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PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The toppled monuments of the Dakin family at the Spencer's Corners Burying Ground before restoration.

Spencer's Corners Burying Ground project begins

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — This week, cemetery conservators arrived to begin work on erecting the Dakin monuments in the Spencer's Corners Burying Ground on Merwin Road.

The crew of the Monument Conservation Collaboration (MCC) roped off the area and put up scaffolding in order to repair and upright the Dakin obelisk and several monuments belonging to the Rev. Dakin and his family. Dakin was the original founder of the site, where he built the Baptist church and grave yard. Over the centuries the cemetery's headstones and monuments have collapsed, affected by time, air pollution and frost-heaving.

The Friends of Spencer's Corners have a long-term goal to restore, repair and conserve the site,

not only for future generations, but also to honor the ancestors of the original settlers who are buried there. The phase I restoration of 400 headstones is estimated to take over five years to complete.

So far, the group has raised more than \$9,000 in private donations and \$1,000 from the Town of North East to begin work. The organization's website, www.spencerscorners.org, contains more information and photographs. Donations are welcome to help preserve this historic burying ground for the community.

MCC is a nationally recognized pioneer in conserving sacred places with expertise in soils, groundwater, mapping, restoration and conservation of stone markers. The group has preserved cemeteries from nearby Kingston and Goshen, Connecticut, to Pago Pago in Samoa.

Forum dissects 'crisis-level need' for affordable housing

By **MAUD DOYLE**
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Both affordable housing and conservation initiatives require land, rely on local financial and social support, and are necessary for a healthy, thriving community.

This was the premise of "Housing, Jobs, and Conservation: A

Roadmap for Action," a panel discussion convened by the Salisbury Forum at the Salisbury School on Friday, Sept. 22, before an audience of some 200 guests from New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Moderated by Steve Rosenberg, longtime leader in conservation in Hudson Valley and co-convenor of Hudson Valley Affordable Hous-

ing and Conservation Strategy, the panel invited three representatives from local government, housing, and land trusts to discuss how these sectors could better work together in the broader region.

The context for the discussion was what Rosenberg described as the "crisis-level need" for afford-

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Bus driver shortage remains concern for school districts

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — As reported in The Millerton News on Sept. 7, the school bus transportation system is working well for Webutuck and Millbrook school districts.

Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) is still struggling said Lauren Ross, the district's transportation director. "I'm in the transportation industry for almost 20 years. It's never been easy," she said, but admitted that PPCSD still

"We use floaters on an almost daily basis. I've been driving as well, and even today, I had to drive."

Lauren Ross, transportation director

is looking to hire drivers. "We've had to reach out to Dutchess BOCES for help with out-of-district students," she said, and added, "We use floaters on an almost daily basis. I've been driving as well, and even today, I had to drive."

When asked why it's so difficult to get school bus drivers, Ross noted: "It's a life-and-death responsibility that you face ev-

eryday. Sometimes it's too much responsibility when you can't offer full-time work or compensation. This is a nationwide problem, and Pine Plains is not excluded."

A recent bus accident in a nearby area with casualties underscores the fact that it is indeed a job that comes with great respon-

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Grief and loss group will emphasize commonality

By **NATALIA ZUKERMAN**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — "Some of my clients are in therapy because of a loss, but I feel like, coming from the mindset of impermanence, everybody is losing things at every moment," said Inzan Monica Rose Smith.

Inzan holds a dual degree in Buddhist studies and interreligious engagement from the Union Theological Seminary, and a Master of Social Work from Hunter College. She is also a Soto Zen Buddhist priest. With these qualifications and a deep desire to help people heal, she is offering an eight-week grief and loss group on Sunday nights in Millerton, beginning on

Sunday, Oct. 1.

"So, grief and loss are not just about death and dying," said Inzan. "It's about everything we're letting go of all the time."

The name Inzan, which translates to "hidden mountain," was given to her when she was ordained by Rev. Kosen Greg Snyder. Kosen and Shingetsu Laura O'Loughlin, along with Rev. Kidō Ian Case, founded the Brooklyn Zen Center (BZC) in 2005 in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi's Soto Zen tradition.

In 2019, BZC became the steward of 14 acres of land on Kaye Road in Millerton, and the Ancestral Heart Zen Temple was born.

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Inzan Monica Rose Smith of Ancestral Heart Temple in Millerton.



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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook Village Board discusses Community Day plans, reviews grants

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — One of the first things mayor Tim Collopy talked about in the Wednesday, Sept. 20, meeting of the Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees was the need for the executive session of the board held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, concerning a lack of police shift coverage of a budgeted 104 hours per week.

The causes for this were given as officers leaving the Millbrook Police Department (MBPD) for better opportunities or they retired, and increased hiring competition from local municipalities as well as seasonal opportunities. It was noted that all MBPD officers have other jobs, either full- or part-time, which may take precedence. Officers sometimes can't leave from their full-time jobs in time to cover a full Millbrook shift.

After discussion, the board approved the use of budget money saved year-to-date and reducing "off shifts" by one hour, as well as implementing a \$3.40 per hour pay increase for officers. Both items will be contained within the 2023-2024 budget.

The board also increased the mandatory number of shifts per month from four to six, including one weekend shift; this action allows open shifts to be filled with less than seven hours after the minimum number of shift requirement has been met.

Buffy Arbogast, president of the Millbrook Business Association (MBA), was invited to discuss plans for Millbrook Community Day, which is set

to take place on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Organized by the MBA, the Millbrook Library and the Millbrook Arts Group with the involvement of other groups such as the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market and the Millbrook Rotary Club, the event's features will include a chili cook-off, a cake walk, the Bubble Bus, an ice cream truck and face painting. Check the village or MBA websites for more details, or see the Thursday, Sept. 14, issue of The Millerton News for a full article.

Collopy then discussed the status of several grant applications. Sidewalk project phases 1 and 2 were approved up to \$200,000 by the Community Development Block Grant program of Dutchess County. For the Millbrook sewer pump station, the village requested \$250,000 total from Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Didi Barrett for replacement of the current pump and the addition of a generator.

Applications were submitted for the \$7.3 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. Water Infrastructure Improvement Project (WIIP) and Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) applications were submitted



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left: Village trustee Pat Murphy, Sun Up contractor Tom Harvey, Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy, Sun Up contractor Erik Aolgaue, village trustee Mike Herzog and police Sgt. Jared Witt looking at sidewalks on Franklin Avenue in anticipation of their repair.

in August but the WQIP was rejected.

Trustee Mike Herzog submitted a village tree survey grant application to the state Department of Environmental Conservation. A grant for police equipment was rejected but will be resubmitted.

Collopy stated that the village owns four parcels that pay \$3,500 per year in property and school taxes. In order to do away with that tax debt, three of the parcels

were combined, as approved by the assessor, and merged with the wastewater treatment plan property as they about that parcel.

The other site is the old village dump behind Harry's Garage. The property value was reassessed from \$84,000 to \$8,000. Deputy Mayor Peter Doro requested the site be

used by the Millbrook Fire Department area for training, which would also end the taxation on the property.

