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The grandeur of the Perotti Farm in Millerton can be seen from this aerial photograph. The multi-generational farm was recently put on the market, with an asking price of \$5,490,000.

PHOTO BY NICHOLAS DOYLE

Perotti Farm is for sale

Another local farm gets listed

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLERTON — The multi-generation Perotti Farm at 5 Homestead Farm Lane is a familiar sight to all in Millerton, and to most who drive along Route 22 while travelling through the small, rural community. With its recognizable worn-and-torn white silo and its faded red wooden barn, the farm so often used as a local landmark is for sale.

With an asking price of \$5,490,000, its has been on the market for nearly two months, according to Realtor Andrew Gates of Houlihan Lawrence, Inc., out of Millbrook, who said the family has hopes of selling the 348-acre farm quickly. With its prime location and scenic views, Gates believes it will appeal to a lot of buyers.

"The historic Perotti Farm is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire one of the last remaining unrestricted working farms in the

Hudson Valley," he said. "There are choice estate-quality building sites with panoramic views and seclusion, and yet convenient to New York City, the MetroNorth commuter train, and nearby amenities including Millerton, Troutbeck Inn and Silo Ridge [in Amenia], Millbrook and Litchfield County, Conn."

Putting the former dairy farm with views of the Berkshire and

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Conservation efforts could lead to environmental 'connectivity'

By EMMA BENARDETE
Special to The Millerton News

COLUMBIA COUNTY — Two conservation plans, the Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan (THCP) led by the Columbia Land Conservancy and the Green Corridors plan led by Hudson Highlands Land Trust in Putnam County, were completed on Thursday, Aug. 11, according to a press release from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on the same day. The projects received competitive grants of \$50,000 each from the DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP).

"A goal of the [Taghkanic Headwaters] Conservation Plan is to enable the communities in the Taghkanic Headwaters to realize their

vision for a healthy watershed," the DEC wrote in an email to The Millerton News.

According to the DEC, "Conservation and Land Use Specialists at the Estuary Program managed this grant project [and] provided biological data, attended committee meetings, reviewed drafts, and consulted as needed with the grantee to ensure a successful project."

While DEC employees did work on the project, the DEC noted that they are not from the same team that approved the grant.

The DEC also made mention of the fact the project relates to HREP's goal to facilitate conservation in large and unfragmented

wetland areas.

"The Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan helps the Estuary Program reach the target of 10 new planning projects that support landscape-scale conservation and habitat connections by 2030."

It also stated the plan "was coordinated by the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), with community volunteers from the towns of Claverack, Copake, Hillsdale and Taghkanic... [and] the plan also maps five areas of exceptional importance, selected based on a combination of features including areas prioritized for connectivity,

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"Science doesn't conserve nature, people do."

Karen Strong, Strong Outcomes consulting

Millerton Square Plaza update

DEC oversees gas station clean up

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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NORTH EAST — Last week, The Millerton News reported on activity taking place at the Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44, home to the last grocery store the town has had. That was back in 2019, when the Millerton Fresh Market closed; for many years before that, Grand Union was the only grocery store in town.

The closure of the Fresh Market three years ago marked the begin-

ning of a "food desert" in the Millerton/North East community. The absence of such a business has been of the utmost concern to residents, business owners, local officials and even plaza owner Joseph "Skip" Trotta himself.

Trotta confirmed in February his now-vacant strip of stores was under contract to be sold; since that time, the few remaining businesses have either closed or relocated.

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When the 100 tourniquets André Wlodar and his organization, United for Ukraine, sent to Ukrainians fighting Russian troops in Western Ukraine arrived, they celebrated, thankful for the life-saving first-aid devices that are no longer available in Europe.

Ukraine gets 100 first-aid devices, needs more

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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MILLERTON — André Wlodar just returned two weeks ago from a fortnight in his homeland of Poland, from where he traveled to Medyka to cross the border into Western Ukraine on foot, which is still the fastest way.

