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Sharon Hospital roundtables bring physicians' pleas

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON — The first of three public roundtables coordinated by the Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) citizens' organization to rally support in opposition to planned cuts in services at the hospital was held on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Bernard Church in Sharon.

The event attracted 12 residents to hear presentations by Nick Moore, SSH board member, and two Sharon Hospital physicians, Howard Mortman, M.D. (OB/GYN) and David Kurish, M.D., (Internal Medicine and Cardiology).

Based on their decades of practice at the hospital, the physicians presented their own accounts of the high quality of care jeopardized by the planned cutbacks, pleading with the community to join in a campaign that will culminate in a Save Sharon Hospital rally on the Sharon Town Green on Sunday, Oct. 16.

That rally will lead into a critically important state public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18, on Zoom, through the Office of Health Strategy (OHS), an independent review body that will

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The Dutchess County Legislature on Monday, Sept. 12, honored Millerton Fire Company Chief Jason Watson and his son, Shane Watson, who also is a volunteer firefighter, for their heroic actions saving a child's life in August.

Watsons honored by county after saving an infant's life

MILLERTON — The Dutchess County Legislature has honored father and son volunteers with the Millerton Fire Company (MFC) for saving an infant's life last month.

On Sept. 12, Jason Watson and his son Shane Watson were recognized for the life-saving rescue made on Aug. 8.

Fire Chief Watson said the MFC received a call for an infant in distress from a home in the town of North East. When he and his 21-year-old son arrived on the

scene, they found the infant "was blue" and having a seizure.

"It was crazy," he said. "It was pure adrenalin... I'm very grateful, because it was a good outcome."

The pair leaned on their CPR training, training that Jason initially received in Kathleen Howard's eighth-grade class in the

North East (Webutuck) School District.

"We took the baby from the mother, and Shane did the compressions and I did the breathing," he recalled. "It took less than a minute to resuscitate."

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Connecticut's CON law gets task force scrutiny

By **DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Nancy Heaton has had a front row seat in three Sharon Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) applications over the past 19 years.

She was appointed CEO of the Sharon-based Foundation for Community Health (FCH) shortly

after that agency was created in June of 2003 by the conversion of Sharon Hospital to a for-profit hospital. Since 2003, FCH has focused its energies on improving access to healthcare and health-related services in the rural northwest corner of Connecticut and parts of New York.

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Local grads rethink Ukraine's front line

By **JOHN COSTON**
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NORFOLK — Two former graduate school roommates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who share Norfolk roots, have spent months working with a small international team to deliver medical aid and equipment to Ukraine, and now they are helping the Ukraine military modernize its Soviet-era battle tactics.

While many nonprofits and non-governmental organization initiatives have contributed humanitarian aid to the war-ravaged country, the work of these two 35-year olds has in ad-

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Ian Miller, left, in Norfolk, talked with Ivan Choopeek, top left on screen, and Evan Platt, who were on Zoom from Ukraine on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Norfolk Hub.



PHOTO BY HOWARD ROBINSON

Smalltown in Millerton

Mark Liebergall, who lives outside the village of Millerton on Silver Mountain, is responsible for the gnomes and other quirky small art pieces popping up around Millerton, including a fairy door under construction on Main Street and a gnome dwelling at Veterans Park. Liebergall is retired from a commercial art career. The original fairy door installed about 30 years ago at Oblong Books has now been completely re-installed by The Small Door Repair Company, which he founded in 2022.



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Harlem Valley libraries offer myriad activities

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

HARLEM VALLEY — With budgets squeezed, what could be better than a magical passport to all sorts of entertainment, all for the price of being absolutely free?

To take advantage of this great offer, just go to your local library — in person or online — fill out a simple form, provide a proof of residency and in the blink of an eye, you'll have a free library card and all that goes along with it.

Each of the area libraries below have unique programs, but in general they also offer books, E-books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, computers, microfilm or microfiche, newsletters, curbside pickup, book clubs, interlibrary loans, movie streaming, online resources for everything from learning a foreign language to making auto repairs to preparing for job interviews, plus COVID tests. All for free.

Call or check your local library sites for listings of offerings, hours of operation, and mask requirements, but a sampling includes the following:

Amenia

Amenia Free Library, 3309 Route 343; LEGO Club, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays; Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Monday and Thursday; Snack and Paint for kids on mini canvas and easels at 5 p.m. (after closing), Friday, Sept. 30; Book Club, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Home Delivery is available. For coming attractions, go to www.amenialibrary.org or call 845-373-8273.

Millerton

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton: Rotating art exhibits monthly; Mahjong, 1 p.m., Tuesdays; Quilting, 10 a.m., third Thursdays; Book Group and Cookbook Group, rotating Saturdays and times; Sing, Play, Read, 11 a.m., Tuesday and Saturday; Teen Dungeon and Dragons, 4:30 p.m., Fridays; a newly-forming French speaking group TBA — reach out if

interested; Little Free Walk in Grocery, 10 a.m., first Saturday of the month; Cookie Cook Off tasting, 2:30 to 3 p.m. (earlier drop off), Saturday, Oct. 1, at Eddie Collins Memorial Park; e-bikes 101, 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24; Annual Craft Fair, 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8; Our Homes, Conversations about Housing Survey online; The senior Friendship Center, Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m., to 2 p.m.; and computer and web hot spots for home use. Go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340.

Pine Plains

Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 South Main St.: Maker Hour, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays; Toddler Story and Create Time, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; Play Hour, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Fridays; Gentle Yoga, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays; Tech Time, 2 to 6 p.m., Fridays.

Go to www.pineplainslibrary.org or call 518-398-1927.

Hillsdale

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale: All skill levels are welcome to pick up a Mini Canvas and Easel to paint at home and return by Oct. 8 for Second Annual Mini Art Exhibit, through November; Homeschoolers are welcome to special stories and activities in the Children's Room from 1 to 2 p.m., every Wednesday; Eribeth Chamber Players, 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, Hilltop Barn at Roe Jan Park; Bird Form and Function, 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28; Full Circle: Washington Irving at Lindenwald Webinar, 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3; Hot Topics in Healthy Aging — Clearing up Common Questions: What's Good For You? 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5 in person and online.

Go to www.roejanlibrary.org or call 518-325-4101.

Stanfordville

Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville: Bridge, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays; Scrabble, 6 to 8 p.m., fourth Mondays; Senior Brain Games, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Thursdays; Mahjong, 10 a.m. to noon, Fridays; Fiber Arts, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays; Knitting 7 to 8:30 p.m., first, third and fifth Thursdays; Watercolor Workshop, 1 to 4 p.m., first, third and fifth Tuesdays; and Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., for 3 to 4 year olds; 11 to 11:45 a.m., for 18 months to 2 years; New York State Park Passes and Pickleball equipment loans also are available at the library.

Go to www.stanfordlibrary.org or call 845-868-1341.

Millbrook

Finally, a special shout out to the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane, 845-677-3611, whose patrons and staff have managed to keep a positive attitude and robust program going throughout the summer's record heat despite the loss of their air conditioning and heating system. Popular events include: the Monthly Library Jam, 6:30 p.m., first Wednesdays; Indoor Adult Movie Nights 6 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays; Family Movies on the lawn at various times; All Ages Game Night 6 p.m., the last Wednesdays; Open Mic Night for poets, writers and musicians, 6 p.m., third Wednesdays; Toddler Story Time, 11 a.m., Wednesdays; Older Children Story Time, 4 p.m., Wednesdays; Morning Qi-gong Classes, 10 a.m., the second and fourth Fridays; and a display of local artists that rotates every two months.

Look for coming events as the library works to raise the donations necessary to replace the entire HVAC System.

Go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

A bank milestone to remember

National Iron Bank President Steve Cornell, center, chatted with North Canaan Selectman Christian Allyn, left, and his father, bank shareholder Steve Allyn, at the 175th anniversary celebration of the bank's founding. The Tristate Chamber of Commerce hosted a business after hours party at the Lakeville branch, in honor of the occasion, which drew more than 100 people from all over the region.