At its Aug. 9 meeting, the board awarded a contract to Sun Up Construction Corporation in the amount of \$134,180 to complete the Phase 1 base bid work of the sidewalk project, and \$39,330 for the

phase 2 additional alternate bid. The funding options were the received block grants from Dutchess County: \$100,000 for phase 1 and \$100,000 for phase 2, although the village may have to put up \$34,000 to cover phase 1 overage. Phase 2 is fully covered. A transfer of \$100,000 from the general fund to the sidewalk fund was authorized at that time.

The large number of participants at the meeting were there for the update on the short-term rental (STR) code presented by Doro. Several people attested to the fact that they have no problem with owner-occupied STRs, but would be against them if they were not owner-occupied.

More than one thought some entities could be grandfathered in if the property owner had an on-site or near-site agent and had owned the property for several years.

The board voted, after a public hearing, to increase the senior and veteran tax exemptions, which will be done in increments in 2024 and 2025, when the increases will be in keeping with those of the Town of Washington.

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Amenia Town Board discusses Waterworth planning software

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Recognizing the advantage of long-range capital expense planning, the Amenia Town Board, meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21, discussed a proposal made by a planning software company at the board's Thursday, Sept. 7, workshop meeting.

At the early September meeting, the board heard a scope of services report from Waterworth, a professional municipal planning business specializing in geopolitical strategies and located north of Seattle. The report was presented by Laphan Hunter, account executive for Waterworth, focusing on the town's need for long-range capital

planning. The focus of the report was the town's need to improve town water service infrastructure as a capital need. Councilwoman Vicky Doyle indicated that she had found Hunter's report to be "compelling," a way to organize capital improvement. She felt it would assist with water district planning.

"My tendency, though, is to not consent to hiring a consultant with no alternative plan having been discussed," she said. Councilman Damian Gutierrez agreed, feeling that the board should consult with the town's accountant to see if the goal of a long-range planning structure could be met locally.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Libraries to offer disaster training course

By EMILY EDELMAN
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — The Mid-Hudson Library System's Library of Local initiative is teaming up with the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps to offer disaster preparedness training courses at a number of area libraries this fall beginning Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The New York State Citizen Preparedness Training course helps residents anticipate possible disaster scenarios by advising them in how to

properly prepare, including developing family emergency plans and making sure they have enough supplies.

"We are happy to welcome First Lt. Kyle M. Kilner, New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps squadron fire support officer, who will help our community members gain the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters," said Millbrook Library director Courtney Tsahalis. "Part of our mission is to help our community be more resilient and informed, and this program is a natural

fit." The trainings will take place on the following dates: Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. at the Millbrook Library; Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 5 p.m. at the Mountain Top Library in Tannersville; Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 5 p.m. at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake; Friday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. at the Claverack Free Library; Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library; and Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morton Memorial Library and Community House in Rhinecliff.

Seating in the workshops is offered first come, first served. Those wishing to participate may contact a hosting library to register.

"If you've lived up here long enough, even the bad winters are few and far between, but you still know what to do and you're still prepared," said NorthEast-Millerton Library director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson. "But there's a lot of newer people up here, people who may be younger and haven't experienced being on their own in a natural disaster."

Craftsmanship demo

KENT, Conn. — Violin maker Max Smith of Beacon, New York, demonstrated his wood craftsmanship at the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, Connecticut, on Saturday, Sept. 23, focusing in part on wood joinery.

Sloane Museum curator and administrator Andrew Rowand noted current trends in museums toward folk art and teaching through workshops.

Smith teaches piano tuning and woodworking at the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston. On Saturday, he was showing how to make a footstool, using eastern white pine.

"It's nice to be part of something that is growing," Smith said of the educational program at the museum. He said that he has been doing occasional demonstration workshops at the museum for two years.

—Leila Hawken

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OBITUARIES

Karen Ann Parsons

SALISBURY — Karen Ann Parsons, 71, of Salisbury, died on Sept. 20, 2023, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

A near life-long resident of Salisbury, Karen was a loving and dedicated educator, parent, grandparent and great-grandparent.

Born May 20, 1952, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Hjordis (Christensen) and Richard E. Parsons of Salisbury.

Karen graduated in 1969 from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire, and later received a master's in education from Lesley University.

After student teaching and working at Salisbury Bank and Trust, she taught home economics and computers and technology at Maplebrook School for close to three decades. During her tenure at Maplebrook, Karen touched the lives of numerous students as a teacher and mentor.

She was also a faithful parishioner of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, where she taught Sunday school. In recent years, Karen participated in activities sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society and was an

energetic member of the community at Noble Horizons.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristina (Josh) Lattrell, and son Michael (Michelle) Brenes; brother John Richard (Deborah) Parsons; granddaughters Taylor Maranzano and Leah Casey; grandsons Lucas Casey and Nathan Brenes; step-grandchildren Jake Lattrell and Derek Lattrell; great-granddaughter Brooke Slater; nephews John Parsons and Paul Parsons and their families; and niece Sarah Parsons. She was pre-deceased by her brother, George Parsons.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Noble Horizons who took care of Karen for the past seven years, and who helped make Noble her home.

A graveside service will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Salisbury Cemetery in Salisbury CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Karen can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at give.michaeljfox.org or P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741. The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, has care of arrangements.



BURKE, Va. — Retired Lt. Colonel Timothy Joseph "Joe" Kenny, a resident of Burke, Virginia, peacefully passed away on Sept. 20, 2023, at his residence.

He was the devoted husband of the late Ann Stukhart Kenny, and they shared 36 years of happiness together.

He is survived by his son Grant Kenny, Grant's wife Amanda "Mandy" Kenny, and their cherished granddaughter Finley Kenny.

Joe was born on Dec. 14, 1955, in Sharon, to the late William T. Kenny and Geraldine M. Kenny.

He graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, as part of the Class of 1974. Joe earned his bachelor's degree from LaSalle College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the Class of 1978. He furthered his education by obtaining a Master's in Instructional De-

sign from the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Joe dedicated 20 years of his life to serving in the U.S. Army as an armor officer, actively participating in Operation Desert Storm. His service encompassed numerous leadership roles and staff assignments, earning him numerous combat service commendations. He continued to serve his country through various roles in multiple Department of Defense contractor agencies, with his final stint being at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he worked as a Senior Consultant for over two decades.

Outside of work, Joe was beloved by many for his extraordinary wisdom, boundless kindness, and steadfast dedication to his faith. Apart from attending Sunday Mass, he volunteered as a CCD teacher and faithfully listened to the St. Patrick's Cathedral

Mass on the radio every day. He enjoyed walks with his three schnauzers Watson, Emma, and Maggie. Much of his time was devoted to playing Fantasy Football with his son, mentoring and entertaining his neighbors' six children, and embarking on worldly adventures, whether for work or pleasure, alongside Ann.

He was always involved in his son's life by coaching baseball, supporting his swimming, or going on camps through Grant's Boy Scout Experience.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his siblings Marilouise Torrant and husband Don of Norfolk, William T. Kenny Jr. and wife Deborah of Monument, Colorado, predeceased by sister Deana Solan and husband Richard of Canaan, Brian Kenny and wife Theresa Kenny of Sha-

ron, and Sean Kenny and wife Anne Dunn of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts. He is also remembered fondly by his many nieces and nephews on both the Kenny and Weart side of the family.

