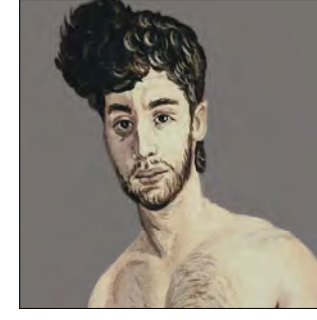




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## Hundreds rally in protest to Sharon Hospital cuts

By LEILA HAWKEN and PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — A crowd of more than 300 people, including U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), came to the Sharon town Green Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, to protest the plan to close Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit and reconfigure the intensive care unit.

The rally was originally intended to serve as a lead-in to a public hearing (online) before the state Office of Health Strategy on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

However, OHS announced Friday, Oct. 14, that the hearing has been postponed to an undetermined date due to "recent activity on the docket."

Save Sharon Hospital, the organization that is leading the effort to block the closing of labor and delivery, has petitioned for intervenor status for the hearing.

The notice of postponement requires Nuvance Health, the hospital's parent company, to respond



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Gregg Pulver, chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, said he was skeptical that Nuvance can't find a way to keep Sharon Hospital's maternity unit open.**

to the SSH petition by Oct. 21, and for SSH to reply to that by Oct. 25.

Lydia Moore of SSH opened the rally by noting OHS had postponed the hearing "in part because of all the testimony."

Moore said last time she checked the OHS website there were 54 letters posted. "So who knows what kind of backlog" OHS has.

Moore said the SSH cause has significant political support, not-

ing that Gov. Ned Lamont has expressed his concern about the situation, and that Blumenthal has sent his own letter to OHS.

Several political figures spoke, starting with State Rep. Maria

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### Oblong spruce up

Dick Hermans, owner of Oblong Books and Music, was out painting the facade of Oblong Jr. on a warm afternoon last week. "It was last painted about nine years ago, but we put in new windows this summer," Hermans said. Oblong has been an anchor of the downtown Millerton shopping district since 1975. Oblong Jr. on South Center Street specializes in children's books and toys.

## Pursuing koi as a passion

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Not only is Maxine Paetro a celebrated author, she is also a serious breeder of serious fish, the genetically delicate koi, known as shusui, and more specifically, ki shusui.

The "ki" means "yellow." The "shusui" means "autumn sky" in Japanese.

"We've been trying to breed these fish for 13 or 14 years," Paetro commented during a walk to breeding ponds at her farm, Broccoli Hall, "and we've done it." The project began in 2006.

The task of periodically gathering the koi within the pond in

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PHOTO BY GEORGE J. KUNZE

**Koi harvesting proceeded in earnest at Broccoli Hall, home of author Maxine Paetro on Thursday, Oct. 13. Friends gathered to watch the herding and sorting maneuvers under the direction of John Clark of Northeastern Aquatics of Rhinebeck.**

## North East town board mulls 2023 budget increase

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to The Millerton News

NORTH EAST — The Town Board of North East covered a lot of topics quickly in its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13.

All trustees were present except for John Midwood and the meeting was available live on Zoom. Town

Supervisor Chris Kennan's opening comments began with the recommendation that everyone over age 5 get the newest Covid booster despite the current low Covid infection rate. Kennan touched on the \$550 loss on the recent bulk trash day, now sponsored by the Town, and proposed consideration in the future of recycling tires in-

stead of electronics, and the timing and marketing of the event.

The town's official seal of an iron mine is getting a design update at no cost to the town. Most importantly Town records now stored in the basement and attic continue to be digitized. Kennan

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## Sharon Audubon listens for ping-pong birds

In August, the Sharon Audubon Center launched a new way to track birds, thanks to Audubon's Migratory Bird Initiative, a grant from the William T. Wharton Trust, and the willing hands of volunteers from Drake Real Estate Partners.

By installing a 34-foot tower equipped with antennas and a solar-powered computer, the Center joined the international Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus),

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a fast-expanding technology that gathers data about bird movements in stunning detail.

This new equipment will enhance the Center's work of monitoring birds and support-

ing community participation in bird conservation. Many of our declining "local" birds are migratory, spending most of their year hundreds or thousands of miles from our neighborhoods. A pressing need in conserving them is a better understanding of how and where they move throughout the year. Motus tracking can provide that.

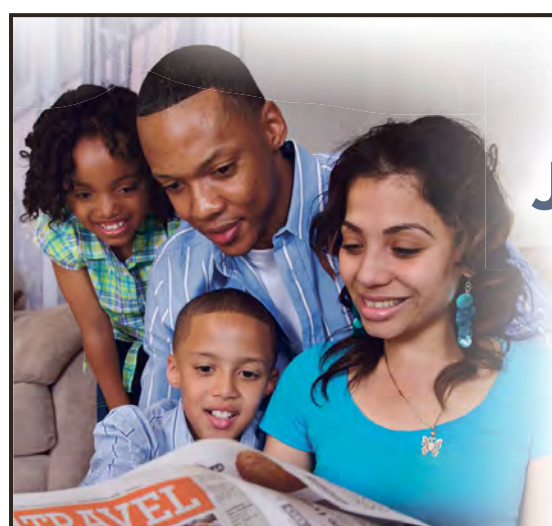
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OUR TOWNS

# Community Day at Indian Rock Schoolhouse



PHOTOS BY GRIFFIN COOPER

The one-room historic Indian Rock Schoolhouse in Amenia held its annual Community Day on Saturday, Oct. 15, with children's crafts and activities, local artisans and vendors, music, raffles and schoolroom tours.



Betsy Strauss (center), vice president of the Amenia Historical Society with Sandy Conlin, treasurer (right), at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Community Day in Amenia.



Karen Lambdin, of the Dutchess County Historical Society greeted visitors at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Community Day in Amenia.

## Metro-North keeps buses in service

WASSAIC — Metro North Railroad train riders are traveling by bus between Wassaic and Southeast stations, with a transfer to trains at Southeast, ending Nov. 20 if all goes according to plan. Riders are advised to allow for an additional hour of travel time. For more information go [new.mta.info/alerts](http://new.mta.info/alerts).

### Correction

In The Millerton News front page article Oct. 13 on the Pine Plains Agricultural Fair, the Lo-Nan Farm was incorrectly referred to as Lowman Farm.

The News regrets the error.

Send news items and briefs to [editor@millertonnews.com](mailto:editor@millertonnews.com)



PHOTO BY JENNIFER KRONHOLM CLARK

### Cycling weather

Traffic on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail has been buzzing as cyclists, runners and walkers take in the fall colors. A recent Wednesday afternoon saw a score or more bicyclers, a dozen walkers and even a handful of dogs enjoying the sun and bright blue sky.

# SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL



## Rally thank yous!

Thank you to United States Senator Richard Blumenthal, United States Representative Jahana Hayes, State Representative Maria Horn, and State Representative Stephen Harding for standing with our local officials and community on October 16 as we rallied against the pending closure of maternity and the downgrading of the ICU at Sharon Hospital. We signed 336 letters that will be mailed to the Office of Health Strategy, and copies will be sent to the other CT State officials!

## Public Hearing

The public hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 has been postponed, **but you can still submit testimony to [ohs@ct.gov](mailto:ohs@ct.gov)**. We will update our website and social media as soon as we know the new date.

We will still meet to testify together at the Sharon Town Hall for those who would like to join the Public Hearing via Zoom as a group **once the hearing is rescheduled**. You will still be able to access the Zoom link and testify from anywhere you have internet access.

Learn more at [www.savesharonhospital.org](http://www.savesharonhospital.org)

# Amenia housing project explored at forum

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Whether considered as workforce housing or affordable housing, area communities grapple with the needs of working families and senior residents who struggle to find adequate housing.

A forum led by the Amenia Housing Board and the Hudson River Housing (HRH) organization was held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Town Hall.

Intended to focus on visions for development of affordable housing units on a 15.9-acre parcel along Route 22 North near the Freshtown Plaza, the two-hour conversation among the 30 residents and Hudson River Housing representatives expanded to a wider range of topics, including funding, regulations and management intricacies.

An earlier public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 6, presented detailed statistics illustrating the need for affordable housing options.

A dearth of rentals led Housing Board chairman Charlie Miller to describe the situation as “shocking,” and to add that families or individuals who can find rentals are

paying more (and a greater percentage of their earnings toward housing).

“And there are more renters out there,” Miller said.

“Affordable housing needs to be affordable,” Miller explained. If it costs, say, \$300,000 to construct a modest home and the buyer could only afford to finance \$200,000, that would leave a gap of \$100,000 to be made up by funding programs and alternative sources.

Government programs that might supply some of the funds, Miller explained, come with complex guidelines. For example, affordable housing can conflict with fair housing regulations stipulating that towns cannot offer a housing development only to employees of local businesses.

“We need housing, period,” Miller said. Accessory dwelling units, known as ADUs, are an option where a homeowner might create a rental apartment perhaps over the garage or within the home.

