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Bronco bustin'

The third annual Hudson Valley Rodeo took place on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Keane Stud in Amenia. For more photos, see page A7.

More takeout, self-storage set for Millerton

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — At the regular Village of Millerton Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, Elizabeth Peterson of Allee Architecture and Design, presented architectural profiles of 54 Main St. and discussed the plans for a new restaurant in the space formerly occupied by Manna Dew Café.

A public hearing was held as a courtesy to the surrounding property owners, who all received letters about the reopening of dining. No one appeared to object to the

plans, which include expanding the patio in the back and adding a ramp at the side for accessibility.

Peterson clarified that dinner and lunch will be available on a takeout basis to eat in or take home. The public hearing was closed by 7:15 p.m. and the board voted unanimously to approve the plan. The name and the opening date have not yet been determined.

The next group of architectural renderings on easels showed plans to add 113 additional self-storage units to Arnoff Moving and Storage at 5979 North Elm Ave. Dan

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PHOTO SUBMITTED

Artist Jenny Morse in her former studio at 5 Harts Rd in Dover Plains.

Love of nature influences artist's career, creations

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN
Special to The Millerton News

DOVER PLAINS — Perhaps since the mid-13th century, when court artists began to emerge in Western Europe, there hasn't been a clear career path for artists.

Those jobs were hard to come by even then, and were coveted, and accessible mostly only to men of a certain class. Artists diversify, sometimes by necessity, but often because their interests take them to new places. An artist's career follows their latest obsession, creating a path like a river, a winding discovery more than a clear-cut

trajectory.

Jenny Morse was born in Arizona where she spent a lot of time outdoors hiking and camping.

"I've always had a love of the natural world," said Morse. "I took a class in high school called Field Sciences, which was all about observing and being in the Sonoran Desert where I grew up." She studied art in college in Minnesota and used the natural world as inspiration for her paintings.

After college, she lived in the Twin Cities for a while before moving to Brooklyn, where she

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Limit one per day at 'The Place'

SOMEWHERE IN THE CATSKILLS — I shifted operations to the western command post in Phoenicia for a couple of days last week.

The first order of business was to check out what I think of as The Place. This is a medium-sized trout stream that runs into one of the New York City reservoirs. For most of its length the stream is tightly posted and aggressively monitored by a fishing club, but there is stretch of about 250 yards from a bridge and culvert on the main road that winds down to the reservoir proper, and another quarter mile or so upstream of the road before the private water starts.

I am a trained observer, and I detected the start of the private water because they strung a cable across the stream with a "No Trespassing" sign on it.

I am not going to get any more informative about The Place. If you have a good map and lots of gas money, you'll figure it out.

There is a lovely deep pool on the downstream side of the bridge and culvert. There's plenty of room and it's nice and deep and usually clear.

The only problem is the fish can see you coming a mile away. So far in my limited experience with The Place, you get to catch one fish per

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Patrick L. Sullivan

trip in this pool. Once you've connected, the inhabitants go under the nearest rock and stay put.

On the plus side, whatever you do connect with is probably worth the extra mileage to the super-secret location that I am not telling you about.

In half a dozen sessions at The Place, the pool has yielded browns of 16 inches and up; rainbows dit-

to; and an honest-to-God 14-inch brook trout, which is my personal best for this species (not counting hatchery products).

I'm used to chasing our little wild brookies, where an 8-incher is a leviathan.

Now, these fish might well be stocked by the snooty people upstream, but I am pretending they are not.

Downstream, the channel widens considerably as it blends into the reservoir. In July this stretch

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Ice cream social to introduce The Millerton News editors

MILLERTON — The Millerton News will host an ice cream social and informal gathering with its editors on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd.

Beginning with ice cream sandwiches provided by Chaseholm Farm, the event will progress to a Q&A at 6 p.m. with Editor-in-Chief John Coston, Publisher Susan

Hassler, and Managing Editor Emily Edelman. Claire Goodman will moderate.

The public is welcome to bring comments, questions and concerns as well as ideas about what it would like to see reflected in the newspaper. After the Q&A and ice cream, attendees may stay and chat, or visit The Millerton News' office space at 16 Century Blvd.

The event is free and open to the public.



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OUR TOWNS

North East Town Board passes resolutions, discusses development moratorium

By EMILY EDELMAN
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MILLERTON — At its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14, the North East Town Board passed resolutions, gave updates on the progression of several projects, and devoted significant time to discussing a proposed moratorium on building applications.

The board considered a request from the Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) for a moratorium on accepting new applications for development on the Route 44 boulevard for a six-month period.

"The general purpose of a moratorium in regard to land use is a stop gap to prevent, when you're on the threshold of changing your land use regulations, a project which would be inconsistent with those regulations," said town attorney Warren Replansky. He went on to say that in order to set a moratorium, the town would first have to enact a local law, for which it would need to hold a public hearing.

"The difficulty that I have with this," said Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, "is that there is an application in front of the Planning Board for which a fee has already been received, and it is the only application in front of the Planning Board on the boulevard for this, so this strikes me as being very much targeted at one particular application."

Councilman John Midwood agreed with Kennan, saying "something doesn't feel right about enacting a moratorium really targeted at one application."

Replansky said he was not sure how close the ZRC was to finishing its work updating the zoning regulations for the boulevard, which would then need to be referred to an attorney to draft a local law accepting it, and then the town board would need to review it and go through environmental review and public hearing processes.

"It may not be right to issue a moratorium at this stage until we know more about where the committee is in the process," said Replansky.

During the public com-

ment period, Planning Board member Bill Kish discussed the ZRC's progress. "I think that we're very close to delivering commercial district zoning regulations to the town," he said. He recently spoke with ZRC Chair Edie Greenwood, who expects the regulations to be available to the board "no later than the end of the year."

"There are reasons for doing this, and the reason is not because of the application for Dollar General," said Kish. "The reason is because this whole area is pretty much a disaster right now, and we have the opportunity and the need to do something good with it...It seems to me that the right way to look at this is the town board should put pressure on the zoning review committee to deliver the product, the town board should try to adopt the new zoning as soon as possible and, in the meantime, a moratorium is appropriate in order to allow this to all take place."

Councilwoman Meg Winkler wondered if there was a way to advise potential applicants that the ZRC was in the process of instituting changes and suggested that a note be posted to the ZRC page on the town's website.

Work on the planning of the new Town Hall is continuing. The completed plans for the reconstruction of the building at 5603 Route 22 have been prepared to be put out to bid, and the town is looking at how to update the building's heating and air conditioning systems. Kennan said there may be grant opportunities available to help fund the work.

The Climate Smart Task Force has presented the town with a Community

Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Action Plan, which will attempt to assess the community's collective greenhouse gas emissions and includes recommendations for improving energy efficiency. "There's nothing that is mandated or intrusive in it," said Kennan.

Kennan said that NBT Bank at 87 Main St. will continue to offer periodic shredding days, the next of which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants may bring up to four cartons of paper to be shredded.

The new highway garage is almost finished. Kennan said the "substantial completion date" should be mid-October.

A housing committee made up of Kennan and Winkler was created and expects to have a report ready for the board's October meeting.

Having received several applications and meeting with candidates, the board appointed Jeffrey G. Stark to fill a vacancy on the zoning board of appeals.

The board approved the town clerk to issue permits for a one-day marriage officiant. The fee is \$25, which, according to the state, the town can keep, and has been added to the list of fees collected by the town clerk.

The board accepted the water district benefit assessment roll received from assessor Katherine Johnson and set a public hearing during its next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:20 p.m.

The board approved a contract with Dutchess County to remove snow and ice on certain county roads. After a public hearing, the board passed Local Law No. 1 of 2023, allowing it to exceed the New York state tax cap.



PHOTO BY DEBORAH MAIER

Bluegrass in the park

Bluegrass band Too Blue in concert at Eddie Collins Park in Millerton on Friday, Sept. 15. From left: guitarist Betsy Rome and standing bass player Jamie Doris, both of Connecticut; banjo/vocalist Joan Harrison of Stanfordville; and on the mandolin, Michael Sassano of Mahopac.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Sept. 10-16.

Sept. 10 — Deputies responded to the Willows Motel in the Town of Amenia for a reported domestic dispute occurring at that location. Investigation at the scene resulted in the arrest of Joseph T. Hoffman, 28, who was charged with strangulation in the second degree, aggravated criminal contempt of court, and aggravated family offense. Subject later arraigned

and remanded to Dutchess County Jail with bail.

