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## Vegan baker makes treats to be shared

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — During COVID-19, many of the more fortunate took up pottery.

Windowsill herb boxes became full-fledged botanical paradises. Some people took the time to sew or knit, to learn a language, to adopt a puppy, and for a while, it seemed that all anyone talked about was baking. As grocery store shelves became bare and toilet paper became a commodity, so, too, did baker's yeast, and the topic of "to sourdough start" or "not to sourdough start" became common dinnertime conversation.

For some, this period was an opportunity to elevate hobbies into passions, while others took the time to realize dormant dreams and, some might even say, step more fully into lifetime callings.

Jared Voorhees dropped out of college after a few semesters to tour the country in a band. After that, he was unemployed for a while and, a bit panicked, applied



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN.

**Jared Voorhees, left, founder of vegan baked goods website Shared Goods and his partner, Caroline Robins.**

to pretty much any job available. He saw a job opening at Ceremony, a specialty coffee company based out of Maryland, and got the part-time job in fulfillment.

"Over the years at Ceremony, I just got close to everyone, and I'd spend time on the roast floor when

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PHOTO BY OLIVIA VALENTINE

Visitors to the 2023 Dutchess County Fair enjoyed a variety of activities including rides, carnival games, musical entertainment, food stands and agricultural displays.

## Dutchess County Fair focuses on district's farming practices

By EMMA BENARDETE  
Special to The Millerton News

RHINEBECK — Dutchess County's annual Agricultural Advisory Committee forum took place Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Dutchess County Fair.

The forum was hosted by Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver in the livestock show arena and divided into several sections, including a

presentation on the county's agriculture district and agricultural assessment program from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets farmland protection specialist Jeff Kehoe and an update on the eight-year Agriculture District review from Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development commissioner Eoin Wrafter.

Kehoe explained that the county's agricultural district program

is a voluntary program designed to protect farming practices that might otherwise conflict with local ordinances. The county opens enrollment in the agricultural district program each spring, allowing commercial farmers to apply for inclusion in an Agriculture District with their tax parcel numbers.

The program protects farmers' ability to generate noise, glare and

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## Neighbors seek to block planning board approval of Troutbeck expansion

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — In an amended filing with Dutchess County Supreme Court, neighboring property owners are seeking to block the local Amenia Planning Board's June approval of the adaptive reuse application submitted by Troutbeck as part of a long-range plan for expansion.

The latest filing was submitted on Friday, Aug. 11, by Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea LLP, attorneys for neighbors Barbara Meili, Craig Meili and Arrowhead Hills Partners, owners of several

nearby parcels of land, two of which are adjacent to Troutbeck's 43.5 acres.

Acknowledging the court filing on Monday, Aug. 21, was the firm of Mackey, Butts and Whalen LLP of Millbrook, representing Troutbeck in the matter.

The neighbors are seeking to void the planning board's unanimous approval at its Wednesday, June 28, meeting for Troutbeck's nine-phase adaptive reuse application, the first phase to include renovation of an existing structure to create a bakery within an existing

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From left: Andy Bale, Dave Mucci, Jordan Stoner, John Salvati and Brian Stoner, also known as the Crash Test Silverados, will serve as the opening band for Walker Hayes at the Hudson Valley Rodeo in Amenia on Saturday, Sept. 16

## Local band ready for rodeo concert

By MIKE COBB  
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORDVILLE — For Jordan Stoner, country music has been a lifelong journey.

"Most people love music; I'm obsessed with it," said Jordan Stoner. "Music is the one thing that has always made me happy. I didn't know this, but my dad used to sing 'I Won't Need You Anymore' by Randy Travis every night when

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# OUR TOWNS

## Back-to-school taxes vary

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

**DUTCHESS COUNTY** — Students return to public school on Wednesday, Sept. 6, in New York state at the same time property owners will be receiving their school tax bills for the school year 2023-2024.

For some, the charge will seem “not so terrible” and for others, the actual school tax due could be shocking. School tax bills are based on the spending budgets that the public votes on in the spring and then calculated on the assessed value of the properties within the school district.

The good news is that, for most tax payers, school tax rates have declined as the assessed tax base has risen, reflecting the rising values of real estate. The multi-million-dollar properties at Silo Ridge have helped lower Webutuck Central School District’s (WCSD) rates to 9.28 mills, a decrease of 10.8%.

Just as important as the school tax rate is the assessed value of any property. If an assessed property value increases by a greater percentage than the school tax rate decreases, the property owner will owe more. Some residents in Ancram who saw their property values doubled or tripled during the recent revaluation will have a much higher school tax bill this year, even though the Taconic Hills Central School District tax rate decreased by 17.4% to 7.31 mills.

For most property owners, school taxes are a much bigger chunk of their total property tax bill than county, town and fire district taxes combined. For example, although school tax rates have actually declined in WCSD, the average Town of North East property owner’s school taxes constitute approximately 59% of their total property tax bill for the year. In the Town of Stanford in the same school district, school taxes total about 70% of the total bill because of lower town taxes.

There is a mystery to where exactly school district boundaries cross town lines and where one district begins and the next ends. For example, WCSD includes parts of six towns: Amenia, Dover, Stanford, Washington, North East and even part of Ancram



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**Webutuck Central School District buses are getting ready to take students back to school. Transportation expenses account for 5% to 6% of most school budgets.**



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**Standing next to one of the nine new heat pumps installed at the Amenia Town Hall, code enforcement officer Mike Segelken described them as split units offering quiet operation.**

## New heat pumps are a Climate Smart addition to Amenia Town Hall

By **LEILA HAWKEN**  
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**AMENIA** — The Amenia Town Hall is celebrating the recent installation of nine new heat pumps, a significant step toward a shift to green, renewable energy.

“This installation advances our goal of becoming a Climate Smart Community, a NY State program that is helping the Town of Amenia build resiliency to the impacts of climate change and save taxpayer dollars,” said Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti in a statement.

Heat pumps have the lowest carbon emissions of any heating source, said Stacy Mantel, representing Amenia’s Climate Smart Task Force. Heat pumps heat and cool buildings more efficiently than oil, propane or traditional electric systems. They also have no carbon monoxide emissions associated with combustion of fossil fuels and storage, making them healthier for those living and working in the area where they are operated.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) promotes reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, acceleration of economic growth

and equitable improvement of the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

In New York state, Mantel noted, conventional heating or cooling systems—furnaces, boilers, central/window air conditioners, etc.—are responsible for 37% of energy consumption and 32% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Because the new Mitsubishi heat pumps are air-sourced and ductless, they avoid energy leaks associated with the ductwork of central forced air systems. In addition, they require minimal maintenance and are not subject to fluctuating fuel costs. They also filter inside air and work in colder climates.

Amenia is working toward NYSERDA Bronze Certification in the Climate Smart Communities program, said Mantel.

“We are enthusiastic about making the public aware of installation of these heat pumps at the Town Hall,” Mantel said, encouraging residents to consider the units for their own homes.

To learn more about Amenia’s Climate Smart Task Force, email [smantel@ameniany.gov](mailto:smantel@ameniany.gov)

### Corrections

In an article on page A1 of the Aug. 24 issue of The Millerton News, the employer of Larry Wente was incorrectly stated. He works for Mancini Duffy.

