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Dutchess crew helps Buffalo

A snow-covered street in Buffalo, New York, after a historic series of storms dumped several feet of the stuff on Erie County just before Christmas. On Dec. 27, Dutchess County Public Works sent eight crew members to Buffalo to help the region dig out.

Experts and volunteers bring 2022 achievements and a full agenda for 2023

By DEBORAH MAIER
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Town of Northeast and the Village of Millerton have seen a year of significant firsts and projects completed, and they look to be on track for more of the same in 2023. The accomplishments are many, but three especially notable ones are the resuscitation of a beloved Village park; a step-by-step milestone in a New York state climate initiative; and ongoing preparation and plans for a town wastewater treatment plant and sewer system.

Five-plus years ago, longtime Millerton resident Stephen Waite, a Village trustee, felt it was past time to rehabilitate Eddie Collins Memorial Park (ECMP), and gathered a group of like-minded people to make it happen. Waite and his forebears grew up in Millerton and made use of its fields, as did others for decades before.

With project manager archi-



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From left, North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, State Rep. Didi Barrett, Stephen Waite, chair of the park project, Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek and State Sen. Sue Serino at the opening of Eddie Collins Park on Oct. 1, 2022.

tect Jeanne Vanecko and a dozen or so other dedicated residents, the new park's Phase 1 opened to 500 members of the public on Oct. 1 "much to the astonishment of all," according to project team member Jennifer Dowley. The Village raised

\$2.2 million to see the project to completion. Kevin Hasselwander, senior landscape architect with LaBella Associates of Latham, continues as the lead architect for Phase

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Bethany Sheffer and McKenzie Hunter on the lookout for a cedar waxwing.

Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count

A national tradition of citizen science

The 2022 Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (CBC), organized by the Sharon Audubon Center, started Dec. 18 at 5 a.m. with a quest to draw the owls out of hiding. Moonlight and the crunch of snow underneath our feet gave the morning a lunar tone, and with warm beverages in tow, we made our way across the Sharon Audubon Center's property.

Led by Bethany Sheffer, volunteer coordinator and naturalist at Sharon Audubon, we were on the hunt for barred, great horned,

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screech, and "the heart-meltingly adorable" saw-whet owls.

Rather than hoping to luck into a sighting, birders attempt to peak the curiosity of local owls by playing or vocalizing their various calls. Often, this draws them near or elic-

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Big stories topped the news in 2022

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MILLERTON — The big stories in eastern Dutchess County in 2022 were spawned by the actions of governments and politicians, and by business impacts, along with the growing and positive influence of nonprofits and volunteers in the community.

Last year, the front pages of this newspaper chronicled more than 250 stories about life in this diverse and vibrant region, recounting news that ranged from amazing life-saving rescues to showcasing the life-affirming moments of everyday life.

Saving lives

Millerton resident Frank Duncan is the kind of person who would run into a burning building to save someone's life. In this case, that is exactly what he did without hesitation on a chilly November morning in 2021. In January 2022, the Dutchess County Legislature presented him with an award for his bravery, and for saving the life of Millerton resident Amy Yang when her house burned down.

In September, the Legislature also honored father-and-son volunteers with the Millerton Fire Company (MFC) for saving an

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OUR TOWNS



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Rev. Sarah Hakobian shows off her last loaf of zucchini bread at Heaven's Light Bakery and Café, 19 Pilch Drive, Pine Plains.

Baking something new and heavenly in Pine Plains

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PINE PLAINS — When a town needs a bakery and a baker needs a town, if they find each other, that could be called heavenly. In fact, that's exactly what it is, and the new bakery in the town of Pine Plains is called something very close to that: Heaven's Light Bakery and Café, featuring International Delights.

You can find it tucked behind the post office, at 19 Pilch Drive in what was formerly a Chinese restaurant. Upon entering, one first notes that it is mostly white — the fixtures, the marble-topped tables, the marble floor.

It is clean and light and filled with delicious-looking baked goods. There are still bright red Christmas decorations tastefully spread around the premises, but even those take second place behind the trays of decorated cupcakes. There is also a variety of muffins, several kinds of cookies, and zucchini bread.

Owner/baker Rev. Sarah Hakobian greets customers with a welcoming smile and a warm personality; she loves what she does and it shows in her baked goods and in her demeanor. "Baking makes me happy," she said.

Coming from an Italian/Armenian background with good cooks on both sides, Hakobian said that becoming a baker was just a natural evolution. From both cultures she has a love of spices, and a devotion to good hosting.

A mother of five and an artist as well, decorating cakes, cookies and cupcakes was second nature to her and a boon to her youngsters growing up.

She loves learning about different cultures, and has prepared authentic Native American food as well as Chinese, Iranian, Armenian and Italian dishes, and many others. She served baked treats to close to 1,000 people at a recent Halloween event, but almost any event brings out the baker in her.

Some of her specialty items include German chocolate mousse cake, red velvet cupcakes, lemon poppy muffins, chocolate brownies and gingerbread cookies. She also makes gata — a filled bread — baked doughnuts, and a variety of other cookies and pies.

The cafe portion she is starting slowly, maybe with soup and salad at first, because she cooks and bakes everything from scratch using only wholesome and fresh

foods. Hakobian hopes to provide the freshest food possible without breaking everyone's budgets; she feels good food is like a good education, it should be accessible for everyone.

Having gotten the lease on the store in April, she has spent all the time between then and the Dec. 20 opening cleaning, accruing equipment and making plans. There were also myriad permits and certificates to be obtained.

Now, with that behind her, her energies can be directed toward the bakery and café: the actual cooking and baking. Hakobian sees real opportunity here, saying that everyone has been so welcoming and kind.

She thinks she'll be happy in Pine Plains because the people, she said, are just great! One of the things she loves is the variety of goods she can make: Because everyone is different, everyone has their own favorites.

She'll bake whatever is called for; if you need gluten-free, she'll do it. Other restrictions or needs? She'll happily bake whatever you need. If you have a recipe you want to try, give it to her and she'll make it for you. And with the post office right next door, she will also ship, making it possible to surprise someone far away with baked goods.

She is a Facebook enthusiast, having recently posted tantalizing pictures of her baked goods, and telling her FB friends: "First week open at my new store Heaven's Light Bakery and Cafe Inter-

national Delights was amazing! I sold out of everything. Just wanted to share with my family and friends from around the world a video of what my new store looks like. I love it and thank you for all your love, support and friendship. My biggest seller was my famous zucchini bread and fresh gingerbread. God bless."

She sold 40 loaves of zucchini bread. She also sold vanilla cupcakes with vanilla buttercream frosting, red velvet cupcakes with white chocolate frosting, and a wide variety of other baked specials.

Hakobian is an insurance agent, a family business, as her husband and father-in-law are also in insurance. She is closely affiliated with Millennial Kingdom Family School in Hyde Park, so education and child care are also close to her heart and have been for more than 20 years.

She home-schooled her children and discovered the need for the non-public school in the process. She is pastor of the Millennial Kingdom Family Church.

The hours at Hopefully Heaven's Light Bakery and Café vary; so far, they are Monday and Wednesday 3 to 5 p.m., all other days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

But she goes in early to bake and clean, so you might be able to catch her even earlier; she said she'll never turn a customer away.

Call 845-240-5948 for more information or check out Sarah Hakobian on Facebook.

Sharon Hospital

A year of public resistance

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS AND PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

SHARON — In the fall of 2021, NuVance Health unveiled plans to phase out Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit and convert its intensive care unit (ICU) into a progressive care unit, citing low birth rates and millions of dollars in financial losses.

In response, a fast and furious rallying cry from the public reverberated throughout 2022. The opposition was led by the grassroots group Save Sharon Hospital (SSH), which originally formed in 2018 when the hospital, under its previous owner, HealthQuest, announced plans to shutter maternity.

At that time, the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) required Sharon Hospital to maintain all services for the next five years as part of its Certificate of Need (CON) process.

Fast forward to 2022 and the closing of labor and delivery again dominated headlines.

Throughout the year, NuVance communicated its transformative plan through numerous community in-person and online forums, with a clear and consistent message: Its goal is focused on growth and a sustainable future for Sharon Hospital.

NuVance leadership has maintained that the cuts are financially necessary and that in order for Sharon Hospital to remain open and stable in the long term, it needs to staunch the bleeding of red ink to the tune of \$41 million annually, a situation described as "unsustainable" in an independent analysis from the hospital consulting firm Stroudwater Associates.

As part of its plan, NuVance has been boosting investment in key services tailored to the demographic it serves, which is an older population, on average, than Connecticut and national averages.

SSH has argued that NuVance is not accounting for the population growth that took place during the

COVID-19 pandemic as evidenced by a rise in Region One school enrollment, nor is it taking into account the need for residents in the communities it serves to have safe, local access to health care, including pregnant women who would face up to an hour's drive to another hospital to deliver their babies.

Those opposed to the hospital's plans contacted state and local officials through signed letters and petitions, and attended numerous rallies and public forums organized by SSH leading up to a marathon public hearing held Dec. 6 by the state on the requested closure.

During the nearly 12-hour online forum, hospital officials reiterated their position that labor and delivery is a low-volume service and is economically unviable, and that its closure is critical to its overall plan to expand and add other vital services tailored to the community's needs.

SSH, which appeared from Sharon Town Hall as

intervenor on the Zoom hearing, argued that transporting pregnant women in emergency situations to other hospitals is a poor substitute, especially given the terrain of Northwest Connecticut and Dutchess County, and the severe winters.

SSH further took issue with the hospital's claims of major financial losses, and questioned the ability of Sharon Hospital's emergency room doctors to handle difficult maternity cases.

A running tally of the public comments, many from former or current medical professionals and elected officials as well as people with emergency services experience, showed 10 supporting the hospital's plan and 27 opposing.

Witnesses for SSH who spoke at the public hearing included Connecticut State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Kent first Selectman Jean Speck, and Sharon First selectman Brent Colley.

A decision by OHS on NuVance's pending application is expected in 2023.