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AMENIA IN BRIEF

Indian Rock Community Day Oct. 15

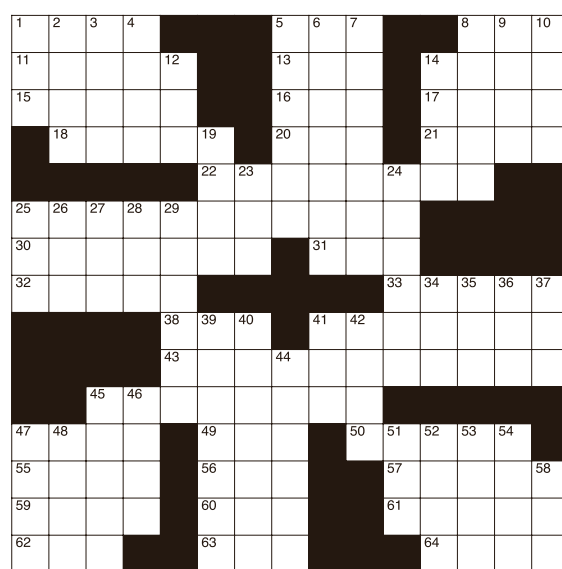
The one-room historic Indian Rock Schoolhouse will hold its annual Community Day celebration at 25 Mygatt Road in Amenia on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The day will feature children's crafts and activities, local artisans and vendors, music, raffles, school-room tours and treats.

Brain Teasers

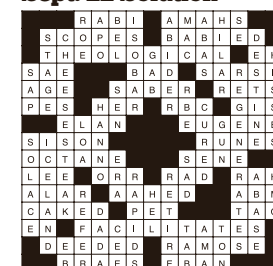
CLUES ACROSS

- Fall down
- Gas usage measurement
- Golf score
- A superior grade of black tea
- Wrath
- Eating house
- Delay leaving a place
- People now inhabiting Myanmar
- Canadian flyers
- Walks back and forth
- Frequently
- Humans have two
- Surrounds with armed forces
- Made proper
- Medical buildings
- Patty Hearst's captors
- Hits with a drop shot
- Italy's PM 1919-20
- Promotions
- En ___: incidentally
- Queens baseball team
- Commoner
- Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
- Payroll firm
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Skipper butterflies
- Hint
- Daniel __, French composer
- English children's author Blyton
- Midway between east and southeast
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Patriotic women's group
- The woman
- Tall, slender-leaved plant



- It helps you see
- Central Canadian indigenous person
- Invests in little enterprises
- They help in tough situations
- Industrial port in Poland
- Type of screen
- Peyton's little brother
- Alcoholic beverage
- Newspapers need it
- Herbal tea
- Distinctive practice
- Exercise system ___-bo
- Explosive
- Belonging to a thing
- Presidential candidates engage in them
- Of the Swedes
- Meadow-grass
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Hooray!

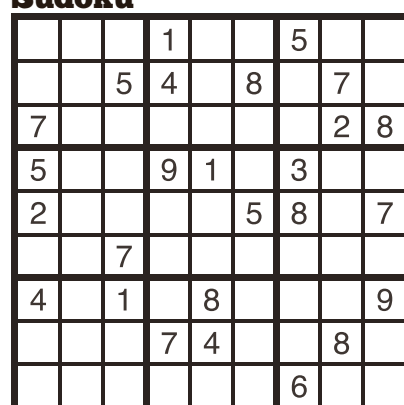
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CLUES DOWN

- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Jump
- Eaten as a vegetable
- Residual paresis after anesthesia
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- Nocturnal S. American rodents
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Musician pursues passion as a multi-disciplinary artist

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
Special to The Millerton News

HARLEM VALLEY — Honing his craft through practice and performance, Li Sabas has sought to build an identity for himself as, he says, “a multi-disciplinary artist.”

Following the COVID-19 outbreak, Sabas taught private music lessons while following pandemic protocols and started training in a form of kung fu known as “ving tsun.”

He initially envisioned opening his own performing art space in Millerton, but decided to take time to improve before investing in a space.

As well as showcasing his musical talents, Sabas has served as a teen leadership program assistant for the North East Community Center and by offering guitar lessons at The Music Cellar and at students’ homes. However, at the start of 2020, with performances scheduled every weekend, he decided to slow down and build a foundation for his body of work.

In the summer of 2020, he released music videos for his first album.



PHOTO BY MATT CARR

A resident of Columbia County, Li Sabas has built a music career through performances stretching across the Harlem Valley and beyond.

A New York City native, Sabas’ love of music began at an early age with inspiration from his father, a longtime performer in the Jimi Hendrix tribute band, Kiss the Sky. He was 11 years old when he

picked up a guitar; by age 16, he began an earnest pursuit of a career in music.

“It started off as something I knew how to do and could do and loved to do,” Sabas said, “but it was at around

16 that I dove into songwriting. I guess I felt comfortable enough with guitar to explore.”

Six years later, it clicked for Sabas that his love of music would translate into his life’s work.

“It was a story I needed to tell,” he said.

From Bob Marley and Weezer to the Beatles and the Grateful Dead, Sabas took great care in adapting each song into a rendition he could perform with hopes of telling the song’s story more fully and conveying the music’s poetry to his listeners. When it comes to his own compositions, he said his songs serve as a reflection of emotion.

Throughout his career, Sabas has performed in five separate projects and 10 bands. He had his first solo performance in Brooklyn in the summer of 2017.

Performing under his preferred name LI, area residents may recognize Sabas through performances he’s given across the Harlem Valley, featuring renditions of popular songs as well as his

own compositions. In addition to performing at community events like McEnroe Organic Farm’s annual Fall Festival, he’s been a featured musician at local restaurants like 52 Main in Millerton and the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville; music venues like Infinity Hall in Norfolk; and community-oriented spaces like the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Today, Sabas is living on a farm in Columbia County

with his family, chickens and two kittens while teaching and supporting young artists at The Music Cellar.

A list of his upcoming shows and concerts can be found on Sabas’ website, www.whoisLI.me.

“Between work and family life, I am producing my body of work that spans music, literature and art while developing as a budding martial artist,” Sabas said.

Amenia’s holiday show to hold tryouts

AMENIA — Children interested in the theatrical and performing arts are encouraged to try out for Amenia’s Free Performing Arts Program in October.

The audition will be for the town’s holiday performance.

The program is led by instructor Heather Holohan-Guarnieri and begins on Saturday, Oct. 8 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Amenia Town Hall Auditorium, located at 4988 Route 22.

Amenia Councilwoman Vicki Doyle encourages students in grade three through high school to participate. They should register by Wednesday, Oct. 5.

This 10-week program culminates in a final show, Doyle said in an email.

Amenia’s annual Musical

Revue is planned for Saturday, Dec. 17. The winter holiday performance will feature popular show tunes from musicals like “Frozen” and “Elf.”

Doyle added that no prior dance experience or knowledge is needed to audition.

Registration forms are now available at the Amenia Town Hall, the Amenia Free Library, at 3309 Route 343, and online, at www.ameniany.gov.

For more information, contact Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner at 845-373-8860, ext. 100 or email Miss Heather at Studioon22@live.com.

The program is made possible with a grant from Berkshire Taconic Foundation’s Northeast Dutchess Fund and the Town of Amenia.

— Whitney Joseph

AMENIA IN BRIEF

Amenia plans forums on sewer feasibility in October

The Amenia Wastewater Committee plans three community forums in October on the 2022 Amenia Hamlet Sewer Feasibility Study.

Dates for in-person forums are: Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. at Town Hall; Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. at Town Hall; and Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Participants can attend via Zoom at: (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89746652474> | Meeting ID: 897 4665 2474 | Call in: 929 205 6099)

Charlie Miller, chair of the Amenia Wastewater Committee, said the goal of the forums is to assemble all community feedback and quantifying support.

“If the project can be modified to address consensus feedback from residential and commercial owners, the Wastewater Committee will recommend the Town Board proceed to the next phase: map, plan and report / environmental review,” Miller said in an email.