The Millerton resident brought with him much-needed aid raised through his United for Ukraine ef-

fort, geared in part to help refugees fleeing the war-torn nation. Russian troops invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, and Wlodar has spent the six months since fundraising to assist those affected by the war.

Children are among those who have been hardest hit, with more than 3 million Ukrainian refugees fleeing to Poland. Wlodar has helped many of those young refugees find

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OUR TOWNS

Can't bear those trashy creatures?

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

HARLEM VALLEY — Many residents who have the pleasure of living in the beauty of rural Dutchess County, especially here in the northeastern section, know there is a price to pay. That bill comes due every year when black bears decide that the quickest route to a delicious dinner is through someone's trash can.

Jomo Miller, public information officer at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), said he doubts this year is any different than others on the bear front. Miller said the number of complaints the DEC has received this summer has been fairly average, despite the disagreement of many residents.

Wassaic resident Amanda Forbes has spotted numerous bears this year; one even ripped apart her neighbor's garbage can after ambling over from her father's house next door.

"There are so many bears this year in our area," said Forbes. "I have also had two bears run in front of me while driving in the middle of the day. The other neighbors have reported seeing multiple bears around our yards and at the intersection of Poplar Hill and Sinpatch Road since the beginning of summer. There is definitely more activity than usual this year."

With new development encroaching on these fuzzy residents of the forest, people have acknowledged "progress" has forced many bears to seek sustenance outside of their natural habitats. Bears are often seen hunting for bird seed and other morsels from feeders and scraps from patio tables and barbecue grills — a bear



PHOTO COURTESY WELSH SANITATION

Imagine the frustration of this bear that recently thought he had found a smorgasbord of goodies in the Welsh Sanitation yard only to discover an energetic employee had cleared out all leftovers from the bins.

favorite.

While Miller suggested there may be a greater "perception" of bears due to their many guest appearances on social media, Scott Cale, general manager of Welsh Sanitation, said the problem is pervasive in both New York and Connecticut.

Cale noted bear raids may be abating somewhat as berries and other natural bear goodies are appearing, but until it's time for the bears to take that long winter snooze, customers may end up needing to repack trash after a bear has, well, trashed it.

If that can't be done due to early-rising, and hard-working drivers have already made their pass, Cale said customers may call the company and ask for a no-charge return visit — from the garbage truck — not the bear. Cale does warn, though, that the return pick-up might not be immediate.

Both men have non-fool or bear-proof suggestions for stifling the huge creatures, who have a sense of smell 50 times greater than humans. That's part of what evidently provides them with a road map for trash collection, more helpful than a schedule tacked to a tree.

With no guarantee that anything will work, try to control the smell of your trash by keeping trash cans clean;

double-bag your trash; and even dip a rag into ammonia or vinegar and attach it firmly to the outside of the can, so it hangs inside before closing the lid. Bears apparently don't like the smell, which interferes with their super sniffing powers.

Lid straps may help, although Cale notes their presence may poke the bear, who might react by kicking the can or otherwise abusing it. Straps, of course, also stymie the automatic machinery that collects trash these days. But a call to one's garbage hauler to say straps are being used makes all the difference, as ever-helpful drivers will then stop, undo the straps, complete the collection and then continue on their way.

Cale did note that bears can be very determined when their tummies are running on empty. Several years ago, the company experimented with what were alleged to be very expensive bear-proof bins. Apparently, however, the bears — not having read the descriptions — retaliated by pushing them over and jumping up and down on them until they burst. Cale added that one especially beastly bear even pulled a massive steel container some 50 yards into the woods where apparently a Teddy Bear Picnic had been planned.

In short, there are no simple

solutions nor any guarantees, but Cale suggests customers with problems report it to the DEC, which tracks bears and might take action. That could involve attempting to train the bear away from the behavior.

Sometimes bears are captured and taken as far as 100 miles away. With most being smarter than the average bear, as Yogi would say, they've got good memories and often find their way back to their home base. Sadly, as a last resort, some bears who threaten public safety may be euthanized.

There may be little to do but "grin and bear" the situation and hope for a bumper berry crop.