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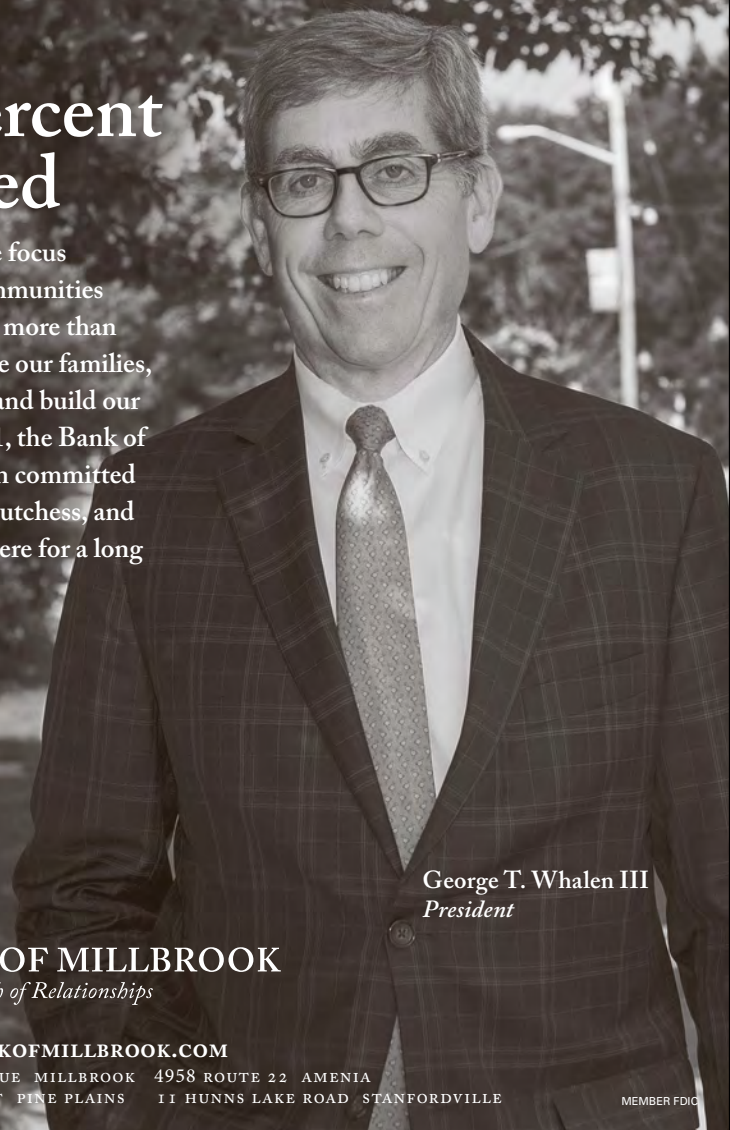
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Christmas was cold as far as the weather was concerned, but many people volunteered to make it possible for over 300 community members to enjoy a hearty meal and good cheer provided through the efforts of Stonewood Farm and Lyall Memorial Church and generous local donors in and around the Village of Millbrook. Left to right: John Heierman, Stonewood Farm co-founder Tom Kopfensteiner, Susan Hennelly, Ellie Savoy, volunteer; Stonewood Farm co-founder Ken Holzberg, and Rev. Thomas Fiet, Pastor of Lyall Community Church.

Stonewood Farms, Lyall Church serve 300 dinners at Christmas

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — For the sixth year, people in Millbrook and the immediate area received more than 300 wholesome and delicious meals courtesy of the partnership between Stonewood Farm and Lyall Memorial Church. Local businesses and hardworking volunteers come together at the Christmas season to provide meals to those who might not have a special holiday meal. The community spirit of Millbrook is always alive and well, but there is something about the Christmas holiday that makes hearts a little more tender, and the joy of giving expands even more.

Stonewood Farm and Lyall Memorial Church worked together, organizing the massive task of providing the meals as they have done since 2017, just a year after Stonewood Farm started its First Harvest Pantry in partnership with Lyall Church.

Stonewood co-founder Ken Holzberg said partnering with the church was a natural because of the church's long-standing focus on social jus-

Roe Jan Library to host author talk on Jan. 11

HILLSDALE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, will host author Maryann Proper Barto on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Barto, who grew up in West Taghkanic, will read from her new novel, "A Story from a Basket Maker's Daughter: The Hill," which was inspired by her mother and involves the secrets and changes experienced by the residents of a small town.

Barto obtained an associate degree in human services from Columbia-Greene Community College and a bachelor's degree, also in human services, from Empire State College. She and her husband and pets now live in the Adirondacks.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be available to attend both in-person and online. For more information and an online link to the program, contact director@roejanlibrary.org or 518-325-4101.

tice and community outreach. First Harvest Pantry reflects its commitment to providing only the best, freshest food to people in need, he said.

Every week throughout the growing season, Stonewood Farm donates a portion of the produce it grows to First Harvest at Lyall Church. It also makes weekly produce donations to the local chapter of Meals on Wheels.

"Despite frigid temperatures, our community came together once again to make this event a great success," said Holzberg. Volunteers gave their time and energy to package and deliver the meals; they could be picked up at Lyall Church from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., but for those who could not pick them up, delivery within the village was possible.

Christmas dinner offered choices of two main meals: ham with roasted carrots and scalloped potatoes, prepared and donated by Hunt & Harvest Provisions; and turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and corn, prepared and donated by Millbrook Diner. Cookies and pies rounded out the festive meal. Volunteers helped with bagging and delivery, and SkyRise Farm donated fragrant bundles of greens to accompany the meals.

Those who donated food included: Babette's Kitchen, China Tokyo, Iron Furnace, Julien's, La Puerta Azul, Les Baux, Locust Hill Market, Marona's Market, Millbrook Cafe, Millbrook Deli, Millbrook Inn, and Salt Point Market.

Funding for the dinner was provided by the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Farm Fresh Food Grant Program of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Stewart's Shops.

In 2021, Stonewood Community Project Inc, a 501(c)(3), was created to expand access to local organic produce and to carry out Stonewood Farm's charitable and educational mission to fulfill its commitment to build and foster community.

Located at 110 Bangall Road, Stonewood Farm has a farm market where it sells eggs, poultry, produce and flowers, all certified organic; and it hosts on-farm dinners, events and cooking classes throughout the growing season.

The funds raised from these activities directly support the food pantry and other community outreach programs. Donations and volunteers are always welcome.

Death of Cary Institute senior scientist emeritus, Gary Lovett, viewed as major loss for science

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — For many of the readers who follow the forums at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the name of Gary M. Lovett may be familiar. His passing was shared by Cary President Josh Ginsberg, who made the announcement, saying: "It is with great sadness we share that Gary M. Lovett, forest ecologist and Senior Scientist Emeritus at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, died on December 17, while skiing with friends in the Catskills." His vast knowledge will be missed greatly.

He was a deeply valued member of the Cary community and had affiliations in many other communities, such as the Hubbard Brook research community, the Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM) conference, and the Northeastern Ecosystem Research Cooperative. His sudden loss is felt by all who knew his probing mind, kind nature, and commitment to protecting the natural world, forests in particular.

"Gary quietly built strong collaborations, without ego, bringing together scientists to address complex ecological problems," Ginsberg told the Millerton News. "Early in his career, he focused on the impact of pollution on forests. More recently, he moved out of the field and the lab, to the halls of Congress and to cor-



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Gary M. Lovett, Cary scientist, died on Dec. 17 while skiing in the Catskills.

porate boardrooms, to work towards better legislation and corporate action to reduce the accidental importation of forest pests, like the Asian longhorned beetle and Emerald ash borer that are devastating our forests. His work on what he coined 'Tree-SMART Trade' was creative, science-based and showed great promise. In his honor, we will continue this work."

Ginsberg went on to say: "We will continue to honor Gary's legacy and work; details about a memorial are forthcoming. Our hearts go out to his wife, Janet, and daughter, Emma, and to the friends and colleagues who have sent an avalanche of love and condolences. Gary was a truly exceptional scientist, mentor, environmental advocate, and

friend."

Lovett was not just a scientist, but an advocate, as well; he worked with municipalities and the government, and he forged bonds with organizations that were nonprofit and had the same principles and desire to salvage the forests as he did. His willingness to work with others, to collaborate with those with like interests, allowed him to forge ahead with special projects such as his Tree-SMART Trade campaign, highlighting actions to reduce the accidental importation of insects and diseases from international trade.

While Lovett is no longer with us, many of his papers and projects will live on. His writings on topics contained deep, scientific knowledge, but were always written with a light hand, a gentle touch and, often, with a sense of humor. More recent work can be found on the Cary website: "Beech Bark Disease," written on July 1; "7 facts about the hemlock woolly adelgid"; and "Asian longhorned beetle: The beautiful insect devouring our trees." These are only a few; there are many more, short but packed with interesting facts and knowledge pertinent to the Dutchess County area and other rural sites. They are worth reading, and for his many friends, students and colleagues as well as Cary program-goers, will long provide a memory of this scientist too soon gone.

Millbrook Library activities for people of all ages

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, announces its activities for the coming week.

Events for children and young people include Yarn Bending fiber-art craft help for ages 12 and up from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a "Frozen" Movie Night and sing-along on Friday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m. for ages 15 and under, with costumes and props encouraged; a take-home project on Monday, Jan. 9, for youth ages 12-19 of a popsicle-stick rocket launcher, Teen Cafe for ages 12-19 at 3 p.m.,

and reading with therapy dog Jellybean Josh and owner Gigi from 4 to 5 p.m.; and Kids' Yoga on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 3-12.

Thursday, Jan. 12, will include storytime for babies and young toddlers from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Playtime Meet-Up for children and caregivers from 11:30 to noon; and Preschool Storytime from 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Craft Time at 4:30 p.m. for ages preschool and up with instruction on making birdfeeders; and "Cinema Paradiso" Movie Night at 6 p.m., will include popcorn and

cookies and is open to all. For adults, the Adult Crafting project on Monday, Jan. 9, is a rag wreath, and the Spice of the Month Club, beginning the same day, will start with caraway. The Dutchess County Office of the Aging offers a Senior Exercise program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., and Tech Help occurs Fridays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

All events are free, but registration is often required and can be done by calling the library at 845-677-3611 or going online to millbrooklibrary.org.



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OBITUARIES

Emma Carberry Paley

SHARON - Emma Carberry Paley, 95, of Sharon, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022.

Emma was born on Sept. 12, 1927, the daughter of Lena (Clum) and Joseph V. Carberry. She attended Sharon Center School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1945. Emma attended nursing school in Albany, New York, and became an LPN. Following graduation, she worked in the maternity department of Sharon Hospital. She married Morris Paley in 1948 and they shared 62 years of marriage until he predeceased her in September 2010.

Emma will be remembered for her kindness and her sense of humor. She was a good listener and usually one of the first people to show up when a family experienced a loss. She had particular compassion for families that lost young children. Among her belongings, were letters of thanks from strangers that she had reached out to over the years when they lost a child.

Emma's childhood home had no running water and no electricity. At six years old, her family moved to a "modern" house across the valley, right next door to the man she would someday marry. As one of 13 children during the Depression, she had many household responsibilities especially when her mother was sick with cancer. One of her jobs was to bake a cake for her family every day. Because of that, Emma could whip up a cake in no time!

Emma and Morris' home was a lively, welcoming place. As the mother of eight children and a farmer's wife, every day was full of the unexpected. In addition to caring for her children, feeding the hired men and running errands for the farm, she still found time to be part of the Sharon Beach Committee, the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and the Sharon Center School Nurses' Association. In later years, Emma and Morris traveled around the country to attend antique car meets where they had many adventures and made lifelong friends. Morris and Emma also hosted several antique car events and many still remember the apple pie she served on the front porch of the farmhouse. When the youngest child finally left for

college, Emma and Morris began spending their winters in Florida where they made many new friends. After Morris' passing, Emma joined a small group of widows for Monday night dinners at the Sharon Hospital cafeteria. The small group grew to a tribe of more than 20 women that still gather as often as possible. One of Emma's last outings was a celebration of a dear friend's 90th birthday.