Visitation hours will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. A Catholic Mass will be celebrated the following day, Friday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA. Interment with full military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

Joe's memory will live on in the hearts of all those whose lives he touched, and his legacy of service and love will be cherished forever.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

For another obituary, see page A5

Cathryn Musselman

CANAAN — Cathryn Musselman died surrounded by family on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. She was 64 years old.

Daughter of the late Kenneth and Edna Ford, she is survived by her husband Ken, sister Doris Benedict, son Wesley and his family (Sylvia, Kalinka, and Jude), and a collection of cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Born in Massachusetts, Cathryn grew up on the Ford Farm in East Canaan with her two older predeceased siblings, George Ford and Judith Ford. She graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1977, and briefly attended Johnson and Wales College before joining the Navy.

She was serving as a disbursing clerk at Naval Air Station Memphis, Tennessee when she met her husband, Ken. They were stationed together in Florida, where they

had their son, Wesley, before moving back to the Northwest Corner. Cathy and her family lived in Canaan for ten years before moving back to Florida, where she and Ken worked for the Walt Disney Company. Cathy and Ken then moved back to Connecticut while Wes was attending college.

Cathy enjoyed walks among nature and long, peaceful days on the beach with Ken. She was a master chef and outstanding hostess, adding the Virgo touch of perfection to every meal, every dessert, and every social gathering. She was the collected calm in the tempest of modern living, with its myriad of seemingly unnecessary complications. She persisted through a long debilitating illness with her signature graceful persistence and gritty wit. A private gathering was held in her honor this past weekend and, as per tradition, her subtle presence was the glue of the party.



In Appreciation

Lola Martha Brammer

The Brammer family would like to thank the staff on the Wagner unit at Noble Horizon for the care given to our mother. She was treated with dignity, respect and most of all love, as was our whole family. When Mom was near-

ing the end of her life, staff members from all three shifts came in to see her before leaving for the day. They kissed her, told her she was beautiful and told her they loved her. We could not have asked for a more caring and special staff.

Pauline Carolyn Gangaware

COLEBROOK — Pauline Carolyn "Polly" (Carroll) Gangaware, 76, of 15 Phelps Flat Road went home to the Lord Monday Sept. 18, 2023, at the Hartford Healthcare Center in Winsted.

She was the wife of Pastor Lee Darryl Gangaware. Polly and Pastor Lee celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Aug. 29, 2023. They were wed on Aug. 29, 1970, at Trinity Wesleyan Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Polly was born Jan. 27, 1947, in Easton, Maryland, daughter of the late Paul Fletcher and Hannah (Ellwanger) Carroll.

A devoted pastor's wife, Polly served as a Certified Lay Servant for over 30 years. Prior to that she had worked as a teacher's aide for the BOCES program with the State of New York. Polly also was employed by Liberty Mutual as a secretary, and worked in the same capacity as a secretary for the United Wesleyan College and for the Assistant Dean, Dr. Hopkins, at the College of Pharmacy, University of Kentucky.

Polly moved to Colebrook from Long Island 10 years ago, as the couple sought a more quiet area for retirement. During that time she and Pastor Lee became associated with the Bakerville Methodist Church, Hillsdale, and North Hillsdale United Methodist Church and the Canaan United Methodist Church. Polly led the Ladies of Canaan Ministry.

In addition to her husband Polly is survived by her two daughters; Hannah Ann Gangaware and Elizabeth Ann Gangaware. Polly is also survived by her sisters, Mabel Emerson, Sarah Dunn and

Eunice Rankin; her brothers, J. Fletcher Carroll and Paul Seth Carroll, who is Polly's twin brother. Grandchildren; Julianna Marie Lawrence, Catherine Hannah Janson, Jacob Frye and Jaron Frye. Great-grandchildren Noah and Charlotte Frye.

Polly was predeceased by her brother, Rev. Charles E. Carroll on Jan. 14, 2021.

A Celebration of Polly's Life was held Sunday Sept. 24, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Canaan United Methodist Church, 2 Church St., North Canaan, CT 06018. A reception followed the service at the Bittermann Center, 2 Daisy Hill Road, North Canaan, CT 06018.

A memorial donation in Polly's memory may be sent to the Canaan United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 636, Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018.

Email obituaries to johnc@millertonnews.com

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We went to the Connecticut Antique Machinery Associations Fall Festival for the first time today and were absolutely amazed at what was there! It was like walking back into time to see how the earlier generations developed machinery for both agriculture and industry. They will be open to the end of October and their website is: www.ctamachinery.com. An additional bonus is that the Eric Sloane Museum is also located at this site in Kent. It is full of his paintings, books and all sorts of farming tools that were used before machinery developed, so you can walk back even further in time to when the NW corner was first settled. This museum is also open until the end of October and its website is: portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Historic-Preservation/04_State_Museums/Eric-Sloane-Museum-and-Kent-Iron-Furnace.

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Adapting to the age of hotter wildfires

By **ROBIN RORABACK**
Special to The Millerton News

NEW YORK CITY — In a discussion held at WNYC's Green Space on Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies President Joshua Ginsberg talked with forest ecologist Winslow Hansen, also of the Cary In-

stitute, about solutions for the more frequent and devastating wildfires seen in recent years as part of Climate Week NYC, an event to discuss solutions to climate change.

Hansen is the head of the newly formed Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative, which combines "leading scientists, forest

managers, and policymakers" to study the best ways to manage forests and reduce fire risks.

The northeastern United States experienced heavy smoke from Canadian wildfires in June. The Cary Institute reported that "between fire and smoke, few communities are insulated from im-

pacts of wildfires" and "events like these will likely become the new normal due to climate change."

During the period of smoke from wildfires, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported an 82% rise in asthma-related visits to emergency rooms in New York state.

According to Hansen: "Fire suppression has led to an accumulation of large amounts of fuel and the densification of live trees in many forested landscapes. This essentially means that trees are growing closer together. When combined with climate change, overly dense fuels can cause high-severity catastrophic fire in forests that previously only had low-severity surface fires."

The fuels mentioned are grass, leaves, shrubs, downed limbs and small trees, which fires love to consume and which add to their severity.

Hansen pointed out that fire in forests is natural and needed. He gave the example of lodgepole pine. It has serotinous seeds enclosed in a resin-coated cone. The seeds are released when the resin

bond breaks at a certain temperature during a fire. This natural cycle happens between every 100-300 years.

He also said that Indigenous peoples practiced controlled burning to maintain hunting grounds and allow berries and other edible vegetation to grow. This practice ended as they lost their lands.

Fires have become more severe in recent years, due in large part to climate change. "Forests are drier than they have been in millennia," commented Hansen.

The recommended ways of reducing wildfires are prescribed fires (as Indigenous cultures did) and mechanical thinning or cutting brush and small trees, which reduces the fuels on the forest's floors, giving future fires less fuel to burn.

OBITUARY

Yvonne S. Petty

DOVER PLAINS — Yvonne S. Petty, 87, a lifelong resident of Dover Plains, died peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at her daughter's home in Poway, California.

Mrs. Petty dedicated her life to caring for children. She was a child care provider in her home in Dover Plains for many years in addition to serving as a lunch room monitor at Dover Elementary School and a school bus aide for children with special needs.

Born July 20, 1936, in Putnam Lake, New York, she was the daughter of the late Anthony C. "Tony" and Fannie (Sprague) Sartori. She was a graduate of Dover High School.