To register bear complaints, call the DEC office at 518-402-8883. For trash assistance, call Welsh Sanitation at 845-877-9354.

Much to enjoy at library picnic

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library celebrated the end of summer with residents and others in the area at its Community Picnic at the library on Sunday, Aug. 14.

About 155 patron and other excited guests, many youngsters, ate hot dogs, hamburgers and chips, while getting to meet Lucinda, a 2-year-old Nubian Dwarf goat. Also introduced to the public were several birds, a snake and a crocodile turtle — all courtesy of Brian Robinson, from Birds of Prey.

There were also plenty of folks present, handing out materials from several groups, including the Roe Jan Library and the local Boy Scout troop.

It was a hot day on the 14th, but several white tents afforded those in attendance

Sharon Hospital plans roundtable

SHARON, Conn. — Sharon Hospital will host an in-person community roundtable on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Geer Village in North Canaan, Conn.

The session will be limited to 20 participants due to COVID-19 guidelines and requires advance registration by the public. It will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Room at The Lodge at Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road.

Christina McCulloch, the hospital's new president, will discuss the hospital's plans as announced in September 2021, which include among other

things the closure of the labor and delivery unit and changing the intensive care unit to become a progressive care unit.

Advance registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced.

To register, email SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org or call 845-554-1734 with your name and phone number (TTY/Accessibility: 800-842-9710).

The event will be recorded and will be available for viewing at a later date for those unable to attend.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Brian Robinson demonstrated the points he taught to young patrons about the Eagle Owl at the Roe Jan Library's Community Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 14. He introduced several other birds as well.

plenty of shade, and a fun time appeared to be had by all. After all, the food was free, the music was uplifting and every

child received a free book to take home and enjoy later that afternoon.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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Signs of a stroke can include sudden loss of vision, numbing of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body, difficulty speaking and loss of balance.

Join members of Sharon Hospital's rehabilitation team and stroke survivors for a group discussion on your journey to recovery, your experiences and local services and resources available to you. Guest speakers and health professionals also participate to encourage lifelong healthy habits.

Days: Friday every week

Time: Noon–1 pm

Location: Sharon Hospital, Board Conference Room 2

To register or learn more, contact the rehabilitation department at (860) 364-4065 or email Katja.Schultz@nuvancehealth.org

Sharon Hospital



OBITUARIES

John Buchanan Allyn

FALLS VILLAGE — John Buchanan Allyn, fondly known as “JB,” passed away suddenly at his home on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. He was born Oct. 1, 1956 in Brooklyn, New York. John is predeceased by his wife, Dawn (Morgan) Allyn and parents Leslie Allyn and Marjorie (Felter) Allyn. He is survived by his four children, Megan, Jonathon, Sarah, and Christy; and his brothers, William and Kent Allyn.

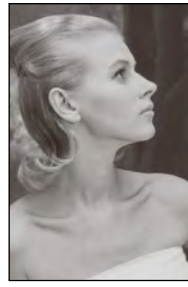


John had a deep respect and love for his family, the local town history, his community, nature, dogs and the birds that would come to his numerous feeders. JB was very proud, but humble. He was not one to ask for anything, but was willing to help others in any way possible. John was an active and loyal member of his community, made apparent by his 47-year tenure with the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Services will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. at Sand Hill Cemetery, Falls Village. Celebration of life to follow at the Falls Village Fire Department. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made out to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Mariana Honig-Sarfo

NORTH CANAAN — Mariana Honig-Sarfo, 82, of 99 South Canaan Road, passed Aug. 12, 2022 at the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. She was born February 23, 1940 in Katrineholm, Sweden daughter of the late Ture Phillip and Margot (Bjuhn) Phillipson.



Mariana was a registered nurse and earned her MBA at UCONN. She also was a best-selling author, “Breads of the World,” a fashion model and business owner. Her interests included: Egyptology, fine art, music, gourmet cooking, all animals (except snakes), driving fast and an infectious lust for life.