That phase is required to form the district and form-

ing the district is necessary to apply for grants and interest-free loans.

So far the Wastewater Committee along with the engineer Tighe&Bond presented the study to the Town Board and residents. In September, it held a forum with commercial owners.

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SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

Upcoming Community Events:



Dr. Howard Mortman has been delivering babies at Sharon Hospital since 1991.

Community Roundtables

Learn what’s happening at Sharon Hospital from the doctors themselves. Speakers include Dr. Howard Mortman and Dr. David Kurish. Attend one or attend them all! No reservations needed.

Salisbury, Connecticut:
Thurs, Sept 29 at 4pm
Scoville Memorial Library,
Wardell Community Room

Millerton, New York:
Wed, October 5 at 6pm
Northeast-Millerton Library
Annex

All events are sponsored by Save Sharon Hospital, and are not affiliated with the venues where the events are held.



Dr. David Kurish, an internist and cardiologist who has been treating patients at Sharon Hospital for over 40 years.

Rally to Save Sharon Hospital

Hear from our public officials, doctors, and fellow community members on how you can help save Maternity and the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

Sunday, Oct 16 at 2pm
at the Sharon Town Green

Testify at the Public Hearing

against Nuvance’s application to close Maternity.

- Written Testimony: Email OHS@ct.gov by Monday, Oct. 17.

- Oral Testimony: Sign up via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct 18 at 2pm. Public Testimony starts at 3pm. For the Zoom login and further information, please visit our website.

Tuesday, Oct 18 via Zoom
10am: Hearing begins
3pm: Public Testimony begins

Save Sharon Hospital, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization composed of volunteers and healthcare professionals from the Northwest Corner and the neighboring New York area who are concerned about the continued quality and availability of healthcare in our region. We are committed to supporting and maintaining the full range of services at Sharon Hospital.

www.savesharonhospital.org

OUR TOWNS

Car show beats the rain, brings the fun

By **LORI HALE**
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — The Amenia Lions kept their fingers crossed on Sunday, Sept. 25, that the weather would cooperate as they held the 10th Annual Community Classic Car Show at Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre. It did, to a point.

Everyone knows that classic car enthusiasts generally don't take their "babies" out in adverse weather, so the turnout was a little less than previous years. However, as the day would have it more than 50 cars roared in and enjoyed a morning of music, car trivia contests, raffle

prizes, fun and judging.

Master of Ceremony, Larry Moore, welcomed everyone, thanked the generous sponsors and kept the ball rolling amid some light-hearted heckling. The entire club also bid a touching farewell to Lion Wayne Euvrad after 43 years of service as he and his wife, Cami, will be relocating to South Carolina.

As the rain pushed in, raffle prizes and trophies were awarded. The judges had a difficult time choosing among so many wonderful entries and appreciated the efforts of the 2022 judges that included Jack Gregory, Dane Medici, and John Perrotti.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Robin Vogel knows her 1966 Ford Mustang very well, inside and out — she built the engine.



Hoods open, ready and waiting for judging.



The classic cars all had their own charms, inviting spectators to imagine the history they've seen.



The winner of Best in Show was James Whalen, who accepted his award from Amenia Lions President Jessica Moore. It appeared the day belonged to the trucks in 2022. Whalen was chosen by the spectators for "Best in Show" with his 1977 Ford Pickup with a very close tie for second between E.J. Brazee from Millerton with his 1993 Dodge Pickup W150 and Jean Kearns from West Cornwall with a 1979 Chevy Pickup.



Club President Jessica Moore gave Lee Bates from Dover Plains the 2nd Place award with her 1966 Ford Mustang in the 1961 to 1980 category.

Corrections

Paul Bengtson is the Director of Community Programs at the North East Community Center. In an article in the Sept. 22 issue, he was incorrectly identified with Community Planning and Environmental Associates.

Nancy Flanagan Schultz was scheduled to give a talk hosted at the Amenia Town Hall by the Amenia Historical Society. In the Sept. 22, issue it was incorrectly stated that the talk was at the Amenia Free Library.

Email news to editor@
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OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' Poglitsch

LAKEVILLE — William "Bill" Poglitsch passed away peacefully on Wednesday Sept. 21, 2022. His obituary and time of services will follow.

Lawrence G. Unson

MILLERTON — Lawrence G. Unson, 85, a resident of Pulaski, New York since 1980, formerly of Millerton, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at his home. Lawrence was born Nov. 12, 1936, in Rhinebeck, New York, the son of Russell and Cornelia Potts Unson. He graduated from Red Hook High School. Lawrence was married to Jean Heus Unson on May 31, 1980. He owned and operated a dairy transport company for many years. Upon moving to Pulaski, he became a Charter Captain on his boat the Sea Fury, fishing Lake Ontario and guiding the Salmon River. Lawrence was a member of local bowling leagues for many years. He also

loved the outdoors and spent a lot of his time hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Jean, of Pulaski, one son, Jeffrey Unson of Florida, two stepsons, Richard Waldorf of Poughkeepsie, and Michael Waldorf of Pine Plains, one grandson, Christian Waldorf of Pulaski and two grandsons of Florida, and his brother, Robert (Gladys) Unson of Tivoli, New York. Lawrence was predeceased by his son Brian Unson, sister Doris and a granddaughter.

Per Lawrence's wishes no funeral services will be held. Arrangements by Foster-Hax Funeral Home, 52 Park Street, Pulaski, N.Y.



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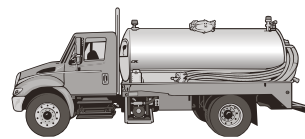
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During that time, Sharon Hospital was purchased and re-purchased by several different private equity groups, and then in 2017 it was purchased by the New York-based non-profit hospital system, Health Quest, which a year later merged with Western CT Health Network and became Nuance Health.

According to Heaton, FCH donated \$3 million of the \$5 million price tag for that transaction “in the hope that reconversion of the hospital back to a community asset would result in increased attention to our community.

“It was widely perceived that hospital services were slowly being eroded and downsized, with increasing shortage of all types of providers and services,” she recalled.

As part of the grant, her agency agreed to select and nominate new community Board members to more smoothly, and quickly, connect the New York-based system to the community.

Recently, Heaton’s, and FCH’s, watchdog status reached new heights.

On the recommendation of State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Heaton was appointed to the newly established Governor’s Certificate of Need Task Force, which held its inaugural meeting Aug. 11.

“I really thought I might have something unique to say just because of my time here,” said Heaton, who is serving on two subcommittees. “I got my job because of the CON process.”

Response to concerns

The 16-member task force, which is managed by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly, was created in response to concerns that large, consolidated hospital systems are closing services, raising prices and are not sufficiently responsive to community needs.

The establishment of the task force was included in the 2022 state budget and the group is directed to study and make recommendations to the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) with the goal of improving the state’s CON

process.

The CON program regulates certain healthcare providers, including hospitals, requiring that they seek state approval prior to making major changes. These potential changes include mergers, significantly large capital investment in new equipment or facilities, changing access to services or discontinuing a medical service. Recommendations are due to the General Assembly by Jan. 15, 2023.

Heaton’s role on the task force comes at a time when Nuance is seeking permission from OHS to shutter Sharon Hospital’s Labor and Delivery unit and replace its Intensive Care Unit with a Progressive Care Unit.

She said she has become increasingly interested in how the CON process can be improved to better serve the needs and interests of all Connecticut residents, especially those in her rural area of the state, through a “more coherent and streamlined process that is built on a much clearer set of expectations.”

New laws better define ‘termination of services’

On May 7, Gov. Ned Lamont signed into law Connecticut’s fiscal year 2023 budget, and among the changes, it made modifications to the CON process and gave new authorities to OHS. As a result, the law now defines “termination of services” to mean the cessation of any services for a period greater than 180 days.

Heaton hailed the measure as “huge.” In the past, she said, an entity could use the term “suspension of services” for extended periods of time, potentially for years. “There really had been no clear definition.”