On Dec. 12, 1954, in Dover Plains, New York, she married Frank E. "Buzz" Petty. Together, with a great deal of mutual love and respect for each other and tireless work ethics, the Pettys were able to enjoy many wonderful things throughout their marriage. They traveled extensively and enjoyed attending country music festivals and concerts in New York often with their grandchildren in tow. They summered in the Catskills for over twenty years and created many wonderful memories and lasting friendships. They wintered in Florida for many years as well. Their swimming pool in Dover was also a hot

spot for many a child over the years as was the dining room. Their marriage lasted for over 55 years. Buzz passed away on Jan. 27, 2010.

Yvonne joined the J. H. Ketcham Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary on May 4, 1954. She was a very active member in her younger years and enjoyed marching in dress parades, responding to alarms and providing refreshments and meals at times when needed and supporting her husband who served as Assistant Fire Chief, or as she liked to say "Dover Car 3." At the time of her passing, she had achieved 69.3 years on the Auxiliary membership roster, one of the longest in the history of the organization.

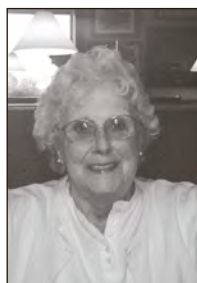
In her later years she became a proud breast cancer survivor who supported and encouraged others to keep fighting. She also enjoyed shopping trips with her beloved granddaughter Robin and was never one to turn down an invitation to lunch. She enjoyed family holiday gatherings with passed hors d'oeuvres of course, a good libation and dancing with her son Bruce. She loved to visit and spend months at a time with her loving daughter Robin and her son-in-law Jack

in California as well. In her spare time she enjoyed playing with her great grandchildren, reading celebrity and country music singer biographies and was an avid soap opera fan. "The Young and the Restless," "As the World Turns" and "The Bold and the Beautiful" being longtime favorites.

Throughout the years she loved and cared for many of the family pets, her last being "Toto" a rescue dog that she treated like royalty.

Her hugs, her chats, her "calling it as she saw it" moments (often unabridged) will all be greatly missed by her immediate family and closest friends. We will miss you always "Ma," "Nana" and "Nan-Nan."

Yvonne is survived by her children, Bruce E. Petty and his wife Carmen of Dover Plains, New York, and Robin M. Saiken and her husband Jack of Poway, California; her grandchildren, Robin M. Conklin and her husband Scott of Dover Plains and Bruce E. Petty, Jr. and his wife Megan of Dover Plains; her great grandchildren, Colton D. Conklin and Jacoby F. Petty of Dover Plains; a brother, Thomas "Tucker" Sartori of North Carolina and several



nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Yvonne was predeceased by her great granddaughter, Reese Madison and her brother Anthony "Dempsey" Sartori both of Dover Plains.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. The J. H. Ketcham Hose Company will honor Yvonne and Buzz with firematic services at Valley View Cemetery, Nellie Hill Road, Dover Plains at 12:15 p.m. Pastor Mayhew will conclude with a final committal prayer. Burial will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send an online condolence to the family, send flowers to the service or plant a tree in Yvonne's memory. Please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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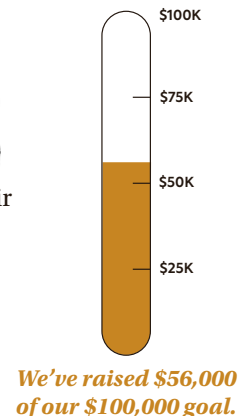
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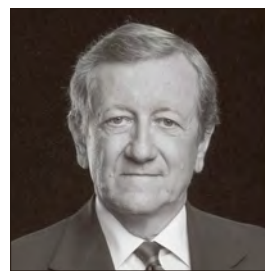


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Inzan moved to the temple at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I wanted to get out of the academic headspace I had been in and get into my body," she explained. "And I wanted to live monastically."

Inzan was raised Catholic in New Jersey "up until the second grade," she said, "at which point my mother left the Catholic church and got baptized." Her mother took Inzan and her brother out of school mid-year and enrolled them in a Baptist-affiliated Christian school.

With some distance and accrued wisdom, Inzan offered a reframe of this experience: "One of the things that was very healing for me at Union [Seminary] was learning about forms of Christianity that weren't as abusive." Inzan also spoke of her mother's conversion as perhaps connected to a desire to be more expressive.

Her father remains "a staunch Catholic" to this day, and when they were young, Inzan and her brother attended weekly Mass. "I was going to church all the time,"

she laughed. "I really liked the community at the Baptist church. I got very involved with the youth group and the choir. It was a bubble, and I didn't know anything else but that."

When she left home, Inzan felt she didn't want anything to do with religion but began meditating, she said, "to deal with my own trauma. It wasn't really about Buddhism as much as learning to let go of things." As a student at Rutgers, she worked in a bookstore, where, one day, she took an Alan Watts book off the shelf "and that was life-changing," she said.

"You know that feeling when you read something," she mused, "and you think, 'Oh! I know this?' Well, that was that." A few years later, getting ready to embark on a journey to Ireland, a friend's mother gifted her with another book that would change her life once again. "Pure Heart, Enlightened Mind: The Zen Journal and Letters of Maura 'Soshin' O'Halloran" are the journals O'Halloran kept

from the age of 24 until her untimely death at 27.

Inzan and O'Halloran share a birthday, and Inzan was 24 at the time when she was gifted the book. She then realized that what she was already instinctively practicing was a form of Zen and decided she'd search out a place to practice in Ireland.

Through a series of coincidences, Inzan moved into a house where a Zen Buddhist monk, who had opened the only Zen Dojo in Ireland at that time, lived. "So it kind of came to me more than I came to it," Inzan said.

She loved the study right away, and after moving back to New York four years later—after also receiving a Master of Fine Arts from the Vermont College of Fine Arts—she ended up living down the street from the location of the Brooklyn Zen Center. Once she found that center, she didn't look any further: "It was just the right place for me."

After being ordained in 2018, Inzan took part in a

"practice period" at Tassajara, a Zen center also in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi in California. During her stay there, BZC led a retreat at The Watershed Center in Millerton and discovered the land behind the social justice retreat center that would become Ancestral Heart. Inzan had thought that after her studies, she would return to Tassajara, but instead went to Ancestral Heart and has been here ever since.

The Millerton Zendo (meditation hall) opened just a few months ago as Ancestral Heart's public-use space. Ancestral Heart Temple does not currently offer public programming, so the quiet space tucked away behind the Oakhurst Diner has offered the perfect location for weekly programming.

As an introduction to Zen

practice, the space offers an open meditation every Saturday and a meditation for those who are Black, Indigenous and people of color on Wednesdays. It will also be the location for Inzan's eight-week Sunday evening class.

She has been leading remote grief and loss workshops and is looking forward to being in physical space with the group. She is also offering another remote group and a women's support group.

Inzan was very animated about this work, especially the ability to do it in community. "Just like I knew I needed to sit in meditation, I knew I wanted to work with people around grief and loss," she said. "Everyone experiences loss. Experiencing that loss in community can be really powerful, to know you're not alone, and to be around peo-

ple who speak your language, who really get what you're going through."