An article in the Aug. 10 issue about Salisbury installing electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Town Grove incorrectly stated that by working with government decarbonization programs, Eversource is able to grow its market for electricity with little direct investment. In fact, Eversource invests in maintaining and strengthening the grid in support of increased electrification, and as well as in clean energy technology and renewable resources, including geothermal, battery storage, offshore wind, and solar. The article inaccurately implied that Eversource, which said it complies with the Connecticut Renewable Portfolio Standard, deals excessively in energy derived from non-renewable sources.

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in Columbia County.

Pine Plains is the only town wholly within the Pine Plains Central School District, although it also includes students from Clinton, Stanford, North East, Ancram and Gallatin. Consider tax payers in Dover, who may pay 13.45 mills this year for Dover Schools, or 9.28 for Webutuck or 17.58 for the Pawling Central School District.

If a parcel is divided between two school districts, the owner can choose which one their child will attend. When looking at a property, a prospective buyer should always ask for a copy of the school tax bill to confirm exactly which school district the property lies within.

If you want your child to attend a school in another district, there is the possibility of paying a non-resident tuition fee to that district. Currently the charge to attend school in WCSD is \$15,266. But you will still have to pay school taxes where you live.

Tax payments are due on

Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, or may be made in two payments with the balance due on Friday, March 15, 2024. If you are over 65, you can reduce your tax bill hundreds of dollars through the New York State STAR program. Get details on how to apply from your town’s assessor.

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OUR TOWNS

# Hope Rising Farm snips a celebratory ribbon at its new Leedsville Road location

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — By all measures, the grand opening of Hope Rising Farm at its new location on Leedsville Road held on Saturday, Aug. 26, bodes well for the expanding therapeutic riding center, as well over 100 area residents attended.

The program's needs had outgrown the former location on Morse Hill Road in North East. Hope Rising's new location, the former horse breeding commercial farm of David Hopper, offers more acreage, more stable space, and, of great importance, an immense heated indoor arena to allow for program expansion throughout the winter months.

After cutting the ribbon

stretched across the entrance to the stable area, founder and director Jacqueline McCabe Wikane noted that Hope Rising had managed to complete the move in 90 days, celebrating that all of the program's participants had come along to the new location.

"We had a huge number of kids come to this new location to ride, play and enjoy the new facility," Wikane said, going on to thank the volunteers and the board of her organization.

"If it were not for the volunteers, Hope Rising Farm would not exist," Wikane said, adding that the goal is to become the top therapeutic riding program in Dutchess County.

"This program is a testament to what one person's

passion can do to change the lives of people, intersecting that energy with a love of animals, to bring new life to an agricultural endeavor in the Harlem Valley," said Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, who is seeking his fifth term as county clerk in the November election.

New York State Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. presented a Certificate of Merit to Hope Rising Farm on behalf of the Assembly.

"The farm has been such an important part of our community," Beephan said. "I look forward to partnering as they grow and continue to serve individuals with special needs."

"This is a wonderful addition to the town of Amenia," said Town Supervisor

Victoria Perotti, noting that the location is accessible and ideal to accommodate the program's expansion as it is needed to serve both children and adults.

Volunteers are always needed, whether for special events or on a more regular basis, noted Candie Fredritz, coordinator of volunteers, inviting interested area residents to contact the farm.

Contributing to the success of the therapeutic program is Wikane's son, Richard, who kept busy overseeing the activities of the day and is integral to assisting and encouraging special needs participants.

"The event is fantastic," he said. "I'm glad a lot of people came out. The word will spread outward and forward."



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Joining in the festivities at the ribbon-cutting and open house at the new Leedsville Road location of Hope Rising Farm on Saturday, Aug. 26, were local and county government officials. Left to right are Anil Beephan Jr., 105th district Assemblyman; Brad Kendall, Dutchess County clerk; and Victoria Perotti, Amenia town supervisor. At far right is Rosanne Visco, Hope Rising's board secretary.

## Daniel Bennett Group at Millbrook Winery

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MILLBROOK — Celebrating their 9th studio album release, "New York Nerve," saxophonist Daniel Bennett and his Daniel Bennett Group will be the featured final concert in the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery's summer series on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Specializing in a sound that spans genres, the band includes Koko Bermejo on drums and keyboard, and bassist Kevin Hailey.

After many years of playing, first in the Rochester area followed by time in Boston, Bennett hit the New York City scene in 2010. His

group was voted Best New Jazz Group in New York City in Hot House Jazz Awards. He is also an associate director of the New York Jazz Academy and orchestrated the music for "Whitman at the Whitney," the acclaimed multimedia production at the Whitney Museum, as well as a woodwinds musician in "Blank! The Musical" on a national stage.

Known throughout the United States and abroad, Bennett has been interviewed in Timeout New York, the Baltimore Sun, the Miami Herald, the Boston Globe, and on National Public Radio. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK Jazz Journal touted Bennett "an outspoken voice of hope."

The Millbrook Vineyard

Jazz Concerts are held outdoors on the vineyard's lawn, so attendees should bring blankets or chairs to sit on. Food trucks will be on site, and taproom cheese plates will also be available. No outside food will be allowed. Millbrook wines are avail-

able by the glass or the bottle.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the gate on the day of the show. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase tickets in advance, go to [www.millbrookwine.com/jazzconcerts](http://www.millbrookwine.com/jazzconcerts)

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Aug. 10-23.

Aug. 11 — Deputies responded to the area of 38 Merwin Road in the Town of North East for a possible disturbance. Upon arrival, deputies confirmed a domestic

incident had occurred. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Aug. 12 — Deputies responded to Reagans Mill Road at the intersection of Cedar Lane in the Town of Dover for a report of a domestic dispute occurring in a vehicle at that location. Investigation at the scene confirms a dispute.

Operator of the vehicle, identified as one Steven King, age 58, was arrested for aggravated operation of a vehicle in the third degree. King to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

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](mailto:dcsotips@gmail.com). All information will be kept confidential.

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# Millbrook Village Board faces concerns about proposed short-term rental code

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MILLBROOK — The Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees, at its Wednesday, Aug. 9, meeting, had planned to introduce a short-term rental (STR) code resolution.

Mayor Tim Collopy opened the discussion by announcing that the board understands that STRs compensate for the lack of hotel options for visitors to the Millbrook area, that they allow residents to earn income from available extra space, and that renters provide financial support to local businesses and restaurants.

Trustee Peter Doro, who was not present, was the driving force behind the document presented.

Collopy stated that some of the issues they're addressing with the proposed code is a lack of knowledge concerning the number of STRs, their locations, and, in case of a complaint, who can be contacted. In addition, they'd like to know if STRs are in conformance to fire and zoning codes, level of activity, and what other items may be of concern to the neighbors. The board's first priority is to protect the rights and welfare of full-time residents and neighbors of STRs, and to protect the integrity of the village.

Many STR owners were in attendance, and had their own opinions on how the board came up with the proposed regulations. They felt that the STR resolution had been "rushed through" and was based almost entirely on the Village of Rhinebeck's code. As many pointed out, Rhinebeck is cosmopolitan, Millbrook is rural. Indeed, the population of Rhinebeck is double that of Millbrook, and its businesses far outnumber what Millbrook has to offer. It is also nearer mass transportation and larger urban areas.