The main obstacle there is that home’s septic capacity that is based on the number of existing bedrooms. To add a tenant and another bathroom would conflict with the septic



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Residents gathered at the town hall on Saturday, Oct. 15, to discuss the need for local affordable housing and to hear about a new 14 unit own/rent development proposed for Route 22 North. Charlie Miller, chair of the Amenia Housing Board, led off the public forum.

allocation for that home and its existing bedrooms.

Adjusting local regulations to accommodate affordable housing was suggested by Miller as a possible solution.

An affordable housing development is being proposed for the 15.9 acres of

land purchased last summer by Hudson River Housing (HRH), collaborating with the Amenia Housing Board for the planning stages. Plans call for seven units located on the west side of Route 22 North.

Representing Hudson River Housing was Mary Linge, vice president for Real Estate Development.

“It’s about making sure that people are not cost-burdened by their housing,” Linge said.

Reviewing the proposal, Linge said that the first step in developing the parcel is to be

sure that there is no conflict with local zoning regulations. The aim is to proceed without needing to apply for a zoning variance. The next steps are to identify how the project can be funded.

HRH is looking to build seven 2-family houses to provide 14 housing units, expecting that the owner will live in one half while renting the other half to provide support for the mortgage payments. One ACD can also be incorporated as an additional rental. To qualify, families would need to fall below \$50,000 in

total annual income.

“You can’t build affordable housing without some form of subsidy,” Linge said.

“This isn’t easy,” Linge said, “and it’s not going to happen overnight.” The HRH anticipates that owners of the two-family units would not own the land and that the development would be created to remain as is for at least 50 years. Regulations would prohibit absentee owners who would see the possibility of using the property as an investment enterprise.

Town board member Leo Blackman commented that many local jobs are in the hospitality sector. “There is a need for working people,” Blackman said.

“Everyone is facing diminished housing opportunities these days. We are ready,” Blackman said. “This HRH proposal gains the town affordable ownership and rental options.”

Anticipating a period of gathering input from residents, Linge said that the next public forum meeting will probably be held in the spring.

In the meantime, residents are urged to submit their comments, suggestions and questions to Linge at [mlinge@hudsonriverhousing.org](mailto:mlinge@hudsonriverhousing.org).

To view the Amenia Housing Board’s Oct. 15 presentation detailing the issue and tentative planning for the Route 22 development, go to <https://bit.ly/ameniahrh1>



PHOTO BY OLIVIA VALENTINE

As the seasons change, so do the offerings at the North East Community Center Farmers Market with the fall harvest adding to the wide variety of vegetables, fruit, meat, cheeses, baked goods and prepared foods. The Market at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Farmers Market gets new director

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The well-oiled reins of the North East Community Center sponsored Millerton Farmers Market are changing hands as Amenia resident Francisco “Frannie” Paez takes over from long time director John Nowak.

According to NECC Director of Community Programs Paul Bengtson, Nowak has spent the past month with Paez teaching him the ropes of the weekly Saturday Market at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street.

Of the change, Bengtson said, “NECC appreciates all the time and effort and care John put into the market to grow it into what it is today and wish him well in his future endeavors,” which in addition to his weekday job will include spending weekend time with his family.

Paez, a former chef and restaurant owner from Brooklyn says he is “very excited” about the welcome he received from all. Building on what he said is the “terrific job” Nowak did, Paez is hoping to develop ways to involve more members of the community by bringing more competition which could lower prices to appeal to a more diverse constituency and involving more teens in multiple ways.

Bengtson noted there are no immediate changes planned for the Market which

will continue its outdoor operations until weather necessitates a move inside where it will run until after the winter holidays.

Following a break of several months, the Market will reopen in much the same form.

Bengtson said, “Once we finish off the summer season and we start planning for next summer, we’ll start looking at

things and Frannie will have an opportunity to figure out what things might be improved and changed slightly. But I think the intent is to keep it pretty consistent.”

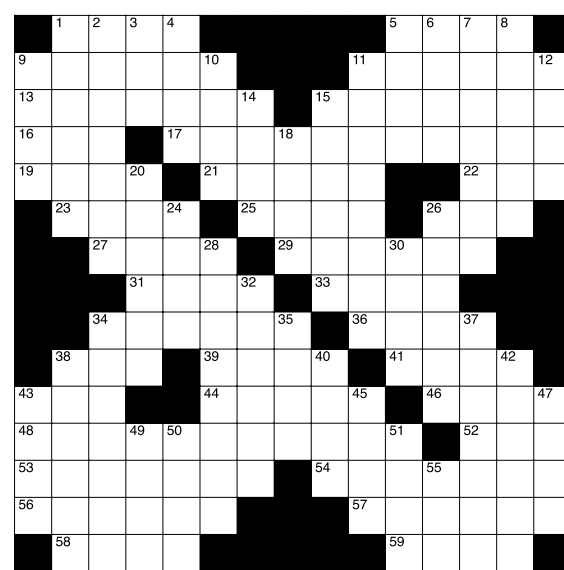
He noted that vendor application for the winter season are being accepted.

For more information call 518-407-7030 or go to [neccmillerton.org/farmers-market](http://neccmillerton.org/farmers-market).

## Brain Teasers

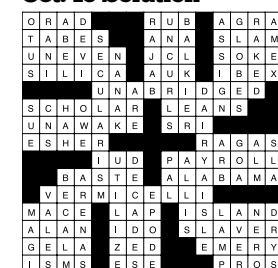
### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to communicate
5. Historic city
9. Not the same
11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
13. One hurt the Titanic
15. Fine dense cloth
16. Architectural structure
17. Where Serena works
19. Stringed instrument
21. Estimate
22. Where sailors work
23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
25. Popular slow cooked dish
26. Twisted Sister’s Snider
27. “Office Space” actor Stephen
29. Put the ball in the net
31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
33. High school math subject
34. Looked into
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A pea is one type
39. You can put it on something
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Inanely foolish
54. Most unnatural
56. “Dennis” is one
57. Sooths
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood

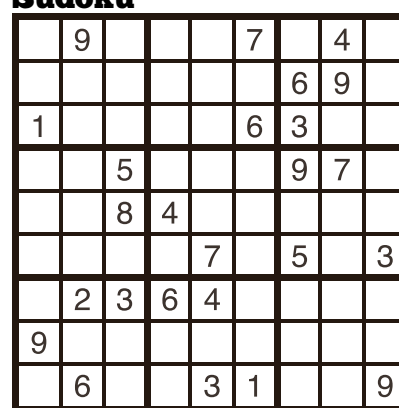


7. Exploited
8. Main course
9. A bottle that contains a drug
10. The most worthless part
11. Everyone needs one nowadays
12. Japanese wooden shoe
14. Antelopes
15. A way to cut
18. Brooklyn hoopsters
20. Gradually receded
24. Ripped open
26. College grads get one
28. Amino acid
30. Unruly gathering
32. Legislative body
34. Resembling pigs
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance

### Oct. 13 Solution

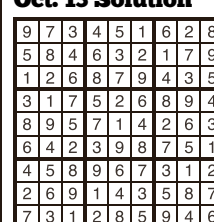


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# OBITUARIES

## Mary Grace Erbacher

LAKEVILLE — Mary Grace Erbacher, 87, died peacefully on Sept. 28, 2022, at The Osborn, in Rye, New York. She was a long-time resident of Larchmont, New York and Lakeville. Born on Nov. 17, 1934, in New York City, she was the daughter of James David Walsh and Anne Prior Walsh. On July 1, 1961, Mary Grace married Edward J. Erbacher, her loving husband of 57 years, at the Church of Our Lady of Peace in Manhattan.



Mary Grace was predeceased by her husband Edward and her sister, Kathleen Walsh Errett. She is survived by her cherished sister, Deirdre Walsh Lambe of Manhattan, and three devoted daughters: Maria Csenge (Geoffrey) of Larchmont, Deirdre Price (Huw) of Oxford, England, and Amy Jackson (Bruce) of New Rochelle. She will greatly be missed by her seven grandchildren: Justin and Emma Csenge, Dylan and Madeline Price, Kiera, Calvin, and Oscar Jackson.

A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Church of Saints John & Paul, Larchmont, New York. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Eastern, America; Planned Parenthood; Alzheimer's Association.

Mary Grace, "MG", was a proud graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, class of 1955, and went on to serve her college in many capacities. She was the president of the Alumni Association, Chairwoman of Committees & Benefits, and was the first alumna and lay woman elected to the Board of Trustees. In 1975, her alma mater awarded her an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Mary Grace first worked as an elementary school teacher in Manhattan and in later life as an insurance broker in Pelham, New York. For many years, she was a volunteer for Ursuline Outreach Adult Learning Center in New Rochelle, New York, and St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church, Lakeville, a

dedicated volunteer at Noble Horizons, Salisbury, and an active member of both Habitat for Humanity and Voice of the Faithful. Mary Grace believed in service to others and while many benefited from this, the primary recipients of her kind attentions and devotions were her family and friends, who count themselves fortunate to have had her in their lives.

Mary Grace was predeceased by her husband Edward and her sister, Kathleen Walsh Errett. She is survived by her cherished sister, Deirdre Walsh Lambe of Manhattan, and three devoted daughters: Maria Csenge (Geoffrey) of Larchmont, Deirdre Price (Huw) of Oxford, England, and Amy Jackson (Bruce) of New Rochelle. She will greatly be missed by her seven grandchildren: Justin and Emma Csenge, Dylan and Madeline Price, Kiera, Calvin, and Oscar Jackson.