Additionally, the new law created a scaled CON application fee ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 based on the cost of a proposed project. Under prior law, all CONs required a flat \$500 fee.

Although recommendations from a 2016 CON task force were never acted upon, Heaton is optimistic that the renewed effort will meet with success and support from

state lawmakers.

A daunting challenge

According to a recent statement issued by the non-profit Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, “Given the nature of the topics under discussion and the power of the hospital industry in Connecticut, developing recommendations that result in legislative change could prove to be quite challenging.” Several individuals recommended by Universal have been appointed to the new CON task force. “We plan to push for strong recommendations and subsequent legislation that will support the needs of local committees,” the foundation reported.

State Rep. Kerry Wood (D-29) and State Senator Matt Lesser (D-9) are serving as co-chairs of the task force and two ranking members of the insurance committee, State Rep. Cara Pavalock-D’Amato (R-77) and State Senator Tony Hwang (R-28), are also participating. The membership also comprises several hospital representatives as well as consumers, providers and advocates for health equity, access and quality.

Some of the questions the task force has been asked to investigate include analyzing services and facilities and their impact on quality and underserved populations, authorizing OHS to require investments to address community needs, guaranteeing local community representation on hospital boards and setting standards to measure quality indicators after consolidations.

The task force is also looking at enacting higher penalties for noncompliance and increasing the staff needed for enforcement, the Attorney General’s authority to stop activities as the result of a CON application or complaint, and the ability of representatives of the workforce and the community to intervene or appeal decisions.

Greater focus on access, equity

Heaton said she is optimistic the time is right for a CON overhaul, particularly when three hospitals in Con-

necticut, including Sharon Hospital, Windham Hospital and Lawrence + Memorial in New London, are seeking to close labor and delivery and scale back on services.

“It’s the perfect storm. I do think there is more momentum this time,” said Heaton.

The major difference this time versus last time, noted the FCH official, is that the prior task force focused primarily on healthcare costs and how to keep them down.

“But now, they are really looking at access and equity. You can see that more in the language. I think they are going to apply these lenses, and I’m excited about that. The executive branch is saying we need it, but the legislative branch needs to make the changes.”

Task force member John Brady, a retired Registered Nurse and vice president of AFT CT, the teachers’ federation, noted during the group’s organizational meeting that he hopes the effort will arm the Office of Health Strategy as well as the Attorney General’s office, “with the power they need to enforce what I think is the spirit of the CON process.”

In March 17 testimony in support of House Bill 5449: An Act Concerning Certificate of Need Process, Lynne Ide, director of program and policy for Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, urged support of a stronger version of the bill.

“The issues are not new, yet our state has not given the Office of Health Strategy the proper resources and tools to crack down on bad actors, and protect our health, our choices of providers and our pocketbooks. We need the legislature to act this year. We cannot wait.”

Kovner joins MCP board

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) announced that Suzie Kovner, long-time patron of the arts and education advocate, has joined its board.

Kovner is a trustee of Carnegie Hall and founding member of the Drama Council at The Juilliard School with expertise in program development and non-profit management.

The MCP board aims to transform the old Thorne Building and former Bennett College campus into cultural, educational, and recreational hubs for the greater Millbrook community.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have Suzie joining our leadership team during this pivotal moment,” commented Oakleigh Thorne, President of MCP.

“Joining the board of the Millbrook Community Partnership was a natural decision for me, as the project com-

bines my passion for the arts with my desire to revitalize Millbrook and create spaces for community members to gather,” Kovner said in a statement.

The Millbrook Community Partnership’s goal is to convert the dilapidated Bennett College campus into a park at the entrance to the Village, and the preservation and renovation of the abandoned Thorne Memorial School Building as a community center focused on the arts and learning.

Asbestos abatement recently was completed at the Thorne Building. On the Bennett site, the old college has been torn down and landscaping has begun. The site is on a track to open for the community in 2023.

The new Thorne Building Community Center will serve the Village of Millbrook, the Town of Washington, and central Dutchess County by offering programs for all ages.

Party in the Park set Oct. 1

MILLERTON — The grand re-opening of Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton will be on Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 5:30 p.m. The event will celebrate the redevelopment of the park.

The updated park will include two basketball courts, a soccer field, parking spaces for 100 cars and close to 100 flowering and shade trees. The handicap-accessible playground has also been upgraded with a new entrance.

Once completed, the park will include a new pool and pool house with

showers, dressing rooms, a concession stand, a small commercial kitchen and a community meeting room.

The Party in the Park will include a basketball tournament; soccer games with Webutuck students; games for children in the playground, courtesy of the NorthEast-Millerton Library; and food prepared by the Millerton Fire Company and American Legion Post 178.

There will also be live music, beer and other activities.

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decide on the Nuvance proposal to limit services at Sharon Hospital.

SSH urges residents to view the hearing and offer comments either in advance or during the hearing, as well as to contact state representatives asking that they act to preserve Sharon Hospital services. Both New York State and Northwest Corner residents are potentially impacted.

Introducing the discussion, Nick Moore, who serves on the seven-member SSH board, recounted that in 2018, Healthquest (now Nuvance) purchased Sharon Hospital in a public-private partnership, with Nuvance promising to maintain all services for a period of five years, under a Certificate of Need agreement. Within that period, Moore said, Nuvance has sought to reduce services, citing financial pressures, an aging population and safety concerns, all three of which he said are arguable.

Save Sharon Hospital came into being in 2018 to resist an earlier attempt to eliminate maternity services. That campaign was successful.

In September of 2021 Nuvance announced plans once again to eliminate maternity services and to reduce services relating to the surgical department and the Intensive Care Unit. Once the service cuts were announced, Dr. Kurish reported, the doctors voted 25-1 in opposition to the plan.

"We are counting on the community to show support," Dr. Kurish told the audience, drawing on his more than 40 years of service to the community and the hospital. "Our facility is outstanding," he added.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Nick Moore, left, board member of the Save Sharon Hospital organization, Dr. Howard Mortman, center, obstetrics and gynecology, and Dr. David Kurish, internal medicine and cardiology, led a roundtable discussion of proposed cuts in services at Sharon Hospital from the physicians' perspective on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Bernard Church in Sharon.

"The community will need to rally to maintain services."

"For 31 years I have been practicing here," said Dr. Mortman of his length of service and devotion to the hospital community and to his patients. He referenced national studies highlighting the critical importance of providing increased access to high-quality maternal healthcare, particularly in rural areas.

Speaking of his early years, Mortman said, "When I came up here, Sharon Hospital was everything I could have dreamed of." He described the broad diversity of patients treated without regard to their insurance status, only that they needed care.

"Every patient could be my family," Mortman said. "If you take away the bureaucracy," he added, "our hospital is as

good as it gets. We offer comprehensive health care."

Mortman pointed to Sharon Hospital's 5-star rating, one of only three in the state with that distinction in terms of mortality, safety, and timeliness and effective care.

"There is nothing safe about practicing obstetrics in a facility without full services," Mortman added, going on to describe cases with positive outcomes only because the hospital was fully equipped to respond.

"You cannot put someone in an ambulance, if that patient is not safe to transfer," Mortman argued. "With neoresuscitation cases, you don't have time," he added.

Moore spoke about the tangible value of the hospital's medical professionals living in the community and how their family members

add community strength by making their homes here, serving on local boards, volunteering for organizations and enrolling their children in the schools.

During public discussion, residents clarified the effects of the changes, speaking also of Windham Hospital, owned by Hartford Healthcare, having curtailed its services.

One resident countered a locally-voiced opinion that reduced maternity services would have no effect on their lives or wellbeing if they are not planning to have a child. In fact, she said, elimination of maternity has a ripple effect. With no maternity department, the surgical department and the intensive care area are not required within regulations to offer full capabilities, equipment and staffing.

Mortman called for a cooperative solution to be found to bring Nuvance and Sharon Hospital to accord. "It has to be about money, because it is not about care," he said.