STR owner Kevin McGrane offered that the Town of Washington had been working on its STR code for more almost three years, had done a lot of research, and had looked at many different communities to see what proposals would best work in this area. The meeting attendees agreed that the village needs to do more research, and

Buffy Arbogast, who does not have a STR but is a business owner, had this to say: "STRs are central to the economy of our village. It's important that we have places that people can stay."

Mentioning some of the things that draw visitors to the area, Arbogast mentioned Cary Institute, Innisfree Gardens and Orvis. As a restaurant owner, she sees many of these tourists for both breakfast and lunch.

The fact that the village proposed holding a lottery to keep the number of STRs down also didn't appeal to the STR owners. As Fletcher Coddington pointed out, he recently put \$70,000 into his home; he and his wife are supplementing their retirement income with what they earn from renting out their two-bedroom space. He'd like to recoup some of that money; what if they weren't among those who made the lottery cut?

The proposal would allow for 20 STRs; currently there are 10 in the village, one of which, McGrane's, is currently rented out for the next two years. How would a lottery affect that?

As others pointed out, running a STR is hard work; no one is chomping at the bit to take it on. Most are doing it to supplement their income, not because they expect to get rich from the rentals.

Tanya Jackson has a home on Front Street; it became a STR when COVID-19 hit and she and her husband, who purchased the property in 2018, had to pause their

Safari Guide business for the duration. Jackson said her clients love coming to Millbrook because of the restaurants, the shopping, and the activities; they eat out, they shop, they spend money. And, she pointed out, they rate their lodgings and hosts; the hosts rate the clients as well. There is a built-in check and balance going on at all times.

Most of the owners didn't seem fazed by a requirement of obtaining a permit every two years, of paying an application fee of \$500, or by paying an annual inspection fee. Some of the safety measures were considered a little extreme, but the main objections were the lottery system, limiting the number of renters to six, and limiting the days allowed to rent.

Laurie Sepe Marder, who lives in Amenia, rents her family home on Front Street as a STR, allowing her to keep the home in the family, renting it when she wants to and using it for family functions. Her neighbor, Joe Rochfort, a town board councilman, acts as her property manager, so there is supervision at all times.

The new code would not allow two STRs next to each other, but her property and Jackson's property are next door to each other. If the new code is applied, would one have to stop renting?

Marder and Coddington both pointed out that if they can't keep their homes, it's not known who will buy them and what they'll do with them. Marder's house has been in her family for 91 years, and Coddington's family goes

back generations.

Deborah Coddington liked the suggestion made by Arbogast that a committee be formed to look into devising a code with board members, maybe some business people and certainly some STR owners included, with much more

research done, and possibly looking at municipalities more closely aligned to Millbrook than Rhinebeck.

Collopy has advised that this is an ongoing project, and the village acknowledges that changes will be made after having discussions and

hearing comments from the public.

The full proposals for the new STR codes can be found in the package for the Aug. 9 meeting on the village's website. The next village board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

## Corn maze calls

Entrance to a corn maze along Route 22 at the intersection of Carson Road that was created by The Farm Store, also along Route 22 at Old Post Road No. 4 where tickets can be purchased. The maze is open most days, but not Tuesdays.

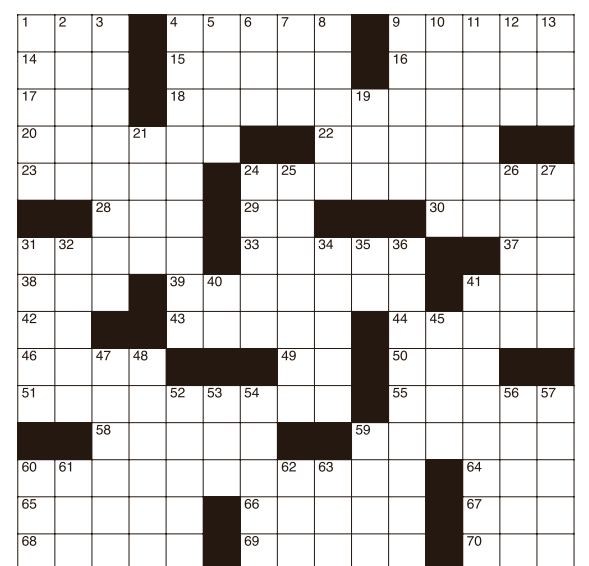
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. At right angles to a ship's length
9. William Penn's business partner
14. \_\_\_ de plume
15. Accomplished soccer coach
16. Bone cavities
17. \_\_\_ juris: independent
18. Popular Philly sandwich
20. Northern Ireland county
22. Performing artist
23. S S S
24. Lacks flavor
28. Commercials
29. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
30. Qatar's capital
31. Indigenous peoples of Alberta
33. Popular footwear
37. Indicates position
38. Anglican cathedral
39. Aircraft part
41. Before
42. Blood group
43. Secretary organ
44. Fencing swords
46. The small projection of a mammary gland
49. Technological advancement
50. Male parent
51. Dissociative
55. More cold
58. Cape Verde Islands capital
59. Blood disorder
60. Creative
64. Sun up in New York
65. Made angry
66. Relieves
67. Brooklyn hoopster
68. Seasonsings
69. Movable barriers
70. Attempt

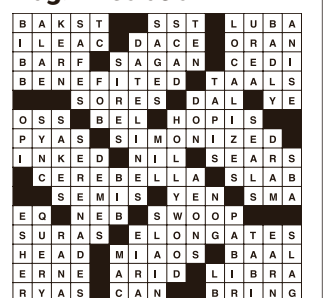
### CLUES DOWN

1. Occur as a result of
2. Spiritual essences
3. Representative
4. Entering
5. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
6. Midway between northeast and east
7. Consumed
8. Tablelands

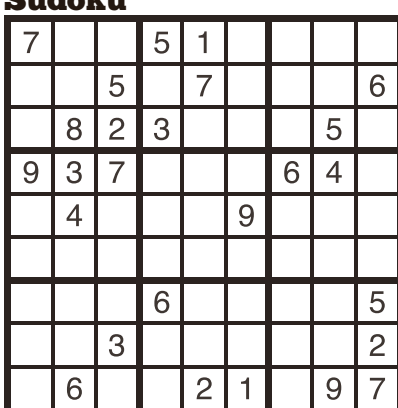


9. Kids' craft accessory
10. Not known
11. Sound directed through two or more speakers
12. A major division of geological time
13. Wild ox
19. Shock treatment
21. Turner and Lasso are two
24. Genus of flowering plants
25. Relating to ductless glands
26. Stock certificate
27. Satisfies
31. Places to enjoy a rest
32. Edward \_\_, author and writer
34. "\_\_\_ but goodie"
35. One hundredth of a liter
36. Shabbiness
40. TV personality Roker
41. Triangular upper part of a building
45. Speed at which you move
47. Offend
48. A reference point to shoot at
52. Forays
53. Biblical city
54. Blatted
56. Northern sea duck
57. Shabby (slang)
59. Allege
60. Tax collector
61. Whereabouts unknown
62. Chinese philosophical principle
63. Indicates equal

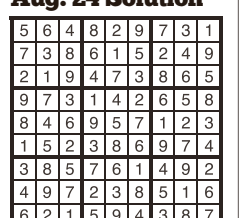
### Aug. 24 Solution



### Sudoku



### Aug. 24 Solution



Level: Intermediate

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**VEGAN BAKING** *Continued from Page A1*

I had free time,” said Voorhees. “I tried to stay out of the way, but I let them know, ‘Hey I wanna learn.’”