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## Larry R. Rabideau

MILLERTON — Larry R. Rabideau, 73, a forty-five year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at his home in Millerton surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Rabideau was a self-employed carpenter and builder who owned and operated LRR Builders in Millerton for over thirty years.



1975 and his siblings, Arthur and Gary Rabideau, Dora DeLello, Virginia Mayhew, Florence Rabideau, Shirley Agoney and Joanne Gordon. On November 20, 2020, Larry was the recipient of a donated lung for transplantation, the family wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the lung donor and to the donors' family for this selfless act of humanity.

Calling hours were Wednesday, Oct. 19 from at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

A Graveside Service and Burial with Standard Military Honors was held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Route 22, Amenia. Rev. Robert K. Wilson officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Advanced Lung Disease and Lung Transplantation Program, c/o New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital Bldg., 14th Floor, 622 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneral-home.com](http://www.conklinfuneral-home.com)

Born June 11, 1949, in Plattsburgh, New York, he was the son of the late Frank and Florence (Mayette) Rabideau. He was a graduate of Webutuck High School and attended Stamford Community College where he studied computer-aided design.

Larry served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1971. On August 30, 1971, at the Millerton Methodist Church, he married Elaine M. Dawson and they shared a loving marriage for over 51 years. Mrs. Rabideau survives at home. Larry was a life member of the Millerton Legion Post #178 and was an avid poker player who enjoyed gambling at Foxwoods Casino and traveling to Las Vegas in his spare time. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.

In addition to this loving wife, Larry is survived by his daughter, Lori and her husband Jeff Riley of Millerton; three granddaughters, Cady Bloodgood and her husband Eugene of Falls Village, Meghan Hammond and her husband Taylor of Peru, Vermont, and Mackenzie Riley and her companion Kyle of Sheffield, Massachusetts; two great grandchildren, Emma and Wyatt Bloodgood; a brother, Frank Rabideau and two sisters, Carol Defayette and Christa Swiesz all of Plattsburgh and several nieces and nephews and many friends. Larry was predeceased by his infant daughter, Jennifer Lynn Rabideau in

## William 'Bill' Poglitsch

LAKEVILLE — William 'Bill' Poglitsch died peacefully on Sept. 21, 2022, with his wife of 50 years Sue by his side. He was 78 years old.

Bill was born on April 21, 1944, to Anna Poglitsch of East Lyme. He was raised by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gleason of Norwich, who affectionately referred to as Ma and Pa. His mother Anna was a loving presence throughout his life.

Upon graduation from Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he specialized in communications. His service then took him to Camp Smith in Hawaii where he ended up playing football for the Marines, citing that "We never lost a game!" From Camp Smith Bill received orders to go to Vietnam where he served several months as a field radio operator. Sergeant Poglitsch returned from Vietnam to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to finish out his service until October of 1966. Bill was proud of his military service and remained a true patriot throughout his life. He loved the Marines.

After serving his country, Bill returned to his family in Amenia, where he worked for the family business the Cunningham Market. He eventually began his career with Taconic Telephone, an independent telephone company, where he worked for 45 years. On October 7, 1970, Bill met Sue Hickey. They were married on Oct. 14, 1972. They

have one daughter, Karen, She was his pride and joy, and his role as husband and father defined him.

Bill was loved and admired for his calm nature, work ethic, Catholic faith and genuine kindness. He and his wife built their home in Lakeville, where Sue resides. He had a passion for The Outer Banks in North Carolina, where he and his family enjoyed many vacations. Bill cherished these times at the beach with family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years Sue (Hickey) Poglitsch, and daughter Karen Poglitsch of Lakeville. He is also survived by a sister, Rosalie Kasper of Towson, Maryland, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gleason and Anna Poglitsch, and siblings Margaret G. Cunningham, Edward Gleason and John Gleason.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11a.m. at The Church of Immaculate Conception in Amenia, followed by a burial with Military Honors at the St. Mary's Cemetery, Salisbury. All are welcome to attend. Funeral arrangements under the Newkirk and Palmer Funeral Home in Canaan CT.

Bill would say "I'm in the wind" whenever he departed from a place. He will be remembered by his wonderful sense of humor, keen wit, his gentle ways and his genuine kindness to all.

## Aurelia Graham Blodgett

FALLS VILLAGE — It is with sadness that we share the loss of Aurelia Graham Blodgett, who on Oct. 14, 2022, found peace and comfort in eternal rest. The daughter of Samuel and Laura (Dickinson) Graham, she was born at home on March 1, 1930, in Falls Village, across from the Falls Village Hydroelectric Power Plant. Aurelia enjoyed working many years as a Home Health Aide for Salisbury Visiting Nurses, appreciating immensely the diverse backgrounds of all her clients.

She was known for her signature lemon squares that friends and family enjoyed on many occasions. Passionate about cake decorating, she would create unique cakes that reflected the essence of the recipient.

She loved the holidays, especially Halloween, when she would dress up with her friends and go Trick or Treat to many of the area shut-ins. Christmas was a special time to resurrect her collection of snowmen and bake her pumpkin bread and banana sour cream coffee cakes for her many friends and relatives.

Aurelia was the oldest member of the Falls Village Congregational Church and

for many years volunteered her time and efforts.

She was a dedicated member of the Falls Village Senior Center community where she enjoyed camaraderie of friends and its regular luncheons and outings.

Aurelia is predeceased by her husband James and daughter Jill Polito. She is survived by her daughter, Laurie Parmelee and her husband Dave of Shelburne, Vermont and her daughter Allison Blodgett of Naples, Florida; her son-in-law Frank Polito of Naples, Florida. She leaves her three grandchildren: Kate Pierce of Rockford, Michigan; Kieran Parmelee of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Susan Parmelee of South Portland, Maine. In addition she leaves two great-grandchildren, David and Adeline Pierce of Rockford, Michigan. Calling hours will take place at the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan on Friday, Oct. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Falls Village Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Falls Village Congregational Church, P.O. Box 72, Falls Village, CT 06031.

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## Kathleen Ann 'Kathy' Dance

SHARON — Kathleen Ann "Kathy" Dance, 69, of Sharon, Oct. 14, 2022, in her home. She was the loving wife of the late Thomas Dance.



Kathleen was born Jan. 14, 1953, in Port Chester, New York, the daughter of the late Joseph and Veronica Dzaluk Grandison. Kathleen was a graduate of Greenwich High School.

She began her career at Fawcett Publications in Greenwich. After moving to Sharon in 1984, Kathy worked for several local businesses including the Kenny Funeral Home.

At the time of her death she was a customer service representative for Superior Plus Energy Services, where she worked for 22 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Carrie-Ann Dance

of Sharon, and Jamie Kennedy and her husband Thomas of Harwinton.

She was the beloved Nana of Autumn, Thomas, and Sophia Beeman, and Kayden and Kolton Kennedy.

Also surviving are her sister Tina Spinelli and her husband Ludwig and their sons, Matt, Geoff, and Justin.


She was predeceased by her son Woodrow Dance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 19, at St. Bernard's Church, New Street, Sharon.

Calling hours were at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT. 06069. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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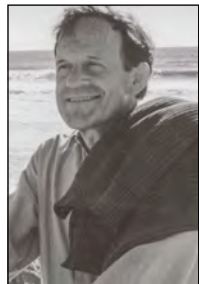
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OBITUARIES

**Harris David Dienstfrey**

SHARON — Harris David Dienstfrey, 88, of Sharon, Connecticut died at home while in hospice care on Oct. 4, 2022, after a brief illness.

A beloved husband, father, brother, friend, and neighbor, Harris was born in New York City in 1934 to Joseph and Elizabeth Dienstfrey and grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended the University of Chicago for both undergraduate and graduate studies, receiving an M.A. in Sociology in 1956. Harris served in the Army for two years before moving to New York City, where he began his career in publishing as an associate editor for Commentary Magazine for which he wrote about film, literature, and sociology. In the late 1960s he co-founded the independent book publisher Outerbridge & Dienstfrey, a short-lived but influential venture. Later, he served as an editor at Charles Scribner's Sons, Cosmopolitan Magazine and Psychology Today. In 1983 he became the founding editor of ADVANCES: The Journal of Mind-Body Health for the Institute for the Advancement of Health (which later migrated to the Fetzer Institute). It was during this period that Harris became an expert and advocate for alternative medicine and played an important role in mainstreaming the concepts related to mind-body interaction in health. Harris was the author of two books, What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Old? (with Joseph Lederer, 1979) and Where the



Mind Meets the Body (1991).

In 1970, Harris married his second wife, Jane and they were together for 48 years until her death in 2018. Harris and Jane moved to Sharon full time in 1990, where Harris continued to work as a freelance editor of numerous books, essays and articles until several years before he died. He and Jane enjoyed traveling internationally including to such destinations as Finland, Australia and Jordan among many others. Harris was a great lover of world cinema and literature and served on the book selection committee of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon for many years. He was a devoted daily walker and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Harris had a curious mind and spirit; he was kind-hearted and good humored and was always ready to lend his counsel and energy to helping others. Over the years, Harris loved and cared for three dogs, Kiddo, More, and Lily, and published an essay in The Antioch Review commemorating his adoration for Kiddo.