"The state needs to step up and help us," Mortman said, urging residents to speak with their neighbors, attend the upcoming rally on the Sharon Green on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m., write letters to public officials, and provide written or oral testimony at the OHS public hearing on Zoom, Tuesday, Oct. 18, beginning at 3 p.m. when public testimony begins.

The next SSH roundtable will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, beginning at 4 p.m.

The third and final SSH roundtable will be held in Millerton on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Northeast/Millerton Library Annex, beginning at 6 p.m.

For additional details, go to www.savesharonhospital.org.

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Once revived, the child was transported by ambulance to Sharon Hospital.

Chief Watson said getting a call about an infant in distress can be hellish.

"It's everybody's worse nightmare," said the longtime firefighter. "It was Shane's first time encountering [that situation]."

Watson reported the infant was declared fit and healthy, and was released from the hospital the following day. While he noted there was "a language barrier" between emergency responders and the parents, it was clear "they were grateful."

The fire chief added while such calls seldom come into the fire station, it's critical that volunteers be prepared.

"All of our training has paid off with our CPR classes," he said, noting "the North East Fire District [NEFD] has not always required it."

It does currently, and has for the past two years.

"Every member is required to have CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (ADD) training," said Watson, adding the NEFD provides CPR training for its volunteers.

However, he noted some districts still don't mandate CPR training. Watson strongly encourages not only emergency workers to know how to perform CPR, but for everyone to learn the life-saving skill.

Watson recalled an incident about three years ago when a woman stopped breathing at a birthday party for his son's friend, Stone Scasso. At the time, Stone, along a friend Daniel Swift, jumped into action and performed CPR on the woman. Watson said they saved her life with their know-how.

"All three [Shane, Stone and Daniel] were in the Webster CPR class," said Wat-

son. "I thought it was a great idea, great idea."

Along with responding to the scene as the fire chief, Watson said he could appreciate it from a father's perspective. He spoke of how he felt saving the infant's life aided by his own son.

"There are no words that can explain how proud I am," he said. "The training pays off."

The two generations of Watsons received certificates from the county, presented by Chair of the Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19).

"I've been in the EMS world a long time with my involvement with not only the Pine Plains Rescue Squad but with the National Ski Patrol," said Pulver, "and I know how hard it is to deal with some of these issues. But to do that with a 2-year-old is phenomenal; the amount of professionalism they showed, especially Jason's son, is absolutely amazing."

Pulver noted that dealing with an infant in distress is among the most challenging calls an emergency responder can receive.

"It's the hardest thing anybody, in any shape or form, can do," he said. "I've had a lot of good EMTs, and people just can't handle it. The fact that they did is a credit to their training and their resolve to make sure there would be a positive outcome."

Like Watson, Pulver advocates for CPR training to be required by all fire districts and also to teach it to students in school.

"I am amazed that the world doesn't have a CPR card," he said. "I know a lot of schools do it, Pine Plains does it, they teach a CPR class. I think everybody should have it, especially first responders."

— Whitney Joseph

UKRAINE *Continued from Page A1*

dition focused on helping the defending forces to become more effective in the war against Russia on the front line.

Calling their tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Zero Line, Evan Platt and Ian Miller have teamed up to provide drones, satellite phones, vehicles and first-aid kits, and sophisticated communications know-how and training to Ukrainian soldiers.

The name Zero Line stands for what Ukrainians call "the front of the front lines," where the most people are killed and where Zero Line modernization techniques can save the most lives.

Miller spoke to a group of about 50 people on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Hub in Norfolk. His partner Platt was in Kyiv, participating via Zoom, along with a former Ukrainian military drone pilot, Ivan Choopeek, who was in southern Ukraine for the call.

Platt has been in Ukraine since April, when Miller invited him to visit. Miller is about to go back.

Speaking of the way Ukrainians battle Russian forces, Platt said "it's the Soviet style strategy," referring to World War II battleground tactics. "Emphasis on artillery, emphasis on digging trenches, pouring cement for hard points, throwing of mines on the zero line.

"That's really slow," he said. "Farmers with guns. Their heart is in it, but they're not that well trained. Often they're lawyers. A car mechanic."

Platt and Choopeek explained how a system devised by the team implemented systemic change on the front line, using "horizontal communications" with drones, cellphones and Wi-Fi to carry out artillery strikes—instead of relying on a typical top-down and more time-consuming command chain on radios.

The use of drones is the first step, which provides

pilots with information that, in turn, is supplied via an "IS-TAR" pilot program to artillery operators who receive the coordinates of an enemy tank position, for example.

"Ninety percent of reconnaissance on the front is done with drones," Platt said, who explained that drone pilots now send information captured by the drones to artillery units using text messaging.

"The biggest problem is the communication," said Choopeek, explaining that traditional chain-of-command approaches can take five or ten minutes to get clearance to attack a known target, which may have moved from its location at that much time.

"Using cellphones and internet messaging is much faster," he said. "The drone pilot can bring the information straight to the guy who makes the decision."

Choopeek explained that a self-propelled howitzer operated by the Russians may have moved position in the minutes after its coordinates were first determined by a drone, but the IS-TAR system can respond in 30 to 60 seconds, allowing the Ukrainians to fire up to three rounds at a target still in place.

Choopeek said his brigade, the 63rd, was considered among the worst before it started operating with IS-TAR. Now it is considered one of the most successful.

Zero Line also works with the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense, active U.S. and NATO-allied special forces and Ukrainian technology companies.

Before the presentation started, Miller acknowledged the generous help of Norfolk resident Anne Garrels, a long-time foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, who started a Ukraine relief effort called assist-ukraine.org that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for medical and humanitarian relief. Garrels died on Sept. 7.

For more information on Zero Line go to www.zero-line.org.

Andre Wlodar, who splits his time between Millerton and Manhattan, also has supported Ukraine since February with fundraising and by delivering essential supplies and traveling to Poland and Ukraine.

Wlodar planned to return to Lviv and Kyiv on Monday, Sept. 26.

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Artist Pieter Lefferts Paints A Magical World With Words

In the deep pine-scented quiet of the north woods, known here as the mythical land of Borea, a story unfolds: Its heroine, Rana Kek Kek, an “intrepid amphibian,” is about to embark on a journey of self-discovery in which she is transformed from a child into a Person of the World. Meanwhile, Aramook the Raccoon decides to take a risky trip to the town where the People of Man live so he can persuade them to slow down their ways of consuming everything. Then there’s Koli Bear and the owl Oti Semper, who join forces to rescue Aramook and stop a possible disaster.

In “What the Kek Kek Saw,” described as an animist fable, these story lines are braided together like sweetgrass, says author Pieter Lefferts, a Sharon, Conn., artist whose lifetime of vis-



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE STANTON OF HIGH VIBE CHICK PHOTOGRAPHY

iting a family cabin on Upper Ausable Lake in the high Adirondacks inspired this charming, imaginative new book about the importance of understanding the other sentient beings with whom we share a fragile planet.

“It’s basically a

creation story,” he explained. “People who have read it say it’s a book about hope, and it is. There are so many movies and books that rely on dystopian visions of the world. I wanted to create a more hopeful, optimistic side of the future.”

While the novel’s title character was drawn from his childhood at the lake listening to wood frogs calling “kekkekkek,” this is not a children’s book, he noted. His animals “don’t wear clothes or live in little houses.” In the best tradition of animal fables (think “The Jungle Book” and “Watership Down”) they “live in a predator and prey world, and they understand that about each other.”

Published by UnCollected Press and available from Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y. (as well as Amazon and Barnes and Noble online), this is a first book for Lefferts, an artist long admired for his evocative landscapes and elegant portraits; to his delight, he was one of 30 authors invited to the prestigious Summer Book Signing of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon this year (“a dream come true,” he said, happily).

His paintings are widely collected and have been shown at galleries throughout the Hudson Valley, the Adirondacks and New England.

