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Pandemic scientists combine AI, ecology to predict future

By ELIAS SORICH
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On a balmy Thursday evening in November, staying indoors to attend the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies' virtual talk, "Predicting the Next Pandemic with AI and Ecology" featuring Barbara Han, a disease ecologist, proved interesting and informative—even as the science discussed spelled out a difficult road ahead.

The conversation between Han, of the Cary Institute, and Joshua Ginsberg, its president, covered the broad range of Han's groundbreaking work at the intersections of machine learning, disease ecol-

ogy and social epidemiology.

Her research focuses on deploying artificial intelligence to study "zoonotic" diseases, which are diseases that spill over from the animal kingdom into human populations.

The end result is that the AI is able to accurately predict what species might be "strong carriers" of different kinds of zoonotic diseases.

Approximately two-thirds of emerging disease in humans are zoonotic, meaning they arise in human populations as a result of the spillover effect. Notable examples include Lyme disease, Ebola virus, and avian flu. Understand-

ing how this phenomenon works, and what species in the animal kingdom are strong carriers, has meaningful implications for our ability to predict and combat future pandemics.

In the case of COVID-19, however, Han was the bearer of some bad news. One of the predictions made in Han's research, published in November 2021 by The Royal Society, is that White-tailed deer would be strong carriers of Covid-19. This prediction was confirmed by independent field studies, which collected hard evidence that the virus is freely circulating

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Suzie Kovner

The wall is built of stones original to Halcyon Hall. During construction it is being reinforced and expanded.

Millerton Festival of Lights starts on Black Friday

MILLERTON — Millerton will hold its Annual Festival of Lights Weekend from Friday, Nov. 25 through Nov. 27. Events kick off on Black Friday and go on throughout the entire weekend.

Schedule of events
Friday, Nov. 25

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Ice carving demonstration at Veteran's Park.

11 a.m.: Free screening of "The Polar Express" at The Moviehouse (seats are first-come, first-served; show starts promptly at 11 a.m. and includes popcorn and beverage)

1:15 to 1:30 p.m.: Children's raffle at Veteran's Park. Prizes include: bicycles, scooters, gift baskets and gift certificates that have all been sponsored by various local businesses. Must be present to win.

1 to 3 p.m.: Cookie deco-

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Lights go up

Holiday lights started to go up Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16, in the Village of Millerton Historic District. getting ready for the Festival of Lights on Friday, Nov. 25. A crew of three from Stafford Tree Service of Great Barrington worked to get the village decorated. Townscape hired Stafford Tree for the job, which one worker said he'd been doing "for at least five years."

Bennett Park, the Thorne Building: where they are now

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Coming into Millbrook from Route 343 and turning onto Franklin Avenue, one immediately knows that something is missing: Yes, the Halcyon Hall structure is gone after years of watching it deteriorate, looking like a haunted mansion. Now there is nothing, just empty space.

What's next? If one looks closely, there is something in the field: a stone wall, and, yes, there is a story behind the building of that wall, but that comes later.

What else is happening now that the buildings are leveled? There was some talk early on about the park opening in late 2022, but that's not happening. After all, 32 acres of land have to be landscaped, and that includes building trails for walking and biking that will connect with existing trails that leading into the Village. The opening date will more than likely be in 2023.

Other plans include a Bennett College museum and a visitor's center. Last but not least, there are plans to include amenities for

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Woodcrafts sale returns to Millerton to benefit school projects in Kenya

Special to the Millerton News

The annual pop-up woodcrafts sale to raise funds for education projects in Kenya will be at the Irondale Schoolhouse again this year on Friday, Nov. 25, Saturday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items are crafted by John Rocanova and all proceeds go to the

nonprofit Grow Against Poverty to fund education projects in Busia County, Kenya.

"The Board of the Irondale Schoolhouse has been very generous over the years to let us use this historic space for this event", said Rocanova, a retired technology teacher at Webutuck school, known to many students and staff as "Mr. Rocc".

Rocanova and his wife, Jean, also a retired teacher from Webutuck, have raised funds since 2004 for the Kenyan community, where in public schools classrooms have been built, a 12-station computer lab set up, meal programs implemented, organic gardens planted and a bicycle transportation pro-

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OUR TOWNS

2023 budget highlights discussed at town meeting

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington Council Members met on Thursday, Nov. 10, and among the many items discussed were the reappointments of Ron Valente and Steve Curley to the Board of Assessments.

The recommendations made by Superintendent Gary Ciferri were met with all ayes. Ciferri also asked the Board to accept resignations from Ted Ialongo, Town Park maintenance worker, and Peter Audia, Zoning Board member. Again, all agreed, the motions were made, voted on and passed.

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Lois Petrone presented some of the highlights of the 2023 budget, which was introduced at the Oct. 3 meeting. She mentioned: the total appropriations are \$4,788,081.00, which is \$590,906 greater than 2022 appropriations. Total Revenue is \$1,487,558.00, or \$453,388.00 more than the 2022 revenue.

The fund balance being used to reduce the tax amount is \$351,574.00, which is \$33,574 more than in 2022.

Total Tax Levy: \$2,948,949.00, an increase of \$93,944.

Tax rates: Village property: 0.87 in 2023, 0.02 increase over 2022.

Assessed values have decreased in the Village by 1,713,620. In town outside the village: \$2.00 per thousand, a 0.03 cent increase over 2022. Assessed values have increased in the town by 16,587,377.

The Fire Tax: 0.51 cents per thousand. 0.02 cent increase over 2022.

Library Tax: 0.15 cents per thousand, 0.01 decrease over

2022.

Other budget items discussed were: Town Hall improvements; replace handicap accessible ramp; roof repair; carpeting in court room. Additional items to the budget: purchase of a drone for use by the Office of the Assessor; \$25,000.00 towards a Reval of All Properties within the next several years; addition of a part-time floating clerk to cover other positions when out of the office. Also, additional recreation programs including upgrades to the Park building for senior citizen activities and pre-school program.

Mentioned as well, allocation for a grant writer to pursue funding for initiatives such as bridge and culvert replacement, park and pool improvements, establishing a Natural Resources Inventory and Climate Smart Communities initiatives. Addendum to Comprehensive Plan related to Hospitality and Zoning Amendments to coordinate with Comprehensive Plan Addendum.