He is survived by his three stepchildren, Elizabeth, Natalie, and Lincoln, his granddaughter Cecilia, brothers Ted and Steve, sisters-in-law, Patricia and Anita, and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family requests that donations in his memory be sent directly to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon CT. A memorial will be held in Spring 2023.

**Lauren M. Welsh**

WASSAIC — Lauren M. Welsh, age 76, of Wassaic, passed away at Sharon Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Robert J. Welsh.



Lauren was born April 26, 1946, in Winsted, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Lucy (McAvoy) MacNeil. Lauren graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School and later Dutchess Community College. She worked at Kimberly Clark for a period, then became a Social Worker at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center where she worked for over 20 years. When the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center ended services, she transferred to The Center For Change and became an Instructor for another 18 years. Lauren retired from the State of New York with over 40 years of service and was then hired by Dutchess County at The Office for the Aging where she devoted another 10 years to community seniors.

Lauren was a faithful and vital member of Christ Church in Sharon for many years. She served on the vestry and managed flower donations as well as altar guild duties. Mostly, Lauren will be remembered as the Fellowship guru as she prepared coffee and a feast every single Sunday and welcomed

everyone!

She is survived by son Rodrick and daughter Rebecca, three grandchildren: McKenzie, Kaylyn and Garrett.

A memorial service will be held at the Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, on Saturday Oct. 22 at 11:00 a.m. All other services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Audubon Center. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Run and Wag draws competitors

By RILEY KLEIN  
Special to The Millerton News

CORNWALL — The Little Guild's 9th Annual Run and Wag 5K took place in Cornwall on Saturday, Oct. 15 with 188 registered runners.

More than 70 competitors were six-legged teams consisting of a human and a dog.

"This is Connecticut's premiere human/dog race," said race director Rocco Botto.

Runners competed to win The Connecticut Doggy Cup, which denotes the fastest human/dog running team in the state.

Defending champion Britnany Telke ran with canine teammate Mazikeen. Telke held the dog and adult female team record with a time of 18:56.

"I set the record with another dog [in 2015]," said Telke.

The race included runners from eight categories: adult male; adult female; youth male; youth female; dog and adult male team; dog and adult female team; dog and youth male team; dog and youth female team.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Runners set off from the starting line of the 9th Annual Run and Wag 5K. 188 runners registered, including more than 70 dog and human team entries competing for the coveted Connecticut Doggy Cup.

Winners Telke and Mazikeen lined up front and center as the race kicked off. 18 minutes and 49 seconds later, the duo crossed the finish line to claim victory once more and

set the new record in their category.

"[It feels] good. We're actually a little faster than last year," said Telke.

In addition to the race, com-

petitors, spectators and canines enjoyed live music and food on the village Green. The event benefitted The Little Guild in West Cornwall, the Northwest corner's largest animal shelter.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Indian Mountain School celebrated its 100th anniversary last week with the opening of a new field house and soccer field on the school's campus in Lakeville.

IMS celebrates centennial, new field house

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Special to The Millerton News

LAKEVILLE — Indian Mountain School celebrated its centennial with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new field house and soccer field Friday, Oct. 14.

Head of School Jody Soja noted she came to IMS in 1999. "I have spent half my life with this school."

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She ran through the school's founding in 1922 by Francis Behn Riggs, with eight male students and wondered if Riggs could have ever imagined today's IMS, with almost 300 students, coeducational, and with a significant group of overseas students.

"Have we carried his vision?" she asked. "I believe we have. I believe he would be amazed."

IMS alum Emmett Morehead, who plays football at Boston College, thanked the school for setting the stage for his subsequent success.

After the ribbon-cutting there was a soccer game on the new field, activities for children and a party for the grown-ups.



Indian Mountain School Head of School Jody Soja and IMS Board of Trustees President Christopher Sanger cut the ribbon on the new field house and soccer field on Friday, Oct. 14.

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# Autumn is Ungardening's High Season

While garden work is winding down, it is high ungardening season and those of us working in the woodland and meadow are busy with a myriad of tasks. I had a conversation with Cornwall Garden Club comrade Heidi Cunnick, who is a PhD of environmental science, to compare notes on our fall ungardening work and talk about our 'to do' lists for the next few weeks.

## Moving saplings

Dee: So many trees have sprouted up over the past few years; in the woods they are welcome but around the



**The Ungardener**  
Dee Salomon

house they are getting in the way of established planting. This week we moved an elm and several sycamores – all about six feet tall – from behind the house and replanted them in spots that could better accommodate them. I am always torn between the aesthetics of the landscape and the need for tree recruits; I get emotional about cutting

down trees!

Heidi: I know how you feel but I am at a point where the removal of a few saplings and larger trees in the woods would either extend the view and create greater light-shade complexity, or allow a tree they are crowding to thrive. I look from the edge of the lawn and through each of the windows in the house to envision how the change in trees will change the view. Sometimes taking out just one small sapling can suddenly bring great beauty to a tree that was blocked behind it. This is the time to do this as in spring the birds nest so you don't want to bother them. Gardens are more beautiful your eye can travel through the trees and when birds move through the open spaces.

## Removing Invasives

Dee: This is also the time of year when some of the main invasive instigators are easiest to identify. Burning bush and bittersweet turn a bright pinkish red but also bright red are the berries of bittersweet. It's like they are signaling 'come and get me!' But also, as you taught me, fall is actually the best time of the year to tackle them.

Heidi: I concentrate mostly on these woodies in October and my methods in the fall are different than in the summer. It's helpful to know some plant biology here. In fall, plant sap descends from the leaf to the root and so a minimal amount of full-strength glyphosate or triclovir applied directly to the cut stem will be super effective. I use a Buckthorn Blaster applicator but a paintbrush also works well.

Dee: Herbicide always feels like a last resort so great to know that there is a time



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

of year when it will be most effective.

Heidi: I have also been trying to rid my field of the invasive grass Reed Canary grass aka Phalaris and will plant native grasses after I do my best to reduce the Phalaris. My neighbor has goats and I gave them a sample of the phalaris to see if they will eat it- they will!

Dee: Cute, and certainly easier on the back than picking it, which is what I am doing with stilt grass where it has grown next to ferns and small trees. The blow torch worked wonders on the wide swaths of it in the swamp and in that space I have already planted about 100 plugs each of tiarella, (in the shade) and Acorus americanus or Sweet Flag, on the banks of the stream. I am filling in with seeds I collected of Solomon's seal and transplants of Thalictrum from areas that are still crowded with stilt grass.

I would say this year that stilt grass is enemy #1 – what is your scourge?

Heidi: In addition to the usual suspects, multi-flora rose, bittersweet and barberry, two plants that have come into the woods under my watch are wisteria and forsythia. They appear in the woods just beyond the border of our lawn. And yes on stilt grass. This proliferated really quickly in West Cornwall, in part due to road crews that cut the verges of the road. When it hits the forest, that is all you get. Hope people reading this heed the advice and act quickly.

## In the woods

Dee: I love working in the woods in the fall. The scent is musky from the leaves and mushrooms and the migrating birds give me a new soundtrack. Which is helpful as I get through some of the more tedious chores like putting tree guards around saplings to pro-

tect them from young bucks and scraping spongy moths off trees. Is there anything fun on your list?

Heidi: Pick up a bale of straw from Agway is high on the list. I plan to use the straw to draw a meandering path through the woods. I saw this done at the Wild Gardens of Acadia on Maine's Mount Desert Island. Using straw for paths will allow me to more easily create the most ideal meander and identify where to plant a select few of the small native trees and shrubs I have been harboring in a nursery bed. I'd like to plant these at points in the path where, when they grow a bit, they will add to the enjoyment of a woodland wander.

Dee: That sounds like ample payoff for a year of woodland restoration; I look forward to walking on those paths next year!

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.



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**SHARON HOSPITAL** *Continued from Page A1*

Horn (D-64).

She noted that NuVance is not arguing for closing labor and delivery in terms of safety or quality of care.

"It boils down to an assertion of high cost, and that can't be the end of the discussion. It should be the beginning of a conversation" about how to combine state, federal and community resources to keep the unit open.

Horn introduced Blumenthal, who reminded the crowd that he was state attorney general in 2000 when the hospital was purchased by Essent Healthcare.

Blumenthal said he was skeptical about changing the intensive care unit to a "progressive care unit."

(The reconfiguration of the ICU is the subject of a separate application by NuVance before state regulators.)

"I'm a progressive, but I want an intensive care unit" he joked. "Once you start putting profits before patients, there is no telling where it will end."

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) said she has sent her own letter to OHS, and expressed irritation that NuVance is going ahead with its plan after Hayes voted for legislation that provided funds for community hospitals.

"Not on my watch," she said to cheers from the audience.

Gregg Pulver, the chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, said residents of Amenia and Millerton and other nearby towns in New York have just as much at stake as their Connecticut counterparts.

