration is requested at https://bit.ly/MemoryInStory. For more information, visit hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org or call 860-364-5041.

NOVEMBER 11

Death Cafe
Tri Corner FEED Market, 56 South Center St., Millerton, N.Y.
Gather for an open, informal conversation about death and mortality over tea, coffee and cake. Share stories, reflections and even a few laughs in a welcoming setting at the final Death Cafe of 2026. 6 p.m. Free. Reservations at eventbrite.com.

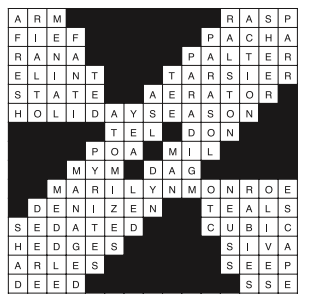
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28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

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1. Animal disease
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4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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Sudoku

	8						4	
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2		5				6	9	
3		4						
	5			3				
9		7			4			2
	4	2			8			5
				4	3			8
	6			7		9		

Level: Intermediate

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4	1	7	9	2	5	8	3	6
3	8	6	4	7	1	5	9	2
5	2	9	3	8	6	1	7	4
6	7	4	1	9	8	3	2	5
1	3	2	5	4	7	9	6	8
8	9	5	6	3	2	4	1	7
7	4	3	2	5	9	6	8	1
9	6	8	7	1	4	2	5	3
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