His goal was to fill in once a position became available in roasting, and soon enough, that’s what happened.

In 2021, the position of head roaster at Irving Farm became available. Voorhees came to see Millerton, Facing his partner, Caroline Robins, back at home in Annapolis to show her the town.

He got the job and moved right away. Robins and their dog, Greta, came about a month and a half later, having never seen the place in person.

Robins, a personal trainer and yoga teacher, had transitioned to teaching mostly online during the pandemic, so the move was an easy one for her professionally, and they both were excited to explore and become part of a small town. Voorhees lived above the café in town for a bit before the two found their home.

The style of coffee and coffee culture was different at Irving than Voorhees was used to at Ceremony. “I’ve been head roaster at Irving Farm for two and a half years now,” said Voorhees, “and I’ve really enjoyed the transition and creating a roasting program with my coworkers that we’re really proud of.”

The coffees are tasted each day, and special attention is paid to each blend and single-origin bean they offer. Voorhees’ personal favorite right now—“It changes all the time”—is Rwanda Mushonyi.

“Roasting is kind of like tattooing,” said Voorhees. “Someone has to teach you.

There are courses you can take and stuff, but you can’t apply any of the knowledge unless you are in front of a roaster somewhere.”

Voorhees learned baking in a similar way: by watching his mother. “My mom was always baking when I was younger. She would make chocolate chip cookies from scratch probably every weekend or every other weekend.” Voorhees laughed, “To this day, she probably doesn’t have her recipe perfected.”

His mother was more of a trial-by-success-and-failure baker. “I was a kid, so they always tasted the same to me. I mean, they were chocolate chip cookies and they always tasted good.” He added, “Always. There just were cookies around at all times.”

His mother’s experimental approach influenced Voorhees, but he didn’t bake much after leaving home. During COVID, like so many, however, he had a craving for homemade chocolate chip cookies.

“I looked up a recipe on Bon Appetit. Everyone was learning from Bon Appetit and YouTube videos. I used Chris Morocco’s recipe and I just veganized it.”

The couple had become vegans in 2015. Robins “went first,” she explained. “Environmental, family health history,” being the first reasons, she said, and then, “we became more interested in learning about our own personal health and having agency over that.”

Voorhees started a blog, sharing recipes and vegan baking tips. He started making cookies and bringing them to work at Ceremony.

He also posted the recipes on Instagram.

“Baking just became a hypofixation for a while, and then the fixation just never went away,” said Voorhees, who is also a graphic designer. Soon, he made his own website at www.sharedgoods.com with enough baking content and a space for the investigation of vegan ingredients that “are just different,” he explained.

In fact, the website has a section titled “The Index,” dedicated to vegan substitutions. There, you’ll find suggestions for vegan alternatives for eggs, butter, flour and even sugar.

“The butter has more water in it,” for example, said Voorhees, so making sure each baker trying his recipes understands an ingredient’s effect on the baked goods is important to him.

“I have a little of my mom’s mentality, that nothing’s ever perfect and I’m always iterating the recipe. I’m not searching for perfect.”

But he is searching. Since that first Bon Appetit-inspired recipe, Voorhees said, “Yeah, I’ve probably made them hundreds and hundreds of times.”

“Adjusting the butter,” added Robins, “the sugar, all the things.”

“It’s changed 10 or 12 times at least,” said Voorhees, “But I feel like I’ve landed on one that I’m proud of.”

The Shared Goods website also has a section about Voorhees in which he wrote: “I don’t aim to be ‘healthy,’ or (on the contrary) ‘indulgent.’ I like baked goods. To me they’re a food group, and I eat them when I want to. I only

make two claims: the recipes are vegan, and the recipes are tasty.”

“I hate the word, ‘healthy,’” Voorhees added, “because I think it’s different for everyone.”

“It’s such a diet culture word,” said Robins.

“Yeah, totally,” added Voorhees, “And it’s so just so vague. I mean, there’s not just heart health or physical health, but also mental health. Eating baked goods makes me happy,” he laughed.

Voorhees started doing pop-ups at the Millerton Farmer’s Market last year, and this year, has committed to being at the market with his Shared Goods stand the first Saturday of every month. On those days, he wakes up at 2 a.m. and gratefully has use of the Irving Farm kitchen to make his baked goods. Robins rides her bike to meet him and the two are at their stand until 2 p.m., a long but fun 12-hour day.

When asked if he envisions having a bakery someday, he said, “If I had to answer, I’d say not right now. I want to own a business with Caroline for sure. I don’t know that it would be a bakery, though. A bakery is such a different beast. It’s a lot and it’s really hard.”

“One of the main things when we moved here,” said Robins, “is to be respectful of the town and not just come in and say we knew what it needed or what it was missing, but actually live in it for a moment and be in it for a moment. And two years still isn’t enough to fully experience something. But,” she added, “The farmer’s market feels like such a natural place to meet people where they are.”

Voorhees is also doing occasional pop-ups elsewhere at places like BES in Millerton, and the coffeeshop Ilse in Canaan, Connecticut, where he collaborated with Daniel Meissner, a local chef.

“Those are the things that are the most fun for me,” said Voorhees. “They’re really about community and meeting people.”

When asked about the extra “O” in Shared Goods, the two talked excitedly about its fun and playful nature and about giving away from the overflow.

“I love baking and sharing my recipes. The whole point for me is that people walk by and see my baked goods and get excited and just think they’re delicious.” Voorhees added, “It doesn’t matter that they’re vegan, but once they find out they are, they’re sometimes totally surprised, and that makes me happy.”

**FAIR** *Continued from Page A1*

dust among other byproducts of farming. Kehoe explained that if a town were to have an ordinance that limited operation to daytime from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., enrollment in an agriculture district would allow a farmer to work after 7 p.m. if needed.

Kehoe noted that while it is commonly believed that farmers are not required to notify the town of their intent to conduct otherwise unlawful farming practices under the agriculture District protections, this is not the case. Farmers are required to notify municipalities and, according to the Dutchess County Soil and Water District, may be denied if “it can be shown that public health or safety is threatened” and that disputes on such matters are referred to the commissioner of agriculture and markets.

Kehoe also noted that enrollment in an agricultural district has no effect on property tax. Instead, he explained that tax benefits for farming fall under the agricultural assessment program. The program allows commercial farmers to have their land assessed at its agricultural value, which is typically lower than an assessment for other purposes like development. “District technicians review your agricultural ambitions, review your land base, look at the underlying soil, [and] calculus is done based on your soils that are in production,” Kehoe said.

Wrafter provided an update on the agricultural district program’s eight-year review, which happened this spring. During this review, the county consults with agricul-

tural landowners to add their properties to agriculture district, remove their properties, or keep their properties in the district if they are already a part of one.