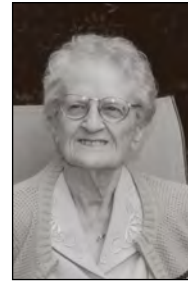
She is survived by her daughter Amanda Magalhaes and her husband Jorge of Mililani, Hawaii; her son Alexander Honig and his wife Malinda of Edgewater, Florida, her grandson Jakob Honig of New Haven; and grandchildren Ana and Tiago Magalhaes of Mililani, Hawaii. Mariana is also survived by her sister, Barbro Ödman, who resides in Sweden.

A Celebration of Mariana’s life will be held on Saturday Aug. 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be sent in Mariana’s memory to www.kittyquarters.org, 1188 New Litchfield St., Torrington, CT 06790.

Email obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Barbara Helen Conklin

DANFORTH, Maine — Barbara Helen Conklin, 94, a thirty-nine year resident of Danforth, Maine, and a thirty-six year resident of Wingdale, New York died peacefully on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Madigan Estates Nursing Home in Houlton, Maine.



Mrs. Conklin began her career with New York State in 1947 at the former Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Wingdale, where she worked as a Supervising Pharmacy Technician in Building H for over 36 years. She retired on her birthday in 1983.

Born January 11, 1928 in Greenfield, Massachusetts she was the daughter of the late Erving and Mae (Simonds) Fiske. She was a graduate of Berlin, Connecticut area schools. Following the Second World War, she married PFC William Douglas Conklin in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Their loving marriage lasted nearly forty-nine years. Mr. Conklin died on March 23, 1995. Mrs. Conklin was a longtime parishioner of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Pawling, and Weston Community Church in Weston, Maine. She was also a member of the CSEA. She enjoyed spending the winter in Florida with her husband for many years and summering at her home in Danforth and her camp on East Grand Lake in Weston. She traveled extensively with her family and extended family when her children were young and loved to sunbathe on the beach. She also enjoyed riding her Ski-Doo on winter vacations in Maine, Partridge hunting with her trusty .410 shotgun and fishing for landlocked salmon on the waters in Maine. She loved visiting her family in New York every Thanksgiving and would often stay with her grandson for weeks at a time.

She loved a good Hires root beer float and was never far away from her ever present glass of ginger ale or cup of tea. In her later years she enjoyed crossword and word search puzzles and watching

the New England Patriots on television. WE ALL LOVE YOU “BUNGE.”

She is survived by three sons, Douglas J. Conklin and his wife Maureen of Wingdale, Brian K. Conklin and his companion Charissa Hagerty of Bangor, Maine, and Jeffrey E. Conklin and his companion Lynn Daniels of Danforth; her grandchildren, Scott D. Conklin and his wife Robin of Dover Plains, New York, Brad J. Conklin and his wife Melissa of Dover Plains, Christopher J. Conklin of Wingdale, Shannon Conklin and her companion Matt Elliott of Salisbury, Christa M. Brenner of Pine Plains, Jennifer Conklin-Wiles and her husband Jamie of Weston, William Conklin of Patten, Maine and John Shaw and his wife Missy of Weston; her great grandchildren, Tyler and Colton Conklin, Logan Conklin and Alexis Barton, Cody

Wiles and Parker Elliott and Alexandria Edwards and Erica Shaw and several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her loving nephew, Charles “Bits” Fiske and his wife Marie of Charleston, Rhode Island, and her siblings; Betty, Evelyn, Doris, Dorothy, Olive, Ruth, Mildred, Robert, Brenton, Gordon, Stanley, Charles and Herbert.

Calling hours will take place on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will follow at South Dover Rural Cemetery, Wingdale, New York. Memorial contributions may be made to the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company, P.O. Box 706, Dover Plains, NY 12522. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

William Farnham

WEST CORNWALL — William Farnham, 83, of West Cornwall, passed away Aug. 13, 2022 at Geer Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was a lifelong partner to Lucille Tyler for 36 years.