When asked about the possible personal effects of facilitating a group like this, she said, "I have a few decades of Zen practice, so I think I bring a certain groundedness to the work, and that helps a lot to not get activated myself, to allow whatever comes up in the room." She breathed deeply and said, "The more I do it, the better I get at it."

The autumn in-person Grief & Loss Group will take place on Sundays, from Oct. 1 through Nov. 19 (eight in-person sessions) at the Millerton Zendo, 1 John St., from 5 to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$360 and a sliding scale is available if the fee presents a financial burden. For more information and to register, email inzanrose@gmail.com

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able housing. Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, noted that 1,100 households on affordable housing waitlists in Litchfield County may wait for two to five years, and that 28% of Litchfield County households are "cost burdened" by their housing situation.

"Housing has become unaffordable for almost everybody that our community relies on," said Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway.

Litchfield County boasts the oldest population in the state, and the highest occurrence of 20-somethings living with their parents; declining school enrollments are putting pressure on educational resources; the prohibitive cost of housing excludes young people and families, as well as seniors who need to downsize—in Cornwall, said Ridgway, the average sales price of a house has climbed from \$350,000 to \$880,000 in just three years (at this, a collective gap from the room).

Teachers, emergency services volunteers, qualified municipal workers and volunteers, health care workers (including young doctors), entrepreneurs and mid-level bank employees, as well as the perennial "man who works at the meat counter at LaBonne's" were all identified as essential workers excluded from the region by housing prices.

"The historic motivation for a land trust was always

protecting the land. We never actually had a good conversation about what were we protecting the land for—and more importantly, whom," said Michael Polemis, chair of the Land Trust Alliance, which includes 948 land trusts across the U.S. "The 'who' has become critical."

The regional emphasis on land conservation has actually become part of the problem, he said. "One of the unintended consequences of our success has been that, as we protect more and more land, the land values actually rise all around that protected area, which means it's less affordable for people who have been living and working in any community."

Meanwhile, as Ayer illustrated with an overview of completed local projects, affordable housing is typically the most sustainable housing built in rural communities: Affordable units emphasize energy efficiency and often take advantage of renewables like solar to keep costs low for residents; denser housing—i.e. half-acre lots or multifamily homes—is more energy efficient; robust village centers that can sustain grocery stores and shops are more energy-efficient, as they make for shorter or even walkable commutes.

Families raised in vibrant communities with greater outdoor access also create more meaningful, long-term civic engagement, and inculcate environmental steward-

ship in the next generation.

"Beyond giving tax breaks to wealthy landowners, which is the engine of land conservation," said Polemis, "How do we, the land trusts, actually serve a community?"

"The funding ability of land trusts is—um—impressive to me," said Ridgway. In Cornwall, he said, state forest comprises some 7,000 acres, and the land trust has acquired about 2,000 acres, whereas Cornwall and its housing nonprofit own under 100 acres.

"The amount we actually need to make significant gains in housing is under 100 acres," he said. "So it's a very small percentage."

Meanwhile, said Polemis and Rosenberg, property offered to land trusts as a gift or at a steeply discounted rate isn't always best utilized for conservation efforts, due to its size, location, or prior use.

"I would like to see the common interest in the environment unite" conservation and the building of sustainable community, said Ridgway.

In response to the audience question of how to create change, Polemis was succinct: "Show up, volunteer. And if you're a member of a land trust, tell them to get off their rear ends and get involved."

The Salisbury Forum, a nonprofit organization based in Connecticut's Northwest Corner, hosts speaker forums that address global and local issues from wealth inequality to climate change to cybersecurity.

BUS DRIVERS *Continued from Page A1*

sibility and often not a lot of pay due to short work hours each day, and no work during school vacation periods. Some school districts use drivers for other tasks when they aren't driving.

Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) uses First Student, a commercial bus service, and in speaking with the individual schools and the First Student offices, so far the transportation has been working well with no major problems. The national company pays well and offers benefits, and has

the added advantage of having been MCSD's carrier for more than 35 years. Located in Millbrook, First Student continues to recruit, hire and train drivers to ensure that top service remains a priority.

Webutuck Central School District isn't advertising for drivers but is looking for a qualified substitute mechanic. Its head bus driver and dispatcher, Kathryn Greene, has been with the department for many years and works closely

with Christine Ford, school bus driver instructor and transportation coordinator.

It may also help that board of education member Jerry Heiser was a long-time employee of the transportation department before he retired last year. So far, Webutuck is running pretty smoothly.

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ART: LEILA HAWKEN

Patty Mullins Goes Solo

It is a charming little gallery in the woods, only steps from the road, and comfortable within its setting. SOLO should be experienced. It is as authentic as can be, celebrating the Sharon, Conn., landscape that inspires the artist's paintings shown there.

"I am not a gallerist," artist Patty Mullins said. Saturday, Sept. 23, was the official opening day. She had held a private celebratory kick-off the night before, attended by close artist friends and supporters.

Balancing an interview with time to greet guests, Mullins took a few minutes at the opening to describe SOLO.

The freshly opened little gallery has exterior dimensions of 6' by 7' by 9' (roof peak). It will be open on the next two Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, between noon and 5 p.m. Mullins plans to greet visitors both days.

Reflecting on what SOLO Gallery is and hopes to be, Mullins



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Patty Mullins

said, "So, here it is: a small point of contact with you, a place to show my artwork to anyone interested or curious

enough to stop by. As a venue, SOLO Gallery has potential as an installation space, a pop-up for art projects and flash

sales, and as shelter in a downpour."

The current exhibit shows examples of Mullins' recent work, mostly landscapes with Sharon as the focus. She noted that most oils in the current exhibition are oil on board and some on paper.

Mullins sees the current showing as a "trial run," with 21 paintings

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This October, Mark Scarbrough, author of "Book-marked: How The Great Works of Literature F*cked Up My Life," is leading a weekly workshop on Arthurian romances at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn. We spoke ahead of his first lecture.

Alexander Wilburn: This is the latest in a series of literary seminars you've led. In George Eliot's "Middlemarch" we're talking about social reform and civic duty; when we go to Woolf's "Light-house" we talk about women's rights and mental health. Why take us to Camelot?

Mark Scarbrough: I do this incredibly deep-

dive podcast "Walking with Dante" and it has developed an international following. So part of it comes from my obsession with the Middle Ages. But Chrétien de Troyes's works are not the high Middle Ages, we're talking about the middle Middle Ages. He's alive right when Henry II has Becket killed. I think my interest in all of this is the giant social upheaval that Europe is going through, entering France with Eleanor of Aquitaine, whose daughter through the King of France is one of Chrétien de Troyes's patrons — so it's all very connected to the growing Holy Roman Empire, the waning Eastern European Empire, or as we say, Byzantium. I think this is an incredible period of social shift. Something like "Sir Gawain and The Green Knight" is so removed from us that it's hard to catch the tonality of it. So we're left with a fog of interpretation. It's very hard to look at something that's almost

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Karen Allen Gets Caught Under The Moonlight



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Reed Birney and Karen Allen in Donald Margulies' "Lunar Eclipse."

What do our parents talk about when we're no longer around? After decades of marriage, what do they want from one another, if anything?