Sept. 11 — Deputies responded to Stewart's Shops, 7710 S. Main St., in the Town of Pine Plains for a report of a male passed out in a vehicle Robert F. Leonard Jr., 38, was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree. Subject to appear in Pine Plains Court at a later date.

Sept. 16 — Deputies re-

sponded to 46 Mill St. in the Town of Dover for a mother vs. son domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

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 dcotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

Correction

In an article on Page A3 of the Sept. 14 issue, Kari and Tim Capowski were incorrectly identified.

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Meet our new President & CEO— Maura A. Malo



With 30 years of experience and 20 years as a member of our bank family, Maura became President and CEO on September 2. She succeeds retired President Steve Reilly.

We are grateful for all that Maura has contributed to the bank in her previous positions, and look forward to her leadership in her new role.

Congratulations, Maura!

Maura has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Risk Officer and Internal Auditor. She was an FDIC Bank Examiner from 1993-2003 before she joined Litchfield Bancorp – A Division of Northwest Community Bank. She holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS from Western New England University. She is a graduate of the National School of Banking, and has received the New Leaders in Banking Award from the Connecticut Bankers Association. She also is an active community volunteer in several organizations.

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Rattlesnake Run in spring endorsed by Amenia Rec

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — A proposal for a runners' event for spring 2024 met with enthusiastic endorsement at the regular meeting of the Amenia Recreation Commission on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

It already has the name of Rattlesnake Run because a portion of it will pass in the vicinity of Rattlesnake Mountain in Wassaic, the end point of the route. Plans would call for a run of varying lengths, including 10K and 5K and

shorter for fun, following the rail trail from Millerton, where the 10K race would start. Others could join along the way, with another starting point to be located where the rail trail crosses Route 343, and all would proceed to the run's end in Wassaic Village at the Mill.

Details were presented by area resident Florent Lacroix, who teaches French at The Millbrook School and who sought the approval of the commission while inviting ideas for some of the planning. Key to the success

would be attracting volunteers to assist along the route and with the festivities in Wassaic. The targeted date is Sunday, May 5.

"If we pitch it as a joint venture between Millerton and Amenia, we can probably grow this," said commission Chairman Paul Winters, who added that he hoped to see 100 to 200 runners the first year.

"We'll make it a multiple community event," Winters said, envisioning participation by local businesses, residents and the two fire companies. He recalled that the

Amenia Fire Company held a similar event in past years with success and could be a good source for volunteer help.

Preparing for the annual operating budget process for the 2024 budget year, commission agreed to request a total of \$160,150, an increase of \$26,738 over the current year.

The amount of the increase, the commission agreed, reflects an accurate picture of the town's growing recreation programs and their needs.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Practice makes the perfect pitch

Warming up their pitching arms before a Little League game between Webutuck and Taconic at Amenia's Beekman Park on Friday, Sept. 15, were Webutuck teammates Dakota Carroll-Tripp, 13, foreground, and his brother Tyler, 15. The newly installed pitching/batting practice cage, to be completed in 2024, is a donation to Webutuck Little League from the Silo Ridge Foundation. The final construction step will add height to the cage to facilitate batting practice, complete with pitching machine.

Pine Plains weighs five projects, one business gives up due to cost

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PINE PLAINS — There were five projects brought before the Pine Plains Planning Board at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Carson Power LLC had a public hearing for a special use permit and site plan regarding the proposed solar project located at 454 Bean River Road. Most of the complaints were centered around the idea that a large solar farm is not compatible with the surrounding agricultural area and that such an installation would have a damaging effect on the property values in the area.

In the end, the town will continue to look at other solar laws; the planning board decided to keep the public hearing open and is welcoming other comments from the public while it researches state and local codes and laws having to do with solar en-

ergy and solar farms and their impact on neighborhoods, towns and the environment. Another date will be set in the future to continue the public hearing.

The Stissing Center asked for a resolution for a site plan amendment to build a temporary porch, citing that nothing had changed but the porch is not finished and needs another six months to finish. This was agreed upon and the extension was granted.

Apex Modular Solutions/TPNZ asked for a site plan review and amendment. Located at 7707 S. Main St., the property is owned by Dale Mitchell. The original site had more than one building and housed an antiques business as well as other enterprises. Recently, it sold small sheds, which has now become the Apex Modular business, which sells larger buildings, such as tiny houses.

A nursery business was proposed to share this site by a local couple who wished to

grow a nursery and sell flowers. The planning board asked Apex Modular Solutions to make adjustments to the site plan. It already has county permits, and parking is already in place. It was asked about the size of the signs, as they must adhere to the town code, and it was asked to make revisions to the site plan and reapply to the board. Apex Modular was agreeable to that.

The couple who wanted to start the nursery said that having to hire an engineer to do a survey would be too costly for them, as the site plan that relied on a surveyor didn't meet the needs of the board, and that the process would then go past this fall before they could even begin, so they have chosen not to pursue the venture.

Stewart's Shops asked for a resolution for a site plan and special use permit having to do with a gas pump station canopy, signage and lighting at its location at 7710 S. Main

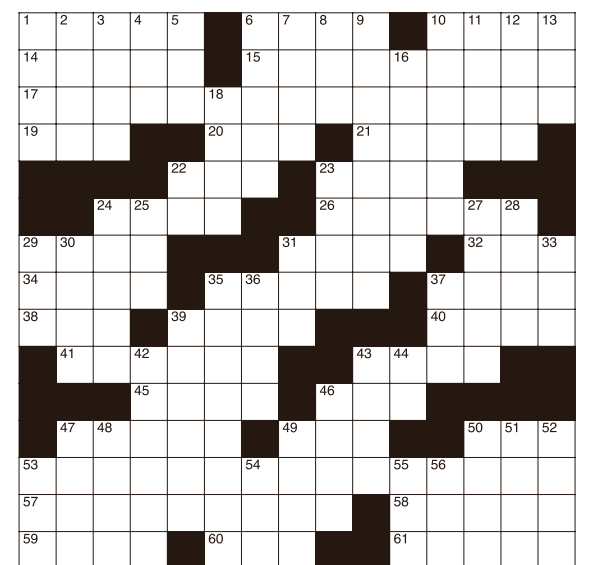
St. The resolution was passed after the board reviewed the plans and discussed the matter in depth.

Heaven's Light Day Care, 15-19 Pilch Drive, presented a site plan review. The board studied it, had questions answered, and granted a public hearing for the application, which will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The applicant, Sarah Hakobian, owner of Heaven's Light Bakery, was advised that there are any number of conditions she will have to comply with, which she is willing to do.

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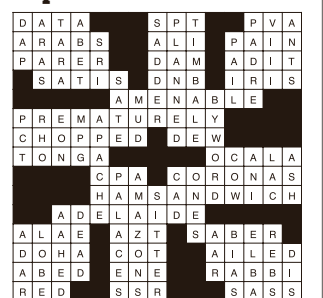
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6. Weaponry
10. Western Christian Church service
14. Significant eruption of pustules
15. Baltic nation
17. Start of American holiday season
19. Unhappy
20. Maintains possession of
21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
22. Mountain pass
23. Vestments
24. Type of dish
26. Escaped quickly
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Wings
32. Political action committee
34. Touches lightly
35. Stood back from
37. Philippine Island
38. Popular winter activity
39. Type of amine
40. Small freshwater duck
41. Filled with love
43. Without (French)
45. Vetch
46. Swiss river
47. Describes a sound
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60. Former French coin of low value
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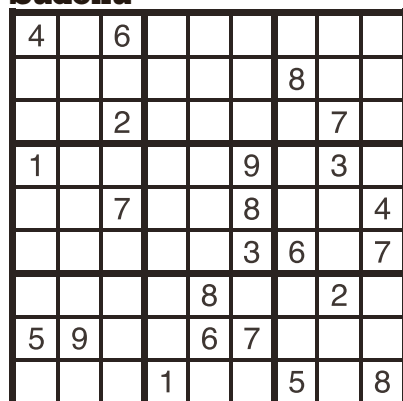


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16. Not capable
18. Footwear
22. Savings account
23. Capable
24. Vaccine developer
25. Tax collector
27. Fencing swords
28. Native religion in China
29. Promotional materials
30. A shot in a film production
31. Afflict in mind or body
33. A passage with access only at one end
35. Breathing devices
36. Employ for wages
37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
39. Popular Boston song
42. Made amends
43. Selling at specially reduced prices
44. Atomic #18
46. With fireplace residue
47. Unleavened cornbread
48. Draw out
49. Southwestern Alaska island
50. Where the Pyramids are
51. People of Nigeria
52. Smaller quantity
53. Destroy the inside of
54. City
55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
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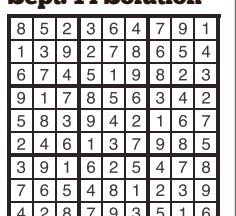
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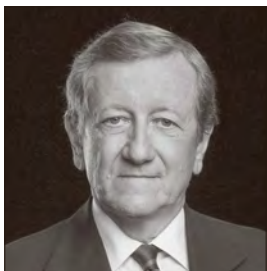


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OBITUARIES

Donna M. Barringer

COPAKE — Donna M. Barringer, 71, of Stuyvesant and formerly of Copake, passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, 2023, at Columbia Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family after battling leukemia.