Emma was predeceased by her brothers; Vincent (Idella), Robert (Doris), Joseph (Sophie), Paul (Frances), Donald (Beth), Francis (Dorothy), and Thomas (Mary), by her sisters; Virginia Kendall (Frank), Dorothy Frasier (Thomas), Helen Passante (Julius) and Mary Lango (Joe), her sisters in law, Lila Zlotoff and Mae Benson and by her sons, George (Judy) and Douglas, and her grandson, Ben.

She is survived by her beloved sister, Barbara McEnroe (Joseph) and her sisters-in law, Dorothy Carberry and Gladys Paley. She is also survived by her children Will (Elaine), Susan Kent (David), Roberta, Elizabeth Tong (David), Charlie, and Sarah Coon (Chris).

Emma adored her 12 grandchildren and had a special relationship with each one of them: Dalton, Austin, Max, Amanda, Jack, Katie, Emily, Ben, Sam, Nathan, Ashley and Anna. She was blessed with nine great-grandchildren: Wyatt, Easton, Asa, Tyler, Georgia, Emma, Lila, Maren, and June. She loved her many nieces and nephews, as well.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ben Paley Scholarship, c/o Berkshire Taconic Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257. (Please write Ben Paley Scholarship in the memo.) Donations can also be made online at berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1855

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude to Emma's many caregivers over the past several years, especially her niece, Donna Carberry DiMartino, Joanne Lunning and Hazmik Hovhannisyian.

We will miss you, Mom. You will live on in our hearts forever.

A funeral mass was held at St. Bernard's Church, 52 New Street, Sharon, CT on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Matthew Hiram Paniagua

CANAAN — Matthew Hiram Paniagua passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2022, at the age of 25.

Our family was not expecting for Matt's life to be cut so short so soon. We are all devastated by this huge loss and he will be forever missed. He had a kind soul, was passionate and loved whole-heartedly.

Matt was born with a deep love for music, aspiring to one day write and produce his own songs. He enjoyed hiking, especially with his beloved dog King. He had a talent of drawing and loved spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his best friend, Lukas Kosko, on July 21, 2018. He missed him deeply every single day since then.

He will always be remem-

bered with much love by his mother Victoria Paniagua and step-father Michael Gow, father Hiram Paniagua, brother Dustin Lawrence, sister Ashley MacDonald and her husband Joshua, brothers Devon Paniagua, Ayden Gow, David Gow and sister Elena Paniagua, and a long list of grandparents, aunts, uncles and extended family.

He also leaves behind King, his sweet pitbull who is now missing his favorite person.

He was also greatly loved and will be missed by the many friends he made everywhere he went.

Because Matt celebrated life, no formal funeral service is being planned, instead, he will be honored with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

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Mehdi Farhangi

MILLERTON — The youngest of eight siblings, Mehdi Farhangi was born in a tiny village in the Alborz Mountains of Iran in 1932. He grew up in Biblical conditions: no running water, electricity or roads to his beloved village of Artoon. He could remember the first time he ever saw a car. In his telling, he had an idyllic childhood playing under the walnut trees and in the vineyards of Artoon. One of his great joys was visiting Artoon with his grandchildren for his 80th birthday, and showing them the hammam, walnut grove, old stables, vineyards and poplars his father planted 100 years ago.

Mehdi followed his father, Saadra Farhangi, and several brothers, into medicine, graduating from the Tehran School of Medical Sciences in 1953. He practiced in Gorgan, Iran, for several years, before immigrating to the United States in 1958. There, he met his wife Melinda at a hospital party for student nurses. They married in 1960.

Mehdi specialized in hematology/oncology, working first at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, then moving in 1975 to the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he was a Professor of Medicine until he retired in 1996. He made many contributions to research, notably in his specialty, Multiple Myeloma.

A kind, gentle, and gener-

ous man, Mehdi was an inspiration to his extended family.

Several relatives followed him to the United States and into medicine. In his retirement he split his time between Columbia, Missouri and Millerton, before moving to Millerton full time in 2020. He enjoyed the Unitarian Church in Columbia, and his dogs, Dandelion and Rafiq, whom he spoiled mercilessly. He enjoyed oil painting, and telling the stories of his childhood with the help of the writing group at the UAA Church.

Mehdi was predeceased by his parents, Saadra and Madineh Farhangi, and his brothers and sisters: Ibrahim, Abolghosem, Batool, Ozra, Javad, Ismail, and Homayoun. Survivors include Melinda Farhangi, his daughter Leslie Farhangi (John Tuke), grandchildren Caleb Tuke, Zack Tuke, and Asa Tuke, and his son Edward Farhangi and grandchildren Celeste Farhangi and Liam Farhangi.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

Donations in memory of Dr. Farhangi to support a cause dear to his heart, civil liberties in Iran, may be made to United For Iran (www.united4iran.org/en/donate.html) To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Sherry Lee AuClaire

SHARON — Sherry Lee AuClaire, 71, a longtime resident of Sharon, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at her home in Sharon, surrounded by her loving family. Sherry was the assistant branch manager at Union Savings Bank in Sharon for 20 years, retiring in 2014. She was also a private duty caregiver for many years.

Born on Sept. 19, 1951, in Poughkeepsie, New York, she was the daughter of the late Theodore W. and Margaret C. (Polanis) Chamberlin. In Sharon, she married Joseph AuClaire who predeceased her on Nov. 17, 2006.

Sherry was always the life of the party, bringing a smile to everyone around her. Sherry had a deep love for fishing, dancing and especially her family. Sherry was also a devoted volunteer of the Greysen's Smile Toy Drive, in honor of her grandson, which supports the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

She was the beloved mother to Dana Davis and her husband, Robert, of Dover Plains, New York, Mary AuClaire of Sharon, and Darren Peterson and his wife, Toni Ann, of

Wassaic. Sherry is also survived by three grandchildren, Samantha Davis and her companion, Al Denaut, Jo Marie and Mitchell Peterson; a sister, Janice Young of Winsted, Connecticut and three brothers, Linden Chamberlin of Millerton, Gary Chamberlin of Wassaic, and Winston Chamberlin of Amenia. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sherry was predeceased by a grandson, Greysen AuClaire and a brother, Theodore Chamberlin.

Calling hours took place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Graveside services and burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery (Sharon Burying Grounds), Cemetery Road, Sharon, CT with Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Greysen's Smile Toy Drive, C/O Mary AuClaire, P.O. Box 1039, Sharon, CT 06069. To send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com

Carolann Tyler

WEST CORNWALL — Carolann Tyler (Maule), 67, of West Cornwall, passed away peacefully at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital on the Equinox of the Winter Solstice on Dec. 21, 2022. She was the loving wife of Earle Tyler.

Carol was born Jan. 19, 1955, in Torrington, the daughter of the late Almerico Ronald Maule and Harriet Ann Maule (Armogida). She attended Lewis Mills High School.

She is survived by her brother and his wife, Ronald and Rhonda Maule of Springfield, Tennessee; her sons, Carl Allen of West Cornwall; Marc

(wife Sue) Allen of Norfolk; Jason Allen of Canaan; Sean Tyler of West Cornwall, and her daughters, Heather Tyler of Harwinton; and Mandy Allen-Fischer (husband Michael) of Thomaston, six grandsons and two granddaughters. She was predeceased by her brother Gary Maule of Bristol.

Memorial and burial services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, 289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Worship Services

Week of January 8, 2023

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<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. Janus: Ancient God of Beginnings and Endings For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>
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Porizkova talks 'No Filter'

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Paulina Porizkova was a supermodel; she was also the wife of the Cars singer Ric Ocasek for more than 30 years. An actress, model and writer, she would seem to have had it all. Coming from an anti-Soviet dissident parent, born in Russia, raised mostly in Sweden, Porizkova has had a life of ups and downs emotionally and, as she tells it in her book, "No Filter," financially.

Porizkova arrived at Merritt Bookstore on Friday, Dec. 23, at about the same time that some very nasty weather took hold. But she showed the same perseverance she's shown all of her life: She showed up and she conquered.

People braved the elements to meet her, talk with her and buy her new book, which has gotten some very good reviews. Kira Wizner, owner of the bookstore, said: "We had a really nice time with Paulina and posed for some photos. It was very nice to have her here signing books. She's generous and sweet, and we had about 30 to 35 people here just for her." At 57, Porizkova is still a beautiful woman.

Porizkova was married for over 30 years to Ric Ocasek, lead singer of the Cars, with whom she had two sons, Jonathan and Oliver. Although they were estranged at the time of his death, they remained close, and it was she who found him dead in his apartment in New York City on Sept. 15, 2019. He died following surgery.

Author Ann Patchett called "No Filter" "a book about a rare life, profound love, profound grief, anxiety, self-assurance, empowerment, aging, loss, and joy. It is nuanced, complex, insightful, helpful, and constantly surprising."

The book is the story of Porizkova, and it touches the heart. It also shows the strength and resolve that is a very deep part of this woman. It's the story of the peaks and valleys of a life, the fame and fortune but also the story of a woman who loved, a mother, and a survivor.

Appearing twice on the cover of Sports Illustrated, in 1984 and 1985, Porizkova is an also an actress, having been in over 33 movies, videos and television series, and she has directed as well.

The author of two previous books, the juvenile fiction tome "The Adventures of Ral-



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Kira Wizner, left, owner of Millbrook's Merritt Bookstore, shares conversation with Paulina Porizkova, author of 'No Filter,' on Dec. 23. Wizner said of Porizkova, "She's generous and sweet." The supermodel, actress and author charmed about 35 people, who went to Merritt Books to meet her and get autographed copies of her book.

phie the Roach," written with Joanne Russell, and the novel "A Model Summer" in 2007, which was well-received and said by Amazon to be "beautifully written, exploring the world of the supermodel and the life that results from that experience."

Meeting Ocasek in 1984 while making a music video

for the Cars, Porizkova was 19 and he was around 40, married with children, which he neglected to mention when they started dating. They later married and were one of the more glamorous couples of the entertainment world during the 1980s.

She filed for divorce in 2018, feeling that he didn't value her,

didn't listen to her, and made her feel worthless. Yet they were still living together when he died, although he had cut her out of his will because he said she had abandoned him.

After his death, she found herself in a strange place. As she described it in an interview with Jada Pinkett, she said: "I was a woman with assets. I had two mortgaged houses. And I had a pension plan that I can access in 10 years and zero cash, and no way to pay for anything. So, I was in a really, really peculiar position of being a woman with assets and no money."

Porizkova's financial situation worsened when the coronavirus pandemic struck in 2020. She remarked: "Property values in New York had just fallen off the cliff, and I had to sell my house immediately because I couldn't pay. ... I was asking my friends to buy our groceries for a little while."

People who have read the book, and those who have met her, say very nice things about Porizkova. Now there are several more who met her at Merritt Books on a cold and nasty Friday afternoon in December, who bought her book, heard her story, and have become fans of the woman herself — not the supermodel or Ocasek's wife — and wish her only the very best.