Fond of taking students on plein-air field trips into local wilderness, he’s a much beloved art teacher — or as he prefers, an artist who teaches: His Northlight Art Center in Amenia, N.Y., has offered classes in oil and acrylic painting, pastels and traditional drawing techniques since 2010, with participants urged

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THE UNGARDENER:
DEE SALOMON

The Over-Under: A Bet On the Future Of the Woods

I had put off writing about my number one issue these days — the drought — hoping that between writing and publishing it would rain. And rain it has; a most beautiful two days of showers.

Had the rain arrived a little earlier it would have helped the recovery of trees impacted by spongy month earlier in the summer. There would have been fewer brown trees in the surrounding hills and in our woods. The overstory, the layer of foliage in the forest canopy, is suffering.

Now is the time to walk the woods and take note of the mature trees that have little or no leaves. If the woods are adjacent to your home, you will want to monitor them over the winter. Look on the trunk and under the lowest branches for spongy moth egg sacs. Their removal, even on dead trees, can be the thing that saves many trees from death next spring.

I bring this up as defoliated and otherwise weakened trees are falling with frequency — both in yards and in the woods. In your yard you might purchase a new tree to take its place; but in the woods, where you expect young trees — the understory — to grow into the area left by a fallen tree,

you can no longer count on that to happen. As sunlight reaches more of the previously shady woodland floor, what will it help to grow?

To answer this question, while you are in the woods, take note of the other plant life you see in addition to the mature trees. How many young trees do you see? Which tree species? How tall are they? Some of this understory will be the future of your woods, but they need your help to be able to grow.

If you see young trees bound by bittersweet vine, cut and release the trees from the vine so that they can grow (you can pull young bittersweet out or use glyphosate to dab — not spray — onto cut roots). If there is grape vine covering the leaves, you can cut this as well. Remove spongy moth egg sacs from the trunks and under the branches.

If, either instead of young trees or in addition to them, you see barberry, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, buckthorn or Russian olive (you can use a plant identification app or Google lens if you don’t already know what these look like) they are suppressing the germination and growth of native trees. As are

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...the future of the woods Continued from previous page

garlic mustard, Japanese stilt grass and phragmites.

Remove these invasives now, and over the course of a few years new trees will germinate in their place. With a little attention, they will grow to become a healthy understory and, in a few decades, some will become the new overstory.

Ignore these invasives now, and then as large trees die your woodland will disappear and turn into an unattractive scruffy field of impenetrable invasive shrubs. Not just terrible for the environment but also to your property value. Why property value? In addition to the aesthetic value of a woodland, trees in even a small woodland mitigate wind damage to houses. A

healthy understory without barberry reduces tick population upwards of 60% as invasive shrubs and plants damage soil quality and harbor mice (the main vector of ticks). And who wants to take a walk in a field of barberry and multiflora rose?

The overstory relies on a healthy understory. And right now the understory relies on you. End of story.

If you would like information and instructions on removing common invasive plants, look for "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard," 2020 edition, published by the Connecticut Conservation Districts, www.conservect.org.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

Wherever the sun shines through to the woodland floor is where you want to pay particular attention as these are areas where young trees should be growing rather than invasive shrubs and plants.

...Pieter Lefferts Continued from previous page

to become "more themselves" as they discover their individual creative voices.

Writing was always a sideline, albeit one he greatly enjoyed, until a comment 10 years ago by the late Richard Grossman, distinguished publisher, writer, psychotherapist and Salisbury, Conn., resident, got him started in a serious way. "I showed Dick this little three-page ditty I'd written and he said, 'I think you have a diamond in the rough here,'" Lefferts remembers.

Encouraged, he began a decade of working on what became "What the Kek Kek Saw," sometimes spending months in a row on it, sometimes

putting it aside while he painted or taught, or both. Ultimately, he enrolled in a free writing class at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, where his wife, Claudia Cayne, was director (recently retired, she still leads the library's book club), and met a writing coach and editor named Virginia Watkins, whom he credits with helping him finish.

"A first effort can easily get away from a novice writer," he admitted with a laugh. "She was fantastic in challenging me to go deeper and avoid certain writing traps. And I think my experiences as a painter, as a naturalist, as an observer, and as someone who's

just eternally curious, allowed me to describe the landscape, the world of Borea, in a painterly way."

The cast of anthropomorphic characters he created for "What the Kek Kek Saw" are haunted by tales of "The Clearing," a mythical catastrophe that mirrors what actually happened to the Adirondacks in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when vast tracts of trees were cut down and some

wildlife was hunted to extinction.

Lefferts found that — similar to the freedom of painting outdoors — his words flowed easily in nature, and solo writing stays at the family camp became about "listening and feeling into" the animals that survive in the forest today.

"I wanted to tell their story about coexistence," he said, "since coexistence is very much what the book is about."

CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

Salisbury Artisan Group. Salisbury, Conn. www.artisansale.org
2022 Artisans Market, Oct. 8 to 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Oblong Books & Music. 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
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Song & Story Time!, Oct. 1, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema. 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com
Visit website for current showtimes.

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Horror of the Decade, Oct. 5 to 29.

MUSIC

Clarion Concerts. www.clarionconcerts.org
Borromeo String Quartet, Oct. 9, 4 p.m.

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American journalism alive, remains in flux

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Special to The Millerton News

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — The Salisbury Forum hosted “The Future of American Journalism,” a panel discussion with four veteran journalists, at The Hotchkiss School on Friday, Sept. 16.

The moderator was television journalist Brian Ross, who spoke with former Washington Post Executive Editor Marty Baron, Subrata De, executive vice president and global head of programming at VICE News, and John Coston, editor of The Lakeville Journal.

The event was part of the celebration of The Lakeville Journal’s 125th anniversary and drew an audience of more than 300.

Ross, a member of the Lakeville Journal Foundation board, started off asking about the panelists’ news habits.

Baron said, “I’m totally online.” He reads The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Berkshire Eagle, subscribes to a Bloomberg newsletter, and regularly reads The New Yorker and The Atlantic.

“Hardly any television,” he added.

De said she does watch TV news, follows social media, listens to the radio and reads major

newspapers, “but not a daily set.” “I mostly need to know where people are.”

Coston, a part-time farmer, said the first thing he does is “make sure the sheep are in the pasture.”

Then he takes in a mix of local, national and international news, from The Journal, Post, Times, CNN, Fox, PBS, the Northwest Corner Chatter Facebook page, the Waterbury Republican-American and the Hartford Courant.

Ross asked about the Post’s slogan, “Democracy Dies in Darkness.”

“It wasn’t me pressing for it,” said Baron. He said Post owner Jeff Bezos wanted a memorable slogan, and it took a year and a half to come up with something.

Ross asked if the slogan was a defensive response to the Donald Trump presidency, and to the president’s harsh words for the press, such as “enemy of the people.”

Baron said no. “We were working on it well before he was elected.”

He said people assumed the slogan was directed at Trump, and when Joe Biden won the 2020 election, it was suggested that the paper could drop the slogan as no longer necessary.

De said in her experience



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Brian Ross, left, moderated the Salisbury Forum discussion with Marty Baron, Subrata De and John Coston at The Hotchkiss School on Sept. 16.

Washington reporting was conducted in something of a bubble. “VICE was never in the bubble. Our motto is ‘Breaking the News.’”

Ross asked if the idea of balanced reporting, in the sense that each side gets a say, is outdated. De said “the story gets the say.” She said most of VICE’s audience is under 30 years old. “Every story needs to get that full treatment.”

Coston was asked about working at The Lakeville Journal, “still in existence.”

“We have to produce a paper that people have to have, said Coston. “One that truly reflects

what the community is all about. “We have to be neutral, and give everybody their say.”

Coston said that with The Lakeville Journal’s nonprofit status comes responsibilities.

“We are the training ground for future journalists.”

Asked about press being neutral “or more proactive,” Baron said, “I don’t like how these things are framed.” He said he sees the job as collecting facts, asking questions and, while keeping an open mind, writing “the totality of it and tell people what the story is.”

“There are always more than two sides, so I don’t think in terms of neutrality.”

Ross observed that “no president has loved his press coverage,” but Trump took it further, going after Bezos’ primary business, Amazon.

“What was that like?”