William was born February 5, 1939 in Burlington, Vermont. The son of the late Earl and Sarah (Blackmore) Farnham, he was the oldest of seven children. While in Vermont, William worked in a talc mine and was a farmer. He later became a mechanic and worked for Brewer Brothers in Canaan for 29 years.

Beside his life partner

Lucille, he is survived by his son William Farnham of Vermont, his two brothers Fred Farnham of Maine and Edward Farnham of Vermont, and several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by his two sons Randall and Mitchell Farnham, his daughter Linda, his brother Earl Farnham, and his three sisters Patty, Shirley, and Marie.

All services are private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Little Guild, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

SPORTS

Fishing for panfish in the grim mid-summer

In case you haven’t noticed, we’re having a drought.

Take a look at your nearest babbling brook. Pretty low, isn’t it?

Or check out the Housatonic River. Better yet, get in it without waders. It’s bathtub warm.

At least Mother Nature has cheesed it with the super-hot weather.

We’ve seen this before, and we’ll see it again. But it still stinks.

So what does the fly-rod-der do?

You can still fish the West Branch of the Farmington, Conn., from the dam upstream of Riverton down to the Church Pool in Barkhamsted. It’s low but it’s cool, and mornings are going to be better than evenings on average.

This situation presents an opportunity to do two things: First, wade to places that would normally be out of range, and second, work on dry fly skills.

You’ll want a long rod with a fairly light line. A 10 foot 4 weight would be my starting point, and I would be prepared to go lighter if possible.

The flies don’t have to be tiny. Just minuscule.

This is also the time to test that Tenkara rod you bought in a moment of weakness and have been avoiding ever since.

With a basic 12-foot TenOnce the sun hits the water the small-mouth go into witness protection.

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

I’ve had the best success with smallish topwater flies — panfish poppers, size 10 gurglers — and big hairy dry flies, such as hoppers and really chewed-up Stimulators.

Try a soft hackle wet fly tied to 18 inches of fluorocarbon tippet and attached to the bend of the hook of whatever you’re using on the surface. Soft hackle wets are generically buggy and while the floating fly might get the smallies’ attention, they will often pass on it in favor of the less-gaudy thing right behind it.

Lakes and ponds have more water in them than rivers, even during a drought. But that water is still going to be warm.

So forget about trout for now, and try light fly tackle or a fixed-line rod for panfish.

Bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and whatever else falls under the vague heading of “panfish” don’t seem to be bothered by water temps at or around 80 degrees.

And these species will take just about anything in nymph form, so deploy that popper-dropper method again. If they can’t get their little mouths around the popper, they will opt for the nymph.

This also presents an opportunity to introduce a youngster to the fly rod, as panfish are not exactly leadership and will not be put off by a sloppy cast.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

They may not look like much in the bottom of a giant net, but panfish provide excellent sport during low flow, high water temperature conditions.

Heck, when I’ve got one on the hook there are usually three or four others hanging around like a rooting section.

And they have short memories. I’ll release Barney the Bluegill, cast the same flies to the same place, and almost immediately hook up with Percy Pumpkinseed or Ralph Rock Bass.

So angling right now is a question of not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good. When one door closes, another opens. And he who laughs last gathers no moss.

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<p>St. John’s Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God’s people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoio@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School “Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors” Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 a.m., Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Canaan Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services In-person Bible study will resume in the fall. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service “Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors” Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don’t have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-5003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 315 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

OUR TOWNS

Grace Church honors those who serve at annual gala

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PAWLING — Monday, Aug. 15, was a beautiful summer day, perfect for the 15th Annual Grace Golf and Dinner Benefit for Grace Church Millbrook. This year, the event was held at the Quaker Hill Country Club in Pawling.