She was born in Rutland, Vermont, on March 5, 1952, to the late Donald "Buzz" Cummings and Betty (Sisco) Cummings. In 1970, she graduated from Webutuck Central School and shortly thereafter she married Frederick Barringer.

Donna was the office manager for Copake Veterinary office for 37 years. She worked with Dr. George Beneke, who became more of a friend than a boss. After retiring from there she assisted with running the family dairy farm, Hill Over Farm. They also delivered bottled milk in glass bottles from the farm and their farm stand sold milk, cheese and served many ice cream cones over the years. She enjoyed birdwatching and especially enjoyed watching hummingbirds.

Donna is survived by her husband Fred, her daughters, Hope Barringer and

her companion Rich Stickle, Vanessa Dunning and her husband Shawn. Four grandchildren, Brock and Carli Hathaway and Colin and Allie Dunning. Her mother, Betty Cummings, three sisters; Carol (Alan Rabideau) Cummings, Betsy Lamay, Becky (Bill) Stanton. Brother Donald (Stacey Renna) Cummings, Brock and Carli's father, Dexter Hathaway. Her great aunt and uncle, Paul (Joan) Cummings, in addition to several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her brother-in-law Darrell Lamay.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. Interment will take place privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Donna's memory are requested to Hathaway's Helping Hands or the Columbia County 4H, Dairy Program. For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

WEST CORNWALL — Martha Scoville Fetherolf Loutfi of West Cornwall and Geneva, Switzerland, passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2023, after bravely facing a long illness.

Martha was born in New York City, July 1, 1940, to James M. and Eloise Fetherolf (nee Cheney) and grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and White Plains, New York.

She was an alumna of Rosemary Hall ('58) and Wellesley College (AB '62). She was very attached to her alma maters and the friendships developed there. At Wellesley, Martha was one of the economics students who benefited from the extraordinary mentorship of Carolyn Shaw Bell. Martha earned a Ph.D in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1966 with a thesis on Japanese foreign aid.

Her interest in Japan and the Far East was sparked during a trip around the world with her loving brother, Dr. Edward Fetherolf, and continued throughout her life.

Martha Scoville Fetherolf Loutfi

Martha collected Japanese art and became a very good cook of Asian-inspired food.

She married a fellow economics doctoral student, Mohamed A. Loutfi of Alexandria, Egypt, in 1964. They both joined the economics faculty of McGill University in Montreal, Canada until moving to Beirut, Lebanon, where Mohamed joined the United Nations and Martha taught at the American University. After being evacuated from Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War in 1975, the Loutfis moved to Geneva.

Martha was very proud of the work she carried out as part of the Secretariat of the Independent Commission for International Developmental Issues (Brandt Commission) with the aim to review international development issues under the leadership of former Chancellor of West Germany, Willy Brandt, from 1977-79. The Commission's report provided an understanding of drastic differences in the economic development of the Global North and Global

South. Martha joined the International Labour Office in 1980 where she would work until her retirement in 2000. She started her career in the Development Department where she managed and coordinated the Program on Rural Women. Her responsibilities also included the development of the Rural Employment Policies' Branch Programs.

She published seminal works that sought to make women's work visible and to value the contributions of women to economic development, ("Rural Women: Unequal Partners in Development" and "Women, Gender and Work: What is Equality and How Do We Get There?")

In 1993, Martha became the Editor-in-Chief of the International Labour Review where she was responsible for attracting and editing several notable academics and improving the journal's editorial quality.

After retirement, Martha spent time in Nice, France and West Cornwall where her father's family had roots, and Geneva.

Always interested in art and music, she was an avid concert and exhibition goer. She became an excellent photographer and exhibited her photographs in both Connecticut and Geneva. She also shared them with friends and family in an annual calendar she lovingly prepared. Always an excellent cook, Martha was known for the delicious lunches and dinners she carefully prepared for her friends, always accompanied with good wine and conversation.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband. She leaves behind her brother, two nieces, and many cousins and close friends.

Her life will be celebrated at a service on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the North Cornwall Meeting House.

Lola Martha Brammer

LAKEVILLE — Lola Martha Brammer, 88, a 65-year resident of Lakeville died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.



Born Sept. 5, 1935, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Henry Flint and Irene Warner. On Dec. 24, 1951, in the Village of Millerton, New York, she married Edward Brammer. Mr. Brammer survives at home in Lakeville.

Mrs. Brammer was a homemaker throughout their marriage and enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing and vacationing in Florida. She was an avid wild animal lover as well. She will be dearly missed by her loving husband and family.

In addition to her husband, Ed, Mrs. Brammer is survived by three children; Stephanie Durbal and her husband, Ken, of Belleville, Michigan, Edward Brammer and his wife Deborah of Lakeville and Andy Brammer of Lakeville; two grandchild-

dren, Adam Brammer and his wife Courtney of Sharon, and Eddie Brammer III and his wife Amy of Southfield, Massachusetts; five great grandchildren, Evan, Jackson, Jameson and Jasmin Brammer and Maddie Sartori; two sisters, Darling Caine of Torrington, Connecticut, and Joletta "Pete" Dennis of Wassaic, New York, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, David Brammer of New Mexico, her grandson, Reni Brammer of Sharon, Connecticut and four brothers and two sisters.

At Mrs. Brammer's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral. All services will be private.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Mrs. Brammer's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

In Memoriam

Dorothy McWilliams

Dorothy was a remarkable woman. Generous, modest, funny, kind, loving. Every week she would come up to my Sharon Social Service office lugging bins of food from her church, St. Bernard's, and to tell me the news of the town. And she'd tell about her friends at Sharon Health Care too, as when she told me that her dear pal Amy Whitcomb had finally decided to stop dialysis. Painful stuff.

Of course she cajoled me

into supporting the Crop Walk, and told me about her cats (loved them, along with dogs and people), and about her early days as a nurse.

She was constantly and quietly (though not averse to talk) living her faith.

Her love touched us all. We were lucky to have had her in our midst. And we miss her. I sure do.

Ella Clark
West Cornwall

OUR TOWNS

'Fall in Love With Millbrook' at annual Community Day

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — On Saturday, Oct. 7, the public will have the opportunity to "Fall in Love With Millbrook," which is the theme for this year's Community Day.

The Millbrook Business Association, the Millbrook Arts Group, the Millbrook Library and Millbrook Rotary Club have planned a day of events for people of all ages and interests with food, music, games, emphasizing on small-town living.

Attendees can enjoy live music throughout the day and take advantage of one of the final meetings of the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market, which closes for the season at the end of October,

on Front Street for gathering and enjoying local farm bounty.

An axe-throwing contest provided by Hudson Hatchet will be available for those looking for a little bit of adventure.

If the day is chilly, attendees can warm up with a chili cook-off, which will test the skills of local chefs.

Families can enjoy a range of activities for children including the Bubble Truck, pumpkin painting, a cake walk and an ice cream truck.

The Millbrook Rotary Club and the Millbrook Library will seek to raise awareness about the Millbrook Community Fridge.

Community Day will also see the participation of a variety of local businesses and organizations.

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Stanford celebrates 65th Community Day, 230th anniversary of the town's founding

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

STANFORD — Despite cloudy morning skies, the sun gradually began to shine on the 65th annual Community Day, of which Ryan Orton, Stanford Grange No. 808 secretary and Community Day chairperson, said with a smile, "A good day. No rain!"

The lawn in front of Grange No. 808 was filled with colorful booths from local businesses and organizations. At the Stanford Free Library booth, the cheerful library staff greeted visitors, ran a book raffle and helped children build with multicolored, transparent, magnetic panels.

The Stanford Fire Department (SFD) was on hand with a fire truck and hats for children. The recreation department had a booth with games and a Halloween display about the upcoming haunted house. The Grange snack bar filled the air with the aroma of things to eat.