Finally, a contract with Dutchess County Sheriff's Department for increased road patrols within the Town. While they lauded the crew that worked this summer, they need a supervisor with a lot of flexibility. Also pertaining to the Town Park, there is a need to lock access to the Park at night.

Danielle Scalewicz, Recreation Director, reported on upcoming events, including a candle-making class that is already full, and the annual Gingerbread House event to be held on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Millbrook Fire House, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., including a meet

and greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and refreshments. Registration can be found on line and is necessary. She said that the annual Trunk or Treating had gone well, with 12 vehicles participating. That event followed the finals of the fall soccer league, another success story for the Recreation Department.

Currently the Recreation Department is open for registration for the Maureen Porell Memorial League basketball, three divisions, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4 and grades, 5 and 6. Guertin Gym, Jan. 7 through March 11, 2023, co-ed. Go to Town web site/recreation to register.

Individual reports by council members followed. The Town is seeking volunteers for the following: the Planning Board, which is responsible for seeing that land use applications adhere to the Town's zoning regulations. The commitment is for 4 to 6 hours monthly, plus four hours of annual training. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Also, the Zoning Board of Appeals, which hears applications for variances to the town Zoning Code. No experience is needed but a background in engineering, architecture, community planning, environmental studies or construction is helpful. Must be 18 years old and a full-time resident of the Town of Washington. Send resume and cover letter to Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri at gciferri@washington.org and include Planning Board in the subject line.

Volunteers also wanted for the Ethics Committee and the Recreation Department.

The next Town Board meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall or on Zoom. A link can be found on the Town website.



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Above, left to right, are students and Kindness Club members Hunter Swart, Amelia Witt, Keira Dennis, Haylynn Kilmer, Kaiya Wilson, Alex Courtien and Destiny Herring displaying their placemats for the Church Alliance residents.

Alden students share kindness with neighbors

MILLBROOK — The Kindness Club, led by Tonya Pulver, school psychologist, meets Thursday afternoons at Alden Place Elementary School in Millbrook. With the help of Mrs. Secor, Mrs.

Ursini and Mrs. Hartley, the Kindness Club created placemats for the Church Alliance residents, a senior living community beside Alden's playground. Several students and adults deliv-

ered the placemats.

— Julie Ruuge,
Secretary to the Principal
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Alden Place
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Amenia Library cuts ribbon on new annex

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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AMENIA — At a celebration on Saturday, Nov. 19, Amenia Free Library held a ribbon cutting and a grand opening of the new 3,200 square foot annex, with more than 50 attending, including Senator Sue Serena, Town Supervisor Victoria Perroti, and Matt Hartzog, assistant to Assemblywoman Didi Barrett.

From the Mid-Hudson Library Service (MHLS), Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, executive director, and Ric Swierat, president, were present.

The program was hosted by Alan Gamble, library board president, and Library Director Victoria Herow.

Gamble told the history of how the library acquired the property and the resources to expand, even with the pandemic raging, and thanked many for their help and donations.

He thanked the Whalen Foundation, The Bank of Millbrook, The Millbrook



From left to right, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, executive director of MHLS, Victoria Herow, director of Amenia Free Library and Alan Gamble, board president, prepared to cut the ribbon at the opening of the Amenia Free Library addition.

Tribute Gardens, the Amenia Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Wu, Charlotte Hoose Murphy, Frank Duncan, and two anonymous donors, one

in the memory of Miriam Devine. Also, builder Peter Ducillo, architect Arlen Reimer and engineer Rich Renna.

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The entrance to the new Amenia Free Library addition.



PHOTOS BY DAWN E. TOMPKINS

Flag removal at cemetery; even the youngest learn the meaning of valor and sacrifice.

Flag removal ceremony

MILLBROOK — In a ceremony usually held the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, foul weather moved the ceremony to Saturday, Nov. 19.

Although Boy Scouts are usually part of the work detail, there were no Boy Scouts on hand because they were on a camping trip.

Girl Scouts from troops 10078, 10294 and 10452 handled the job, removing old flags from veteran's graves at local cemeteries, and bringing them back to VFW Post 9008, where they are given the proper send off — they are burned.

Sue DeMan, a veteran,



Saluting the flag before starting out for the cemeteries. All Scouts learn the meaning of the flag and the respect it is owed.

also removed flags. The girls were there with leaders from the GS Millbrook Service

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Troutbeck in Amenia:
Thursday, December 1 at 5pm
 515 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY

There is still time! Testify at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 6

You still have time to testify against Nuvance's application to close Maternity.

- Submit your written testimony by emailing OHS@ct.gov any time before December 6
- The public hearing starts at 9:30am on December 6 via Zoom. **Public testimony begins at 3pm**, and you can sign up to speak starting at 2pm via Zoom (visit our website for link).

Learn more at www.savesharonhospital.org

OBITUARIES

Constance Rugg Booth

CANAAN — Constance Rugg Booth, 89, of Canaan, died peacefully at Fairview Hospital on Nov. 2, 2022. Born June 21, 1933 at Fairview Hospital she was the daughter of Dorothy (Emmons) Rugg and Gardner L. Rugg of Southfield, Massachusetts



She was educated in New Marlborough, Massachusetts schools, Northfield School For Girls and North Adams State Teachers College. She was a second grade teacher at the New Four Corners School in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

She married Allan Booth on Feb. 19, 1956. After moving to Canaan CT she became a dedicated mother to 5 children and Mema to 7 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren. She was loved for her kind spirit and generosity and loved giving gifts. She was predeceased by her husband

Allan on June 21, 2004, and her sister Audrey Daley.

Survivors include her daughters Terri Rouke (John), Lori Race (Edward), Lisa Booth, Sue Malatino (Jon), and son Jay Booth. Grandchildren Jillian Pastori (Richard Cippola), Kyle Pastori, Jessica Crawford (Charles), Sarah LoPuzzo (Joseph), Nicholas Rouke (Cristina Ulto), Nicole Sharpley, and Avery Malatino. Step-grandchildren Gregory Race (Leaf Treinen), Todd Race (Kendra Spahr), Jessica Malatino, Great-grandchildren Calvin & Hank Crawford, Luca LoPuzzo, Step Great-grandchildren, Turin & Lila Cipolla.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry of Canaan, Canaan Ambulance, Canaan Fire Department, or the American Cancer Society. Service and burial will be held at a later date.