Wrafter said that in the course of two months, 5,203 parcels underwent review, of which 3,938 were recommended to be retained in the district and 554 were recommended to be removed.

Rep. Marc Molinaro, R, NY-19, who was also in attendance, reminded the audience that Congress is working toward reauthorizing the farm bill. He noted that he serves on the House Agriculture Committee and encouraged the audience to send comments during the remainder of the comment period on what they would like to see in the bill.

In addition to the agriculture forum, the fair featured a number of rides, games, food stands and other entertainment. The Ferris wheel provided a view of the entire fair, and kids and adults alike delighted in the Dragon Coaster. Classic carnival games like ring toss and balloon darts made a appearance, as well as challenges like axe throwing.

The agriculture area provided an opportunity to learn about farming practices from local farmers and youth enrolled in 4H, featuring milkshakes made with Hudson Valley Fresh milk.

The fair also provided entertainment including a petting zoo with goats, alpacas, and a miniature mule, among other animals. Also included was a reptile exhibit, various performances, and the annual Dock Dogs diving competition.

**MUSIC** *Continued from Page A1*

I was a baby. One day I told my father that I wanted to add that song to our set list. Turns out it was the song that put me to sleep for years.”

These days Stoner is busier than ever with his band the Crash Test Silverados, who will be the opening act for national country artist Walker Hayes at the Hudson Valley Rodeo in Amenia on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Now 32 and a resident of Highland, Stoner was born in Stanfordsville and attended schools in Pine Plains before moving to nearby Ancram at the age of 26.

Stoner plays acoustic guitar, which allows him to concentrate on rhythm and lead vocals, and is supported by his father, Brian Stoner, and John Salvati on electric guitars, Andy Bale on bass, and Tim Vandenburg on drums. The band has shared the stage with Rodney Atkins and Aaron Tippin.

As a youngster, Stoner spent most of his time in the basement of his parents’ house singing along to country songs. He took vocal lessons and remembers his parents singing together.

“Those two making people happy just by singing was the most amazing thing I’d ever seen. I knew that’s all I ever wanted to do. I sing to make everyone else feel something. If the crowd doesn’t feel anything, what’s the point?”

His father, who performed as a duo with wife Wendy in the ‘90s, described Stoner’s early attraction to music: “When he was around 12, he came home from school and told us a friend had a drum set for sale and he wanted to buy it with money he had saved. So he did and started practicing. In the meantime, his younger brother, Brandon, started playing my bass guitar and teaching himself. Fast forward a couple years and the kids, my wife and I

started performing locally as the Stoners. We did that for the next 12 years. During that time, Jordan started singing from behind the drums and now, here we are. It’s funny he used to play in my band and now I play in his.”

Stoner describes his sound as “a touch of rock and roll mixed with traditional country sounds” and is inspired by George Jones, Dwight Yoakam, Buck Owens, Randy Travis and Garth Brooks as well as more modern artists such as Randy Houser and Jason Aldean, but still cites his father as his biggest influence.

Mid-August had Stoner playing festivals all over New England and New York state, often driving five hours between gigs and performing for hours at a time. He has recorded in Nashville, Tennessee, and at Clubhouse Studio in Rhinebeck, recently putting the finishing touches

on his soon-to-be-released fourth single, “Downpour.”

“His style is interesting and heartfelt, inspired by life in upstate New York,” Brian Stoner said.

“My father is the first and most important reason for me falling in love with music,” said Stoner. “I’ve never seen anything in this world that he loved more, besides my mother and his kids. For years he played every single show with me and would still be up at 3 or 4 a.m. for work the next morning. Some years we played over 300 gigs.

Brian Stoner shares his son’s sentiments and explained that it’s a family affair: “We get along very well. I handle a lot of the behind-the-scenes business stuff so that he can concentrate more on the music. Our family is pretty tightknit, and my wife makes sure everyone stays that way.”

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**TROUTBECK** *Continued from Page A1*

maintenance barn, improving the Gate House entrance and existing road to accommodate emergency vehicles, and to install a dry hydrant. Five cabins are planned to be built along an existing gravel driveway.

The court filing reiterates neighbors’ concerns about the adaptive reuse application, including whether it is even an appropriately defined “adaptive reuse.” Other major concerns cited are potential for environmental harm, possibly endangering nearby streams, floodplain, aquifer and limiting road visibility. In particular, the complaint argues against the planning board’s finding that there would be no environment impact posed by the expansion plan, feeling that the board lacked sufficient understanding of the issues involved.

Further arguments cite lack of historic site easements and that the plans fail to conform to zoning codes, along with identified inconsistencies with the town’s comprehensive plan.

The neighbors also feel that the lengthy public hearing process was flawed. Although there were numerous public hearings held, they occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the numbers of residents who might attend. The timing of document submission and the volume of the paperwork led the complainants to argue that there had been insufficient opportunity for review.

The Amenia Town Board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 29, to appoint legal counsel to represent the town in the matter.

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# COMPASS

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**DANCE: ALEXANDER WILBURN**

## Doors Are Open For Young Dancers At Blue Studio

“My life would be totally different if I didn't have the dance studio I had as a child,” Amber Cameron said at the open house of the new Blue Studio Dance in Lakeville, Conn., held last Saturday, on Aug. 26.

Cameron, together with Darcy Boynton, is extending that same gift to the area's children with their new studio, which will welcome students from four-years-old to 17 (along with some adult classes)

for a 10-week fall session starting on Sept. 25.

The two initially crossed paths as cast members of the Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!" at The Sharon Playhouse in 2010. Since then, they've embarked on a journey to mentor the region's next wave of young talents. Boynton engages in choreography roles at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville and Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass. Meanwhile, Cameron

takes charge of choreographing student productions not only at The Hotchkiss School, located just up the road from Blue Studio in Lakeville, but also at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., and The Taft School in Waterbury, Conn. It's an impressive array of dance activities for these two friends and mothers, involving a mix of energetic performances, intricate footwork, and expressive routines.

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PHOTO COURTESY BLUE STUDIO DANCE

Dance instructors Amber Cameron, left, and Darcy Boynton have opened Blue Studio Dance for all age courses in Lakeville, Conn.

**ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN**

## The Working Artist / The Working Gallerist



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Kathleen Kucka at her opening at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn.

Kathleen Kucka of Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., shares a commonality with many of the gallery owners in The Berkshires and Litchfield Hills — Henry Klimowicz of The Re Institute, Theo Coulombe of Standard Space and KK Kozic of The Icehouse Project, to name a few — they're all working artists in their own right.

When asked how she views herself, Kucka said, "I'm always an artist first."

At the opening of a new show at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., Kucka stepped out of her role curating exhibitions and debuted her own new work — very new. "I finished this series about a week ago with that last fabulous

coat of paint. I wanted them to pop."

The "Cosmos" trio blend geometric perfection with the allure of carefully embraced burn-mark scars. Residing in Salisbury, Conn., Kucka has transplanted the downtown dream of the SoHo artist to adapt to rural living. A drive to Falls Village allows her to effortlessly transition between her working studio and her role at her contemporary gallery.

"Red, Red" takes its inspiration from classic New England barns, while "Black & Gold" responds to a recent trip to Rome as Kucka's took in the Italian city's vibrant history for the first time, especially its patterns. "The Romans were in communication with Egypt and the Middle East; these cultures were built around ancient math and sacred geometry. It's mind-blowing, and it still resonates."