Pulver got caustic. "The idea that the CEO who made \$2.5 million two years ago and \$18 million last year can't figure out a way to keep maternity alive? That's bullcrap!"

Christopher Kennan, town Supervisor of North East (which includes Millerton and Amenia) have young families who need women's health care services.

"We are just as much a part of this as you."

Several local residents told their stories of how Sharon Hospital responded quickly and efficiently to their obstetric emergencies.

Conn. State Representative Steven Harding (R-107), who is running for the state Senate's 30th District, spoke. Chris DuPont (R), who is Horn's opponent in next month's election, was on hand but did not speak, as was Harding's opponent, Democrat Eva Bermudez Zimmerman.

Physicians Howard Mort-



**Left, Christopher Kennan, town Supervisor of North East, spoke at the Save Sharon Hospital rally. Below, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Dr. Howard Mortman discuss the issues.**

man, David Kurish and financial expert Victor Germack also spoke at the rally.

**Series of Roundtables**

Their remarks were similar to what they said on Wednesday, Oct. 12, when Kent residents gathered at St. Andrew's Church to voice opposition to the planned reduction of Sharon Hospital services.

Similar roundtables were held in recent weeks in Sharon, Salisbury and Millerton, each led by a panel of Sharon Hospital physicians and SSH board members.

The audience heard from financial expert Victor Germack who spoke of the exemplary quality of care offered by Sharon Hospital, one of only four independent hospitals in the state.

"The devil is in the details,"



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Germack said, urging listeners to delve more thoroughly into what is proposed and likely effects of those changes.

Kurish, a cardiologist with 43 years of local service at Sharon Hospital, opposed the proposed change, reducing intensive care to progressive care. He claimed an increasing

delay in getting patients' test results back.

"Patients are needing to wait longer for their test results," Kurish said.

He added that nurses want to use their depth of professional experience helping patients in intensive care, not in a progressive care unit. He

warned that the hospital could degrade into an urgent care center.

"I can't understand why the community cannot support the full-service hospital, rather than losing services," Kurish said. "You have to have an ICU, or else you don't have a hospital," he added.

Resident David Sturges of Kent spoke at the Oct. 12 roundtable. "Their job is to heal the sick, not to make money. You have a good full-service hospital at Sharon and it should be preserved," he said.

With 31 years of experience at Sharon Hospital, obstetrician Mortman reported at the Kent roundtable that in all his years of practice in Sharon, "I have not lost one mother."

"Patients' voices and experiences need to be heard," Mortman said, reminding listeners about the high volume of patients from New York who rely upon Sharon Hospital and who must not be overlooked.

Mortman spoke about emergencies to be dealt with speedily, within minutes in the case of obstetrical complications when there is no time to transport the patient to another facility. He hoped that NuVance would "come to the table" and find a way forward.

**BUDGET** *Continued from Page A1*

described this effort as "unrewarding but necessary," and especially important for researching old property records filed by owner's name rather than address.

Highway Superintendent Bob Stevens called for Board permission to sell used equipment, contract for supplies and go out to bid for fuel oil. Construction of the foundation and wall for the new highway garage is continuing.

Ralph Fedele reported that the restoration of the Spencers Corners graveyard on Merwin Road is continuing with the help of an all-volunteer group.

Attorney Christine Chale of Rodenhausen, Chale & Polidoro and engineer Dan Valentine of Tighe & Bond explained the water district upgrade proposal. The Village of Millerton is the operator of the water district created in 1995 with a 40-year term; however, municipal water extends to many town residents.

The first phase of the project, which replaced water meters, repaired hydrants and painted the storage tank is almost complete. The new proposal details further up-

grades to the water distribution system with an estimated cost of \$6 million.

The project, which has been deemed necessary, includes installing larger water mains in certain sections, replacing the water main that runs along Route 22, and improving the systems, security and aging facility located on Route 22 that houses the water department.

In 2020 the Village applied unsuccessfully for grants to finance the project and now intends to apply for state funding again, hoping for a better outcome.

A public hearing on the water district proposal was opened and comments from the public were solicited. One resident asked if the water district would be expanded.

The response was that the planned improvements were necessary to meet greater anticipated demand and that extension of the water mains had not been included. Bill Kish requested that the cyber security aspects of the system, especially the vulnerability to hackers of remote access equipment, be added.

After closing the public

hearing, a resolution was passed unanimously that it is the public interest to improve the water system and that the Village would handle the financing.

Next on the agenda was the Budget Committee's presentation of the 2023 preliminary town budget prepared by Chris Kennan and Councilwoman Lana Morrison with the assistance of Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Lorna Sherman.

Kennan provided an overview of rising expenditures in New York State retirement, health insurance, ambulance services, fire district and employee salary increases of 5%.

Bank interest rates for financing highway equipment and garage have risen dramatically from less than 1% last year to over 2.5%.

Total budgeted expenditures are proposed to increase to \$4,469,501 in 2023. There were no questions from the public or the Board on the preliminary budget which was passed quickly and unanimously. A public hearing on the budget was set for the next Town meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10. Copies of the prelim-

inary budget are available at Town Hall and on the Town website.

Reached after the meeting Kennan stated, "Creating a budget for the Town's upcoming year is the biggest single responsibility I have. It's always a challenge, and this year is especially difficult. With inflation running north of 8%, it is virtually impossible to keep close to the state's 2% tax cap without unfairly penalizing the hard-working women and men who work for the Town or shutting down the Town's highway building project."

Dutchess County Habitat for Humanity has requested that the town sell a .64-acre vacant residential lot on Rudd Pond Road at a price of \$25,000 to build an affordable home. The property is the only piece of surplus land owned by the town and if sold would go back on the tax roll.

Kennan explained that any sale of real property would be subject to a permissive referendum. Before then the asses-

or would be consulted on the price and required due diligence conducted including the Dutchess Health Department. Kennan commented that it seemed appropriate for the town to avail itself of this opportunity to support affordable housing. Dutchess County Habitat for Humanity has indicated that it already has a qualified purchaser of the affordable home.

Kennan introduced the next agenda item — the idea of locating a solar installation on 32.7-acre land fill site that the Town owns at 41 Reagan Road.

The idea was considered and rejected in 2015 and since then incentives have increased substantially from the \$10,000 in annual revenue offered at the time, according to Kennan. The Supervisor intends to begin to explore solar opportunities with both brokers and operators of solar

farms.

A solar installation could help reduce electricity costs in the community as it has in Pawling for the Trinity Pawling School and the Jehovah Witnesses. Kennan stressed that it is worth understanding options and conducting due diligence before presenting a proposal to the public.

Sam Bussell was the only person who took the opportunity to speak during public comments.

He emphasized the need for affordable housing and asked for town cooperation. There were no other comments.

The official meeting ended efficiently with revenue and expense adjustments and approval of the Sept. 8 minutes.

After adjournment the trustees entered into an executive session as required by law to discuss real estate matters.

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**KOI** *Continued from Page A1*

order to separate and cull them is essential to the project, allowing Paetro to identify and retain the ki shusui, while sending the others off to a commercial koi breeder.

Spectators and friends gathered pond-side under cloudy skies on Thursday, Oct. 13, to witness the process, under the direction of John Clark of Northeastern Aquatics of Rhinebeck. He managed the large net that was slowly gathered in as part of the herding process, bringing the fish together at the shallower part of the pond. The specially bred yellow (ki) shusui stood out against the other colors.

Clark, who has 40 years of experience with fish farming, would take away the larger, mature koi of other colors and markings. Koi is really a type of carp, he explained.

"Koi is one of the species I grow myself," Clark said, adding that koi are incredible and highly prized for garden

ponds.

Genetics are profound for koi, he explained. Paetro has intensely concentrated on ki shusui and she has achieved her goal, creating a population of healthy, mature metallic yellow koi.

We term the fish "elusive" in part because there is no return on the investment, Paetro said. This ki shusui is the only fish I am going to make, Paetro added, indicating that her goal has been to stabilize the breed. Paetro is an American author who has worked for several years with novelist James Patterson, particularly on the Women's Murder Club series and other fictional works.

"Unless you pay attention, the genetics will come unglued," Clark said. The result is that the breeder loses the line.

Step one in the harvesting process is to pump the pond out, Clark said, although the pond was quite low to start,

so for this one time, water was being added in order to accommodate the netting used to gather the fish in for sorting.

The fish have names, and Paetro, having donned waders, was actively pointing out individuals by those names. There was "Long Tall Sally" and another that Paetro recognized as "Bella," knowing her by her distinctive face.

Assisting Clark was Jeremiah Hill of Millerton, who was learning the process for the first time. He said that he has seen lots of baby fish who are too young and small to feed on the normal helpings of fish food. Instead, they feed on micro-organisms when they are small. Their winters are spent under the pond ice without harm.

Wire mesh stretching above the pond keeps birds from feeding on the fish, and similar mesh on the ground deters hungry animals, including mink, Clark said.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

## Can sex sell outside of the city?

The body was politic at the Spring/Break Art Show this September. Acting as alternative programming to the prestige Artway international art fair, Spring/Break showcases the off-beat and the underground, this year in the former offices of Ralph Lauren on Madison Avenue, New York. Under the banner of "The Naked Lunch" there was a healthy depiction of bare breasts, but there was also, in soft, dreamy acrylic, something unusual — large-scale, full frontal, male nudes.