At the Stanford Conservation Advisory Committee booth, 3-year-old Mason Orion Curtis was happily spooning soil into cups and watering what he had planted. Another display dynamically showed the effects of erosion with moving sand and water.

The Stanford Garden Club displayed mums and was selling bulbs. At the nearby Bulls Head Oswego Friends Meeting booth, Wolf said, "I've grown up in this community and I love the way we all do come together."

Animal Farm Foundation was there to talk about animal adoptions. The Pine



Lauren Cerul, left, and Heather Cerul, second from right, flank their parents, Ed and Christa Cerul, who received the Community Citizen Award for 2023 at the 65th annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 16. Ryan Orton, Stanford Grange Secretary and Community Day chairman, right, presented the award.

Plains FFA sold bright yellow T-shirts.

In the recreation fields behind the Grange, a bouncy house was set up for children, and the Stanford Business Association held its car meet, with many on display.

At the Town Hall, the 9/11 display put up by SFD was on view. The county's new mobile health clinic was stationed there, and a new memorial was unveiled that morning to honor those "patriots of the town" who'd fought in conflicts since the Revolutionary War.

At noon, a ceremony held at the front of the Grange Hall began with the Stissing High School chorus singing the national anthem while a flag was raised by the American Legion Post No. 1793. In a speech, the Rev. Michael Schafer, chap-

lin of the Post, commented on how "communities join and create fellowships." The Rev. Jan Brooks, president of the Grange, talked of community as "People who come together to do a project, make something happen" and "bring diverse people together to talk about ideas."

Town Supervisor Wendy Burton said all present were "creating history by being here today and being part of this vibrant community," and that Stanford is "a community that thrives on service" with people who "do what they do because they want to serve."

Next, the winners were announced for the birthday dessert contest, which was created to celebrate the 230th anniversary of the town's founding. Aevery Kiernan was the winner in the under-21

division, and she baked from scratch, as the rules specified, a red velvet cake, winning a bottle of maple syrup. The over-21 prize went to Katrina Gore, senior clerk of the town's building department, for her berry cake. She won a bottle of homemade bourbon cream. Both prizes were provided by the Taconic Distillery.

Another big event of the day was the awarding of the 2023 Community Citizen Award for residents embodying what it is to give back to the community. This year that honor went to Ed and Christa Cerul. In his remarks, Orton commented that the couple had not originally planned to remain in Stanford, but they stayed and raised a family. Christa began at the library as a volunteer and is now the



Mason Orion Curtis, 3, plants and waters seeds at one of the Stanford Conservation Advisory Commission's tables at the 65th annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 16.

director, a job she loves. Ed joined the fire department and is now an assistant chief as well as an EMT.

The day finished with Red Barn Band playing from 6 to 9 p.m. at the recreation pavil-

ion. Free ice cream was also served.

Orton commented: "Community Day embodies small-town community and celebrates us. It is the whole town coming together."

Veterans Appreciation Picnic scheduled for Sept. 30

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
Special to The Millertown News

SALT POINT — Dutchess County will host its second annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Camp Nooteemung.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil and Adam Roche, director of the county's Division of Veterans Services, are hosting the picnic this year.

"Last year's picnic was a brainstorm of our Veterans Services Director Adam Roche and former County

Executive Marc Molinaro about continuing to enhance our Veterans Services and add additional events to show our gratitude to local veterans," said Colleen Pillus, Dutchess County's communications director.

The event is open to local veterans, who can bring one guest each to enjoy "an afternoon of comradery." Local band StringMasters will be playing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Food will be catered by Tavern 23 from noon to 2 p.m.

"The first picnic was a huge success with over 400+ veter-

ans and their loved ones in attendance," said Pillus, "and we are confident this year will be even better. We changed the event from August to September as, last year, it was very hot and we are hoping for slightly cooler temperatures."

The picnic is only possible because local businesses and volunteers are helping out. Tavern 23, the County's Office for the Aging, Associates Golf and Utility Vehicles, IHeart Media Radio personality "Uncle Mike" Hanson and Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Vet2Vet program are

all partnering with veterans to make the event worthwhile.

"It is important to show our appreciation to the men and women who have risked their lives for our freedoms," Pillus said. "This picnic is one of the ways to show to show our unwavering gratitude."

Registration is required as space is limited and can be submitted at dutchessny.gov/veteranspicnic. The reservation deadline for the picnic is Friday, Sept. 22.

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Weishaupt running for Dutchess County DA on GOP ticket, looking for positive changes

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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RED HOOK — After working for 36 years in the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, Matt Weishaupt, chief assistant district attorney, has decided he'd like to go a step further and is running on the Republican ticket for the position of district attorney (DA) when current DA William Grady retires at the end of 2023.

"I am running because I want to lead the office in a different direction," said Weishaupt. "At a time when the legitimacy of our criminal justice system is being questioned, community engagement to rebuild trust is essential. We must invite community input to determine the best approach to combat crime. I will develop an office Facebook page to increase transparency with the public. Facebook will also

create a platform to share information about our office and will have links to other government agencies that are regularly used by the public."

He noted the main challenges facing the office are the 2020 criminal justice reforms passed by the New York state. Bail reform and Discovery Law changes have had a tremendous impact on police and prosecutors.

"I will ensure efficiency in working with the existing laws while working toward modification to bring a better balance to our criminal justice system," Weishaupt said.

A resident of Red Hook, Weishaupt has spent his entire career in law enforcement. He attended Catholic schools right through college, St. Joseph's School in Kingston, then Coleman High School. After that, he earned his undergraduate degree at St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he majored in criminal justice. His hands-

on experience in law enforcement came about as he did volunteer work for the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, then did part-time work as a deputy and in the communications department.

In January 1982, Weishaupt became a full-time police officer with the New Paltz Police Department. While there he started graduate school at John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he earned 21 of 36 credits towards a master's degree in police administration. In July 1984, Weishaupt was admitted to the Bridgeport School of Law and left John Jay College of Criminal Justice to start law school.

Weishaupt completed his first year of law school at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and took a position with the New Haven Office of the FBI in June 1985. He applied for a transfer to Albany Law School in June 1985 and was accepted.

Weishaupt was transferred



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Matt Weishaupt, who is running for Dutchess County district attorney.

from the New Haven Division of the FBI to the Albany division of the FBI, where he then worked full-time while also attending Albany Law School

full-time, earning his law degree in May 1987.

In 1987 he left the FBI and went to work for the Westchester County DA's office,

leaving there in June 1988 to join the Dutchess County DA's office, and has been there ever since.

He feels that changes should be explained and discussed with the people, in church halls, at community events, and in conjunction with the police and other agencies,

He is a member of the Mid-Hudson Hate and Bias Regional Council, having been asked by the Governor's Office to take part in the council.

A married father of four with two sons and two daughters, Weishaupt finds time to teach as an adjunct at local colleges, something he loves and has done for many years. He is also deeply invested in local charities, and has recently been seen at events for Millbrook-based Angels of Light, which helps Harlem Valley families with serious illness, and at a ramp-building for Habitat for Humanity in Millerton.

Democrat Parisi runs for DA post

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Millbrook native and Democrat Anthony Parisi is running for district attorney.

Having grown up in Millbrook, Parisi attended Millbrook schools, raised, along with his three sisters, by parents Ann and John Parisi. After graduating high school, he attended Fordham University, earning his undergraduate degree, then going on to Western New England Law School.

Parisi began his career in 1995 with the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, becoming an assistant district attorney three years later. He has now been with the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office for more than 25 years, and is currently its major crimes bureau chief..

Having worked as both a public defender and a prosecutor, he understands both sides of an argument. He is also committed to seeing justice served equally to all. As DA, he would fight for a fairer justice system, would work toward the prevention of gun violence, and believes that through intelligence-led policing crime can be prevented.

Parisi is committed to public service; and as a husband and father, his main interest is in keeping all families safe in a world that is constantly changing and becoming more dangerous. He has often stated that safety is a main priority.

Parisi admits that the decision to run for district attorney was a difficult one; if he loses, he may be out of a job. But his concern for doing the right thing for the county and the office of DA was overwhelming, so he made that decision and stuck by it.

He has described himself as a law-and-order Democrat. Intending to use intelligence to lead both the policing and the prosecution, he admits he'd rather prevent crime than just react to it.

Current DA William Grady has been in office for 40 years. Parisi feels it is time for a change, and that he can transform the office if elected. He is tech-savvy, which he feels is important and will be a help in improving some of the way business is done as well as in modernizing the department.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

District attorney candidate Anthony Parisi at the Millbrook Diner.