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Barbara Demorest, founder of the Bellingham, Wash., Knitted Knockers, shows off some of the free handmade prosthetics for women who have had mastectomies. Volunteer knitters and crocheters who would like to contribute some may drop them at the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Handmade comfort after mastectomy

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

With the holiday knitting and crocheting completed and red and green yarn safely tucked away for another year, some crafters are looking for a worthy project to start the new year, and the NorthEast-Millerton Library has just the thing to fill those long dark nights while helping women everywhere: Knitted Knockers.

Distributed by a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the thousands of breast cancer survivors throughout the world, the knockers are handmade prosthetic pieces created by a countrywide network of volunteers.

The women who receive and use the knockers free of charge say they are cooler and more comfortable than the commercial ones normally available.

Barbara Demorest, founder and head of the national Knitted Knockers Support Foundation, said she began the organization because "while struggling with the disfigurement of my mastectomy, a simple gift of comfort and dignity knit by a caring friend changed my life."

Although the knockers may be sent directly to the organization at 1405 Fraser St. #F103, Bellingham, WA 98229, library director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said that, start-

ing immediately and continuing at least through the end of the year, the library will serve as a drop-off site. A volunteer will send the knockers periodically to Washington, where they will be stuffed and distributed wherever they are requested, including this area.

The totally volunteer effort provides over 10,000 free knockers per month to 1,950 medical clinics as well as directly to any woman making a request. No referrals are needed. Requests for knockers may be made through the website www.knittedknockers.org.

Because the devices are touching sensitive areas that may have been impacted by surgical scars, nerve damage and radiation burns, only yarns that have been tested and approved can be used, with over 30 brands listed on the site.

The chosen yarns have "proven to be washable, stay soft after air drying, breathable, durable and the correct weight," which is baby or DK. They are available at most yarn stores — local, "big box" and online — at a cost of \$1.20 to \$2 with approximately 50 yards needed per knocker.

The site also provides step-by-step instructions for both knitting and crocheting as well as links to videos for any needed clarification.

For questions, call the NorthEast-Millerton Library at 518-789-3340.

OBITUARY

Justin Michael Carroll

CANAAN — Justin Michael Carroll, 39, a lifelong area resident died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in New Haven. Justin worked as a professional automobile mechanic at Jim's Garage in North Canaan and also for Arnold's Garage in North Canaan for many years.



Born March 21, 1983, in Sharon, he was the son of Joseph Carroll of Canaan, and Debra (Murphy) Mordecai of Winsted. Justin was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, class of 2001. He attended the Automotive Technology program at Porter and Chester Institute and received a certificate in Skilled Automotive Technology and Repair. In his spare time,


Justin liked playing video games and building personal computers. He was an avid trout fisherman and reader as well. He was a former member of the North West Connecticut Gun Club.

Justin is survived by his daughter, Natalie Carroll of Port Richey, Florida; his mother, Debra Mordecai and her husband Daniel; his father, Joseph Carroll and his companion Lisa Seley; three brothers, Tyler Carroll of New Milford, Alexander Carroll (Kate Boyen) of Winsted and Tyler Gelbar of Taiwan; his sister, Regan Carroll and her husband Michael Hogan of Southfield, Massachusetts; his nephew, Remington Hogan and his niece, Lillian Ho-

gan of Southfield and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Calling hours took place on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service was held at 7 p.m. following visitation. Pastor William Mayhew officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Youth Challenge of CT, Inc., 15-17 May Street, Hartford, CT 06105 or To Write Love On Her Arms (TWLOHA) P.O. Box 2203, Melbourne, FL 32902. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Justin's memory or to send flowers, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.


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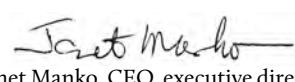
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Watching the big boys at Eddie Collins Park on Oct. 1, 2022.

2, a swimming pool and pool house already in the planning stages.

That money, said Waite, included grant funds from Dutchess County and New York state as well as individual donors. He added that as with all such projects, there were challenges: The Village Department of Public Works (DPW) had some tough work to do in clearing out the site prior to the start of the project; and the entrance to the park and differences of opinion with the state caused a slight time delay.

ECMP, so named in the early '60s and previously known as Homestead Racing Park, boasts a soccer field, two basketball courts, trees now totaling 65, picnic tables and benches throughout; and this spring, it will be home to a newly formed Webutuck Little League — good news for children and families.

Apart from those features, ECMP is a "future-proofed" park, owing to the planning group's focus on what may be needed and available in years to come. As an example, conduit has been installed under the newly paved parking lot to provide electricity for eventual lighting and for 27 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as well as fiber optics for internet.

Volunteerism is also the driving force behind Millerton's Climate Smart task force. Kathy Chow, leader of the group, highlighted the group's big push that culminated in earning Climate Smart bronze status for the Town. Right behind that for 2023, the Village is on the path to secure its own separate bronze status, which will further attest to our joint communities' commitment to making Millerton/North East fully resilient and prepared for climate changes. The recent installation and activation of the first public EV charging station, the upcoming conversion of streetlights to LEDs, and the revival of the 2010 solar array that pumps

water to the water tower are among the many actions that will earn points toward Millerton's bronze designation. Watch this space for more reporting on Climate Smart Communities' projects as they move ahead in our Village and Town, especially the annual Earth Day celebration in April.

As to the very significant joint Town-Village wastewater treatment plant project, "There has been real traction," Dowley said, adding that the surge of infrastructure funding by the federal and New York state governments make success a likelihood in the next two years, after 35 years of on-and-off activity on the issue. This improvement should lead to a revitalization of commercial properties, the first districts being those in which stores and businesses are located, roughly Route 44/Main Street from Route 22 to the Connecticut line.

Until now, businesses have been unable to develop because of insufficient septic capacity; with a Village- and Town-wide system, real estate values should increase significantly. "At this point, no restaurant in the Village can seat to capacity," said Vanecko, and removing this limitation will be a win-win for businesses and the area in general. In addition, the system would address the potentially serious issue of some older buildings with cesspools, which could cause trouble for the region's aquifers. All in all, the project will be "transformative."

The wastewater system, a hybrid system which uses septic tanks at individual buildings and remote wastewater filtration plant, is being designed by Tighe & Bond, a Rhinebeck engineering firm. The Village and the Town are in the process of approving their sewer districts and will shortly progress to a preliminary design of the system. The Village and the Town have received a municipal investment grant (MIG) to cover the cost of the preliminary design.

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BIRD COUNT *Continued from Page A1*

its a hoot in response. Sheffer gave Laura Marris, a volunteer on our early-morning voyage, a Bluetooth speaker, which Marris held aloft like a banner as hoots and trills emanated from it across the landscape.

As the sun began to rise and no owls had yet been heard, Sheffer offered measured wisdom.

"You know the birds are there, it's just a matter of them showing up on the actual day."

The Trixie Strauss CBC is one amongst the hundreds of bird counts organized as a part of the Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count. In Sharon, a Christmas count has taken place since at least 1961, but the CBC can trace its roots in the U.S. all the way back to 1900, putting it in its 123rd consecutive year. For a sense of how the tradition has grown, during last year's CBC, 1,871 distinct counts took place across the 50 states and Washington, D.C. This year's should be no different.

Groups that participate in the Christmas count must conduct it between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5, and each count covers a 15-mile wide circle of territory. On the designated day, volunteers divvy into groups that follow specific routes within those 15 miles. Those groups then venture forth and record as many birds as they can for as many hours as they are able.

Sheffer, captain of the South Sharon route for the past three years, reported that she'd stayed up until 1 a.m. the previous night baking cookies for volunteers, which did little to hold her back during the 14-hour day. As we trekked through trails and drove along back roads, knowledge dispensed included tips and tricks for identification, the possible benefits of pair bonding for bird species, the habits of river otters, and the patterning of holes drilled by yellow-bellied sapsuckers. Paired with the stunning scenery at Sharon Audubon, it was a treat.

Birding through the countryside

From the Center, we hopped into a minivan and made our way to the Benton Hill Preserve, where a pair of sharp-shinned hawks were spotted, then onto Troutbeck before looping back along the Mill Brook river. On the quiet roads of the Northwest Corner and eastern Dutchess County, Sheffer would pull off to the shoulder and roll down the windows, from which our birding binoculars and large telephoto lenses would extend. Looking, probably, to passersby like some mysterious surveillance crew, we scoured the landscape for signs of wing and feather.

Keen-eyed Mackenzie Hunter, former intern at Sharon Audubon, made many seemingly impossible roadside sightings, picking out the well-camouflaged plumage of perching red-tailed hawks and Carolina wrens from a tangled and woody backdrop. A quick flash of red, black and white alerted us to a Pileated Woodpecker, which we peered at for nearly 10 minutes.

As Sheffer, Hunter, Marris and I covered our route, 22 other volunteers and Sharon Audubon employees were out and about on similar adventures. Citizen science efforts like the Trixie Strauss CBC rely on community participation en masse to collect data that, over the span of decades, can paint a picture of macro-level changes occurring to bird populations.

As a result of the differing skill levels of volunteers — all are encouraged to join the Trixie Strauss CBC — these data sets cannot necessarily be relied upon for more granular study. But according to Zach-



ary Adams, data compiler for the Trixie Strauss CBC, the length and size of the Christmas Bird Count is what makes the information precious to the scientific community.

"It serves as this really big, long-term data set, and we just don't have many data sets that compare ... It can be used to say, 'Oh, there are noticeable changes in this giant data set,' which can spawn a whole new set of questions for future study."

During the 2021 Christmas Bird Count, 39,001,827 individual birds were observed across the nation, representing the collective work of 51,181 participants. If the initial numbers for 2022 are any indication — as of this writing, 274 counts were compiled, with 4,478,050 birds counted — the 123rd CBC will continue that tradition of robust citizen science.

Though the data contained within those numbers might be more telling on a macro level, Adams, speaking after the event, indicated that hints of interesting national trends are still visible within the data collected during the Trixie Strauss CBC.

"I definitely have noticed some of the trends that are talked about. We've had low counts of dark-eyed juncos, which, like almost every other forest-dwelling bird species, are in decline. Those changes are noticeable, just visually looking at the data.

"It's likely that, this year, we'll break our circle record for Carolina wren, northern mockingbird, and probably American kestrel and hermit thrush. So that's four species that we might get high counts for, which is interesting for species that are right on the edge of their wintering range in Sharon. It's possible that if those are increasing trends regionally or in the last 30 years, that there might be something to say about the winter populations of those species."

Bird-bragging and evening chili

As the sun began to set, we in Sheffer's group attempted to wring a last few hot spots out of the day, lucking into a local bird feeder where chickadees, nuthatches, downy woodpeckers and a few purple finches were among the species spotted.