Represented by Andrew Craven of Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., the work of Montreal-based painter Bruno Leydet is perhaps jarring to some by nature of its distinctly queer, casual approach. These aren't academic male nudes, Michaelangelo-style studies of power, but real men as seen privately through a voyeur's gaze — the viewer's, Leydet's, and their own. "Watch me watch me." Based on selfies taken by his subjects, the nudity echoes a sense of loneliness, but also anticipation. The mirror reflects

the gay man's desirous self-assessment of his body, alone at home before the arrival of a lover, or a stranger.

Leydet described his work to me as "definitely playful, it can be sexual, but it's also showing someone who's totally vulnerable. I'm trying to portray something that I find to be beautiful."

Craven has shown clothed works by Leydet in Kent, but admitted bringing a show of the full nudes to the country might pose a challenge.

The New York City art world exists at the intersection of three spheres of influence: economic privilege (the ability to buy art), mainstream liberalism (public-facing claims of inclusion), and the borderless, global interests of the major tech companies — Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook (now called Meta), and Google's parent company Alphabet — whose surveillance-based market has largely supplanted the throne where once sat the global financial system. So the art scene of Litchfield County and its surrounding areas is an interesting parallel, a kind of heavier hourglass

— the sand falls the same way, even at a slower rate.

A challenge rural communities may face in a changing economic climate is high competition rates from e-commerce and their own slowed engagement with online capitalism. Small businesses that exist here but profit from a global audience are a rarity. John Kanell uses the backdrop of country life for his online cooking channel Preppy Kitchen, which reaches millions of subscribers on YouTube (owned by Google). That Google ad revenue would garner a creator like him an approximate yearly mid-six-figure, not counting additional revenue from sponsored ad deals on Instagram (owned by Meta). Designer Bunny William's brick-and-mortar retail store in Falls Village, Conn., is able to be backed by profit from her larger brand, which includes her partnership with Ballard Design, an omnichannel commerce division owned by the Fortune 500 company Qurate Retail.

Most local art-adjacent businesses — theater, cinemas, publishing — faced with a limited population of customers and our government's disinterest in arts funding, have taken on a nonprofit model. They exist thanks to donations by a circle whose personal wealth largely

reflects savings from a past financial market, not engagement with current tech.

In contrast, art galleries, whose profit is based on commissions from works sold, must succeed financially. They're also one of the few sectors of rural business reaching for a broader online audience.

"Since COVID, the art world has gone largely digital," said James Barron, whose eponymous gallery in Kent, Conn., operates under an appointment-only model as he shows and sells work online. Barron points to Instagram as not just advertising for his exhibitions, but a direct connection to buyers. When it comes to sexuality in art, Barron hasn't exactly shied away, previously showing exhibitions by the legendary transgender rock singer Jayne County, which included paintings titled "Attack of The Sodomites" and "Moses And The Burning Penis Bush." "I would show anything in the gallery that I felt had artistic merit," Barron said, adding, "but that material would not work well on Instagram, it would be censored. Instagram is a viable selling platform, and even more viable after COVID, so I'm careful to crop or just show details online."

Barron is hardly the only one in the art world with online censorship on his mind. Despite creating pathways for community, social media as a democracy is an illu-

sion. This time last year, NPR reported that in Austria the Vienna Tourism Board had been censored online for a photo of the Venus of Willendorf. Facebook deemed the image of the Paleolithic female figurine carved from limestone

30,000 years ago to be downright X-rated. The Board mockingly protested against Meta by instead posting classic art to OnlyFans — a less regulated platform where users upload adult images behind a paywall. VICE also reported on the story, noting The Albertine Museum in Austria had their account on TikTok (a video-hosting app The New York Times called "Google for Gen Z") suspended for showing the work of Nobuyoshi Araki, a Japanese photographer of female nudes. For individual emerging artists, freedom of sexual expression can be a financial risk. This year in New York, as detailed in The Art Newspaper, Robert Andy Coombs, a disabled queer artist whose intimate photographs depict him nude in his wheelchair with other men, had his Instagram account deleted after his work was re-posted by the Lower East Side's 1969 Gallery to promote an exhibition he was in.

Bruno Leydet, who primarily finds his audience through Instagram, told me that censorship from the app's algorithm

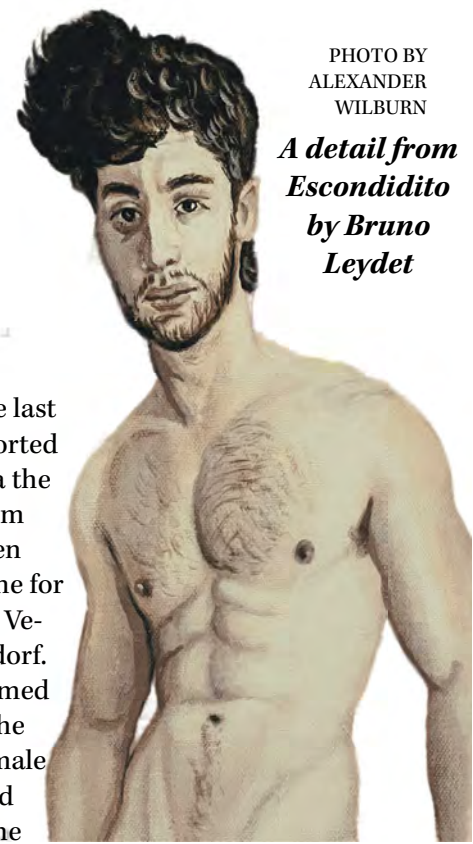


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*A detail from Escondidito by Bruno Leydet*

has influenced his style — creativity from restriction. After an early painting depicting a model with an erection was flagged, he's painted his men in a more semi-flaccid state. He said the fine line of tiptoeing around the guidelines turned out to be beneficial. "I think it's more interesting and more exciting. It's not full-on erotic, there's ambiguity. It's good to have a little mystery."

Despite their intersection with the avenues governed by tech, galleries are still physical, open spaces — not storage for online sales. Especially outside of metropolitan centers, they are pillars for cultivating and expanding their region's cultural identity by showcasing tangible, contemporary art to the small-town public. But the question stands, when economic privilege and liberalism intersect in rural areas... just how "liberal" is that public?

*Next week, the major voices of the area's art world on what they would and wouldn't show here.*

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## A Little Life

In 2015 Hanya Yanagihara, author and editor-in-chief of *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*, spoke to a packed room at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Conn., on the success of her novel, "A Little Life." She was — especially in an old New England inn surrounded by old New England preps — savvy, stylish, sardonic. "She was fabulous," one guest summed it up, and having not actually read the novel, turned to me to ask, "is the book fabulous?" I could only reply, "It's not that kind of book."

Despite being the certified book of the year in 2015, the kind of novel that not only winds up as a finalist for the National Book Award but also on Andy Cohen's Instagram, "A Little Life" is so unrelentingly, fantastically grim it's nearly operatic. An account of continuous child sexual abuse

and torture resulting in deep-set wounds in adulthood — both psychological and physically self-inflicted — "A Little Life" is the best-seller still deemed unfilmable. But not unstageable, according to Ivo van Hove. Despite being in his 60s, the Belgian director is still the bad boy of theater, luring and repelling audiences in equal measure with his stark, broad and extreme interpretations of classics like "West Side Story," "All About Eve" and "The Crucible." Like vampire plays, van Hove's works are cold to the touch and brimming with rage, but it is perhaps only on the stage, where events are both interpretive and immediate, that Yanagihara's harsh fairy tale can unfold.

"A Little Life" will have its U.S. premiere at BAM (*The Brooklyn Academy of Music*) in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Oct. 20.

## Medea at The Met Opera

And you thought your ex was bad. The mythological mother of bad mothers, Medea remains a puzzle in the pantheon of Greek tragedy — victim and villain, young lover and crone, a mad lady of sorrows and a rueful, scheming sorceress. Made infamous by the classical tragedy by Athenian playwright Euripides, Medea's plot against her ex-husband Jason (of *The Argonauts* and *The Golden Fleece*) by murdering their sons, and his new wife, has enraptured audiences for centuries with its primal, feminine rage. The opera comique by Romantic composer Luigi Cherubini premiered in Paris in 1797 and now comes to The Met Opera for the first time with Canadian-American soprano



Medea by Frederick Sandys

Sondra Radvanovsky taking center stage in the grand, challenging role as one of mythology and art's most brilliantly, unabashedly angry female antiheroes.

"Medea" will broadcast as part of *The Met Opera Live in HD* on Oct. 22 at both Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

## The Myth of Persephone

For those seeking a family-friendly version of Ovid is a new show from Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater. The grassroots children's acting workshop is the brainchild of artistic director Leslie Elias and has been engaging elementary school actors for over 40 years. Elias' open atmosphere of play grants stage opportunities for budding thespians at all levels, giving roles to autistic performers and fostering a range

of gender expression for her young ensemble. *Il ratto* is now *mito* in "The Myth of Persephone: How The Seasons Came to Be," which will also act as an ASL (American Sign Language) lesson, with children signing their parts to the audience, helping introduce other children to the manual language of the U.S.'s deaf communities.