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The Lonely Island's Jorma Taccone is Pulling Up To The Drive-In

Jorma Taccone, best known as one-third of the musical comedy trio The Lonely Island, formed with Akiva Schaffer and Andy Samberg and showcased on "Saturday Night Live" and in the 2016 mockumentary "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping," will appear at Four Brothers Drive-In Theater in Amenia, N.Y., for a screening of "Hot Rod."

The 2007 comedy, co-starring Samberg and Taccone, was Schaffer's directorial debut and will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8 p.m. by Boondocks Film Society, a monthly cinema pop-up founded by Jeff Palfini and Cindy Heslin of Cornwall, Conn. The pair have specialized in selecting off-beat and cult films. It's a fitting team-up for Taccone, who recently



PHOTO BY KATHY HUTCHINS

Jorma Taccone

bought a home in North Canaan, Conn., with his wife, film director Marielle Heller. The pre-show cocktail party will include a meet-and-greet with a red-tailed hawk courtesy of Sharon,

Conn., Audubon's raptor aviaries and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Motion Picture & Television Fund, which is seeking to aid crew members affected by the ongoing Writers Guild and SAG-AFTRA strike. For tickets go to [www.boondocksfilmsociety.org](http://www.boondocksfilmsociety.org)

## ...blue studio

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PHOTO BY DARCY BOYNTON

Amber Cameron led an attendee at Blue Studio Dance's open house ballet workshop.

Their dedication has finally culminated in the realization of a long-held aspiration: opening their own studio. The aim of this space is to serve as a nurturing hub where aspiring dancers — or children just wanting to (to quote Taylor Swift) "shake it out" — can refine their skills in ballet, tap, jazz and more.

Even with the adult programming, for Boynton and Cameron, dance transcends mere physical exertion, embodying a deeper significance. "The ballet classes are more than just a workout," Cameron said. "It's toning, its balance, it's working your brain to follow combinations."

"Learning about your body and its space is so important for children and adults," Boynton added. "Dance doesn't

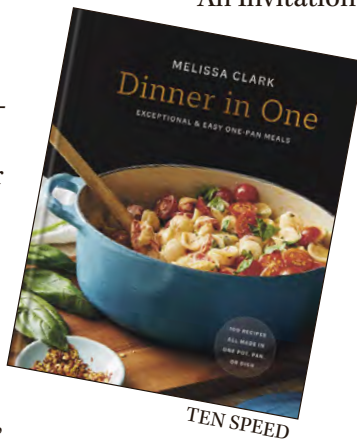
just benefit people who become dancers. It's an essential skill, not necessarily to have perfect choreography or perfect form, but to have comfort in your own body and the confidence that comes with that."

## At The Movies

### Melissa Clark & Madhur Jaffrey

The Meeting House in New Marlborough, Mass., will bring together two celebrated cookbook authors, Melissa Clark and Madhur Jaffrey, in a discussion held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Brooklyn, N.Y., based Clark can be found weekly in her New York Times column, "A Good Appetite" and taping from her kitchen on the New York Times Cooking Youtube channel. Her bestselling books include the 2022 publication, "Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals." She will also be at Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., that Saturday at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. signing books.



TEN SPEED

Jaffrey brought Indian cuisine to the English table with her 1973 book, "An Invitation to Indian Cooking." She has presented televised cooking shows, including "Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery," "Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery" and Madhur Jaffrey's "Flavours of India." She is also a film actress, with a role in Merchant Ivory's "Shakespeare Wallah," which will screen as part of a James Ivory retrospective on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. at Hudson Hall, in Hudson, N.Y. To purchase tickets for the discussion go to [www.nmmeetinghouse.org](http://www.nmmeetinghouse.org)

for his murderous spree in the installment "Freak Show." He has appeared in "La La Land," "The Big Short," "Judy," and recently opposite Mila Kunis in the Netflix thriller, "Luckiest Girl Alive." Beloved character actor Christopher Lloyd, eternally recognized as the time-hopping Doc in Robert Zemeckis' "Back To The Future" trilogy and Uncle Fester

### THEATER: ALEXANDER WILBURN

# Finn Wittrock and Christopher Lloyd to be fellows of infinite jest

Murder most foul! Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass., will present a three-performance-only run of a staged reading of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," directed by Shakespeare & Company founding member Kevin G. Coleman in the Tina Packer Playhouse starting Friday, Sept. 1.

The anguished Danish prince will be played by Finn Wittrock, a Lenox-born native who grew up acting on the Shakespeare & Company stage. No stranger to specters, psychodrama and "the devil's power to assume a pleasing shape," Wittrock has gone on to be a regular player in Ryan Murphy's acclaimed horror anthology "American Horror Story," alongside Grace Gummer (who grew up in Salisbury, Conn.) where he earned an Emmy nomination

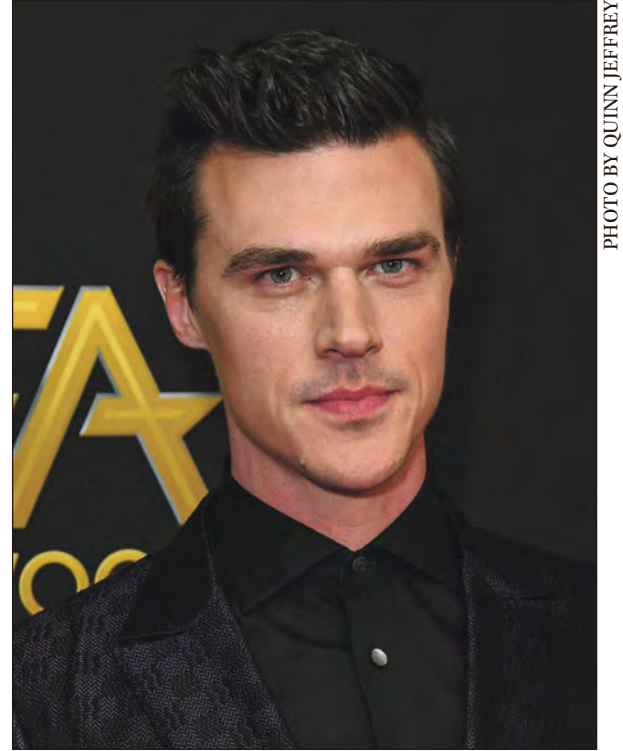


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OUR TOWNS

# Rochfort seeking Washington Town Board reelection

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Joe Rochfort is running on the Republican ticket for the four-year term of councilman, and is invested in seeing that the question of hospitality, so vital just now to both the village and the town, is settled in the best way possible for all concerned.

Rochfort served on the Millbrook Village Board from 2015 to 2019 before moving

on to the Town of Washington Board, first filling the vacancy when Councilman Al DeBonis passed away, then filling another seat via election in 2021.

The review of the Town of Washington 2015 Comprehensive Plan and the ongoing project of the hospitality zoning overlay map have taken a great deal of time and energy, but Rochfort feels they are worth the effort. He is running for reelection because he would like to continue to work on these projects

and others that will ensure the town remains true to its character while allowing for business success and family comfort.