He has been involved in whatever technology upgrades have been done in the office, including upgrading the case management and discovery management systems, and he was the lead on the digital evidence management system.

Part of this plan would be to create an online portal, allowing an interested party—whether the victim, the defendant or any member of the community—who wants to check the status of a case to do so, and in real time. That helps in making the office and the department more

transparent.

Parisi feels that public policies should be detailed and clear, and that both victims and defendants should understand the justice system, be able to ask questions and get answers. Everyone should have access to critical services as needed, and all should be treated equally under the law. He believes that there should be transparency, not just in the DA's office, but throughout the system and the government.

Starting out as a public defender gave Parisi a slightly different perspective than

many prosecutors. He said there are many tools that can be used to assess a defendant's needs, and possibly reasons for bad behavior. There has to be prosecution, but there should also be opportunities to not repeat the behaviors that brought them here to begin with.

Parisi believes he is the most well-rounded candidate, the transformative candidate who will update the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office and bring it into the modern age. Come Tuesday, Nov. 7, he'll most likely be watching the election results from his home in Beekman with wife, Sinead McLoughlin, who is also a prosecutor with the DA's office, and his two young daughters, aged 2 and 4.

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Eventful day at the rodeo



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Above: Jordan Stoner, left, and his father, Brian Stoner, of the band the Crash Test Silverados, which opened for country music star Walker Hayes at the third annual Hudson Valley Rodeo at Keane Stud in Amenia on Saturday, Sept. 16.



The rodeo also featured events including bull riding, barrel racing, and the fan-favorite, mutton bustin'.

Stanford Grange to host penny social

STANFORDVILLE — Stanford Grange No. 808 will host a fall penny social on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043, Route 82. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and calling will begin at 7 p.m. Included will be penny prizes, a dollar table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, a 50/50 draw-

ing and door prizes, with autumn, Halloween and Thanksgiving items featured. Refreshments will be sold by Grange youth. Proceeds will benefit the Grange's ongoing community service projects. For more information, contact Ryan Orton, Grange secretary, at 845-868-7869.

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TAKEOUT *Continued from Page A1*



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The former Manna Dew Café on Main Street in Millerton was approved to move ahead with plans for a new takeout restaurant after a public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Arnoff, a fifth-generation Arnoff, recounted the history of the Arnoff family business, which was started in 1924 by his great grandfather.

In 2005 the company purchased the 11.6-acre parcel as a brownfield and cleaned up the toxic contamination on the site. Arnoff's current 50 self-storage units are fully rented, and there is a long waiting list.

The plans presented by Sarah Richardson of INSITE Engineering, Surveying & Landscaping in Carmel entail relocating the septic system and building a 15,000-square-foot metal structure facing Route 22. The units will be heated and have electricity but there will be no demands on the town's infrastructure.

Arnoff pointed out that the new building meets all village zoning regulations. The honey locust trees along

Route 22 will be preserved and other plantings added to create a natural buffer in front of the building. No additional signage is contemplated.

Lance Middlebrook, chair of the planning board, suggested that engineer Rich Renia be contracted to examine the submitted plans and that an escrow of \$2,500 be created to cover planning board expense in evaluating the project. Other governmental agencies like the Department of Transportation and Dutchess County Health should be immediately involved in the process.

At the next meeting date on Wednesday, Oct. 11, the board intends to begin the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and set up a public hearing. The Arnoffs hope to open the facility within a year.

JENNY MORSE *Continued from Page A1*

found a different approach to sculpture through her discovery of taxidermy. Working as the education coordinator at 3rd Ward in Brooklyn, Morse became aware of the work of artist Divya Anantharaman. The founder of Gotham Taxidermy in Brooklyn, Anantharaman was offering a class in the Adirondacks, where Morse fell in love with the art form.

"I love the unique opportunity to get up close and personal with an animal and see how it works, how the feathers are connected, how its joints are connected. It's a pretty special thing to do." Morse creates taxidermy terrariums, quiet worlds that give the viewer a chance to observe up close what we often can only catch a fleeting glimpse of.

Morse uses a lot of starlings in her work, which she receives through an abatement program because "starlings are actually considered invasive," she explained. The rest of the creatures are road-kill and specimens sent to her through her growing network of taxidermists. "There's actually a handful of younger women taxidermists," Morse continued, "who have gotten really good at it and share their knowledge through different forms."

It's this community-minded sharing of skills that led Morse to the Hudson Valley. In 2017, Jonah Trager, a high school friend of Morse's husband, photographer Walker



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"Silent Spring II" by artist Jenny Morse.

Esner, bought 7.2 acres of farmland in Dover and embarked on the creation of 5 Harts Rd, now a multipurpose venue and communal living space.

"Walker and I signed on to be the tenants and help renovate it and turn it into a multipurpose venue that could host various types of events," said Morse. There are now several renovated spaces including

the old hay barn, which has been host to film screenings, a drag show, and even Morse and Esner's wedding.

The old stone barn has been converted into a speak-easy, and an old school bus on the property has also been turned into an available space. Saving and repurposing what they could, 5 Harts Rd is still a work in progress but is available as an Airbnb, for events,

and for retreats. "There's always stuff to do but the last big event I was a part of was last summer. We hosted a medieval party," Morse said. "We hosted a jousting game and encouraged people to come dressed up in Renaissance-era outfits. It was really fun!"

Morse and Esner have since moved out of 5 Harts Rd and have bought a house in Gaylordsville, Connecticut, that they're busy renovating. Morse has a studio in the basement where she keeps her taxidermy specimens.

She also sees clients in her home as a tattoo artist, an art form she learned from friend Rachel Finnelli. "Instagram has really changed the game for tattoo artists and made it a lot more accessible," said Morse. "It's made it a lot easier to have a private studio." Morse said she is interested in "keeping it small" for now, seeing tattoo clients out of her new home, where she is also a freelance copywriter by day.

These days, when she isn't copywriting, tattooing, event planning or working on taxidermy commissions, Morse has been digging into music, discovering a passion for being a singer-songwriter. Esner is also a drummer and their friends at 5 Harts Rd play various instruments.

"We've pulled back a little bit as new homeowners in terms of event planning [at 5 Harts Rd]," said Morse. "I do a lot of different things...I haven't honed in on one."

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contained smallmouth bass and rainbows. This time around, brown trout came to the surface as darkness fell.

They wouldn't take the first gazillion things I tossed at them. I took a break and contented myself by admiring the Winslow Homer-esque scenery, with the evening sun shining briefly through the gathering storm clouds and illuminating the mountains beyond blah blah blah.

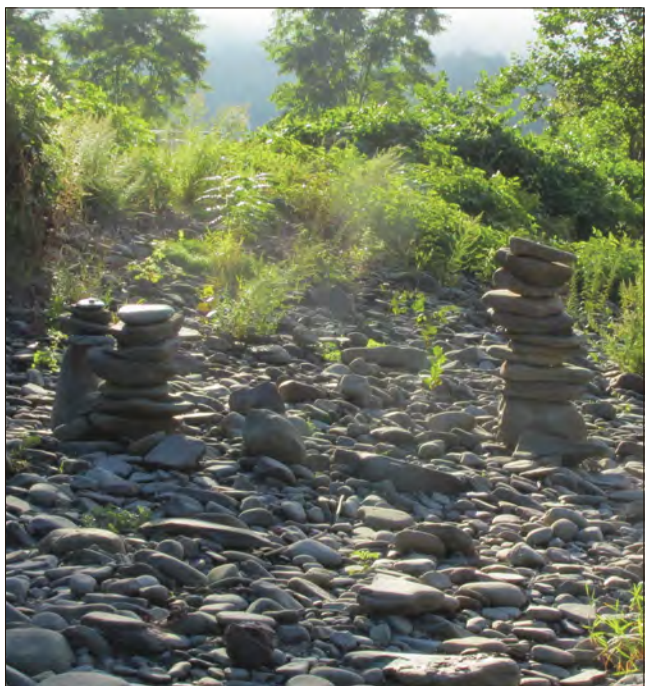
After the art lesson ended I tied on a size 18 blue-wing olive spinner, which is an alleged dry fly that tends to sink the moment it hits the water and is impossible to see.

For me, anyway. A brown trout that had been busy refusing my previous offerings was of the opinion that this was just what the doctor ordered. It was not a particularly large fish at 15 inches or so, but what it lacked in heft it made up for in spirit, leaping twice and scurrying around and generally resisting capture.