*Grumbling Gryphons* will perform on Nov. 5 and 6 at Cornwall Library, in Cornwall, Conn.



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## Bones And All

After the success of his Best Picture-nominated "Call Me By Your Name," Italian director Luca Guadagnino, a kind of Visconti heir apparent known for his sun-dappled films of simmering emotion and European beauty, turned to horror. His 2018 re-imagining of Dario Argento's ballerina bloodbath giallo, "Suspiria," sharply divided audiences, but horror seems to be where Guadagnino is staying for the moment. His new art-house film, "Bones and All," based on the novel by Camille DeAngelis, teams the director once again with his "Call Me

By Your Name" muse Timothée Chalamet in a romance between two teenage cannibals. Yes, you read that correctly. Gritty, grizzly, and poignant, at the New York Film Festival screening Guadagnino said, "It's about our heroes being these two young, beautiful creatures who have to face a lot of adversities, and they have to overcome probably the biggest one — being who they are, and how they can survive being who they are."

"Bones and All" will screen as part of *Film-Columbia at Crandell Theater in Chatham, N.Y.* on Oct. 24.

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**There are two concerts which are open to the public: Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.**

Both will be in the building at Silver Lake called The Cedars. \$15 admission at the door.

Appearing at these two concerts will be Stephen Bennett (CT), Muriel Anderson (TN) (*Sunday only*) and Dave Powell (ID), along with Andy, Travis and Matt (of the Wednesday night concert), among others!

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*The Borden Building, 346 Main St., Lakeville, CT*

EDITORIAL

We should all feel safe in our own homes

There are some reading this who have experienced violence in their homes in the past year. For some of us, it may have been the first time such ugly and unwelcome treatment surfaced in what should be a place of refuge. But the repercussions of the life- and society-changing pandemic still affect all our lives, no matter what we may try to gloss over out of self preservation.

Would it be better to be able to go back to pre-COVID life? Few of us at the time, say 2019, would have said, "This moment is the ideal, to which we will always ever after strive." Yet that happened.

So we try to make the best of what we do have. And bear in mind that we may look back on this time, too, and hold it up as the new ideal for one reason or another. But for those who have found too much too overwhelming to handle and resorted to abusing their closest companions, and those who are their targets, it's important to remember there is help available to deal with it. One such place is Women's Support Services (WSS) in Lakeville, Conn.

Speaking with WSS Executive Director Betsey Mauro recently, she was clear about the fact that the reasons for patterns of abuse in any home are complicated, and that it's hard to point to one cause for it. There are behaviors and patterns of power and control that people use to harm a partner, and cause and effect aren't that easy to pin down.

But, over the pandemic shutdown phase, she said, it was less safe for people to reach out to hotlines for help. The level of violence escalated, there was much more stress, but people waited longer to reach out for help because they were often in constant proximity to their abuser.

Mauro said the client need has gone up about 30% in the past two years. Their shelter, and all those across the state and region, are busy and full. The shelters all cooperate to be sure clients are cared for, however. "It's an honor for us to do this work," she said. "We couldn't do it without the support of the community."

WSS is in its 40th year serving area communities, and Mauro said they are here because of a commitment, their own and that of regional residents, to a healthier community. Abuse cuts across all lines. "It's often hidden," she said. But it's likely that each of us has been affected in one way or another by violence in the home.

Mauro was also clear that donations are crucial to their being able to continue their work. Community support and encouragement keep them going. Their mission is to build trust with their clients, to make sure that traumatized people feel safe. "We want to support them and want them to succeed."

This is Domestic Violence Awareness month, so a time to consider healthier approaches to our own relationships and to support those who have continuing challenges that may cause irreparable damage.

Women's Support Services Key Statistics and Services July 2021 to June 2022

Provided support services to 821 clients, 412 of whom were new clients. This is a nearly 30% increase in two years.

The composition of new clients includes 381 adults and 31 children, 297 female, 111 male clients and 4 clients who chose 'Other.'

Responded to 1485 hotline crisis requests — a nearly 65% increase in two years.

Provided emergency shelter to 20 people for a total of 2,135 nights of shelter. This included 11 women, 2 men, and 7 children. Provided criminal and civil court advocacy and support to 670 victims of family violence — a 44% increase over two years. Conducted 194 prevention workshops to children and teens in area schools.

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Geographic breakdown of new clients:

- 134 our six towns
- 220 New Milford, Roxbury, Bridgewater (court clients)
- 15 Out of State (NY border)
- 43 Other Connecticut

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Vote for Hinchey for the NY Senate

Although Sue Serino paints herself as a woman who supports women, her voting record says the opposite. Just this year, Serino voted against protecting doctors who perform abortions from criminal prosecution. The Senate passed the bill anyway but if Serino had had her way, legal abortions in New York would be impossible.

Serino also voted against allowing childcare needs to be considered when someone is applying for unemployment benefits and against prohibiting those with domestic

abuse convictions from buying guns.

Michelle Hinchey, by contrast, has a strong record of supporting reproductive rights for women. She authored legislation to expand access to emergency contraception, and has the support of law enforcement and first responders who know that she's the best advocate for keeping our communities safe.

Hinchey supported a number of pro-family measures. She secured funding to pave the way for phasing

in universal pre-K; authored a bill that would help lower utility bill costs for Hudson Valley families and has led the charge against corporate price gouging by utilities such as Central Hudson. Serino opposed Hinchey's efforts to take on Central Hudson, possibly because of the campaign donations she received from Central Hudson.

Please join me in supporting Senator Michelle Hinchey on Nov. 8.

Amy Rothstein Pine Plains

hard-working and dedicated staff — and it needs boots on the grounds to remain relevant and productive.

When my publisher learned of my plans to move, I was given a three-month grace period to remain editor. That stretched to six months, thanks to my capable and diligent staff and colleagues. I am extremely grateful to them all, and for that extra time. Making the decision to step away from my job and my life did not come easily, yet it was the best decision for me personally and, hopefully in the near future, professionally.

Please know how honored I was to helm such a lively paper, covering news that affected your — our — everyday lives. It was a privilege to get to know so many people in the community while reporting on important news and events. My goal was to also always write editorials that were respectful of all sides and of all people no matter my personal position. I hope I succeeded in that effort.

Thank you to all who read and supported The Millerton News during my editorship, for welcoming the newspaper into your lives and for sharing a bit of your world with us. To those with whom I chatted, interviewed, photographed and perhaps even grilled during my tenure, I so appreciate your time and your willingness to let me do so.

A special thanks to the local leaders and volunteers for their service, and for sharing their time and their expertise with me. That spirit of community and conviviality — threaded throughout the Harlem Valley and its environs — is why I loved being your editor. It is what makes Millerton, North East, Amenia, Pine Plains, Millbrook and Washington, plus all of our other communities, so special. It is what makes The Millerton News so special, too.

Best of luck to you all, and please continue to support this amazing little newspaper — and each other — as you move forward.

Whitney Joseph Former editor, The Millerton News Tallahassee, Fla.

Foot on the gas, doing it safely

You know the feeling; you're driving along on a wet slippery road and you wonder just how much pressure on the gas peddle you can get away with before you skid and crash. Now, if you add in other factors — autumn leaves, darkening light, that kid horsing around behind you, perhaps your spouse offering advice on where to turn, which car to pass, what's that idiot doing in the fast lane? — all these factors play into your decision on how much you can depress that peddle, slower or faster, or when emergency braking might be needed. Driving is a matter of calculating thousands of factors, weighing up pros and cons, trying to make damn sure you get where you are going safely. And, let's face it, over half of these second-to-second decisions you make them on every journey! Your computational skills, while driving, are demanding and you're damn good at it, year after year.

The environmental worries are exactly the same. It is all complicated. It seriously requires computational skill just to begin to understand the factors.

Just how much foot on the gas for national growth can we get away with before we skid and crash? Are those environmental whiners like

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

your spouse telling you different directions? Should you listen to them or just assume you know best? And what about the kids, should you be worried about their future? And that other country like China burning all that cheap coal (much of which comes from Australia), they're going faster than you, should you keep up or drive safely? Do they know something you don't? Or will they be that irresponsible car that endangers you all on the highway causing a pile-up? And those leaves on the wet road, they are like the warning signs of plastic islands on the oceans, the smog in Beijing, polluted rivers, chemical toxic dumps, and scientific study of CO2 levels across the planet.

Individually, each of those items seems like something we can fix, but there are now an awful lot of wet slippery leaves on our sustainable highway, the road is packed with polluting bad drivers, your car sanctuary cannot escape the constant verbal warnings issued in the media, and the kids are increasingly

seriously aware they want out. And when you look around, the sky is getting darker, and take a careful look, that wet surface of the road is sending signals of danger.