After that, it was back to the Center to participate



PHOTOS BY ELIAS SORICH

Top, birders in their trusty minivan. Above, the evening roundup at the Sharon Audubon Center. Did anyone see a dark-eyed junco?

in the final tradition of the CBC: the evening count-up. Fueled with chili provided by Eileen Fielding, center director at Sharon Audubon, the roughly 10-15 participants left standing after a tiring day in the field gathered in the rustic and warm nature center to swap stories, brag about coveted sightings, submit data, and chow down.

As Adams ran down the list of species likely to show up during the winter season, each group raised their hands if they'd made a sighting. Certain birds, such as the red crossbill, elicited near-cheers while others, when no hands were raised, elicited murmurs, sighs, and even an "Oh, wow, really?"

While endearing, these responses also tell a sad story. Many species native to the region, such as the American kestrel, have declined steeply in number over the previous century and into this one. Decimated by habitat loss and disrupted by the ecosystem changes brought on by invasive species, many birds beloved by birders are far rarer to spot than they once were.

The volunteers at the Trixie Strauss CBC seemed keenly aware of these trends. By and large well-informed enthusiasts with decades of birding experience under their belts

and years of regional conservation efforts behind them, the CBC represents a compelling opportunity for such folk to both contribute to a growing understanding of the ecological shifts occurring across the country and also to witness those changes first-hand on the local level.

In spite of the existential concerns in the room, the atmosphere as the evening closed out was warm and familiar. As much as anything, the opportunity to share a love of birds and a passion for the natural world is what brought the community out in force. Adams, a bird enthusiast from a young age, spoke to feelings of connection that such traditions can engender.

"The Christmas Bird Count is happening in places all across the world, and that's really cool. Just the fact that there're so many people out birding in this window of time, you get this big connection with people. It's fascinating."

With all said and done, the species count for the day rang in at 79, far above the previous year's total of 66 and a couple notches up from 2019's total of 73. A cause for celebration? A single data point in a larger downward trend? We might not know for another couple of decades.

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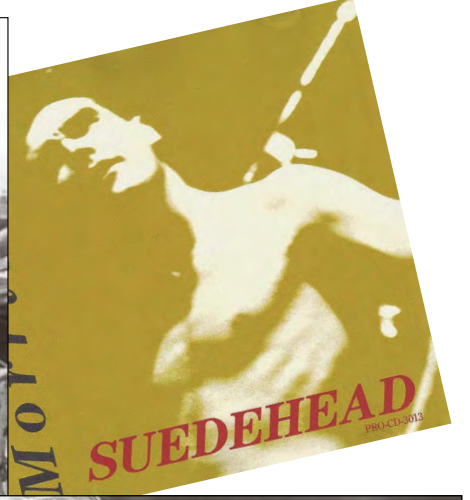
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Where are the working class teens in cinema?

In 1969 two working-class teenage lovebirds travel to West London on a date to see the post-Oscars run of Carol Reed's Best Picture-winning musical "Oliver!" As low on London's food chain as Dickens' 19th-century pickpocketing orphans — Del (Del Walker) is a 17-year-old welding apprentice who engages in small-time larceny, while Irene (Anne Gooding) is a high school student who dreams of a typing job — they are disheartened to discover they don't have enough money for movie tickets. With few options for places to spend time together, they head to a chain burger joint. This is the rare youth-centered film where the inability to afford something isn't a tragedy or a sign of moral failure, but a typical reality for real people with real economic limits.

Barney Platts-Mills' 1970 film "Bronco Bullfrog," shot in London's East End using non-actors, is a matter-of-fact observational artifact of a time and place, an almost anthropological archive of the mundanity of working-class life far removed from the attention-nabbing scene of sexual liberation and fashionable consumerism. The jocular gang of Cockney boys, often subtitled to help audiences pierce through their thick accents, awkwardly fumble toward a kind of courtship with the mini skirt-clad girls they come across. Scenes hold the silence of inarticulate flirtation while Director of Photography Adam Barker-Mill floods the screen with moody monochrome shots of East London's smoky urban landscape. It's



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more realism than romanticism, like if the wordy lovelorn Parisians of Godard's New Wave "Masculin Féminin" had never read a lick of Marx.

"What I love about the film is that it's universal, it's about kids falling in love and wanting to get out of their boring life, but conversely it's super specific within this culture of East London," Gabriele Caroti told me. His production company Seventy Seven bought the scarcely-seen film from the British Film Institute with the hope of giving it a second life fifty years after its brief theatrical run. Currently available for streaming on Criterion Channel, Seventy Seven has taken "Bronco Bullfrog" on an arthouse tour, including at Film Forum in New York last year and an upcoming screening at Nighthawk Cinema in Brooklyn.

Caroti, who splits his time between New York City and Sharon, Conn.,

is the former Director of BAMcinématek. He said he was originally drawn to the film for its ties to the musical subcultures of the 1960s, specifically "reggae, the early suedehead scene, and the skinhead scene, which was all working-class kids listening to ska music. But the kids in this film aren't really into all that. 'Bronco Bullfrog' turns out to not really be about the music, yet the movie evokes a time period that's the opposite of a Swinging London or Carnaby Street — it's real. I was drawn to it from a subculture perspective, but it turned out to be very different from what I expected."

Listeners of Morrissey might be familiar with the singer's 1980s track

"Suedehead," titled after the working-class youth culture of the '60s. These boys were known for the look seen in the film — mopy bad-Beatles shag cuts, brogues and other dress shoes, along with collared shirts and wool cardigans. Fairly dressy attire for the affable delinquents who aren't above a break-in or two. Platts Mills' boys aren't entirely satisfied with the limitations of their lot — manual labor, little pay, and the threat of incarceration ready to slap them down — but they're also refreshingly resigned to the smallness of their lives.

but it's not bleak," Caroti said.

"Bronco Bullfrog" doesn't warn us about troubled youth the way S.E. Hinton did in her novel "The Outsiders," later adapted for the screen by Francis Ford Coppola, or attempt to frighten the world with lurid authenticity like Larry Clark and Harmony Korine's 1995 film "Kids." The suedeheads don't have any run-ins with the recognizable cultural figures of the decade like the young fame-chasers in Paul Thomas Anderson's "Licorice Pizza" and they don't leave town for a new life at college, like

at the end of Greta Gerwig's "Ladybird." Much of the character's prospects in life remain the same by the end of the film, and there's a dignity in their understanding that this is the only life they'll know — a far cry from Oliver Twist's ascension to the comforts of the gentry.

Twenty-five years old when he directed "Bronco Bullfrog," Barney Platts-Mills meant to create something accessible, reflecting the Cockney culture of London as it really was. These days, egalitarianism in the entertainment field is hotly debated online — populism vs elitism — enough for the Oscars to toy with a "Popular Film" category, suggesting there was a stark divide between the films deemed artistically worthy of praise and the films people actually went to see. There is some irony that the studio films made for hundreds of millions of dollars would be seen as belonging to "the people," while arthouse cinema, with little financial backing, is meant for the elite. Studio blockbusters hold appeal as escapist fantasies, but as the levels of income inequality grow to extraordinary heights and the middle class continues to decline, where are the stories of normal life among the working class?

"Bronco Bullfrog" will screen on Saturday, Jan. 7, with an introduction by writer and critic Sasha Frere-Jones at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.



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infant's life in August. Jason Watson and his son Shane Watson were recognized for the life-saving resuscitation of an infant in distress in the Town of North East.

Local Ukraine aid

As the year was barely underway, Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, and Polish-born André Wlodar, who, with his wife, splits time between New York City and Dutchess County, launched a fundraising effort. Fundraisers were held at RE Institute art gallery in Millerton and at Troutbeck in Amenia.

As Wlodar expanded the aid effort, many businesses offered support, including Hammertown Barn, Silamar Farm, Herrington's, Oblong Books & Music, Montage Antiques, Harney's Fine Teas, North East Ford, LaBonne's Market, Associated Lightning Rod, Robin Hood Radio and many others.

By May, Wlodar and his wife, Kim, had raised several hundred thousand dollars and, with Garage Galleri owner Svend Lindbaek at 2 Main St., had set up a temporary fundraising headquarters.

Lindbaek donated the space to the Wlodars' United with Ukraine, selling lawn signs, posters, T-shirts, stickers and tote bags to raise funds for the nonprofit Sunflower of Peace to help victims of the war. Wlodar traveled to Poland and western Ukraine over the summer and again in September, delivering essential supplies to Ukrainian troops.

By year's end, the communal effort raised in excess of \$500,000.

Pulver elected again

For the fifth consecutive year, Dutchess County Legislator Gregg Pulver (R-19) of Pine Plains was elected by his colleagues to lead the Legislature as its chairman. For years he has worked closely by County Executive Marc Molinaro's side.

On Aug. 23, a special election was held solely to fill the vacant seat left behind when former U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-19) was named lieutenant governor by New York Gov. Kathy Hochul in May.

Many expected Molinaro to beat his Democratic counterpart, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, with ease, but it was Ryan who came out on top. In September, Pulver announced that he would run for the county executive position to be vacated on Jan. 1, 2023, by Molinaro, who, in November, won a congressional seat in the 19th District.

Serino defeated

In the November general election, State Senator Sue Serino (R,C,I) lost her 41st Senate District race to Michelle Hinchey (D, WF). Serino will take a position in the county Office of Aging in January.

In the race for Dutchess County sheriff, Kirk Imperati (R) won over Jillian Hanlon (D, WF), and the race was notable as it was the first time since 1999 that there was an election for sheriff; since that time, Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson had run unopposed. Imperati replaced Anderson after his sudden death in 2021.

School capital spending

With the \$12.5 million capital project spending referendum for Webutuck schools approved on Dec. 6, the long process leading to meeting the school district's infrastructure needs can begin.

The work will include roofs on schools with over-extended warranties; HVAC system updating, both for ventilation to improve indoor air in the age of pandemics and for air conditioning at Webutuck Elementary School; and an age-appropriate playground at Eugene Brooks

Intermediate School (EBIS). Currently, students in grades four through eight have no dedicated space for outdoor activity.

Millerton PD

After months of wrangling over the future of the Millerton Police Department, in July, the Town of North East signed a one-year contract for police services to be provided by the MPD. The decision, following a year of public debate whether the MPD should exist at all, puts the issue on a back burner.

Two local laws have already been presented to abolish the MPD. The first, Local Law A, proposed in April, went through an entire review process, including a public hearing. The issue became so contentious, though, that Mayor Jenn Najdek and her trustees opted to take more time to deliberate.

A very similar Local Law B is now on the table, calling for abolishing the MPD and contracting with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). The board hasn't passed a resolution for it yet nor held a public hearing.

Najdek began instituting procedural changes within the MPD during the winter of 2021. The MPD objected, saying the daytime shifts — added to assist local businesses, drivers dealing with heavy traffic and parking, Harlem Valley Rail Trail users and others visiting the village — would leave the village and town vulnerable during night time hours when call volume was highest.

Climate Smart gets bronze

After years of hard and constant work, the joint Climate Smart Task Force of North East and Millerton achieved bronze certification from New York state in July. "It gave us bragging rights," Task Force coordinator Kathy Chow said at the time. "But tangibly, we also get to be a part of the program, which is designed to help us take real steps toward climate resiliency and mitigation."