Also on this trip I explored Birch Creek, a tiny little brook that has a brook trout pond of sorts at the end. Of course the only fish I caught was a wild brown, and I was menaced briefly by a great Hound of the Baskervilles-type of dog who came charging out of nowhere with mayhem in his eyes and

froth around the mouth, only to be called back by an elderly lady who was about 4 feet 6 inches tall. The simplest syllable from this woman caused the Hound to stop in his tracks and trot back to base, wagging his tail. Probably an amiable beast once you get to know him.

I went up to the Schoharie, behind the ballfield in Prattsville, where I beheld Trouthenge, where someone had stacked big rocks three or four feet up in the air. I am pretty sure this activity has



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Trouthenge, spotted on the Schoharie Creek last week.

something to do with legal marijuana.

On the home front, there was a note on the front door when I arrived from someone named Abigail, inviting me to sell the house.

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So I think I will call Abigail and inform her that I am willing to entertain a reasonable offer, say \$50 million.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

THEATER: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Our Town on Stage

In Ann Patchett's new novel, "Tom Lake," (narrated on Audible by Litchfield County, Conn., resident Meryl Streep), Patchett describes a cavalcade of hopefuls flocking to the open-call auditions for "Our Town," a cross-section of young and elderly residents that neatly mirrors the demographics of Thornton Wilder's fictional New England town. Director Andrus Nichols has found the same kind of ensemble for her production at The Sharon Playhouse, led by Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated Sharon, Conn., resident Jane Kaczmarek and filled with plenty of Northwest Corner familiar faces — Playhouse board members Emily Soell, Savannah Stevenson, and John Champion, Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, local students like Vincent Valcin, Carter McCabe and Kennadi Mitchell, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School social studies teacher Deron Bayer as Frank Gibbs, the town's doctor. Set across three points in time in rural Grover's Corners at the turn of the 20th century, Wilder's 1938 Pulit-



PRODUCTION PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON PLAYHOUSE

The young ensemble of student actors in The Playhouse's production of "Our Town."

zer-Prize-winning piece of metatheatrical utilizes an undecorated stage with mimed prop work and a narrator who addresses the audience directly, free to interrupt a scene and provide explanation. The role has been inhabited famously by Orson Welles, Spalding Gray, and even Paul Newman. Here, Kaczmarek steps out of the patriarchal expectation to find something warmer, more empathetic, and emotionally resonant in her role as a sort of phantom historian.

While Dick Terhune and Deron Bayer as neighboring fathers

and town staples — the doctor and the newspaper editor — and Eric Bryant as George Gibbs, the literal "boy-next-door," help color the first two acts' coming-of-age tone, Nichols' casting hands the final act to the actresses.

The final chapter of Grover's Corners closes as recently deceased Emily (Samantha Steinmetz) flickers between a memory of life and her afterlife, between her dead mother-in-law (perfect character work by Marinell Crippen) and her living mother (Dawn

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MURALIST MORGAN BLAIR, PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

ART: LEILA HAWKEN

Mural is Underway at Sharon Center School

Following months of advocacy, planning, and overseeing the selection of a muralist, the project to brighten a public-facing wall at Sharon Center School in Sharon, Conn., began in earnest on Labor Day weekend. A few days later the mural inspired by the children at Sharon Center School was already taking shape.

Muralist Morgan Blair was busy with a vibrant palette of colors to create the mural based on the students' floral designs found on the indoor mural at the school. She paused her work for a conversation on Wednesday, Sept. 6. She said her approach is to imagine that the two student-inspired murals are in conversation with each other.

"It's my favorite thing to do," Blair said of the project. "The kids' drawings were inventive and sometimes weird — interpretations of a flower that are totally beyond. "I love to see the kids recognize their designs, seeing that they've been blown way up for the mural," Blair added.

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BOOKS: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A Historian Embraces Age and Fiction

Tom Shachtman of Salisbury, Conn., has a new novel, "Echoes, or The Insistence of Memory." He will be at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m., to read from the book and participate in a discussion led by Bruce McEv-er.

In "Echoes," the protagonist, Ell (short for Sue-Ellen) is a young woman of white and Mexican heritage with a master's degree in writing under her belt, a children's book published, another in the works, and a documentary film she can't sell.

She also has a boyfriend who has "ghosted" her, she worries about making the rent, and is troubled by a recurring, unpleasant dream.

To top it all off she is digging into her family history and discovering that her ancestors were slaveholders.

Ell wonders if she should announce her family history on social media and risk blowback.

In a phone conversation Sunday, Sept. 17, Shachtman was asked if he was worried that someone might accuse him of cultural appropriation for writing about this particular woman.

"I don't know," he said. "It's not demeaning in any way. If someone wants to accuse me, I can't prevent it."

The story moves from straightforward third-person narration into a screenplay format, as Ell imagines her life in cinematic form.

Asked about this device, Shachtman said that over the course of the story, Ell phases out the screenplay musings as part of her process of self-examination.

It's something he knows about.

"She's a graduate of a master's program in writing. I'm a graduate of one, and have taught in them."

Shachtman also has a long-standing interest in dreams.

"They come from something we don't recognize, they come from way back. I looked for a long while for a story to cloak it in."

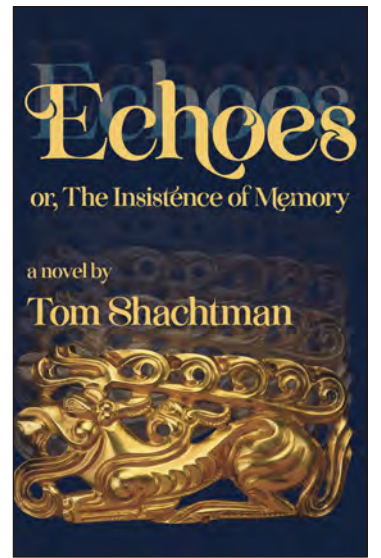
Shachtman has had a varied career, including

works of fiction, non-fiction, memoir and screenplays.

Asked why he ventured on a novel at this point, he said having just wrapped up a 10 year, three volume history on the American Revolution, he was looking for a change.

"At my terribly advanced age I am letting my fiction stuff come to the fore."

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Rhinebeck Teens Go Greek

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck will present a production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" through its Teens on Stage program. Performed in the company's barn-style mainstage in Rhinebeck, N.Y., the production will run Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from Sept. 22 through Oct. 1. Directed and choreographed by Lynne Czajka with musical direction by Andrew Stein; the show originated Off-Broadway in New York City with music and lyrics by Rob Rokicki and a book by Joe Tracz. Based on the New York Times best-selling middle-grade series by Rick Riordan, "Percy Jackson & the Olympians," the story follows a troubled 11-year-old Manhattanite who discovers he is the product of a modern-day mortal/mythological coupling between his working-class single

mother and the Ancient Greek God of the oceans, Poseidon.

In Riordan's world, the mythic monsters and nature deities of Antiquity moved west to follow industrial progression and now dwell in the kitschy pizzaz of the United States, along with contemporary mores and 21st-century half-mortal offspring. Zeus reigns from a secret floor atop the Empire State Building, Hades rules over soul-sucking Hollywood in Hel-L.A., the messenger god Hermes dons running lycra, and Poseidon wears Bermuda shorts to fish. Percy and the other children sired through parental affairs with celestial beings are shunted off not to an Eton-que boarding school but to summer camp, where they study combat with the centaur Chiron, the trainer of legendary heroes from Achilles to Aristaeus, who was



'CHIRON AND ACHILLES' BY JOHN SINGER SARGENT' MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS BOSTON

painting by Auguste-Clément Chrétien, Giovanni Battista Cipriani, Jean-Baptiste Regnault and many more. A significant leg up (human or horse) that Riordan has over J.K. Rowling is that young readers may very well walk away with a subconscious education in the Classics, able to identify a caduceus,

an aspis, the legendary children of Echida or the Trials of Hercules. As Riordan's fictional gods moved west, he fulfilled their prophecy through his writing: ancient stories live on as they find new readers.

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Blair said that, as of now, the new mural still needs a title.

"Maybe that's something I can come up with with the kids," she said.

Asked about the details, Blair said, "The process is intuitive for me, but the kids have so many questions. 'Why that brush? Why did you stop there? Why, Why, Why...?' It is clearly a valuable art lesson for the sidewalk superintendents as they stop by to inspect the progress."

Blair expected that the weather-dependent project would take two more weeks to complete. The work began with a projected image on the wall to set the design. She uses exterior, semi-gloss acrylic paint, chosen for its resistance to the elements.