Ida M. Leonard

NEW MARLBOROUGH — Ida M. Leonard, 89, a



longtime resident of New Marlborough, Massachusetts, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022. Born to Medeo and Lena Morandi on January 15, 1933, in Alford, Massachusetts. she was

educated in the one room schoolhouse in Alford and graduated from the former Searles High School in Great Barrington, never missing a day. Ida married Ronald Leonard on Sept. 13, 1958, and together they dedicated their lives to their business, Mt. Everett Landscaping & Construction, along with their beloved son, Randy. The business expanded to Mt. Everett Sanitation & Excavation, as it stands today. After Randy's unexpected death in 2011, they remained steadfast in the family business until their grandsons Travis and Corey took over.

If Ida wasn't found meticulously working on company bookwork, she could be found with a pen and paper in hand at her grandson's sporting events, keeping her own elaborate scorecard. Ida enjoyed being with family, attending antique club events and tending to her garden.

She is survived by her grandsons Travis (Merideth) Leonard and Corey Leonard (Hannah Herrick). Sisters Judy Corbett and Bonnie Perotti (Charlie), brother-in-law Bill Warner (Laurie) and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ronnie, her son, Randy, sister, MaryAnne

Kenneth Warren Tyson

CORNWALL — Kenneth Warren Tyson passed away on Nov. 19, 2022, at the age of 87. He was born in New York City to Robert Warren Tyson and Eleanor Duval Tyson on July 23, 1935. He was raised in White Plains and Scarsdale, New York, along with his identical twin brother, Robert. Ken graduated from Scarsdale High School and, together with Bob, attended Dartmouth College, class of 1957.



While at Dartmouth, Ken was a member of the diving team. He and Bob belonged to Alpha Delta Phi fraternity (on which the movie "Animal House" was based). After graduation, Ken joined the National Guard and lived in New York City, where he worked in banking while attending business school at New York University. He later shifted direction and attended UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, California, graduating in 1965. Upon graduation he returned east, settled in Cornwall, and clerked for renowned attorney Catherine Roraback.

Ken practiced law in northwestern Connecticut for many years, and was a member of the Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey Bar Associations. While living in Connecticut, Ken was a member of the First Litchfield Artillery, a Civil War reenactment regiment. Ken and his wife Regina resided in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and later in Lebanon Township and High Bridge, and most recently Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Ken was active in Dartmouth College alumni clubs, conducting interviews with prospective students. He volunteered with the High Bridge ambulance squad and was involved in coaching youth soccer in Lebanon Township. For 35 years Ken was active as a friend of Bill W.

An avid reader and dog

lover, Ken was known for being quiet and reserved but when he spoke, it was substantial and to the point. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his kindness, wry and self-deprecating sense of humor, Jeopardy skills, and talent at skipping rocks, to the delight and amazement of his grandchildren. In their younger days, Ken and his identical twin loved a good prank, tricking friends, teachers, and family alike. In adulthood, Ken adopted his signature mustache to avoid being mistaken for brother Bob "Typhoon" Tyson. Despite the difference in temperaments, the brothers were always extremely close.

Ken is survived by his adored wife of 43 years, Regina Gilhooly Tyson, their son Brendan Tyson and his wife Tracy, his children from a previous marriage, Josh Tyson and his wife Catherine, and Laura Tyson Li and her husband Richard. Also surviving him are his sister, Ann Tyson Lyons of Honolulu, Hawaii, sister-in-law Carol Tyson Wakeman, and seven grandchildren whom he loved dearly — Sienna and Isabella Li; Daniel, Ian and Eliza Tyson; and Quinn and Conor Tyson. He was predeceased by daughter Meghan Tyson and twin brother, Robert Duval Tyson. He is also survived by his former wife, Roberta Dixon Tyson of Cornwall.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Jacob Holle Funeral Home, 2122 Millburn Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. with a memorial service from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 117, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

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Volunteers needed at Food of Life Pantry

AMENIA — The St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry, located at 40 Leedsville Road in South Amenia, is looking for volunteers. People are needed to help the pantry get food into the homes of those struggling to make ends meet during these desperate times. St. Thomas has its own garden, from which it grows fresh produce during the growing

season as well as the pantry, from which it provides non-perishable food and other essential items for those living in the Harlem Valley and over the border in Connecticut.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.stthomasamenia.com/volunteer. Questions may be sent to the pantry's volunteer coordinator at samantha@stthomasamenia.com.

Apply to new early learning program

MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC) will be accepting applications for its upcoming Early Learning Program, to be held at the site of the former Astor Head Start program in Millerton.

This program aims to serve children between 18

and 36 months of age. Families may now send their applications to ELP@neccmillerton.org or contact Raina at 518-789-4259, ext. 110 with questions.

For more information on the NECC's Early Learning Program, stay tuned for The Millerton News.



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Millbrook's Parade of Lights returns Dec. 4

MILLBROOK — The Village of Millbrook's Parade of Lights is back, Friday, Dec. 4, with some new additions.

The Angels of Light is hosting a Meet and Greet with Mrs. Claus and Santa at its new building at 28 Front Street from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event will include pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, snacks and crafts.

At 5:30, head over to the Tribute Garden Christmas tree and join in a holiday sing-along with children from Elm Drive School. There will be activities and music on Franklin Avenue as well.

The Millbrook Fire Company will bring Mrs. Claus and Santa to the Christmas tree just in time to light the

tree and start the parade up Franklin at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the parade. Decorate your vehicle or float with holiday lights and other fun decorations. Line-up starts at 4:30 p.m. next to MOST Physical Therapy. No floats with a political theme or throwing candy from the floats. Donated candy is appreciated. Please bring it to the Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Ceil Collopy at (845) 797-2294 or cecilia-collopy@gmail.com. A note or call identifying the name of your float would help organize announcements.

Recovery coach offers assistance for addicted

PINE PLAINS — A Recovery Coach for those struggling with addiction of any sort will be in Pine Plains to talk to anyone who wants to come in. Deborah Hagan comes via Hudson River Healthcare and the Department of Community and Behavioral Health. She will provide an experienced ear for listening, as well as connections to a Medication Assisted Treatment Program in a stigma-free support for anyone who wants it, includ-

ing the family members of those in the struggle.

Support is available every second Monday and every fourth Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Parish House of the Church of Regeneration at 18 Pine St. and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More dates and times to follow.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to talk in a judgment-free setting, and please tell anyone who is struggling.