He acts as town board liaison to the planning board and zoning board of appeals as well as the Comprehensive Review Plan Committee.

Serving on the Thorne Building Community Center Planning Board is another instance of Rochfort's desire to pay due diligence to the past while moving toward fulfilling the needs of the modern

community.

As a bridge maintenance engineer for the New York State Bridge Authority, Rochfort has a lot of experience in working with others and handling tough situations. He's also an advocate for using local services and shopping locally.

Attending Millbrook schools is a source of pride for Rochfort, as it did well for his siblings and himself. His brother Matt Rochfort is

the longtime president of the Millbrook Fire Department, and several other siblings live here.

As he has expressed, being a board member is a part-time position, but the responsibility is full-time; there is always more to be done and another project to tackle, as well as the mundane, day-to-day items that have to be taken care of. Everything is important to someone.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Joe Rochfort is running for councilman on the Town of Washington Board.

# Towns weigh in on road salt and its environmental effects

By ROBIN RORABACK  
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — Since the 1930s, road salt—or sodium chloride, also known as table salt—has been applied to winter roads. In the 1970s, it became clear that this practice was having harmful effects on the environment and the infrastructure of roads.

Road salt is used because it is a cheap and effective way to make roads safe during winter storms. Salt lowers the freezing point of water and prevents snow from turning to ice and melts ice on the roads. Many alternatives to salt exist but can be more expensive.

According to the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, "salt applied to the roads washes into freshwaters" and "threatens to harm aquatic life and contaminate wells and reservoirs" by raising the salinity of the water. Of particular concern are zooplankton, which are at the base of the food chain in lakes and other waters.

Virginia Kelly, also of the Cary Institute and one of the authors of the report "Road Salt: The Problem, The Solution, and How to Get There," cautions, "No matter what, action is needed now because ecosystems won't recover right away."

The Cary Institute's report on road salt states that high salinity "can inhibit spring turnover — the natural cycling of water caused by temperature changes in the lake. This process facilitates aeration and helps maintain oxygen levels needed to support aquatic life." Salt can also interact with soil, rocks and pipes and cause them to release lead and other contaminants.

The Environmental Protection Agency cautions that when salinity rises in drinking water it can cause health problems for those with high blood pressure.

In the Village of Millbrook, the Cary Institute found that

90% of the salt found in Wappingers Creek was from road salt. It found, in samples taken from 1986 to 2017, that sodium levels were higher in summer than winter.

It is theorized that this comes from "highly concentrated ground water," which happens when the salt sinks into the soil. Even if measures to reduce salt were put into effect now, it would take decades for salt levels to decrease.

The Cary Institute's report and organizations such as Clear Roads have suggested ways to reduce salt use. Their list begins with anti-icing, which consists of precoating the roads before storms with a 23% brine solution. This can save up to 75% in applied salt.

Another option is prewetting the salt. This causes the salt to stick better and reduces salt getting into watersheds by 5%. Also recommended are calibrating equipment to measure more exactly the amount of salt applied, completely enclosing salt piles, cleaning up any spills, and recycling any water that is used to wash trucks and equipment. Listening to weather and road conditions to decide how to treat the roads is another recommendation.

Carl Baden, highway superintendent for Pine Plains, said that the mild winter in Dutchess County last year reduced salt use. He monitors the weather and plans according to temperatures and what kind of storm is predicted. The town uses salt and sand. If temperatures are going to dip below a certain point, calcium chloride, a liquid, is used on the roads. Baden uses it as little as possible, and said sand is good on spots where ice will not melt quickly, like shady areas.

Bob Collocola, highway supervisor in Millbrook, also checks forecasts to plan for storms. He makes sure all the trucks and plows are ready and in good working order before storms. A mixture of

sand and salt is used, which lowers the amount of salt used, Collocola said.

Amenia highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin agrees that it is important to make sure all trucks and plows are ready. She keeps a close eye on weather forecasts and plans according to the storm and temperature predictions. Amenia uses sand and salt.

In North East, Robert Stevens, the superintendent there, said he plans according to forecasts. Knowing the type of storms and temperatures helps with planning how to cope with each storm. He said that North East does not use calcium chloride.

Pine Plains, Millbrook, Amenia, and North East do not use brine coating due to the higher cost. All four stressed that they put the safety of the public first.

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# Audia running for reelection on Washington Town Board

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Robert Audia is running for reelection to the board of the Town of Washington, hoping to continue to serve his community in the best way he can for another four-year term.

Audia is the son of immigrants, a fact of which is very proud. He felt fortunate to grow up in Millbrook, and he was reminded often by his father that, "We don't live here for free. You have to give back," so

Audia has served the community on several boards and in different capacities throughout his lifetime here. He recalls being part of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for probably 30 years. He has been on the town board since 2012, and in that time, has seen many changes.

The Audia family were the owners of Audia Motors on Route 343 since 1947, before leasing it to Ruge's in 2016. He comes from a family that was deeply ensconced in village life, attending school in Millbrook, including St. Joseph's



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Robert "Bob" Audia is running for reelection to the Town of Washington Board.

School.

A Republican incumbent, Audia is the Buildings and Grounds liaison, and some of his projects over the past years have included the face-lift given to the entrance to Town Hall, including the accessible lift; repairing the soffit around Town Hall; and replacing the Town Hall generators. He sometimes consults on other projects around town and in Town Park.

He was on the committee

for getting the electric charging stations at Town Hall installed. His latest project is revamping the accessible ramp at the rear of Town Hall.

Audia's years spent in business have helped him in his duties as a councilman, as he has first-hand knowledge of town zoning codes, supervision, management, and business dealings with contractors and maintenance.

When he ran for office in 2015, he said that he wished to keep the town a beautiful place to live. He stated, "I do not think we try to accomplish things; we try to better the lives of our town's residents, and keep a governing body with the interests of all the community in mind." This, too, he feels has been foremost in his position on the board in the past, and what he would like to extend into the future.

Remembering the words of his father, Audia said, "I enjoy giving back to my community in any way possible."

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EDITORIAL

Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore

On Aug. 11, the Marion County Record, a weekly newspaper in central Kansas, was raided by police after a local restaurant owner accused the newspaper of illegally accessing information about her. The raid of the offices of the newspaper, and an accompanying search of the home of the publisher's 98-year-old mother, has sparked a firestorm of protest, put an international spotlight on Marion, Kansas, and stirred renewed concern about the sanctity of the First Amendment.

Tragically, publisher Eric Meyer's mother died the day after the raid. A video released by the newspaper following the raid shows how visibly upset the mother was during the raid: "Get out of my house...I don't want you in my house!" she said at one point. "Don't touch any of that stuff! This is my house!" she said at another.

Her subsequent death was caused by cardiac arrest. A letter from 34 journalism organizations and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, written immediately after the raid, expressed grave concern: "Newsroom searches and seizures are among the most intrusive actions law enforcement can take with respect to the free press, and the most potentially suppressive of free speech by the press and the public."

The raid reportedly followed the newspaper's attempts to verify information — through a state website available to the public — it had received from a source. Following that, the Record is said to have alerted the police department out of concern that, according to the owner and publisher of the paper, the paper was being "set up."