On a small stretch of grass shaped like a revolving planet, in a theater illuminated by stars, Em (Karen Allen, "Indiana Jones and The Dial of Destiny") and George (Reed Birney, "The Menu"), find they have much to discuss as they await the sight of the blood moon. This is "Lunar Eclipse" by Donald Margulies, now at Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass., through Oct. 22.

Brooklyn, N.Y., born Margulies, a professor of theater studies at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., is still best known for his 2000 Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a Connecticut couple amid a messy divorce, "Dinner with Friends," as well as "Sight

Unseen" and "Collected Stories," which were finalists for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Shakespeare & Company's production in the Elayne P. Bernstein black box theater, directed by James Warwick with set design by John Musall, lighting design by James McNamara, and costume design by Christina Beam, is the world premiere of the play, never having been previously workshopped or produced.

Shadowed by aftermath of the Sackler Family-driven opioid crisis, mid-west farmers George and Em struggle toward catharsis, paging through the past, uncovering their personal failings and reaffirming what has been a life-long love. Birney and Allen play such authentic aging parents, funny, rigid, and emotionally pent-up, they are sure to strike a nerve. Marriage and the moon are endeavors for the patient.

...romance

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900 years old and figure out what the author's stance is. These are works where people had no notion of time as we know it now. It's the cusp of our world but it's still not yet our world.

AW: Where is T.H. White in all of this?

MS: The great popularizer. To me, the story of the Arthurian legends is the story of straightening them out. Chrétien de Troyes was the author of the first five romances, and they were very

confusing and contradictory. When you get up to Tennyson with "Idylls of the King" and White it becomes much more linear. It's a move from disorder to order, and they're ironing out the contractions.

AW: I'm going throw out some adaptations, and you give me your first thought. "Camelot" the musical.

MS: My first impression is to laugh. Midcentury gender war.

AW: "The Mists of

Avalon."

MS: Oh god... steps over the boundary — transgressive. Such a feminist look at the Arthurian legend.

AW: "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

MS: First thing that comes to mind is "audacious." It's using Arthur to make this really hyper-strident criticism of American capitalism.

AW: King Arthur flour.

MS: The best.

...solo

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hung in the small space. The exhibit is probably best viewed by one art-lover at a time, perhaps true to the Gallery name, SOLO. While two people could fit comfortably, each would block the other's view of multiple paintings.

A more considerable work, "Firewall," adorns an outside wall under

a generous overhang. Mullins explained that the abstract work came about during the Trump administration, when events compelled her to interrupt her work on a landscape to paint it.

"The anguish I feel over our cascading environmental disaster is expressed in my paintings, sometimes through the colors I choose, such as cadmium red in the painting, "Firewall," she explained.

"She wanders in the woods a lot," commented Marilyn Mullins, the artist's mother, who was enjoying the company of gallery visitors and had heard Pellegrino's assessment. The artist agreed that she does just that: wander in the woods.

Mullins is a deeply rooted environmentalist and ecosystem protector.

"The New England forested landscape is my native habitat and my "Happy Place." I am definitely a woodland creature, though I also appreciate a vista," Mullins said.

"Growing up here, the landscape felt very open. There was no surveillance, no fences that couldn't be crossed. I was permitted and felt safe to walk all over Sha-

ron Mountain day and night in every season and weather condition. This gave me an intimacy with the land and a deep sense of Place. I have been privileged to live here," she added.

"I should mention that I paint subjects other than landscape. I enjoy exploring and experimenting and being free to choose whatever subjects interest me," Mullins said. About her art, she commented that she allows the unforeseen to happen.

"I've always drawn," Mullins said of her early years watching her father, acclaimed artist Frank Mullins, as he painted in his local studio.

"Along with my love of painting, I love to make things, to work with my hands, to build; I particularly enjoy working with wood. I love scavenging materials, piecing, making do, and repurposing creatively. It gives me joy," Mullins said of her broader interests.

"Taking a sturdy but unfinished farm stand and turning it into a tiny art gallery is my idea of fun," she added.

"I am a solitary, but at the same time, I treasure my friends and loved ones and want my artwork to reach people. SOLO Gallery, as a venue, is intended to span the gap," Mullins said.

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Recent property sales in Amenia

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns.

August was a busy month for real estate as homes listed in the spring found buyers, and went to contract and closing. In Amenia, nine property sales were recorded in just the month of August, compared to five in June and five in July. This information is taken from Dutchess County records and may include private transactions without the involvement of a real estate brokerage firm.

Residential vacant land prices ranged from \$40,000 for .71 acre near the center of Amenia to \$4 million for a single acre in the Silo Ridge Club.

Three single-family homes were sold below \$450,000, a sign that Amenia still offers some affordable homes.

Old Route 22, .71 acres of residential vacant land near the intersection of Lower Powder House Road and Powder House Road assessed at \$45,600, sold for \$40,000

4 Benton Road, 3-bedroom/1-bathroom single-family home, sold for \$222,000

134 Old Route 22, 3-bedroom/1-bath single-family home, sold for \$257,600

330 Amenia Road, 4-bedroom/2-bath single-family home, sold for \$430,000

681 Smithfield Road, 3 bedrooms/2 baths on 17 acres, sold for \$595,000

764 Old Route 22, a two-building multi-family residence with 8 bedrooms, 4 baths on 1.9 acres, sold for \$600,000

Silo Ridge, 42 Roundabout Way, 1 acre of vacant land, sold for \$3,089,301

Silo Ridge, 64 Roundabout Way, 1 acre of vacant land, sold for \$4 million

538 Smithfield Road, a 6-bedroom/7-bath home on 20.31 acres assessed at \$3,244,900, sold for \$5 million

Town of Amenia recorded



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1920, 764 Old Route 22 consists of two houses divided into two units each along with an adjacent vacant building lot. It was marketed as an investment property with all four units occupied producing net operating income of \$62,016 annually, according to the listing agent.

land, commercial and residential sales in August provided by Dutchess County

Office of Real Property.

Compiled by Christine Bates,

Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Sept. 17-20.

Sept. 17 — Deputies responded to 22 Church St. in the Village of Millerton for a report of a physical altercation between two females. One participant was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. Investigation ongoing with possible charges pending.

Sept. 17 — Deputies responded to 50 Johnson Road in the Town of Dover to assist EMS with an intoxicated 33-year-old male with a head injury from a fall.

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

County Clerk Kendall to host Passport Day on Sept. 30

POUGHKEEPSIE — County Clerk Brad Kendall will hold a Passport Day on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on the first floor of 22 Market St.

Participants in the event can apply for passports as well as have passport photos taken. First-time adult applicants, youth age 16 and under, and those needing to replace lost, damaged or stolen passports will receive assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are not necessary, and only passport

and photo transactions will be processed at the event. DMV and legal business will not be accepted. Free parking in the lot next to the county office building will be available, space

permitting.

In order to be ready for the busy holiday season, Kendall encourages those who will be traveling in the near future to apply for passports early. For

more information on how to apply for a passport as well as fees and payments, go online to www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Clerk/passports.htm or call 845-486-2120.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 11th day of October 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York,

for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the site plan and special use permit application submitted by Touched by Heaven's Light Daycare for the proposed daycare, at the property located at 15-19 Pilch Drive, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6871-00-467980-0000.

Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

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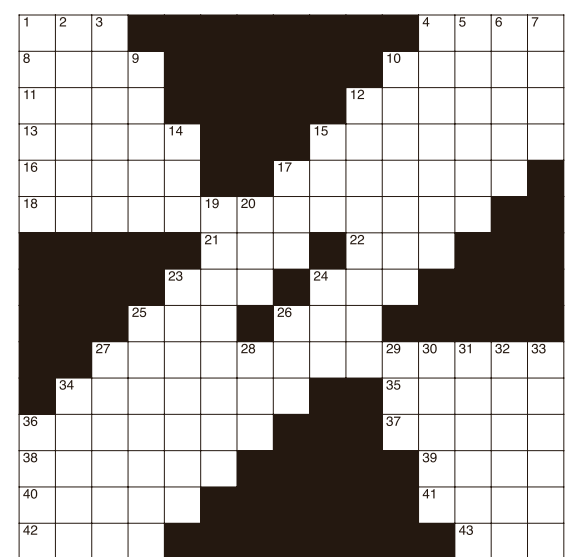
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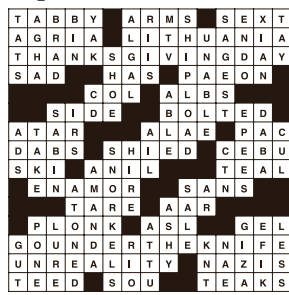
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15. Group of living organisms
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17. High honors
18. 5-year-olds' classes
21. Swiss river
22. Old woman
23. Cash machine
24. A way to soak
25. Hair product
26. Deride
27. “The Blonde Bombshell”
34. Cause to become insane
35. Bluish greens
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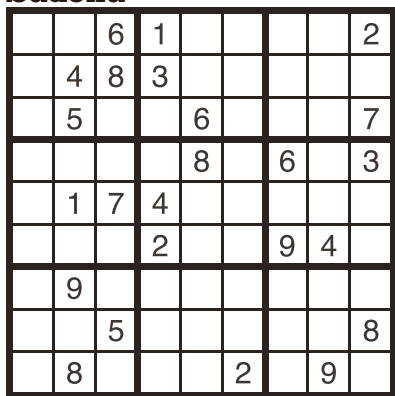


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19. Nautical ropes
20. Leg (slang)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Moved quickly on foot
25. Fix-it shops
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27. Repaired
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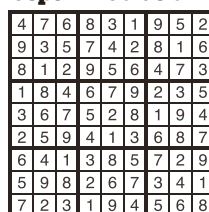
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EDITORIAL

It's unaffordable if you can't afford it

All around us we are reminded about a growing problem of affordability for many people in our own community. This past weekend the issue of housing affordability was again on center stage. The Salisbury Forum held a discussion about how housing has become out of reach for many residents in our communities and those just beyond our region. Add on property taxes — another affordability hurdle for homeowners. Connecticut and New York ranked in the top five most expensive states, according to the latest Tax Foundation analysis. Massachusetts is right behind New York.

The Foundation for Community Health, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and its Fund for the Northwest Corner have announced a grant program in partnership with the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity to move housing initiatives ahead with a collaborative approach. (See story on Page A1). At Sarum Village in Salisbury, officials broke ground on new affordable housing units at Sarum Village III. Earlier this month, Salisbury publicized its 2023 Affordable Housing Plan that lays out a path for the coming decade to create affordable housing. Officials in Kent and Sharon this month are focused on discussing solutions, and every town in the Northwest Corner has aimed discussion related to the topic.

The problem is equally vexing here in eastern Dutchess County, where affordable housing projects find their way to government meeting agendas on a regular basis. Amenia is a typical case in the region. Twenty-nine percent of homeowners and 45.9% of renters in Amenia are "cost-burdened" with regard to housing, meaning that they put more than 30% of their income toward housing costs. To meet the demand, three new affordable housing projects are currently being pursued in the town.

Town of North East Supervisor Chris Kennan and Councilwoman Meg Winkler have met with administrators at North East Community Center (NECC) about ways to incentivize affordable housing.

According to the latest Connecticut ALICE report from Connecticut United Ways, 39% of Connecticut households continue to live below the ALICE Threshold — households with income above the Federal Poverty Level but below the basic cost of living. In the Northwest Corner and in eastern Dutchess County, seven percent of residents have incomes below the Federal Poverty Level, and an additional 31 percent have incomes that fall below the ALICE criteria.

Not only do families need a roof over their heads, they need transportation to get to work. Absent mass transit in the rural stretches of our towns and counties, that means they need at least one reliable car. But shelling out for a new car is not an option for many as the reasonably priced car is slipping out of reach. According to a recent survey, the bottom 20% of workers reduced their purchases of new cars to its lowest level in more than a decade.

Food banks have felt the strain, amplified by the pandemic. And the increased demand for food that began then has persisted, continuing to stress area food banks in 2023. Having an increased percentage of income spent on the most basic needs — housing, food, transportation — is bad for the economy. It's also a problem down the road.



"Welcome! And here's a bag of the lost socks you spent most of your life looking for."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From incineration to zero waste

Put Monday Oct. 9th 6 pm on your calendar—Neil Seldman, Director of the Recycling Cornucopia Project for Zero Waste USA, will be speaking at our public forum—"How Dutchess County Can Transition from Incineration Towards Zero Waste, Saving Tax Dollars, Creating Green Jobs with Cleaner Air" at Rockefeller Hall Room 300 at Vassar College at 124 Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie.

This event is cosponsored by Zero Waste Dutchess, Zero Waste USA, WHVW

950 AM/96.5 FM, Concerned Citizens of Dover, Dutchess Greens, Working Class Dutchess, Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions, and Zero Waste Warren County; we are indebted as well to the Environmental Studies Program Director at Vassar College for finding this space for us as well.

The Dutchess incinerator in Poughkeepsie emits 100,000 tons of global warming pollution in CO2 equivalents annually along with seven pounds of mercury—enough to poison 3100 lakes

of 20-acre size to make the fish too contaminated to eat (BeyondBurning.org)—unacceptable.

The recently approved Solid Waste Management Plan for Dutchess admits the county incinerator is falling apart and will soon need millions of dollars in new pollution controls.

There's another way—Seldman co-authored the cost-saving, zero-waste plan for Montgomery County (MD) that weans the county away from incineration—with recycling/composting/

reuse.

Seldman is also working with Warren County and Replenish.com to save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually baling recyclables locally—Dutchess could save half a million dollars annually this way.

Join Zero Waste Dutchess on Facebook; contact zero-waste-dutchess@gmail.com or 845-876-2488 to get involved.

Judy Malstrom
CoDirector,
Zero Waste Dutchess
Staatsburg

A time of reckoning at Sharon Hospital

It was with great dismay that I read on your Sept. 14 front page that Sharon Hospital requested an extension to challenge the CT Office of Health Strategy's proposed final rule to deny closure of the maternity unit.

Instead of wasting more time and money on a strategy to boost corporate revenue by cutting services in our community, Nuvance has a chance to embrace its responsibility, as Sen. Richard Blumenthal has said, "as a health care institution responsible for the stewardship of healthcare in our area." Now is the time for Nuvance and the Sharon Hospital Board to work with stakeholders in our community, including the Foundation for Community Health and elected officials, to find solutions to the financial difficulties facing Sharon Hospital.