Mollica-Whitely named Executive Director at Silo Ridge Community Foundation

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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AMENIA — The Silo Ridge Community Foundation (SRCF) and Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization (AWCO) announced in early November the appointment of Danielle M. Mollica-Whitely to the position of Executive Director.

"With deep roots in the community," the foundations said, "Danielle brings years of nonprofit experience and has many community awards for her charitable efforts."

Mollica-Whitely said, "I am thrilled to be part of such a highly motivated team, a tight knit community and look forward to executing the mission of the AWCO/SRCF for the greater good of the children, families and business that co-habitate in this beautiful area of the Hudson Valley."

Mollica-Whitely is a native of the Hudson Valley; she lives in Millbrook. She is the proud mother of Dominick, 15. And when she has time, she enjoys travel, horses, and spending time with her family. She also manages to find the time to take on challenges of all sorts, including running marathons, such as the 2015 London marathon to raise money for children's cancer. Her energy is legendary, as is her desire to help those less fortunate, and to help communities to express the very best of themselves.

SRCF provides grants in the



PHOTO PROVIDED

Danielle M. Mollica-Whitely

areas of arts, education, community services and conservation to nonprofit organizations and qualifying government agencies such as libraries and school. No loans or grants are made to individuals. There are two grant cycles per year and

each entity can apply once per year; the deadlines occur on May 1 and Nov. 15.

AWCO supports community endeavors such as Webutuck Little League, the Wassaic Summer Project Benefit, Angels of Light, which formerly provided

Christmas to sick children and their families but now provides help year round to those in need, and Lucky Orphans, a horse rescue operation which fosters healing between horses and humans.

Mollica-Whitely has been president of Angels of Light for the past two years; she's been with them since 2015 and works to see that sick and needy children and their families get the help they require, which can include medical expenses, but also living expenses when necessary.

Mollica-Whitely has been active in public relations for many years, as well as in community outreach for Central Hudson Gas and Electric, where she closed the gap between the company and the community. She has also worked in hospitality, industry, event planning, as evidenced by the many Angels of Light galas and events she has executed over the years, and is co-founder of a restaurant, 82 BBQ.

Her skills will soon be witnessed at the upcoming Amenia's 11th Annual Celebration of Lights on Sunday, Dec. 4. It promises to be the best in years, with food, festivities and a showing of the film "Polar Express."

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There are lots of great reasons to support The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News this holiday season. Here's one you probably didn't think of: Tomato pie.

The controversial treat (www.tricornernews.com/tomatopie) makes for a splendid variation on the familiar Thanksgiving menu of turkey, stuffing and the rest. It's also been the topic of delightful and informative articles chronicling the fierce battles the dish has stirred up among area chefs, a reminder of the pleasures to be found only in hometown newspapers.

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in those populations.

This fact has profoundly negative implications for our ability to manage COVID outbreaks, Han suggested. Even if we were somehow able to reduce or eliminate COVID-19 in human populations, there exists a vast and stable reservoir of the virus in White-tailed deer—an overabundant species with which humans have high contact. This suggests a high likelihood that COVID could easily spill back over into human populations. Ginsberg spoke to first encountering this information in an early draft of Han's paper, and he recalled the sinking feeling it gave him.

"I remember reading it and being more depressed about the pandemic—because it's really clear, it's not going away.... As a zoonotic disease, it is now in other species, and

it's evolving in those other species, and inevitably it will eventually spill back from one of them to us."

The crux of Han's research methods lies in training an AI to identify what traits make an animal species a strong carrier of diseases. For example—rodents, such as rats, are prolific in this regard. What traits contribute to that? High birth rates? Fast metabolisms?

Once a program knows these things, it can begin to apply that knowledge to much larger datasets than are typically approachable by human researchers. Through this process, an AI can make hard-to-find connections, and out of them create highly accurate predictions of what animals, from a wide pool, might be strong carriers of specific diseases, and of categories of diseases.

Armed with a deeper understanding of zoonotic diseases, and with access to the powerful analytic capabilities of AI, Han expressed optimism in our ability to marshal available data and use it to help manage future pandemics. However, when asked what keeps her up at night,

Han was honest about where her concerns reside.

"What keeps me up at night is our complacency... Say we had a pandemic next year, are people going to say, 'Ah, we've been through this, whatever. Masks, I'm not gonna—' Are we going snap to attention, and [say]: we know what to do now? That's what I worry about the most, I think."

The "Predicting the Next Pandemic" talk is available at www.caryinstitute.org/events.

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outdoor venues for musical and theatrical performances. All of this takes careful planning, and the Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) is planning for the very best.

In September, MCP announced that Suzie Kovner had joined its board of directors. A patron of the arts, Kovner brings special expertise to the musical and arts portions of both Bennett Park and the Thorne Building Community Center, which plans to have a performing arts center for dramatic arts, as well as dance, music, lectures, film offerings and many social events. It will also contain a dance class studio and a music/recording studio.

The \$554,000 grant received by the 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, which are 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 project has actually moved quickly since the MCP was formed, and it has done so in a very public and transparent way, with several public meetings called to discuss what was wanted from each of these projects. Thus, 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 educational center, a well-respected woman'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, evidenced by the many concerts arranged by the Millbrook Arts Group each year, and the summer "Music in the Streets" for the pleasure of Saturday visitors and shoppers.

When announcing the appointment of Kovner, Oakleigh Thorne, president of MCP, mentioned that her background and knowledge of the arts would indeed be invaluable as the project enters its next phase of development. So we know that progress is being made, and when the Thorne Building was opened to the public for tours on Saturday, May 28 it was finally possible to see how beautiful the building was, the possibilities it held, and how much work still needed to be done. But once again, the public felt invested in the project.

As winter settles in, we may see less movement on the Bennett site, but with the opening planned for 2023, there may be a lot of activity beginning in the spring. By summer, there may be hiking on the trails, music in the air and an influx of visitors to enjoy even more of Millbrook.

Now, as promised, the story behind the wall in the field at Bennett Park.

The wall shown in the picture is built of stones original to Halcyon Hall, but during construction it is being reinforced and expanded.

When Halcyon Hall was torn down, the crew was were able to salvage stone to be used throughout the park, so there will always be reminders of the original buildings and the history of Bennett College.