"It should last," she said of the mural while crediting Sharon Center School art teacher Lilly Barnett for her work in making the whole project a reality.

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Stern, finding an earthy grit in the housewife's labor). In conjunction with Kaczmarek's heartfelt performance, the quartet of actresses delivers a

poignant finale that is sure to leave an indelible mark on the audience, serving as the enduring takeaway from the production.



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OUR TOWNS

Orvis Sandanona hosts autumn Game Fair

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MILLBROOK — With the trees dressed for fall in their glorious autumn colors, the sound of shots fired, and the smell of smoke permeating the air, Orvis Sandanona Shooting Grounds hosted another Game Fair.

Held on Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17, the fair had something for youngsters, the four-legged friends who tagged along with the hunters, the fishermen, and all those who love the great outdoors. Not only that, but entry and parking were free and open to the public.

With offerings from more than 70 vendors and exhibitors, there were fly-fishing demonstrations, dog-training seminars, birds of prey exhibitions, and a variety of hands-on youth programs as well as a Land Rover driving course. Expert instructors were on hand, and visitors were encouraged to participate.

Tom Cullen was there with his exhibition of birds of prey. And for those who preferred



From left: Danny, a 5-year-old British Labrador Retriever, with Tom Smith, from Oxford, Mississippi; Steven Lucius of Mebane, N.C., 3-year-old Black British Lab Dudley; and Will Zizmann, also of Oxford, Mississippi, at the Orvis Sandanona Game Fair held Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17, in Millbrook.

critters that don't bite, wildlife sketch artist Paul Cinelli was on hand.

The Orvis Barbour Defender Adventure offered the first stop of a two-season U.S. tour, and there was a sweepstakes for visitors to take a chance on entering. Shooting events included the 11th annual Orvis Cup, the America's

Clays Cup, and other clay opportunities.

Other things to make the two-day event special included free fly-casting and shooting lessons, falconry, and hunting dog exhibitions. Children could enjoy a variety of hands-on activities.

For the gourmets, there was game cooking dem-

onstrations as well as tastings with local distilleries, vineyards and breweries, finished off with farm-fresh ice cream.

Some of the vendors and hosts were Caesar Guerini USA, FABARM USA, Purina, Land Rover, Winchester, Ashton Cigars, White Flyer, Shooting Sportsman, Gabelli,



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Matt Hough, left, from Orvis Hill in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is enjoying learning about this area from John Rano, wingshooting instructor at the Orvis Sandanona Game Fair.

and MEC. While Orvis sells its own products year-round, at the Game Fair, there are always a number of outdoor

gear exhibitors where one can find the latest hunting and fishing gear, outdoor clothing, and other accessories.

Town meeting spurs controversy over short-term rentals, hospitality overlay district

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WASHINGTON — A regular monthly Washington Town Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14, covered scheduling a date for an interview with a court clerk candidate; scheduling an interview with a candidate for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) secretary; and scheduling budget meetings for Oct. 2, 16, 23 and 30.

Recreation director Danielle Szalewicz gave the date for Trunk or Treat as Saturday, Oct. 28, with no registration and no fee, 10 a.m. at Town Park, including a contest for most original, cutest and best overall costume. A parade will take place at 11 a.m.

Joe Rochfort briefly discussed the ZBA and the planning board. The ZBA currently has a special use permit from Orvis Sandanona for an expansion, its third, while it did not obtain permits for the first two. The question will become whether the ZBA or the planning board will have the final say. The ZBA did allow for the Adelstein family to add an addition to their private residence.

Part of the packet for the meeting contained a hand-out outlining the resolution for adoption of the hospitality overlay district. A public hearing was opened, which generated a good amount of participation, much of which was concerned with the possibility of some type of inn being opened at the old Day Top site on College Lane. The usual concerns were listed: pollution, noise, traffic and the very frequent fear of having the quaintness of the town destroyed.

It was pointed out that when it was a Day Top facility, it was not a single-family residence and that it did have dining facilities. The area is residential, but it has been used otherwise. It was also pointed out that this has been a work in progress for a period of years now, and that after a multitude of meetings, surveys, public forums and invitations for comment, all of which came at a cost, three

areas were designated to be good for hospitality overlays, with Washington Hollow, where the Cottonwood Motel area lies; the area between the Bennett Light and the Memorial at Routes 343 and 82; and the Ramble Hill Lane/College Lane area.

The document read that the town could establish two narrowly defined hospitality overlay districts, one in the Washington Hollow area and the other immediately adjacent to the village outside the aquifer overlay, as these locations have been shown to be the most acceptable and environmentally suitable. These overlay districts could be clearly defined for the use of an inn, and estab-

lish specific size, design and siting performance standards for them.

Many mentioned that the Cottonwood Motel, in the Washington Hollow area, would be better suited to the purpose. The owner of the site has said he is willing to meet with anyone who would like to discuss his plans with him.

The second public hearing was for the short-term rental (STR) legislation. This, too, had its fair share of protesters, and for many of the same reasons. Someone brought out the fact that by contracting with a firm called Granicus, the town was giving up its handling of all matters to do with STRs. There were some who felt that by not having

certain restrictions, people from out of town will buy up properties in the town strictly for the purpose of renting them out to all without proper vetting. They feel that only owner-occupied dwellings should be allowed to conduct STR.

The STR legislation and the hospitality overlay district

enumerate the fact that the town and village don't have places for visitors to the area to stay, and that it would boost the local economy if they did. There are those that want to see tourism grow, and those who want to keep the area as quaint and pristine as possible.

Councilman Mike Mur-

phy said that the STR plans have been submitted to the county and he saw no significant changes, so after being accepted by the county, the board will then vote and pass a resolution to adopt the STR Town Code.

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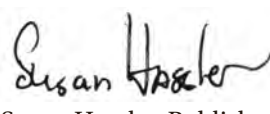
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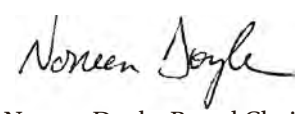
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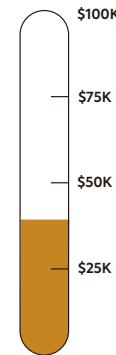
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EDITORIAL

Farewell, summertime

The September equinox is here, the time to say farewell to summertime. Fall is coming, and given some recent cool nights, it feels as if it's already here. School has started, summer vacations are over, and for many, this time of year signals a time to get back to work after a season spent outdoors in the sunshine, hiking trails, biking on the rail trail and watching fireflies dance in the dark.

Looking back over the news that dominated our summer, we are reminded that it was a full season. It started with high school graduations. Those seniors are now freshmen in college, or they are getting into the workplace with their first jobs that aren't after-school or summer gigs. Summer interns came and went, gaining practical experience as they anticipate their post-collegiate careers.

Nature had its impact, dumping heavy rains in late July — 9 inches over a five-day period — that hit local vegetable farms. The rains also dealt a biological blow to the spongy moth by triggering a fungus that attacked the invasive insects after two back-to-back years of defoliation.

Our institutions were in the news. Sharon Hospital's application to close labor and delivery services faced state and public scrutiny. By summer's end it received a "no" decision from the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy. The issue will reach into the fall because the hospital was granted an extension until Oct. 18 to appeal. Another mainstay institution, Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, joined forces in a merger with NBT Bank, a bigger bank based in Norwich, New York. It was the end of an era for the local bank — with roots dating to 1848 as the Salisbury Savings Society.

Webutuck High School got a renovated auditorium, which was flooded in January 2022 due to a burst pipe. A year and a half and \$3.5 million later, almost everything in the auditorium has been replaced, from new seating to a modern sound system, including air conditioning that will make the room more tolerable and COVID-19-safe. Speaking of COVID, summer 2023 was a social event for people in towns across the county, despite an uptick in COVID cases that once again threatened our communal health. This fall there are new boosters.

The Village of Millerton and the Town of North East began talks in earnest about a wastewater project that has been on the wish list for a very long time, and finalized a move forward on a joint wastewater district. A sewer system will provide opportunities for economic growth, including a supermarket. There also was a village election in June.

Webutuck Central School District got a new mascot, mandated by the New York State Board of Regents in 2022 and in response to the 2010 Dignity for All Students Act. The new design replaces a warrior image with a wildcat hugging the word "Webutuck."

The summerlong list of weekend activities seemed to never end, ranging from farmers' markets to foot races to community-wide festivals.

Millerton's Eddie Collins Park came alive. The Webutuck Little League played games again after a hiatus, and it has many volunteers and generous donors to thank for making it happen. The Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee presented phase 2 plans that call for a swimming pool.