Having a full-service hospital means more to our community than a stated \$3 million loss from maternity means to a multi-hospital corporate chain that report-

ed \$2.6 billion in Fiscal Year 2022.

One option would be for Sharon Hospital to pursue the federal designation of a Critical Access Hospital. This provides enormous financial benefits to small rural hospitals through enhanced federal reimbursements. Under this program, the federal government would basically reimburse hospital inpatients and outpatients using cost-based reimbursement, on a per-diem basis, at 101% of reasonable costs less deductibles and coinsurance and at 115% for professional services — thus, applicable overhead would be covered, effectively improving Sharon's profitability. It may also be more lucrative for Nuvance to advertise maternity services here to increase deliveries and to bring back the \$5-10 million in procedures, laboratory and radiology services it transferred out of Sharon to other Nuvance hospitals. This would be better for Sharon Hospital's bottom line and our community's health.

The CAH does have some rules, the main one being that a hospital limit its inpatient capacity to 25 medical-surgical beds and 10 psychiatric beds. Even though Sharon Hospital is considered a 78-bed facility, its census averages 15 medical-surgical patients daily and 10-12 psychiatric patients, according to Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch.

Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington has Critical Access Hospital status. It reports an operating surplus annually even though it delivers fewer babies than Sharon. It is a money-maker for its owner, the Berkshire Medical Center.

Indeed, BMC is turning its North Adams Hospital into a Critical Access Hospital. Couldn't Nuvance do the same?

Critical Access Hospital status is not the only possibility to improve the financial performance of Sharon Hospital. There are many individuals and groups in this community who are willing to step up to address the rural health care crisis.

Perhaps a public forum can be arranged to begin a dialogue.

The American Hospital Association reported in September 2022 that 136 rural hospitals closed between 2010- 2021. Without some soul searching and hard work by stakeholders in our community, Sharon Hospital may join that sorry list. We must maintain a full-service community hospital with a tradition of excellence, as it has been since 1909. Are we up to the challenge?

Dr. David Kurish
Sharon, Conn.

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Understanding who works for whom, for what

Strikes are emotionally disruptive, of that there can be no doubt. Equally, the notion that someone controls your value to the extent you feel powerless causes a sense of rebellion.

Taken to extremes, these emotions cause chaos. I fear that chaos will spill over across the land, further threatening our democracy.

The Australian billionaire Tim Gurner perhaps secretly revealed how all seriously wealthy men and women feel when he announced, "We need to see unemployment rise, unemployment has to jump 40-50 per cent. In my view, we need to see pain in the economy. There's been a systematic change where employees feel the employer is extremely lucky to have them as opposed to the other way around."

Mr. Gurner's problem is that he believes his acumen and provision of wealth has allowed people to find em-

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

ployment and feed their families. He feels they should be grateful and beholden for the opportunity he — and hundreds of others of the 1% richest people on the planet — provide. In short, he provides them with work and all they should say is thank you and "Please sir may I have more?" His fellow billionaires made him recant his statement — too late, the billionaire's truth was out.

Most businesses I have dealt with over the last half century, with a few exceptions, do not see employment as a debt the employee should carry. Nor do these employers feel they are beholden to the workers. It's a cooperation, a trade of services for reward. As long as that exchange is fair and

honest, open, transparent and legal, good companies prosper and employees remain loyal.

Henry Ford, hardly the perfect example of fairness in moral issues, nevertheless doubled the daily wages of his employees against the industry's warnings. When asked why he did such a rash thing, his response was sensible: "What do you think they are going to spend the extra money on? They'll buy a Model T." He was right, of course. So it wasn't philanthropy, it was good commerce. Corporate profits and long-term strategy were the backbone of the American economy until the last few decades. Now, the tables have turned to reaping the most profits while you can and leave the business weakened and lopsided when comparing the salary of employees versus management. When Ford and GM were making cars in the '50s, the bosses were making about \$650,000 a year. They

now make over \$28,500,000 a year. That's a jump of 4,400%! The line worker? In the '50s around \$4,500 a year, and now, about \$60,000. The line worker has only had a 1,300% increase. See the imbalance? Employees can and it makes them suspicious at best, but usually angry.

The real imbalance here is the lack of empathy, a lack of understanding of who works for whom or for what. The head of the car companies, hospitals, insurance companies, most of Wall Street, and the wealthiest Americans have forgotten who their customers are, where their income is derived from, and who, in the end, are the backbone to their very prosperity. Fairness is infectious (just ask CISCO's founder), unfairness can only lead to a continuing season of chaos.

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

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OUR TOWNS

Raindrops were falling but The Taste of Millbrook reigned

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MILLBROOK — The weekend rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the partygoers who attended The Taste of Millbrook gala at the Millbrook Vineyard and Winery on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Under the voluminous white tents, the decor by Jennifer DeCarle Moriarty of Juniper Millbrook included twinkling fairy lights highlighting the jewel-like tones of dahlias and other fall flowers arranged in bouquets around the tent.

The 16th annual Taste of Millbrook had music by Eric Marshall preforming with Long Steel Rail, and additional music by the Millbrook High School Jazz Band, the Millbrook High School Chorus and the high school a cappella group the TrailBlazers.

Millbrook Deli had a wide array of Italian specialties along with large and tender shrimp with cocktail sauce. Chef Marcus Gonzalez was the server.

Ruges Auto had a table that offered Middle Eastern culinary delights with hummus, pickled watermelon rind and quinoa bites courtesy of chef Evan Halvorsen of Immerse Foods.

A table from The Fountains at Millbrook held trays of filet mignon gougere and tiny pumpkin bites with maple whipped cream served by The Fountains chefs David Green and Paul Strubing.

There were many other treats to be had, and students from the BOCES culinary program assisted throughout the evening as platters of finger foods were proffered and used plates and utensils quickly whisked away.

For liquid enjoyment, there were cocktails from Tenmile Distillery and many varieties of wine Hunt Country white and red.

People milled about the tables set up for the silent auction with donations from some of the businesspeople of Millbrook and nearby, such as Samantha Free, Sushila Adhikari, Kira Wizner, Haeley Rios, Chris Labelle, June Glasson, George Corso, Stefan Paul, Orangerie, Fox and the Hare Salon, the Millerton Moviehouse, Wethersfield, the Dutchy, Soukup Farms, Jeanie Beans, Spins Bowl, J. McLaughlin, Abel's Trees, HV Renegades, and Mapleshade Press.

The auction opened prior to the event and was open throughout the evening. Also available for contributions was the Our Giving Tree, which grants the wishes of teachers for classroom items that benefit their students.

More than 175 people had signed up for the event. The proceeds of the evening, including all monies collected from the silent auction and other donations, went to the Millbrook Educational Foundation (MEF), which has, since the inception of the group in 2001, given \$1.2 million to the Millbrook Central



From left, Linda Lomangino, program director for assisted living at The Fountains at Millbrook and an Millbrook Educational Foundation trustee; chef David Strubing; chef David Green; and Deb Slocum, executive director of The Fountains.

School District (MCSD). The funds are used in a variety of different ways, and include the giving of some scholarships each year.

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MCSD Superintendent Caroline Hernandez Pidala, who has been with MCSD in various capacities since 2015, spent the evening greeting people and being grateful for all of the help and donations given to the school system.



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