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gram called "Pedal Power for Kenyan Education" started.

Community outreach includes the construction of a Grow Against Poverty-Kenya program building, installation of water tanks, women's health and entrepreneurial workshops, COVID relief and assistance to families who are subsistence farmers.

Pedal Power for Kenyan Education has reached a milestone as 50 bicycles have recently been awarded to a high school bringing the total to

250 among five schools. Students who walk an average of 10 miles to get to school and back home borrow these bicycles.

At the Schoolhouse you'll find many finely crafted items including salad bowls, platters, cutting boards, rolling pins, candleholders, earrings, pens and wooden toys. The items will also be available at Mr. Roccanova's Ancramdale workshop. Contact him at: growagainstopoverty@gmail.com or (518) 329-2021.



A student at the Nambale Secondary School.



PHOTO BY JEAN ROCCANOVA

Master carpenter and retired Webutuck technology educator John Roccanova worked on a section of walnut to create a bowl, one of many treasures he will sell at the Irondale School House Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25 to 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to raise funds for a Kenyan community and school.



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The finished walnut salad bowl with mahogany and maple inlay.

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ALEXANDER WILBURN

They're new, they're young, are they here to stay?

It was 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, the air sharp with an end-of-summer chill, when I meet Jeb Breece to set up the Kent Flower Market. The parking lot of Kent Bards in front of RT Facts Design & Antiques was a high-priced ghost town apart from our cars, but just give it a few hours. If you grow it, they will come.

Breece, 40, and his wife Sabina, 42, are part of a new wave of fresh-faced "full-timers" in rural Litchfield County, Conn., ex-Upper East Siders who traded Ralph's Coffee and The Metropolitan Museum for winding backroads, old stone libraries and plenty of deer. The COVID-19 pandemic ignited a real estate surge in sleepy Northwest Connecticut, with families in their mid-to-late 30s and early 40s migrating not just for a season, but for permanent residence.

While Sabina may stop by the market with friends, the flower fever

is all Breece, a portfolio manager at a wealth management and investment firm in Midtown Manhattan. He's been growing flowers and native plants at their home in Salisbury, Conn., Posy Hill Farm — named after the family dog. On market days, the second Saturday of each month, he's joined by his 10-year-old son Henry, a day student at

older brother who prefers sleeping to getting up bright and early to hawk dahlias (I can relate). "He's going through puberty," Henry said.

It was the last days of dahlias that September morning — and also the first time Kent Flower Market had offered the big rainbow-petalled perennials, due to drought conditions that August. Working with local agriculture means working within the

parameters of the seasons and finicky weather conditions. Breece told me outright most of the flowers he sells would likely be considered "rejects" on a large professional scale, like New York City Flower District in Chelsea.

Imperfect, by-the-season flowers are not the way most Americans are used to shopping for bouquets, which are grown and packaged overseas in countries like Ecuador or the Netherlands, and



Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, Conn. Dressed to sell flowers in a Harry Styles-esque pairing of pearls and nail polish, Henry remarked he has an



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Jeb Breece is part of the wave of young New York families who have moved to the county full-time.

shipped to U.S. supermarkets. Brown Political Review reported in 2019 that "the cut flower industry in the United States takes in \$34.3 billion of revenue each year. Of the flowers Americans buy, nearly 80% are imported from Colombia."

Breece's flower market, as "imperfect" as the mix of dahlias, geraniums, sunflowers, and celosias may be, are the product of his own garden with flowers grown on local farms like Anderson Acres in Kent — which is where we headed to pick up buckets of blooms for the market. Breece easily sees the benefit. "Carbon footprint is way less, plus keeping money within the local economy as opposed to shipping it off to global supply chains. Not to belittle... Look, where

those flowers are grown, that production is likely done with low-cost labor and the people there need resources, but this is our community and I think it's important we have a local farm economy."

The



goal, even on a *petite fleur* scale, is to aggregate supply and demand. "Help farmers sell their product even if they can't be there at the market," Breece told me. "I buy all the flowers from the farmers, I take the inventory risk, if it's a supply market, I eat it. I basically try to break even. We're

selling pretty close to wholesale price."

Wholesale-priced bundles of dahlias meant a busy market once they opened at 10 a.m., especially for Henry, who had no problem swiping credit cards while I wrapped flowers in brown paper. He's obviously in the right father-son side hustle, as he told me about the Martha Stewart fanfiction he pens in his free time, "Martha Stewart vs. Tacky Décor." Henry's hoping she'll apparate, in the Harry Potter use of the word, one day at the flower stand. (Ms. Stewart, if you're reading, come on Nov. 26 to make a middle schooler's dream come true.)

In the 2010s their family had a second home in Kent for excursions from the city. As Breece told me, "Pre-pandemic we were just weekenders. We came up to the country and we did our thing, kept to ourselves." Now full-time homeowners in Salisbury, with their sons both at Indian Mountain, their view of these small towns has altered. "If you just look at my family's involvement in the community, compared to when we just come up occasionally, it's all changed dramatically for us. Now we've started the flower market, my wife's gotten involved with The Little Guild, with Sharon Playhouse, I'm on the board of Hollister House, I'm on the board of Women's Support Services. We also funded a joint project to turn a piece of conserved land

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Apalos by Barbara Vaughn

...here to stay?

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in Salisbury to rehabilitate it into a wildflower meadow."

Breece will tell you he's heard Indian Mountain, a private school that typically accepted a large portion of international boarding students, now has a waitlist for eager day students — a demand that didn't exist in previous years. "I really thought we'd see this wave that would dissipate... that after a year couples would start to say, 'I can't get sushi, I

can't go out,' but people are staying. Our group who have come here, some of us have gotten involved in the community, but there are a lot of new families up here who still need to find their way to get involved"

The Connecticut census reports that a third of Salisbury's population is 65 and older, but it doesn't take statistics for Breece to see many of the town's foundational institutions are run by a rapidly aging population

in need of fresh support. "The community and nonprofit boards here skew really old, really retired — some incredible skill sets there, and great people — but there need to be new members if it's going to survive. The wave of young families up here haven't gotten there yet. Our group needs to step up."

The Kent Flower Market returns for a holiday greenery sale on Nov. 26 at Kent Barns in Kent, Conn.