We said it here before: The death of Marshall Miles of Robin Hood Radio marked the end of an era when all of us were lucky to have a "perfect local newscaster" with an unparalleled understanding of life in our towns. Marshall co-founded Robin Hood Radio, which later had affiliated with NPR and was broadcasting as "the smallest NPR station in the nation."

It was a full summer.



"Actually, this is my first rodeo."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nuvance must accept OHS judgment

Idaho, Texas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Missouri, Florida ... all states I once called out in praise for their rural health care programs, are now places where the Republican led legislatures are known for instituting violent laws which are full of hatred and cruelty criminalizing women's bodies. American women are feeling angry, frightened and hopeless.

We need to spread our good news that offers hope. The Office of Health Strategy drew a bright line explaining what access to reproductive health care should mean in rural Connecticut. We respect and honor the women of our state, and want to ensure they have the access to all the health care they need.

The hearing for CON 32511 was held Dec. 6, 2022, and lasted 12 hours. During that time Hearing Officer, Daniel J. Csuka maintained

an impressive level of professionalism and calm. A mighty fight was presented by Dr. Mortman (along with a host of other doctors) and the Save Sharon Hospital team. Twelve thousand pages of testimony was submitted. The outcome was the full-throated support to access to rural reproductive health care, authored by the staff of OHS, and signed by the Hearing Officer Csuka.

Nuvance's staff at Sharon Hospital (SH), under the direction of Attorney Theodore Tucci and his staff, was given ample opportunity to explain their 'transformational plan' and knew full well what was at stake.

Yet when asked by OHS staff at the hearing, "to describe how the Proposal will improve quality of health care, SH stated that approving the termination of the Services "will have no impact on the quality of care in the region." Really?? That was the best

they had?? Yet again they proved that they do NOT care about the health of the families they serve they care about the paymaster who cracks the whip.

Facts and OHS were on the side of women's reproductive health. "All of the available research is clear that even when alternative arrangements are made and emergency department staff is as fully prepared as possible, rural L&D closure results in bad quality and safety outcomes, including premature birth, low-birth weight, maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, increased risk of postpartum depression. Rural L&D closures also result in emergency department births, non-indicated induced c-section, postpartum hemorrhage, prolonged hospital stays, and an increase in perinatal mortality. There is no reason to believe that SH's experience would be any different."

Nuvance must accept this judgment. Appealing this decision only proves what little regard they have for the women and families of our region, and for healthcare, their chosen profession.

The Connecticut Hospital Association must show some leadership by supporting the state's decision and the women and families it protects; acknowledging that the days of L&D closures are no longer appropriate and that access to rural reproductive healthcare is something they stand for. Tell Nuvance not to appeal.

It is long past time for the Sharon Hospital Board to speak out for the well-being of the women and children they represent, to call for healing and an end to this battle. Tell everyone they value life in this community and tell Nuvance they must not appeal.

Deborah Moore Sharon, Conn.

Equal space for Republican candidates

One of the front-page articles in the September 14, 2023, issue of the News was entitled "Eastern Dutchess Democrats gather on a historic site." While the article wasn't newsworthy, it did manage to describe in some detail the Democrat candidates for local Town of Amenia offices, as well as the Democrat candidates for County Executive,

County Clerk, District Attorney and Family Court Judge.

Now I don't have a beef with local Democrats, but I have to wonder why the News would spend so much valuable space and ink on behalf of their candidates? I suppose that the News is entitled to print most anything it wishes, but curiously its editorial page clearly states that "it does

not support ... candidates for public office." On several occasions, I have cautioned the Editor and Publisher that the consistent favoritism shown by the News toward Democrat candidates and positions runs the risk of alienating about half of its potential readership.

I would hope that the least the News could do in a future

edition is to provide equal space to Republican candidates, some of whom are incumbents who have worked hard for many years to make Eastern Dutchess County such a great place to live.

Michael Chamberlin Former Chair of the Amenia Republican Committee Amenia Union

Is NYC really sinking? What can be done?

Dear EarthTalk: Is New York City really sinking? If so, is it a problem and is it a natural or human-caused phenomenon? Can anything be done about it?

—Jane B., Newark, NJ

EARTHTALK Sam Kuersteiner

The sea level surrounding New York City (NYC) is nine inches higher today than it was in 1950. Put differently. While it took 48 years for the sea level around NYC to rise by six inches, the next three inches took less than 20 years. Scientists forecast that in the next 14 years the waters around NYC will rise another six inches. With all five boroughs of the city surrounded by water, the sinking of NYC puts its 8.4 million residents, its economy, and its property worth billions of dollars at risk.

The sinking or settling of Earth's surface is known as subsidence—a geological pro-

cess that can be either natural or human-caused. For NYC, the main cause of subsidence is the sheer weight of the more than one million structures built on it. The United States Geological Survey estimates that structures in NYC weigh 1.68 trillion pounds—the equivalent of 1.9 million Boeing 747s. The pressure exerted by this extraordinary weight causes NYC to sink 0.04 to 0.08 inches every year.

There are other reasons, too, that NYC is sinking. Global warming, caused by the high level of human-made carbon emissions, is steadily increasing sea levels. Warmer temperatures melt ice sheets and glaciers, adding water to the oceans. And as ocean waters warm up,

it causes oceans to expand. Climate change is also contributing to NYC's sinking by increasing the frequency of hurricanes. As the world heats up, more evaporation from water bodies takes place, causing heavier precipitation and more flooding along the shores. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that because of climate change, coastal flooding has become 40 percent more likely and 10 percent more intense.

Yet another human-made contributor to the sinking of NYC is the extraction of groundwater from underground aquifers, which is used to supply a third of the city's drinking needs. Years of pumping these aquifers has caused the soil to compact by reducing the size and number of open pores in the soil that previously held water.

To minimize subsidence, NYC could halt the construc-

tion of new buildings. But this is unrealistic. It could limit extraction of groundwater, but that would threaten the availability of safe drinking water. NYC could build defenses such as seawalls and flood gates.

Alternately, the NYC government could adopt more creative urbanization plans that build away from areas vulnerable to subsidence, and consider the construction of new pipe systems to transport water from regional aqueducts instead of extracting local groundwater. And most important, they can support policies that mitigate global warming, such as carbon taxation, and provide incentives for clean energy adoption.

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OUR TOWNS

Recent property sales in the Town of Ancram

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

Real estate sales activity in Ancram slowed down this summer after the torrid pace set for a rural town in 2020 and 2021. In the four months of May, June, July and August, there were only five homes sold—all above \$500,000, with the old farmhouse at 51 Hall Hill Road selling for \$3.4 million because of its more

than 500 acres. One small .78-acre lot on Long Lake Road sold for \$58,500. All of the sold homes closed at a discount ranging from 3.6% to 10% below their original listing prices.

86 Skyline Road, 3-bedroom/2-bathroom residence on 5 acres, sold on May 1 for \$680,000

51 Hall Hill Road, 3-bedroom/1-bath house with 546.59 acres, sold on June 19

for \$3.4 million

47 East Pond Lily, 2-bedroom/2-bath house with 4.5 acres, sold on June 22 for \$535,000

3169 County Route 9, 1-bedroom/1-bath home with 10.8 acres, sold on June 30 for \$535,000

0 Long Lake Road, .78 acres, sold on July 14 for \$58,500

51 Catalano Road, 2-bedroom/2-bath home on 3 acres, sold on Aug. 29 for \$515,000

Town of Ancram in Columbia County real estate sales closed from May through August provided by Mid-Hudson MLA.

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



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Surrounded by towering pine trees, this very private 2,300-square-foot house on Catalano Road in Ancram was built in 1899 and was the original Catalano family farmhouse.

Online auction features surplus county vehicles and equipment

By COLLEEN FLYNN
Special to The Millerton News

POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County opened an online auction on Monday, Sept. 18, featuring a surplus of county vehicles and equipment, which can be bid on until Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Items for the public to bid on include trucks, cars, tools, mowers and trailers. All items sold are as-is and must be paid for in full by Friday, Oct. 6, before picking up the merchandise.

"Auctions like this one allow the County to transfer items no longer used by the County to individuals who can find use for them," said Richard Mayfield, director of the county Division of Central Services. "The County hosts at least one auction per year, generating an average of \$80,000 and \$100,000 in revenue that helps offset taxpayer dollars."

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Roe Jan Library to host afternoon jazz concert

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will present an afternoon concert of American Songbook jazz with Matt and Atla DeChamplain on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m. at the library, 9091 Route 22.

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