A prosecutor said later that there was insufficient evidence to justify the raids. Some of the seized computers and cellphones have been returned. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the agency that maintains the state website said the initial online search — that the police chief cited to justify the raid — was legal.

Legal experts believe the police raid on the newspaper violated a federal privacy law or a state law shielding journalists from having to identify sources or to turn over unpublished material to law enforcement.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation continues to examine the newspaper's actions.

The federal Privacy Protection Act of 1980 protects the flow of information to journalists by prohibiting law enforcement, including local agencies, from searching for or seizing journalistic work product or documentary materials, except in narrow, exceptional circumstances. Authorities may only search for or seize work product if the immediate seizure is necessary to prevent the death of, or serious bodily injury to, a human being, or where there is probable cause to believe that the possessor has committed or is committing certain crimes.



The Marion County Record has a circulation of about 2,000 copies distributed every Wednesday across a county with a population just under 12,000 people.

It was founded in 1869 and has a reputation for holding local officials accountable. That role as a community watchdog is becoming rarer by the week as community newspapers fall under pressures that come from declining readership, declining ad revenues and rising costs.

Social media — viewed as a competitor to traditional news sources — tries to claim a community connection, but knowing a community and its people is nothing new to local newspapers. The Millerton News knows about those existential pressures. Our readers generously helped keep us going when the going got tough.

We thank you and salute you for your continued support of your community weekly.



"I don't know, I must've slept funny."

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Feeling the pain of Gold Star parents

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Mayhem, confusion, cover-up, deceit — I watched the Aug. 7 congressional hearings involving Gold Star parents of the thirteen service members who died two years ago on Aug. 16 from the Kabul, Afghanistan, suicide bombing with mixed emotions of empathy, compassion, sadness and festering anger.

Empathy, compassion and sadness because I could feel their pain, unrelenting anguish and sadness and sense of betrayal driving the parent's testimony. All feel the so-called withdrawal was a complete disaster and, in the ensuing two years the White House has mainly ignored them or fed them misinformation and lies.

The White House and the mainstream media touted the pull-out and resulting evacuation a brilliant, well-executed strategy. It was anything but.

To this day they blame this

self politically created disaster on Trump's plan which they inherited. Wrong again. Trump and his generals agreed and planned a slow drawdown of troops with conditions and no specific exit date from the then-well-defended Bagram Air Force Base, leaving a minimum of 2,500 troops for security and to contain and regulate the Taliban under mandated conditions until such time as the Afghans could be trained and be capable of defending themselves and their country.

In his first year as C.I.C., Biden made the political decision to withdraw all troops by Aug. 15, 2021. (Never, ever give your enemy specific dates and times). Troops were pulled back from Bagram to

the hard-to-defend airport of Kabul located between close mountainsides. Billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded armor, aircraft, arms, technical equipment and confidential materials left for the Taliban.

With no advance warning, American civilians, allies and American collaborators were left to fend for themselves, many to be hunted down by the Taliban courtesy of name and address lists supplied by our own State Department.

What we all saw on TV, with our own eyes, was the unintended embarrassingly, cobbled-together, irrational evacuation after troop withdrawal. Still, some 700 American citizens and thousands of allies were left behind.

In the ensuing two years many have been rescued, not by our government, but by privately funded special operations personnel. End result: Degrading of U.S. trust worldwide, embarrassment to

our country and military, loss of morale within our military resulting in low retention and recruitment numbers, and our enemies are emboldened to escalate probes and hostile actions against us with no fear of consequence.

To this day there have been no consequences at the White House or within military leadership. Perhaps we have grown immune to the endless cover-ups, misinformation and lies, or worse yet, just don't care. This country can do so much better.

God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Enjoy the rest of your summer, oversee your children's new year of education and stay involved.

Til next time.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My recent experience in the Nuvance system

This is about a recent experience in the Nuvance system. It is also an opportunity to alert readers that there are now eleven tickborne diseases to worry about — bacterial, parasitic and viral.

Based on my hospitalization for the tickborne parasite Babesia microtia at Sharon Hospital, I have drawn several conclusions:

1. Nuvance (Sharon Hospital) Medical Practice, my primary care physician practice, desperately needs a third doctor. When I made an appointment mid-June for an ugly rash, I was prescribed the standard antibiotics. In mid-July when I had serious fatigue, headache and fever, I had to be referred to the

Emergency Department because, I was told, every doctor and nurse in the practice system was fully booked that week.

2. Nuvance (Sharon) Emergency Department also needs more doctors. I say this because on the first of my two visits to the ED, my intake was done by a Family Nurse Practitioner, and if an FNP does not yet have at least 2000 hours over 3 years of supervision, then their diagnosing and treating must be reviewed by a doctor. The only doctor available apparently had his own caseload, so I got short shrift and was discharged back to my primary care physician with an indication that a treatment plan might follow upon the results of a test. I was led to believe that results would be known within 2-3 days but on Day 4 there were still none and I had to be re-admitted with worsening symptoms in the hope of a treatment plan this time around. Unfortunately, treatment now required hospitalization.

3. Nuvance needs to prioritize spending on medical staff over marketing and public relations consultants: Within the first 24 hours of hospital discharge, I received a "Nuvance" phone call, not to ask me how I was doing, but to establish how well the Hospital had done, through questions such as "Had I been satisfied with the level of care provided?", over-looking the fact that I wouldn't have needed to be there in the first place if their system as a whole had been properly staffed with

medical people! I asked about the medical qualifications of the person calling ("none"), and if my answers might be shared with the relevant hospital staff ("not directly"). Subsequently, in talking to the Hospital's Quality Control Department, I learned that they would not be receiving my feedback, which was obtained from a marketing ("consulting") agency contracted by the hospital. This leaves one to wonder what, if any, patient feedback systems Nuvance might have in place? Might I suggest that Nu-

vance prioritize hiring more medical staff over outside consultants with neither medical or nursing background? If image is what they are concerned about, then there's no better way to build up an image as a competent and reliable medical establishment than by building a strong medical team, one that communicates seamlessly between its Doctors' Practices and its Hospital Departments. Is it really too much to ask that this be their priority?

Janet Graaff

Salisbury

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OUR TOWNS

# Recent property sales in the Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns. Single-family homes for sale are in very limited supply, but several interesting commercial and land sales closed in the Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook during June and July.

**Village of Millbrook**  
29 North Ave., 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sold for \$560,000 in June.

12 Alden Place, converted house with apartments, sold for \$350,000 in July

3265-3267 Franklin Ave., a commercial retail building

with parking, sold for \$2 million in July.

3124 Franklin Ave., an outdoor sports parcel on 2.23 acres, sold for \$450,000 to Bennett Park LLC.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The home of Reardon Briggs Hardware store since 1917 was sold for \$2 million in July. Hardware and farm equipment has been sold at this location since the 1870s.

**Town of Washington**  
1215 Shunpike, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold to Bank of America for \$1,600 in June.

4244 Route 44 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 3.9 acres, sold

for \$437,000 in June and listed again for sale in July for \$949,000 according to MidHudson MLS.

43-45 Halcyon Road, a 2.4-acre vacant residential lot, sold in June for \$170,000.

16 Horseshoe Road, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, on 1.2 acres, sold for \$410,000 in July.

Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook real estate sales recorded in June and July of 2023 provided by

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