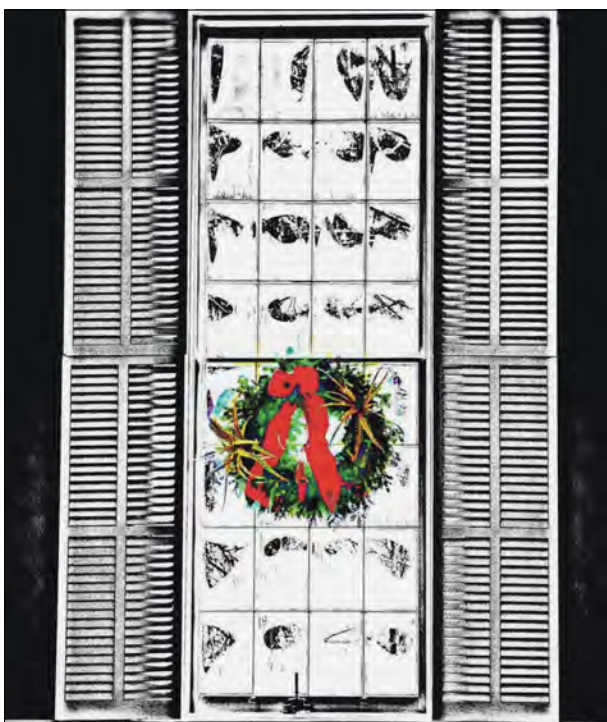
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Christmas toy donation drive gets going

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Children throughout the area will be waking up Christmas morning to a brighter day thanks to hundreds of donors who saw a need and decided to do something about it.

Their reasons for helping may vary, but many have stories whose roots are deep and lasting.

One such belongs to Cindy Snow-Pitts of Wassaic who, with her friend Mary Ellen Brown has once again organized a stocking and toy drive for children in the Amenia-Wassaic area.

She says, "I grew up poor.. and on welfare and suffered through it the whole time." In the economically depressed Aroostook County in Maine, her mother struggled to provide for her family — and often failed — which led to town after town as eviction took its toll.

Snow-Pitts says, "I remember this one Christmas — and it still puts tears in my eyes."

Sitting on the floor, with no money for paper, her mother had sorted through a box of donated gifts that had been delivered Christmas Eve, trying to explaining

to the children why they did not look like the wrapped gifts Santa usually delivered.

Cindy's gift was a "previously loved" naked baby doll with tangled hair which looked nothing like the gifts she believed the children on the "Nice List" would receive. Her child-like response was "Santa must hate me. He hates me. I'm really a bad person."

She said it took her years to understand that Santa, of course, did not hate her. Instead, someone with the best of intentions but also possibly facing some of the same economic challenges, had tried to help the family by providing toys when otherwise there would have been none, and she is appreciative of that help.

But still, "There was that whole frustration of being poor — of being 'that kid.' It's just something I understand from the bottom of my heart" and so now she is working to do the best she can for any child in need.

She recognizes that it can be difficult to ask for help saying, "Nobody wants to walk through the door and say 'I'm poor.'" She also noted that "the poorest of the poor may not show up because of their

pride — so we need to get their friends to do it for them."

Snow-Pitts said, "I don't know what hoops Mom jumped through to get that box on Christmas Eve," but now that she is in a position to help others, she is doing so with no "hoops" attached. Obtaining a toy is as simple as sending a message specifying needs to cindysnowphoto@gmail.com or calling 845-891-6954. Donation is easy as well with about a dozen boxes located in businesses throughout the community.

While she occasionally hears from some people who believe that a relaxed attitude toward registration could lead to abuse, she says it does not happen. She points out that whether at last year's toy drive, the backpack program she and friends organized for the Webutuck Schools, or the Bonnie Boxes they create for cancer patients, greed has not reared its ugly head.

Simply anxious to take care, Snow-Pitts says, "If we help 40 kids, we help 40 kids. If we help 200 kids, we help 200 kids," with people taking only what they need and leaving the rest behind for others.

Insisting that each child should "feel loved and cared for by Santa," the program

gratefully accepts only new toys, hopefully donated with wrapping paper and tape that can be given away as well.

They will be distributed at the DDSO in Wassaic on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Snow-Pitts said that they began the program when she learned last year that the Marine Corps Toys for Tots would not be distributed in the area, a problem which has been resolved, according to T.G. Ashline who is now spearheading the program in Dutchess County.

He says toys are being collected at 122 boxes and will be distributed at multiple locations including the American Legion Post 178 at 155 US 44 in Millerton and the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm and Home Center at 2715 Route 44, Millbrook. Toys are provided according to the needs of each area as indicated when families register.

Pickup will be by appointment only with identification required. Requests for toys must be made through Hudson-Valleytoysfortots.org.

A separate "No Questions Asked / First Come - First Served" gift distribution of a limited number of new and used toys previously collected by Adopt-a-Family and the Webutuck Teacher's Association will take place at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd., Millerton, on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Terry Sawall with captivating frogs among the many art works on view at her one-woman show at The Fountains.

Sawall's frogs rule at her Fountains art show

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Terry Sawall, who lives at The Fountains at Millbrook with her husband, Len, stays busy.

Sawall is President of The Fountains at Millbrook Resident Association (FMRA), loves traveling, and still finds time to develop a love of art and painting.

Her career was in management and leadership in various roles, but after moving to the Fountains, she watched her husband develop his art skills and decided to try her hand at it as well. Her one woman art show is the result, and it's fascinating.

Hung in the area nearest

the auditorium, to the left are pictures of frogs — all colors, all shapes.

Sawall said she came across the frog idea at a yard sale, and she became obsessed. She started painting frogs and couldn't stop. The collection is admirable, captivating, and if you love frogs, not to be missed. Her other works are hung to the right of the auditorium, and are eclectic; light houses, water scenes, fields, several different subjects; favorites of many, a portrait of a gray cat and a painting of red pandas. Sawall has talent, and a trip to the Fountains to see various art works and presentations is always fun.

The opening of Sawall's show was on Saturday, Nov. 19, drawing a big crowd.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Matthews Group Real Estate, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/20/2022.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District (the "District") that a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District be and the same is hereby called to be held in said District in the Webutuck High School gymnasium, 194 Haight Road, Amenia, New York on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. prevailing time (the "Vote") for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings, facilities, athletic courts, playgrounds and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings facilities, athletic courts, playgrounds and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$12,560,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied

and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,560,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

Qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the Vote. The District may require all persons offering to vote at the Vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots will be available for this Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or on the District's website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning November 6, 2022. The application must be returned to the District Clerk by November 29, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to

the voter, or the day before the Vote, December 5, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Vote, December 6, 2022.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the Vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Vote.