The bronze certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will enable the town to score points with the state when applying for grant dollars, added Chow.

The DEC also announced that the town of Ancram achieved bronze-level certification in part by installing solar panels and an electric vehicle charging station at Town Hall, and increasing access to renewable energy for residents and local businesses by streamlining the permitting process for rooftop solar and running a community solar campaign.

Cary Institute gift

A \$2 million gift received by the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook in January supported renovations already in process at the world-renowned science institute. The makeover is transforming the Cary's headquarters, updating its facilities and adding much-needed space for the many researchers and scientists to conduct their work.

Dubbed a "leadership grant," the money was donated by husband and wife Jim and Zibby Tozer, longtime supporters of the Cary Institute. In April, after several years of planning and building, the Cary Institute welcomed visitors and guests to view its newly renovated Tozer Ecosystem Science Building.

Another Dover project

Concerned Citizens of Dover (CCD) invited neighbors, including specifically Millbrook and Millerton/North East, to attend a Town of Dover Planning Board meeting on Nov. 21 to hear about NY Transco's Dover Project, the building of an energy substation in the town. The public



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To kick off the second annual Hudson Valley Rodeo's main event at Keane Stud farm in Amenia, riders competed in bronco bustin', where contestants tried to stay on a bucking horse for as long as possible. This year's event, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, drew participants from neighboring states, as well as from across the nation, like Wyoming and Montana.

hearing recalled the furor residents expressed over the Cricket Valley Energy Center (CVEC) a few years ago. CVEC operates not far from where the new station would be located, at Routes 22 and 26. CVEC uses natural gas to produce electricity.

The Dover Station Project, as proposed, is described as a network upgrade electric substation, needed as New York state evolves to clean, efficient and resilient energy.

Out of the many comments from those attending, only one citizen said she was in favor of the substation.

Rodeo returns to Amenia

In September, the second annual Hudson Valley Rodeo was held at Keane Stud farm in Amenia. Hosted by the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization, a philanthropic foundation created by Silo Ridge, the all-day fundraising festival celebrated equestrian sports.

Riders from New York and from across the country showed off their skills in events like bronco bustin', barrel racing, calf roping and bull riding.

Children and adults competed in the all-day event.

Eddie Collins Park opens

On Oct. 1, the reopening of Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton drew hundreds of people to mark the completion of the first phase of the revitalization of the park that has served as the recreational center for the region for decades. A party atmosphere was fueled by rock music that filled the air, and food booths that served tacos and other traditional fare.

The park is named after Eddie Collins, who played major league baseball from 1906 to 1930 for the Philadelphia Athletics and the Chicago White Sox.

There was news of a state and municipal grant of \$125,000 toward making the Little League field accessible to those in wheelchairs (the walkway and a set of bleachers to be installed in the spring). More than 30 community partners teamed up to help with the day's festivities. Fundraising had raised \$2 million for the park.

NECC child care program

In June, the North East Community Center (NECC) fulfilled a long-awaited dream to open an early learning program at the former Astor Head Start at 11 Park St. in Millerton. Supporters of the nonprofit community center attended the ribbon-cutting, some of them hoping to enroll their children in the preschool program once it opened.

As of Oct. 17, when its state license became effective, North East Community Center's early learning program was up and running. The new program is taking the place of the both the Astor and NECC children's programs.

Pine Plains food and fun

Peck's Market celebrated its 100th anniversary on April 1, and the third-generation grocery store located at 2991

East Church St. (Route 199) has grown as a landmark business in the community as well as a household name among town residents. The historic Stissing House, which closed in 2021, relaunched in 2022 under the loving care of a well-versed New York chef, Clare de Boer, who opened its doors to customers on March 10.

Pine Plains also inaugurated Pine Plains Community Day on Sept. 10, providing a celebratory atmosphere and a multitude of free activities, food, music and history — great practice for this year's celebration. On the weekend of June 25-26, the town inaugurated a Pride Month celebration, making the LGBTQ+ community now officially part of Pine Plains traditions by inviting residents and visitors to its inaugural celebration, which commenced with a Pride Kickoff Dinner at Lia's



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From left, Sunflower of Peace volunteers Anatoly Prekrasny and Iryna Prekrasna spoke to local residents about the 501(c)(3) charity's work to help Ukrainians affected by the Russian military invasion at a fundraiser for Ukraine held at Troutbeck on March 20, 2022.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Gregg Pulver, (R-19), chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, spoke at a Save Sharon Hospital roundtable in Millerton on Oct. 5.

Mountain View Restaurant.

As a center for diversity, culture, and civic life, the Stissing Center appointed Brett Bernardini as its new executive director in December as part of its mission to support local economic revitalization and job creation in Pine Plains and the surrounding region.

Held in some form or another for decades, the Pine Plains FFA Agriculture Fair, hosted in October at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, was another success. The two-day event featured

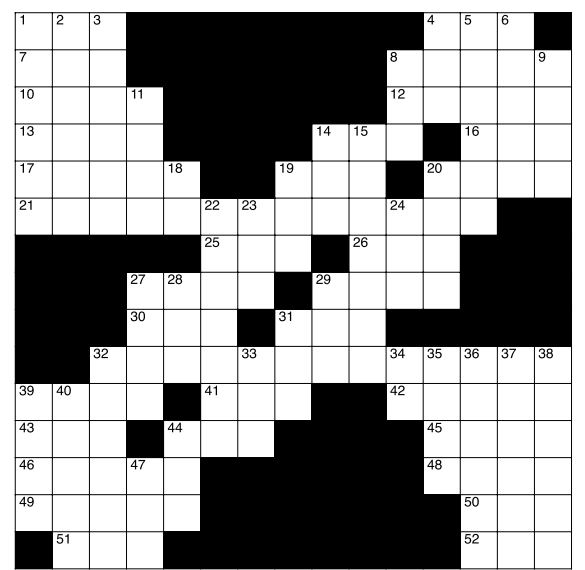
agriculture-themed activities, from antique tractor and horse pulling competitions, to dairy showmanship contests, to a delicious chicken BBQ.

Lo Nan Farms sponsored the fourth and fifth grade dairy showmanship contest. In another story involving Lo Nan Farms, in November, Ethan Arsenault, a "cow man" from Pine Plains, in partnership with Lloyd and Amy Vaill of Lo Nan Farms, purchased 300 cows at Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Connecticut, and leased the barn to continue the Freund dairy tradition.

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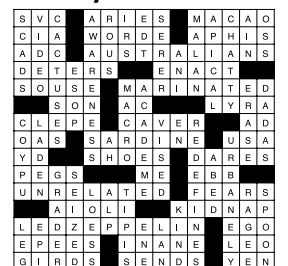
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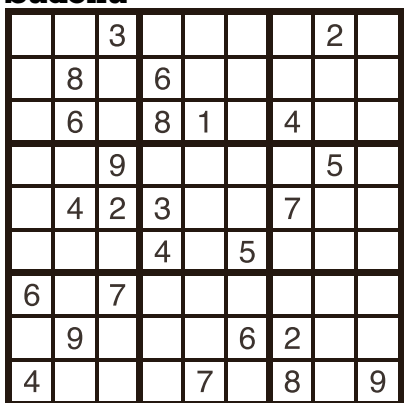


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- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
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- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
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- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing

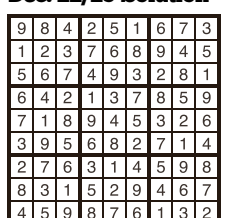
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Iron Star Retreat Center withdraws application for permit

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ANCRAM — John Ingram, chairman of the Ancram Planning Board, received a letter on Dec. 13 via email from Taylor Palmer, a partner with the Cuddy and Feder law firm, which represents Iron Star Retreat Center, requesting a withdrawal of the pending application of a special use permit on behalf of RSG Farms LLC and SSG Farms LLC as well as a site plan and lot line adjustment approval.

The property in question is at 2450 State Route 82 in Ancram. The application was first submitted in October 2021, and a public hearing was opened at the Dec. 2 planning board meeting.

Jan Hanvik, who led in the movement of those who opposing the proposed retreat, sent out a communication advising of the withdrawal.

He noted: "This was one of many proposals for Columbia County from people not from the area that did not take into account what the people who live here love about the area,

threats to the water supply, to nature, to traffic, etc. All construction was to take place off site. All food production on site. So, it was hard to see how anybody locally would benefit except from a few cleaning and maintenance jobs."

This does not mean that while Iron Star has withdrawn its applications and proposals now, it can't return at a later date and start all over again. This is only one of the many proposals that have been made in this area, with site plans and applications being submitted.

There was the Migdale plan in Mabbettsville, a hamlet of the Town of Washington/Millbrook, that seems to have fallen through. That would have been for an upscale resort with two restaurants, an outdoor theater, cabins and "glamping" tents. The plans were scaled back, but opposition was great; so far, that seems to be on hold.

Currently, Troutbeck in Amenia is looking to expand to add more sleeping accommodations and possibly a bakery. That permit is currently sitting with the Amenia Planning Board. Reviews of the expansion from residents are mixed.

Iron Star had submitted its application for a permit that would allow for a five-bedroom inn, four separate cottages, three recreational buildings and 22 "glamping" sites. It also requested a zone amendment, to convert a 13-acre piece of land to agricultural (AG) zoning.

The founder of Iron Star is Stacey Shurin, who has been in Ancram for about two years and is in real estate developing and management. As she described it: "Iron Star retreat will host guests who search for luxury unpretentious adventures close to home. A short trip up for city dwellers will leave them refreshed and renewed." As with the Migdale proposal, the premise of "luxury" stands out.

The three proposals — Migdale, Troutbeck and Iron Star — have much in common; when there are public hearings on the matter, the meeting rooms are filled, often with an overflow, and if offered on Zoom, the number of participants can double.

Also in common are the reasons given by residents who are against these luxury getaways: noise, traffic, pollution and — the biggest fear — a problem with a diminishing water supply. People also fear that these types of establishments will put a strain on local resources, the fire departments, police departments and EMT services.

Ecological concerns are also at the top of the list of reasons not to allow for this type of building or expansion. Some people mention the many endangered species that live here

and must be protected. Others think it will harm the character of the area, that it will lose the quaintness and the small-town charm.

While there are those who see that allowing these types of establishments could result in a lower tax base for residents, most don't see that as a reality.

Many residents feel — and again, this is in all three townships — that these places do not conform with the municipalities' comprehensive plans.

Most of the planned spas, retreats and vacation spots would have amenities that would not be open to the public. While they could provide some jobs for locals, that hasn't always turned out to be the case. Shurin was planning on producing her own food and having buildings constructed off-property and brought in, so the economic impact locally would have been minimal.

With a desperate need for affordable housing in this part of Dutchess County, most residents think the concentration should be on that problem and in maintaining what is already here: Shop local, build affordable housing and protect the natural resources.

The public hearing was left open until January, but with the withdrawal of the application, there won't be another hearing.