Baron said it was not a surprise, given that Trump routinely announced his plans on Twitter. Trump “interfered” with a \$10 billion Department of Defense contract that ultimately went to Microsoft Corp., not Amazon.com Inc., Baron added, but it made no difference to the Post’s coverage.

“Bezos did not intervene or interfere” with the Post. “He let us do our job.”

Ross said that Trump’s “enemy of the people” description of the press gained some popular support.

De said that news organizations in general have experienced “a separation from people,” and added that most outlets have had to make do with fewer resources.

Asked about younger and/or aspiring journalists, Baron said he has found, to his surprise, “tremendous interest” in the profession. “I detect a different posture” in younger

reporters, he continued. “They do want to express themselves. We were trained not to express ourselves.”

“So what were your rules?” asked Ross.

Baron said Post reporters are expected to use “care and restraint” on social media, and to not participate in protests, and not donate to causes. He said most observed these limits but a few did not, which he found unacceptable.

“If you want to express an opinion there are many other options. It’s not our role as a news organization.”

Ross said that VICE stories are “not passive,” and De said that VICE has its own “standards and practices.”

“It is different,” she said. “It’s personal, relational. It’s still journalism but it feels different.”

Coston said “to some degree the more prevailing issue is young journalists think it’s OK to ‘round off the numbers.’ In a small community you can’t get away with it.”

Asked about the value of community journalism in smaller communities, Coston cited First Selectman Gordon Ridgway of Cornwall. “Gordon said The Lakeville Journal is why we have a ‘Northwest Corner.’”

Free equitable farmland access, soil health workshops offered

By DOUG OHLANDT

Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Dutchess Land Conservancy (DLC), The Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), Rock Steady Farm (RSF) in Millerton and The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies are collaborating to offer two educational, down-to-earth workshops to the public

Soil health workshop

The second workshop, Introduction to Soil Health, will be led by soil scientist and microbial ecologist, Dr. Lucas, at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook. It will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The program will begin with a presentation indoors, after which participants will drive a short distance and then take a flat 0.2-mile walk to see Lucas’ soil research site and continue to discuss soil health and management. A tent and chairs will be available.

Arrive prepared to spend time outdoors; masks are required for the indoor portion of the workshop. To register, go to www.clctrust.org; for more details, go to www.clctrust.org/events or contact Sam Calhoun at sam.calhoun@clctrust.org or 518-392-5252, ext. 204.

Conservancies’ history

The Dutchess Land Conservancy (DLC) is a private nonprofit land conservation organization dedicated to preserving the scenic, agricultural and environmental resources of Dutchess County, and the surrounding area.

For the past 37 years the DLC has worked with private landowners to preserve nearly 46,000 acres of farmland, open spaces, forests, water resources, wildlife habitats and scenic views. As a key part of its land protection strategy, the DLC focuses on preserving working agricultural land through partnerships with agencies, land trusts and other allies.

Through its purchase of development rights (PDR) program, 43 family farms have been protected to date.

The DLC also provides professional assistance to landowners and municipalities to encourage environmentally sound planning and conservation of important land for public recreational use, and educates people of all ages on matters of land conservation and stewardship. For more information, go to www.dutchessland.org or call 845-677-3002.

For more than 30 years, the CLC has collaborated with

landowners, businesses, government agencies, partner organizations and municipalities to preserve Columbia County’s vibrant rural character.

It has conserved more than 30,000 acres of farmland, forests, and wildlife habitat to ensure clean air and water, healthy ecosystems, a strong agricultural sector, and a rich variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

CLC works with the community to cultivate connection to the land by providing outdoor and educational activities at 10 Public Conservation Areas, to support agriculture by ensuring prime farmland continues to be available to the next generation of farmers, and to promote land protection. For additional information, call 518-392-5252 or go to www.clctrust.org.

Doug Ohlandt is the communications manager of the Dutchess Land Conservancy in Millbrook. He currently resides in Poughkeepsie and has been a Dutchess County resident for 21 years.

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EDITORIAL

Sharing knowledge and action with others who may benefit

This newspaper includes in its mandate communicating not just with its readers, but also with its colleagues across the region through press associations and other groups, such as the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors. These organizations are critical in creating a sense of shared mission and practical ideas to improve coverage and revenues, which are so important for local journalism to remain relevant and alive. During the past two years of pandemic closures, these groups did not have the ease to gather in person for seminars and conferences, like so many other professions.

Both The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News are members of the New England Newspaper and Press Association and the New York Press Association. While both give support to those who practice journalism, it's the New York Press Association (NYPA) that is populated by news entities that are most like this small news source: the newspapers that are part of it are local and weekly. They serve all regions of New York, however, so include Manhattan and Long Island as well as rural areas in Dutchess County and in upstate New York. The common denominator is that the publications cover the local news that's of such great importance to the readers in their beats.

This past weekend, the New York Press Association hosted a Fall Conference in Albany where the Lakeville Journal and Millerton News were presented as two of the few in the small media category that have been converted to nonprofit ownership. Becoming a 501(c)(3) in 2021 has given this group the opportunity to offer tax benefits to donors according to the law, and to apply for different grants that would otherwise be unavailable to it. It also offered the chance to create a new Foundation board, which is energetic, and full of ideas to help the publications not only continue but thrive.

That enthusiasm was the impetus for the many 125th anniversary events that happened this summer, which enabled us to reach out to so many and build a sense of community among those who attended them. This nonprofit approach is a model that we believe other small media throughout the country should be able to benefit from, using it to survive when they may not have been able to do so as for-profit companies.

Because we don't want to be an island of community news, surrounded by news deserts throughout the region and the nation, we want others to find a path that works for them, hoping that it continues to work for us. So we will continue to share with our colleagues as often as possible the steps we took to become nonprofit, as we did this weekend in Albany. Telling this story will never become old or boring for us. And we hope our fellow local journalists will benefit from our experience and action.

Eating disorders in older adults

Eating disorders like anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating and similar disorders are often assumed to be issues for much younger people, but they can occur at any age. In later life, addressing the issue can be far more complex, with less margin for error.

The Academy for Eating Disorders (www.aedweb.org) notes nine truths about eating disorders:

- Many people with eating disorders may be extremely ill despite outwardly healthy appearances.
- Families are not to blame and can be patients' and providers' best allies in treatment.
- An eating disorder diagnosis is a health crisis that disrupts personal and family functioning.
- Eating disorders are not choices, but serious biologically-influenced illnesses.
- Eating disorders affect people of all genders, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, sexual orientations and socioeconomic statuses.
- Eating disorders carry an increased risk for both suicide and medical complications.
- Genes and environment play important roles in the development of eating disorders.
- Genes alone do not pre-

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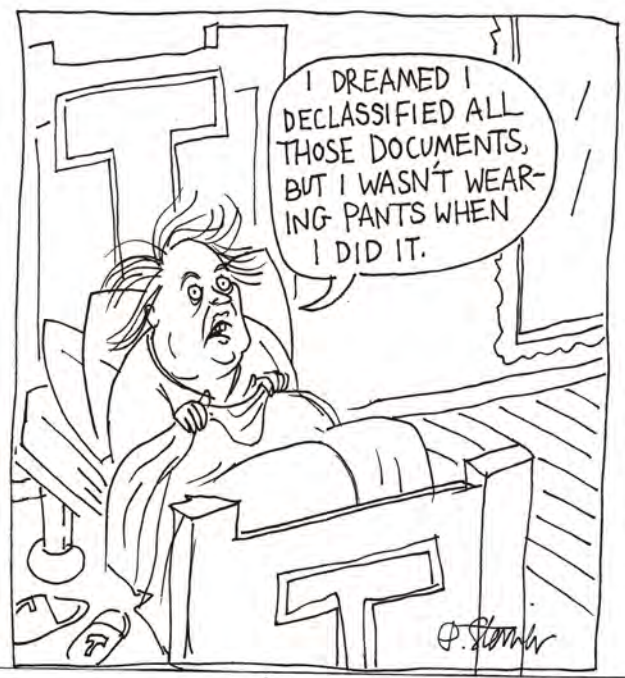
Todd N. Tancredi

dict who will develop eating disorders, or when.