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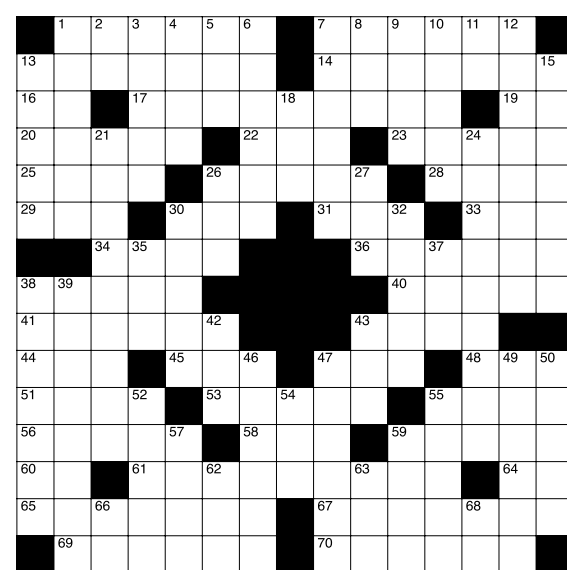
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. India's "City of Lakes"
7. Large marine mammals
13. Used to carry belongings when traveling
14. Rechristens
16. Equally
17. Heavy plant-eating mammals
19. Millihenny
20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
23. Norse gods
25. Peppermint and pekoie are two
26. Auguste __, founder of positivism
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
31. V-shaped open trough
33. People of southern Benin
34. People of southern Ghana
36. It's a significant creed
38. Period between eclipses
40. Furies
41. Emerged
43. Philippine Island
44. Where wrestlers battle
45. Unhappy
47. Central European river
48. Language
51. Semitransparent gemstone
53. Forming in a bottom layer
55. Distinct region
56. Broad blades
58. Leavened bread
59. Influential cosmetics exec
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Era free of war
64. One who helps professors
65. Idealistic
67. Ornamental plants
69. Grouped
70. Kids love this street

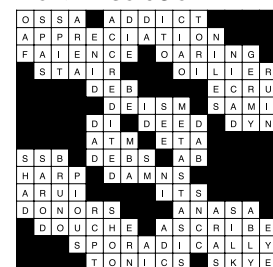
CLUES DOWN

1. Beloved hound
2. Equal to 100 grams
3. S-shaped moldings
4. Hawaiian cliff
5. Everyone has one
6. Subatomic particle
7. Ghost

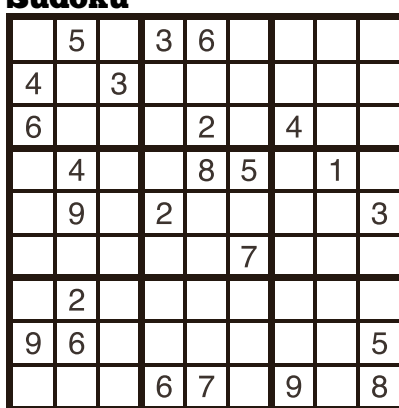


8. Adult female bird
9. Greek temple pillars
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. Measures the width of printed matter
12. Musical interval
13. Tantalizes
15. Places of worship
18. An unskilled actor who overacts
21. One who volunteers to help
24. Precaution
26. Beverage holder
27. Very long period of time
30. Bullfighting maneuvers
32. More critical
35. Sends packing in a boxing match
37. Taxi
38. Decorative Russian tea urn
39. North American Great Plains natives
42. Seize
43. A passage with access only at one end
46. Cut a rug
47. Devil rays
49. Bubble up
50. Veranda
52. Outcast
54. Car mechanics group
55. Realm
57. A place to get off your feet
59. Popular music awards show
62. Consumed
63. A way to make cooler
66. Thus
68. Indicates it's been registered

Nov. 17 Solution



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EDITORIAL

Finding common ground in gratitude

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for many of us: It's about making or buying some favorite foods, sharing them with family and friends and maybe catching some football in between sittings. (Shopping of any kind must be kept at bay until the day after, Black Friday, when for many the gift-buying kicks in and takes over the rest of the month. But really: Need ideas for gifts and fun things to do during the festive season? You can benefit from learning what opportunities are available locally. For that: See the Holiday Gift Guide section in this week's paper. And see the holiday briefs throughout the paper for upcoming events.)

This is the year when many more of us will gather after too many COVID-restricted holidays. While the pandemic is not gone, and other bugs are after us all this winter, it will still be the year we will likely feel we can see one another face to face and connect as we haven't been able to do freely since 2020.

This holiday is singularly American, a day that all who are in this country can take part in (yes, Canada, our North American neighbor, does it too, just on a different day.) This day gives us all the ability to celebrate with a day off to think about gratitude. Can this be the holiday that unites us, rather than divides us?

Maybe, if we can get past the urge to discuss politics with those of different partisan sides at dinner. Still, there's no better time to get over any polarizing conversations, once the turkey's tryptophan (or the effects of too much food and drink in general, as is also argued) kicks in and causes drowsiness. We should also remember that it's a moment in time that won't come back, and should be taken advantage of to reconnect with family and friends in a positive way.

The elections are over, though it could be there are still some races being decided even as you read this (Georgia's Senate race is definitely one.) Time to move on and for those who are now in office to attain some goals they set for themselves during the campaign. Take a breather first, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company. There will be plenty of time for divisiveness later.

This may be the tryptophan talking, but maybe the afterglow of the elections (depending if you liked the outcome) and the warmth of the holidays could take hold, and the country start to veer away from the deep divisions that have plagued it. The midterm elections gave us hope that more moderate views could be what the American people are seeking. Now, that would be something to be profoundly thankful for.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and try to keep some of the comfort of the holidays as winter takes firm control of the next few weeks, and months.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join me in recognizing National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

As we enter the upcoming holiday season, it's important to also acknowledge that November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This month, we seek to honor the compassionate caregivers who provide hospice and palliative care, the patients navigating their long-term care journey, and the families who support their loved ones every step of the way, including, but not limited to, their final days.