But as Hanvik stated in his missive, "They have withdrawn their current proposal & applications for the Retreat/Resort, but that does not prevent them from coming back later with a different proposal and starting again from the beginning."

Millbrook marks many 2022 highlights

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Blazers girls take state championship

April is known as the cruelest month, but not for the Millbrook High School girls basketball team: The Blazers took the New York state championship on March 20. Playing the Newark Valley Cardinals at Hudson Community College in Troy, they won 55-46, winning the Class C Section 9 title.

Millbrook Central Schools' Athletic Director Alfred Hammell said: "We are so proud of our Girls Basketball team here in Millbrook. They have represented our school and community with Millbrook Pride as they have brought home our 2nd Girls Class C New York State Championship."

He added: "The coaches and players on this team exemplify the hard work, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit that all of our sports teams strive for in Millbrook. Congratulations to Coach Peek and the girls on a job well done!"

MCSD's Mitchell gone, Hernandez-Pidala steps up

In what many people deemed a surprise move, a special board of education meeting was called on Aug. 1 announcing that Laura Mitchell, school superintendent, had resigned.

The board approved an addendum agreement to Mitchell's May 3, 2020, employment agreement.

Perry Hartswick, president of the board of education, told the Millerton News: "The parties were able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement to resolve the employment relationship. We wish her well in her future endeavors." He did not elaborate.

Caroline Hernandez-Pidala, former deputy superintendent for curriculum, instruction and pupil personnel, was appointed interim superintendent as a search was conducted for a new superintendent. Said Hartswick, "Caroline has been an integral part of the Millbrook Central School District team since 2015, and most recently, since October 2021 as deputy superintendent of schools."

He went on to say, "Ms. Hernandez-Pidala has demonstrated a tremendous capacity for forging positive relationships within the school community and has enriched the education programs and opportunities for many of the district's students." She came to Millbrook as principal of the high school in 2015.

"I am truly humbled at the opportunity to lead the Millbrook Central School District into the 22-23 school year," said Hernandez-Pidala. "Emerging from the global pandemic has left our school community with new and different needs than ever before.

"I look forward to working in collaboration with the faculty and staff and in partnership with the community



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

How high can you go? All the way to the N.Y. State Championship, if you're the Millbrook High School girls basketball team, the Blazers.

to face these new challenges head on. We have an incredibly supportive community network and some of the best educators and support staff in the region and I look forward to many positive days ahead."

Cary unveils its renovated facility

After several years of planning, developing and building, nonprofit science center Cary Institute of Ecosystems welcomed visitors and guests to view its newly renovated Tozer Ecosystem Science Building. Among the many who attended the fete were Zibby and Jim Tozer, who generously donated \$2 million to Cary in January 2022.

Cary President Josh Ginsberg welcomed all. When asked why a renovation instead of constructing a new building, he said renovating is greener, cheaper, takes less time, and allowed work to continue throughout.

"The 45-year-old building needed updating. We wanted the renovation to support Cary's mission, creating a headquarters that is highly energy efficient and built sustainably. The design supports the collaborative nature of 21st century science."

Designed by architects Becker and Becker, the original structure was built in 1974 and was one of the first commercial solar buildings. It was taken over by Cary Institute in 1983.

The building has achieved the goals set out for energy efficiency and sustainability. The 700-kilowatt solar field adjacent to the property will meet 100% of its energy needs, which includes more science offices and space for visiting scientists, postdoctoral studies and conference rooms. All of these spaces will be equipped to support networking, both viral and hybrid.

Cary's staff and scientists research and compile data on environmental issues such as freshwater and forest health, prevention of emerging diseases and the sustainability of cities. They are particularly noted for their work on ticks and Lyme disease as well as water pollution. They also support summer programs for students, and are supporters of Data Jam for students through high school.

The Thorne Building opens for tour

More than 350 visitors toured the Thorne Building on May 28.

George Whalen, who was on hand throughout the event, and Oakleigh Thorne and the Millbrook Community Partnership stated, "The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP), along with our many volunteers who assisted in the Open House Day, are delighted with the huge turnout, positive suggestions, and overwhelming enthusiasm received from the community for the Thorne Building Community Center."

The building, which was given in 1895 to the newly incorporated Village of Millbrook, has been in serious disrepair for many years. It finished its time as a high school in 1962. It housed different venues over the next years, but eventually just laid dormant; some thought it beyond reclaiming.

During the tour, one could see the stately elegance it once had, and the strength that remains in the stripped-down brick walls. With asbestos removed and the mostly bare bones revealed, it is not hard to envision a finished project.

The first floor boasts an auditorium with a stage that would allow for theater events, and could also accommodate weddings and other events. There might be an art gallery and some community work spaces. Many large windows allow an abundance of natural light.

Second-floor plans include ideas for a dance studio, classrooms, a room for seminars, and space for a caterer's staging room. The third floor might be designated office space, and the idea for the basement area are abundant, including a culinary center and kitchen, recording studio, technology center and more.

When the first steps were taken toward achieving the dream of converting the building to a community center, acquiring the edifice from the Village of Millbrook, applying for and getting 501(c)(3) status, then forming committees and choosing an architect, one knew that the wheels of progress were turning, but the tour was a major step that everyone could see for themselves.

Bennett Park: It's happening

Entering Millbrook from Route 343 and Franklin Avenue, something is missing! The Halcyon Hall structure is gone. After years of watching it deteriorate looking like a haunted mansion, now there is just empty space.

What's next? If one looks closely, there is something in the field: A stone wall was built from stones from the old buildings, so a part of Bennett College will always remain.

Now that the buildings are leveled, 32 acres of land have to be landscaped, including building trails for walking and biking. An intent is to connect with existing trails that will lead into the Village.

The opening date will likely be in 2023. Plans include a Bennett museum and a visitors' center, and there are plans to include amenities for outdoor venues for musical and theatrical performances.

The \$554,000 grant received by the Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) from County Executive Mark Molinaro in February 2022 will help, but is only part of the \$21 million needed for restoration of the two-pronged project of the Thorne Building Community Center and the Bennett Park initiative, both under the auspices of MCP.

Much of the funding so far has been raised by private donations, but a major fundraising campaign by the 501(c)(3) will be undertaken soon.

The community feels very invested in both the Thorne Building Community Center and the Bennett Park project. Those who had a connection to the old Bennett College will be pleased that the well-respected women's liberal arts college will be remembered and lauded at the Bennett museum.

A second bandshell may also be in the plans, as music seems to be an integral part of Millbrook as evidenced by the many concerts arranged by the Millbrook Arts Group each year, and the summer "Music in the Streets" on Saturdays.

With the opening planned for 2023, there may be a lot of activity beginning in the spring, and by summer, there may be hiking on the trails, music in the air and an influx of visitors to enjoy even more of Millbrook.

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Legal Notice

Reorganizational Meeting of the Town of Amenia, Town Board is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm., at 4988 Route 22, Amenia NY. 12-15-2022.

Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
01-05-23

Legal Notice

The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot owners and general business meeting on January 14, 2023

at 10:00 am.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

01-05-23
01-12-23

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public hearing on the adoption of a Local Law amending certain portions of Chapter 275 of the Town Code to regulate cannabis retail dispensaries in the Town of Pine Plains on January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. A copy of said Local Law will be posted on the Town's official website and may be examined at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. All persons desiring to speak at said public hearing shall be provided with an opportunity to do so.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

Dated: December 15, 2022.

MADELIN DAFOE
Town Clerk
01-05-23

Reorganizational Meeting of the Amenia Fire District #1

Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm., at the Amenia Fire House, 36B Mechanic Street, Amenia NY.

12-12-2022.
Dawn Marie Klingner
District Secretary
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EDITORIAL

Teachers need support and recognition

While many professions have had unique challenges during the pandemic, teaching is one that all of us should pay close attention to now. It has become harder and harder to recruit new people to teach, though that doesn't seem to have affected our school systems yet.

Why? There is more intense opportunity to acquire illness in the Petri dish of schools, with so many children of all ages as well as adults bringing in viruses and passing them among one another. This year has been particularly challenging with the flu, RSV and COVID all floating around us, as well as what we used to call the common cold, which seems so quaint now.

That is tough for teachers, not only because they themselves are exposed, but because their students disappear from class at any time for more extended periods of time than was usual before COVID took over human society.

Another aspect of challenges for teachers: The danger of school shootings has changed the way American schools operate since the attack at Columbine High School in 1999. The activity of running regular active shooter drills alone in all classrooms, from preschool on up, has dramatically changed the way students and their educators experience their school days and their lives.

There's no easy way to solve this, but as those in authority try to find ways, it could help if we are all aware and offer gratitude and support to the educators we know. Their goal is to teach our children how to best handle their lives, gathering tools to face whatever obstacles arise as they try to achieve their goals. The least we all can do is try to understand teachers' challenges and recognize their successes with their students every day.

While Kent, Conn., was considering having a state trooper in its elementary school, the voters in town decided that was not the best route to take to keep the school safe and support educators and students. And many teachers say they themselves would not want to be armed in school, that it wasn't what they trained for in preparing to be educators. So again, the answers aren't simple.

But in the aftermath of the 10-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook massacre of 20 six- and seven-year-olds and six adults in Newtown, it should now be time for the government to ban assault weapons. Both our Connecticut senators are active in trying to get that legislation passed, and the president is supportive. It would have made a big difference in many of the most lethal mass shootings if the weapons used hadn't been rapid fire and high volume in rounds released.

If the message is it's just too late, there are too many weapons out there already, we may as well call our society a loss.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support families in need across the region

I tend to be rather quiet about which organizations Tent supports, but recently over family dinner I had an interesting conversation with my husband and twin girls about who benefits from that silence. At the end of the discussion, my husband Michael said, "If you don't let anyone know who you support, how will people learn about these worthy organizations and perhaps choose to donate to them too?"

Every year for the past couple of years, Tent has sponsored backpacks for the children of families served by the Food of Life Food Pantry in Amenia, N.Y. Michael and I, along with our daughters, would put together approximately 150 backpacks filled, not with presents and toys, but with shampoo, socks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Basic essentials. Things these local kids really needed but didn't have.

This year, in an effort to

empower parents and families, the priest at St. Thomas' suggested that, instead of creating the backpacks, Tent would simply donate a gift card to each family in order for them to buy what they would like for their children.

Of course, this was a wonderful idea — but it presented a quandary. Part of the joy for Michael and me has been the activity of putting together these special backpacks every year with our girls. It has become part of our Christmas tradition and something we really enjoyed doing together as a family. It was also important to us for our daughters to see how rewarding it is to make an effort to do something meaningful for others. In the end, we decided that this year we'll have to find other things to do together because we believe that empowering families with the means to provide for their own children is a simple, yet much

more powerful gift.

Food of Life Pantry is right here in our backyard and is a worthy cause in need of support. Tent is honored to sponsor this vital work and I encourage you to consider including Food of Life Food Pantry in your giving this

year. I can guarantee firsthand that your donation, whatever the size, will have an immediate and lasting impact.

Go to <https://stthomasamenia.com>.