• Full recovery from an eating disorder is possible. Early detection and intervention are important.

The National Council on Aging (www.ncoa.org) sees three general patterns in later-life eating disorders. Most common is a re-appearance of an eating disorder in a person who may have recovered from such a disorder earlier in life. The re-appearance can be triggered by a stressor like the loss of a family member, a transition like a child leaving home, or reaching the age when an older family member died — especially if that family member died at a younger age than is typical. Another pattern involves people who have had longstanding eating disorders, who have struggled through life with considerable suffering. According to NCOA, eating disorders have the highest mortality rates of all mental illnesses outside of overdose deaths from opiates. A third pattern involves eating disorders that appear for the first time later in life.

Your health care providers should be aware of all three



Inflation cure? You decide

It seems to me that there are different approaches to the inflationary woes we're all facing. One is based on the financial institutions making sure their assets and power remains intact. Another way is to build the economy and strength of the workforce.

The bankers' way is to slow the economy but prop up the major financial institutions. And usually that is the methodology preferred by people in the FED and banking community. A cascade of events goes like this:

Raise interest rates, which causes a slow down in the economy because people pay more money to credit cards (raised interest), to mortgage bankers (raised interest) and on car financing. Of course, this hits the middle class the hardest.

Raised interest rates cause people to have less money to spend so they buy less. The poorest scrape to make ends meet, the middle class slips a rung or two on the ladder.

People buy less and therefore manufacturers and importers can sell less.

Selling less stuff, manufacturers and importers lay people off, raising the unemployment toward the magic 5% unemployed figure that American industry traditionally wants (this causes mobil-

ity of the workforce, causes people to be desperate for a lower-paying job, and stops labor unions negotiating higher wages and benefits). Inflation, when calculated including property values, school tax and property tax based on government recalculated property values and rent costs — inflation goes way up. This is the real inflation number, not the silly figure put out by the government. Furthermore, those who do negotiate better wages to compensate for real inflation will pay even more in income and local and state taxes. Take a step forward and two back. This hurts the middle class even more.

So, as wages rise, people pay more income tax. As Nixon did, Reagan/Bush did, as Bush/Cheney did, this increased IRS tax revenue causes the fixed Treasury notes' value to diminish (buying power) and can result in a lowering national debt (to a surplus in 2001). A \$100 Treasury note based on yesterday's tax revenue may take 10 years to repay. If real inflation takes hold (which the bankers and the FED condone) that \$100 dollars can be repaid in 5 years or less. Think I'm kidding? During Reagan's presidency, inflation ran at 13.5% but after 5 years dropped to 4.1% and the prime FED rate then ran at 20.5% all to "cure inflation." House prices doubled then tripled. House prices were never calculated in the official inflation rate. Bankers did not lose a dime.

And the average worker's hourly pay? Let's look at GM back then and now... \$21/hr. compared to \$32 today. In 40 years, the average assembly worker at GM has had a pay rise of 50%. Meanwhile let's look at the pay scale for the head of GM. In 1980 Murphy earned \$422,000 including bonuses. And today? \$29,000,000, an increase in 40 years of 680%. Bankers' salaries' profile is pretty much the same.

So, what can we do differently? Inflation has causes, many of which are outside of our control, but that we can, as a nation, decide to conquer. If oil prices are the driving force, we can release federal reserves (these millions of gallons of oil belong to the people). If labor shortages are causing industry to suffer and run less economically, then we can invest tax monies to retrain people, move people to new industries. This is within the government's purview. Fighting inflation will cost

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

money. Taxation will have to increase, but does it make sense to increase the tax on working people earning middle- and lower-class wages? From a business perspective, that's assuring people will buy less and bankrupt industry faster. Companies making windfall profits over the price of oil and energy should want to contribute more, if only to maintain their corporate viability longer-term. Executives earning \$1,000,000 or more should look back at industry in the time of the USA's greatest economic expansion during the Eisenhower years and realize that the 90% tax rate of the '50s built the middle class and an American rejuvenated industry. Even Kennedy had it at 70%. In a sense, that is real trickle-down economics (but the bankers hate me for saying so).

Real inflation numbers are avoided by the captains of the financial institutions, including the FED, precisely because no one in those institutions has an honest window or understanding of a living wage. You cannot blame them for wanting to maintain their status quo. But you can ask them why they want to destroy the long-term US capitalist system that is based on an expanding, thriving middle class.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A physician's story of giving birth

It was a cold dark December night as I finished seeing patients in the Amenia clinic. As always, it was busy and one of the last patients was a lovely nurse who needed prompt attention for her painful urination. My uterine contractions, which had been sporadic for weeks, seemed more regular now. When I noticed a bloody show, I alerted my colleague Dr. Anna Timell. We are family practice doctors; and in our training we had delivered babies. She did an exam and confirmed that my cervix

was beginning to dilate. My husband, who had to rush up from his work in Westchester County, arrived at last. Snow was gently falling but the wind was picking up.

I have great respect for my colleagues at Sharon Hospital though it is the smallest hospital I have ever worked in. The physicians are extremely well-trained and competent. It punches way above its weight in experience and expertise. Because I hoped to keep my professional and private lives somewhat separate, I planned to deliver at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie. In good weather that is a 45-minute drive from Amenia. Dr. Timell said she would drive behind us in case there was an emergency. The storm was gathering strength. Though Sharon Hospital would have no prenatal records for me it was only ten minutes away so we decided to go there.

During the short drive the labor pains increased considerably. On arrival I was whisked quickly up to labor and delivery. The nurses noted that I was fully dilated and wanting to push. Dr. Mortman, who was still in his street clothes, had rushed over when Dr. Timell called to let him know what was happening. He asked me to please hold on a minute, because in addition to a sterile gown he wanted to put on his galoshes. I thought this was funny, but it was very practical as there can be a lot of blood dripping on your feet during a delivery. The whole team in the delivery room operated with the utmost professionalism; they were calm, smiling, and made me feel completely secure.

I was lying draped on the operating table when Dr. Mortman looked at me kindly and said don't push, just give a little cough. And with that Abraham was born safe and sound. A few minutes later I saw Dr. Timell's face peeking through the round operating room window. She could hardly believe that the newborn baby was suckling at my breast just 20 minutes after we arrived at Sharon Hospital.

The unspoken part of this tale is that the outcome could have been very different. I was a 39-year-old woman in her third pregnancy and if Vassar Brothers Hospital was the only option for me the community might have lost a mother, a baby, and a family doctor.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on October 6, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall

have an opportunity to be heard regarding the Draft Amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type I action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations (commonly known as "SEQRA") which requires that a full Environmental Assessment be completed prior to Adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the Draft Amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town website at www.ameniany.gov.

Dated: Amenia, New York

September 15, 2022
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER
TOWN CLERK
09-29-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Amenia Fire District #1 Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess, State of NY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a

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Dated: September 29, 2022.

By: Dawn Marie Klingner
Fire District Secretary
09-29-22

TOWN OF NORTH EAST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL FOR AN INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATER DISTRICT FACILITIES FOR NORTH EAST WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, will meet at the Town Hall at 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York in the Town of North East on the 13th day of October, 2022, at 7:15 p.m., prevailing time, for

the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon a proposal by the Village of Millerton to undertake proposed improvements to the facilities of the Village water system including facilities located within the Town of North East Water District No. 1 pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law as hereinafter described, at which time and place said Town Board will meet to consider such proposition and hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and concerning the same.

The Village Board of Trustees is considering a recommended work plan for improvements to the Village water system including facilities located within the Town of North East Water District No. 1 as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report last amended September 6, 2022, prepared by T&B Engineers, P.C., including certain water system improvements to include the replacement of water mains, replacement and improvement of equipment at the water treatment plant, including

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The Village Board of Trustees has determined

that such Project as described in the Engineer's report constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

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Tilly Strauss,
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