Look, just like driving your car — something you are expert at! — you need to take steps to save the planet — ease your foot off the gas. Slow down, assess the real driving conditions, employ those considerable brain cells' abilities to see what the real conditions are. It is not too late. The planet can be saved, just ease your foot off the gas, see what is not safe for driving safely, what needs to be fixed before it kills you and yours. After all, the object of living is exactly the same as driving: you want to get from here to there safely. Stop assuming your path to life on this planet is guaranteed or, worse, beyond your control. Your safety is, just like driving, up to you.

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



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

A gathering of witches

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former MN editor Joseph thanks readers

As many of those reading this newspaper may know, I stepped down as editor of The Millerton News in September, after 20 years on the job.

In May I returned to my home state of Florida, and was well aware that my leaving the paper was the next logical step. After all, The Millerton News built its reputation as an award-winning local community newspaper due largely to its

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## OUR TOWNS

# Returning to angling form after hot and dry summer

When we last checked in with Gary, he was getting used to his new life of austerity.

See, he'd made the mistake of going to the doctor for a once-over, and the medico brought in a couple of colleagues and gave Gary's system the gang gong.

So he was a little tetchy as we prowled around the Beaverkill and Willowemoc back in June.

But he was the picture of health and fitness when we coordinated on the Esopus last week, at the new Rail Trail and angler's access area below Five Arches Bridge.

The bridge is being rebuilt, and the dulcet tones of heavy machinery filled the air in the first few hundred yards.

We clambered around below the Chimney Hole, where the Esopus officially ends and the Ashokan Reservoir begins.

Because of the drought, areas that would normally be

## TANGLED LINES

Patrick L. Sullivan

covered with water are easily traversed banks.

So we went further downstream than I have ever gone, to where the Ashokan starts to look like a lake.

Gary has attained his high school weight, and is in danger of disappearing behind saplings. He set a blistering pace and I felt distinctly lumpy trying to keep up.

But never mind that. I caught half a dozen wild rainbows, all on a silvery Surveyor nymph, tied on a barbless jig hook and adorned with a tungsten bead head.

This thing sinks.

Because the Esopus regulations have changed and New York is no longer stocking it with browns, the wild rain-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**A fat, healthy and wild rainbow trout came to the author's (wet) hand on the Esopus Creek last week. New York state no longer stocks the Esopus, in order to encourage the reproduction of wild rainbow trout.**

bows (aka "silver bullets" of Esopus lore) are bigger than they used to be.

We also encountered small-mouth bass, which is to be expected that close to the reservoir, and zero brown trout preparing to head upstream for spawning purposes.

Gary had to beat it around 2 p.m. I had the roofers at the cabin, so a mid-afternoon nap was out.

So I went to the Esopus upstream in Shandaken, where it is a medium-sized, freestone trout stream (as opposed to a big tailwater).

At the spot I entered there are four long, deep pools bracketed by rip rap on one side and a sandy, rocky bank on my side.

Stealth was key, as the water was gin clear and the sun behind me, casting a long shadow on the water.

But my back didn't cooperate with the crouching and creeping, so I stood up anyway.

It didn't matter, as it turned out.

Using a new Tenkara rod from Dragontail (fishes at 8 and 9 feet and change), and a #3.5 fluorocarbon level line, I deployed the Surveyor again, and only succeeded in getting it stuck on the bottom.

After I rescued it, in the process scaring everything with fins into next week, I took a breather.

A whacking big wild cat appeared on the rip rap opposite. It sat and looked at me.

I looked back, thinking it looked like a standard house cat except for the fact it was the size of a dog.

I spent 15 minutes watching the cat messing around. Then I rigged up a two wet fly rig on the Tenkara rod: A size 10 Leadwing Coachman, which is an Esopus standard, and a size 16 Light Cahill on the point.

I drifted this combo into the maelstrom at the top of the sequence of pools and was thrilled when what I initially thought was a hang up turned out to be a fat rainbow of about 15 inches, which put up a serious fuss.

A few minutes later, I hooked and then lost the rainbow's cousin from the same place.

These all-day excursions are no longer routine. The roofers were gone when I staggered back into camp, and I fell asleep on the couch almost immediately.

I woke up feeling like something that crawls out of dead trees after a rainstorm, ate a ham and cheese sandwich and went to bed, tired, sore and very happy.

## AUDUBON *Continued from Page A1*

Motus, which gets its name from the Latin word meaning "movement," is a wildlife tracking system run by Birds Canada, a partner organization to Audubon. The system includes a network of antennas that is being deployed worldwide — so far, over 1,000 on four continents. These towers detect signals from birds that have been fitted with tiny radio transmitter "backpacks" known as nanotags. Nanotags can be put on flying animals as small as hummingbirds and even butterflies!

The tags emit unique signals that a Motus antenna

detects at a distance up to 15 miles (depending on terrain and other conditions). Each "ping" from a tagged bird is recorded and automatically uploaded to a central database curated by Birds Canada.

The result is a truly a game changer. Everyone, whether scientists or concerned citizens, can log into Motus.org and see the travels of birds from northern Canada to the diverse habitats of South America.

This information is also incorporated and visualized in Audubon's newly released online tool, the Bird Migration Explorer. As we see

where birds go and where they encounter challenges, we can more precisely apply resources to help them. Motus-based research has already shown impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides on songbird migration and has revealed previously unknown routes and schedules of migrants.

Here at Sharon, we plan to use Audubon's online Bird Migration Explorer and Motus data for education, engagement, and conservation action. We look forward to programs and youth projects that highlight migration research, community science, and career preparation.

So far, our tower listens for birds tagged by others, but we'll explore opportunities to tag birds too. Tagging requires training, permits, and funding. It would be fascinating to track the young American Kestrels from the local nest boxes we monitor, or the rehabilitated Chimney Swifts that we release into wild flocks headed for South America. Meanwhile, we'll tune in to whatever flies by!

This just in! A Swainson's Thrush that was the first bird

to ping the new tower at the Sharon Audubon Center on Sept. 14 as it flew southbound from Maine has arrived in the Veragua Rainforest in Costa Rica.

Somehow it managed to navigate the obstacle presented by Hurricane Ian!

On Oct. 1, the small flyer was recorded on a tower in the Central American rainforest, a flight of more than 4,000 miles. Its flight path, after registering in Sharon, included: a tower at Deer Pond Farm, a Connecticut Audubon Society property in Sherman; on Sept. 21 by a tower at Mountain Meadow in Pennsylvania; on Sept. 22 at Buck Run, Pennsylvania and then at Bluestem Farm in Maryland.

*Eileen Fielding is the Center Director at the Sharon Audubon Center.*



PHOTO BY MICK THOMPSON, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

**A Swainson's Thrush (like this one pictured) was tagged last spring in Massachusetts, going north. Its signal was picked up in Maine, and again last month as it flew through Sharon, en route to Central America, where on Oct. 1 it was pinged in a Costa Rican rainforest.**



PHOTO BY EILEEN FIELDING

**A 34-foot Motus tower was installed at the Sharon Audubon Center in August to gather information about bird movements via a network of antennas that is being deployed worldwide.**

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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](http://www.stthomasamenia.com/volunteer). Questions may be sent to the pantry's volunteer coordinator at [samantha@stthomasamenia.com](mailto:samantha@stthomasamenia.com).

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### Recovery coach offers assistance for addiction issues

**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, including 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.

### Millbrook Library to host Volunteer Fair

**MILLBROOK** — Millbrook Library will welcome over 15 organizations to advertise their volunteer opportunities to local teens and adults on Oct. 22. It is the first volunteer fair for the immediate and surrounding communities as part of The Great Give-Back, a Mid-Hudson Library System initiative.

The participating organizations will participate in the volunteer fair for a diverse slate of causes, from medical care to horse therapy, ecological groups to food banks. There will be something for all interests. Some organizations are local to Millbrook, like the Millbrook Historical Society and the Millbrook Arts Group, but others in-

clude the Alzheimer's Association, based in Poughkeepsie, and Rising Hope Farm in Millerton.

Of the volunteer fair, Courtney Tsalalis, Director of the Millbrook Library said in a press release, "We are excited to welcome these wonderful organizations to the library and help them promote the good work they do on a daily basis. We hope this event will draw attention to the different volunteer opportunities in our community and inspire people to get involved."

For more information, contact Kristin Perkins, Adult Programs Coordinator at [kperkins@millbrooklibrary.org](mailto:kperkins@millbrooklibrary.org).

### NECC offers bilingual Family Program

**MILLERTON** — The North East Community Center (NECC) is now offering bilingual case management services in two new satellite locations.

Walk-ins are welcome at

the Pine Plains Library every Thursday from 9 until 10:30 a.m. and at Amenia Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments may be made by calling 518-789-4259, ext. 116.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

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

Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Matthews Group Real Estate, LLC, 220 Painter Hill Road, Roxbury, CT 06783.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the

Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:40 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Wolfram Hanchett-Bates LLC for a Lot Merger on Tax Parcel #7068-00-980890 located at 964 Huckleberry Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East and Parcel #7068-00-995817 located at 958 Huckleberry Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at [pb@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:pb@townofnortheastny.gov) or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608. The application is

also available on the Town website for inspection.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Dale Culver  
Chairman  
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### SHARON, CT

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