Darren Henault
Founder, Tent New York Amenia

How to celebrate 2023

As we see in the new year
We should be of good cheer
But our country is divided
And common sense derided
Elsewhere In the world it's worse
Putin is the curse
Waging war just for his ego
His brain size of a mosquito
Here at home it's no better
It's time to send a letter
To Trump to report
At once to the court
To be sentenced to years in prison
So hope can be newly arisen
Now we march into twenty-three
Optimism must be the key.

Lakeville

Michael Kahler

Communities are the key to the survival of local journalism

"...and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson (1787)

The internet has introduced a brave new world for consumers worldwide, but it has also created enormous challenges for local journalism. Whether or not your local newspaper survives in the years ahead is up to you.

We are in the third decade of a continuing collapse in print media. Suffice it to say that without outside help, thousands of communities will end up with no access to local news. This is happening at a time when threats such as climate change, health emergencies, and political turmoil will make local news vitally important to all of us.

Two areas, advertising and subscriptions, have traditionally provided the lion's share of sales and profits for newspapers. Both have suffered

THE RETIRED INVESTOR

Bill Schmick

from the internet incursion by internet giants such as Google and Facebook. Social media now controls more than 75% of locally focused digital advertising revenue. The lion's share of those revenues is lost forever to print newspapers.

Fundamentally, digital advertising offers a greater reach to consumers at substantially lower costs. How low? As far back as 2015, the cost to advertisers to reach 400,000 readers on Google Search was \$16 versus the Los Angeles Times print costs of \$40,000, according to a white paper on local journalism by the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To make matters worse, dominant internet players aggregate local news content and data for their own sites, while forcing local newspapers to accept little-to-no compensation for their journalism output and intellectual property. If an individual newspaper squawks, they will soon find themselves cut off from what little revenue stream they can eke out from these giants.

In response, print journalism has scrambled to develop and enhance their own digital versions of the local newspaper with some success. But sadly, it will take years to fully grow that side of the business. In the meantime, how to survive is the burning question for print media.

Newspapers across the country have turned to the non-profit arena for help. The logic is unmistakable: newspapers contribute to the public good. Without them, American democracy may not survive, so receiving support from foundations, donors, and the community at large makes a lot of sense. However, tapping the non-profit market for funds is a stop gap measure at best.

It will require years to transition the traditional newspaper business model over to the digital arena. At the same time, the product

side of the local news business will require even more investment. Advertising will likely become less of the revenue pie, which leaves new subscribers to carry the load.

Berkshire Eagle Publisher, Fred Rutberg, sees non-profit activity "as a potential way to get from point A to point B."

As for The Berkshire Eagle, "the challenge will be leveraging our strong base of print subscriptions, while increasing our digital subscriptions, when a whole generation of potential readers are accustomed to getting their news for free through the internet." Rutberg explained.

That may not prove to be as difficult as it sounds. I believe the impact of climate change on local conditions will create more demand for unbiased, in-depth local news. Fox News or CNN, for example, are not going to cover flooded bridge outings or down electric lines on your local commute, or if brown drinking and bathing water presents a hazard to your town's health and welfare.

In summary, whether you are an individual reader, a business, or a non-profit entity, there are actionable avenues you can take right now to ensure the health of newspapers and your own

well-being on the local level.

If you don't subscribe to your local newspaper, do so this week. Consider the money and investment in your own streaming service that will provide you unbiased, accurate and valuable information in the uncertain times ahead.

Advertise, advertise, and then advertise some more, if you are a business that depends on the local community for everything from customers to schools, to healthcare, and more. Finally, those who are considering donations to address critical issues, or are a local or national non-profit entity, get involved, establish links with your local paper, and provide the relief they need. Time is of the essence.

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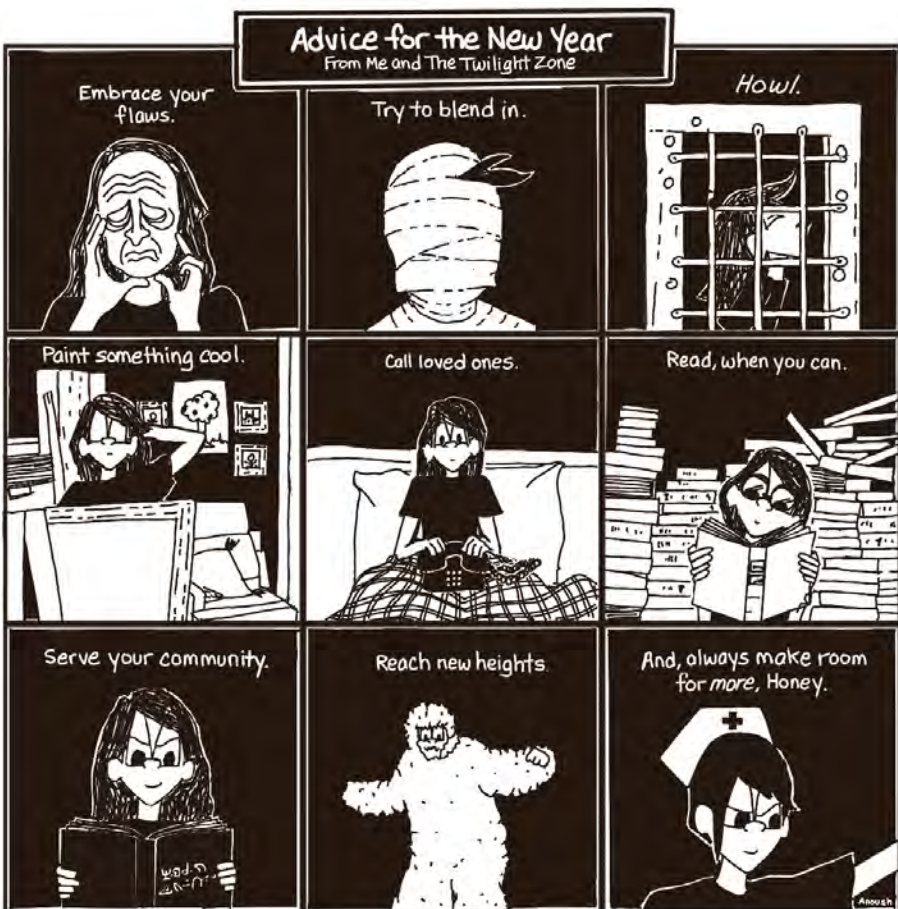
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OUR TOWNS

Region's food pantries: how to utilize and help

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

With winter settling in and seasonal jobs disappearing, more families than ever rely on food pantries to meet basic needs.

The pantries, in turn, are universally in need of donations, with many also hoping for more volunteers to keep their programs running smoothly. In most instances, tasks are many and varied, so all manner of talents and time commitments are welcome.

The following information is subject to change as conditions change, so when in doubt, call ahead.

Millerton

Location: North East Community Center (NECC), 51 South Center St. Phone: 518-789-4259, ext. 124. Email: foodaccess@necmillerton.org. Hours: Every Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Home delivery first and third Wednesday of the month to Millerton, North East, Dover, Amenia and Wassaic. Residency requirements: None. Volun-

teers needed: Yes, including drivers. Donations are needed, especially beans and rice. The Medical Supply Closet will need donations, too, as of the beginning of January. Contact: Jessica Raymond, jessica@necmillerton.org.

Location: NorthEast-Millerton Library — two programs. The Little Library Pantry at Veterans Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue. Hours 24/7. Take what you need, leave what you can. Also, the Little Free Grocery at the Library, 75 Main St. Call 518-789-3340 or submit an order at www.nemillertonlibrary.org for pick-up at the Library. Walk-in shopping the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Annex, 28 Century Blvd. Residency requirements: None. Volunteers needed: No. Donations needed: Yes, online, or to P.O. Box 786, Millerton, NY 12546.

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Location: Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's Parish Catholic Church, 11 Lavelle Road. Phone: 845-

373-8193. Hours: Third Saturday of the month. Hours: 10 to 10:30 a.m. Residency requirements: None. Volunteers needed: No. Donations needed: Yes.

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Location: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 40 Leedsville Road. Phone: 845-232-1461. Hours: Fridays, 2 to 5 p.m. Residency requirements: None. Volunteers needed: Yes. Go to stthomasamenia.com to sign up. Donations: Yes.

Ancramdale

Location: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association at the Presbyterian Church Hall, at the intersection of Routes 8 and 82. Phone: Jack Lindsey, 518-329-7306 or Hila Richardson, 917-414-8270. Hours: Monday, 5 to 5:30 p.m. Call for an emergency appointment. Residency requirements: Ancram Township. Volunteers needed: No. Donations: Yes.

Copake/Hillsdale

Location: Roe Jan Food Pantry, 2684 State Route 23, Hillsdale. Phone: Betty White,

518-441-2789. Hours: Fridays 10 a.m. to noon. Emergencies: Any time. Residency requirements: Taconic Hills School District, ID suggested. Volunteers needed: Yes. Donations: Yes, at IGA Market, 2628 Route 23, Hillsdale; or to P.O. Box 475, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

Pine Plains

Location: United Methodist Church, 3023 Church St., P.O. Box 511, Pine Plains 12567. Phone: 518-398-7692. Hours: Second Saturday of the month, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Residency requirements: Pine Plains Central School District, with proof of residency. Volunteers needed: No. Donations: Monetary, food and toiletries.

Location: Willow Roots Food Pantry, 7730 South Main St. Hours: First and third Saturday of each month, from 10 to 11 a.m. Thrift Store: Same hours. The Giving Box at the Pine Plains Library has drinks, snacks and food items. Phone: 518-751-0164. Residency requirements: Pine Plains School District. Volun-

teers needed: Yes. Donations: Yes; send to office at 23 North Main St, Pine Plains or go to www.willowroots.org.

Millbrook

Location: Loyal Memorial Federated Church, 30 Maple Ave. Phone: Call the Emergency Pantry at 845-242-6508 for an appointment, or Meals on Wheels at 845-677-3485 and leave a message. Residency requirements: Town of Washington. Volunteers needed: Yes. Packers for Meals on Wheels on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. Drivers needed starting after 10 a.m. Donations: Yes. Monetary and nonperishable food as well as hygiene and cleaning products.

Dover

Location: Center of Compassion Food Pantry, 52 Mill St. Phone: 845-877-9076. Hours: By appointment Monday through Thursday. One

visit every 30 days (three days of food available). Also, one-time-only emergency visit possible. Residency requirements: Dover Union Free School District, ID required. Volunteers: No. Donations: Yes, to P.O. Box 665, Dover Plains, NY 12522.

Lakeville, Connecticut

Location: Corner Food Pantry, 80 Sharon Road. Phone: 860-435-9886. Hours: Distribution is on Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Residency requirements: None. Volunteers needed: Yes, from both New York and Connecticut. Go to www.thecornerfoodpantry.org/get-involved to donate or volunteer, or call the pantry and leave a name and phone number. Regular drop-off for donations is on Friday from 9 to 10 a.m., but a container on the porch is emptied daily, so donations may be made anytime.

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