Palliative care is essential for patients with serious chronic

diseases as they chart long-term care strategies based on their individual needs and goals. For many patients, the palliative care journey spans many years, so it is crucial that we enable them to live their lives as fully as possible while managing their illness. NuVance Health has worked diligently with leaders across the system in recent years to invest in and reinvigorate palliative care, with an eye toward empowering patients to live with respect, dignity, and independence throughout their care journey. I see this investment come to life each day in my role as the system's chair of palliative care, and it is truly an honor to lead a team who shows such tireless dedication to providing the highest quality of care and support to patients and their families.

As our patients near the end of their lives, hospice provides them with necessary care tailored to their preferences and needs, in our healthcare facilities or at home. Beyond the medical treatment these patients require, hospice staff are also skilled at providing emotional, spiritual, and compassionate support to both patients and their families. Our teams thoughtfully care for each patient, remaining sensitive to cultural and religious values and personal wishes. Whether at home or in a facility, our hospice staff provides comfort and dignity to patients, allowing them to navigate the final stage of their lives surrounded by those most important to them.

Together, NuVance Health's hospice and palliative care teams improve quality of life and reduce suffering for patients across our region, empowering them to live their lives without fear following their diagnosis. These compassionate teams provide skilled care of immeasurable value to so many people across Western Connecticut and the Hudson Valley, and I wish to applaud them for their incredible work.

This Hospice and Palliative Care month, let's all take a moment to honor those facing serious and chronic illness, recognize the loved ones who support them, and thank our hospice and palliative caregivers for continuing to empower our patients and lend our shoulders to their loved ones.

Mark J. Marshall, DO, MA, FACP, FHM
Vice President of Medical Affairs, Sharon Hospital
Sharon

Sharon Hospital must be saved

In the more than 23 years I have lived in this bucolic region—first in Salisbury and now West Cornwall—change at Sharon Hospital has been a constant. I've seen numerous CEOs and changing owners, including a notable shift from non-profit to for-profit in the early 2000s, then back to nonprofit in 2017. Unfortunately, none of these owners or leaders have been able to solve the hospital's financial instability.

Today, Sharon Hospital's nonprofit parent organization, NuVance Health, is faced with the challenge of addressing more than two decades worth of financial challenges to get Sharon Hospital out of the red, so it can continue serving our community. It's clear that to do this, leaders must make changes, including the difficult one to close its maternity unit.

I remember the excitement around the new maternity unit at Sharon Hospital. Expectant mothers couldn't wait to have their babies in the beautiful unit, which

was equipped with the latest state of the art equipment and overlooked the beautiful rolling hill landscapes. The hospital's owner at the time also hoped that this new unit would drive patient volume, helping bring Sharon Hospital back into the black financially. Unfortunately, while the unit has continued to provide top-notch care, it hasn't had the desired impact on increasing patient volume. Instead, it has had the opposite effect — as our birth rates decline and high-risk patients migrate toward facilities equipped with neonatal intensive care units, the unit remains dramatically underused and is endangering the very survival of the rest of the hospital.

I would hate to think appealing to maintain the minority (one unit) can possibly outweigh servicing the majority (the full hospital), including expanding key services our community needs most. This could have disastrous consequences to healthcare access in our region.

Over the years, my family

of four has relied on Sharon Hospital countless times for a wide array of needs. We have visited the ED at all hours, had both scheduled and emergency surgeries, required sedation for procedures, repeatedly visited the lab for blood work, received annual screenings, and benefitted from both physical and speech therapy sessions. None of this will be possible if Sharon Hospital is forced to close.

Sharon Hospital, as a small community hospital, cannot provide every possible service. While I know how special Labor and Delivery has been to our community, we must look to the evolving demographics of our region, and ensure Sharon Hospital is equipped to provide a range of high-quality services for everyone; men, women, children, and the elderly. Clearly, having both hasn't worked. The only way to save Sharon Hospital is to make difficult decisions regarding underused services.

Siloo S. Peters-Marshall
West Cornwall

Another way to help the planet survive climate change

When you see large corporations trying new carbon dioxide (CO2) technology — even if that technology industry is in a start up phase — you can be sure people are working, hard, to find new ways to make money and, hopefully, solve some of the environmental issues. Such is the case with Air Company of New York, "We're creating products from CO2 to extend life on Earth."

Like distilled water, which is impurity free, Air Company is grabbing CO2 from the air

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

around us and converting it into clean, pure, products. Okay, they have a few gimmicks. Take their AIR Eau de Parfum which is, sensibly, only a limited release product (and hardly viable at \$220 a bottle). On the other hand, their AIR Vodka at \$75 a bottle has had some rave reviews for its clean taste.

Now, you may ask, who cares? Well, those two gimmicks above are based on alcohols, formula C2H6O, that they make using captured CO2 pollutants with a little free atmospheric hydrogen thrown in. And, you guessed it, they can — and do! — go a step further and make kerosene C12H26C15H32.

Kerosene is what aircraft burn for jet travel. JetBlue has recently signed up with Air Company and hopes to be carbon neutral within five years. Yes, just five years. Going beyond the new goals for "Sustainable Aviation Fuel" (offsetting fuel pollution by planting trees and adding reclaimed oil product) now being attempted by all the major airlines,... no, by recapturing CO2 from the polluted air around us and grabbing some of the atmosphere's abundant hydrogen, these new engineers can make

everything from methane, to kerosene, to gasoline.

Okay, nothing is ever free. It takes energy to run their processes and they need heavy industrial investment. But there's a double-edged, built in, benefit here that even electric and hydrogen planes and cars cannot match: By taking the CO2 and hydrogen from the free polluted air all around us, they can sell a product that has no supply shortage and whose ingredients are free.

And to top that off, they can offer airlines to be carbon neutral because what they burn to fly was already removed from the atmosphere and can be recaptured again. Airlines looking at public opinion forming against jet planes' pollution can, instead, claim to be carbon neutral. Air Company is not alone. Eonic Technologies, Newlight Technologies, Carbon Engineer-

ing, Sunfire, Avantium, Agora, Prometheus, Capenhia, Synhelion, and Fixing CO2 are all getting into the game. And why wouldn't they? The raw product they refine is free and capturing excess CO2 is beneficial for the planet. That's a whole lot better than the oil industry's supply cost for crude oil — oh, and it breaks OPEC's stranglehold.

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



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