Following a day of golf, croquet and other games (for more on the day's athletic events, turn to Page B3), the gala was held in the rustic clubhouse, full of historic mementos. With a gourmet dinner that included dishes such as a savory short rib gnocchi, salmon, chicken or a vegetarian selection, the meal was rounded out with a delectable strawberry shortcake. Music was provided by local musician Peter Muir — a crowd favorite. Capping off the event was the presentation of the Pillar of Grace Honorees.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, The Reverend Matthew Calkins of Grace Church Millbrook presented Innisfree Garden and Innisfree Landscape Curator Kate Kerin with an award on Monday, Aug. 15, a hand-painted plate depicting Innisfree and other tokens of appreciation. Kerin and Grace Church have worked together for several years to coordinate the annual Blessing of Sacred Places at the world-renowned garden.

award went to John Byron, a 95-year-old Navy veteran who served in both World War II and Korea. He then

spent 30 years serving in the NYC Police Department, retiring as a sergeant. Byron has been a supporting pres-

ence at Grace Church for many years. He shared a few stories about his life and his time serving the church.

The Community Builder award was presented to Kate Kerin and Innisfree Garden; Kerin is the garden's landscape curator. Innisfree, recognized around the world as a top garden, has hosted the annual Blessing of Sacred Places ecumenical service for the past several years.

Kerin has worked with The Rev. Matthew Calkins and others in the community to gather people of all faiths together to pray in the garden, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The dinner also offered a raffle drawing, a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction, as the event was part fundraiser. Close to 60 donors contributed to the auction with special donations. Local businesses that donated included Adams Fairacre Farms, Orvis Sandanona and J. McLaughlin. Some not-so-local contributions came from Mystic Seaport, the Norman Rockwell Museum

and the Paramount Theater.

Co-chairs for the golf and dinner event were Pamela Freeman and Linda Boissey.

"The tournament and dinner went fabulously," said Freeman. "We had a beautiful sunny day and everyone had a good time. Our honorees John Byron and Innisfree Garden [Kate Kerin] received the accolades they so deserve and our family of parishioners gathered in thankfulness and with grace."

All in all, 17 sponsors, a mass of devoted parishioners and many others helped make this year's fundraiser a special time for everyone, said Freeman. The pleasant day, peppered with food and fun throughout, has and will continue to help fund many of the programs Grace Church offers to the community throughout the year.

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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With thanks to those who serve.

Washington Town Board schedules Comprehensive Plan review for Sept. 1

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board met on Thursday, July 14, at Town Hall and its first order of business was dealing with a request for a Transfer Station Permit for \$50 from Michael Sedgwick. A resolution from the board quickly approved the request.

Budget amendments were made by Bookkeeper Lois Petrone, who also noted she closed the town's account with Aflac due to disinterest.

Town Highway Superintendent Joe Spagnola reported on summertime repairs done by his crew, adding the Highway Department needs a new trailer. The existing trailer is three years old and a Class A license is needed from the state to drive it, said Spagnola, which makes things difficult. He said if he could find a smaller trailer for less than \$14,000 that would be ideal, adding he had been searching.

Town Clerk Mary Alex said she's received reports from the assessor, the bookkeeper, the building inspector and the town justice, which were awaiting signatures from the judges. Alex said she also submitted her own tax report. The town had also completed its tax filings with Dutchess County, she told the board.

Additionally, the Town Clerk's office began issuing Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Hunting Licenses in August, she said, an annual service it provides for residents.

The town also placed the required legal notices for publication to advertise for bids for a new generator. The bids were due back by Aug. 10 at noon.

Alex also noted that Video Ventures has begun recording and downloading the Town Board's meetings to its municipal website, www.washingtonny.org.

Lisa Evangelista presented the Assessor's Report. She said grievances and stipulations

were few this year, with only 23 combined.

The TOW's assessed value decreased by \$838,000 and its ag exemptions increased a total of \$2.4 million, said Evangelista. The 2022 tax roll increased more than \$4 million from the previous year, totaling \$1,697,992,082. The town's taxable value also increased by \$23.5 million, according to Evangelista.

Councilman Michael Murphy reported on the Recreation Department. He recommended the appointment of Ted Ialongo as park caretaker effective Aug. 8, at the rate of \$20 per hour. The board voted to hire Ialongo, who began his new position a week later.

Murphy also spoke about the assessment of the park, pool and grounds. He said many public parks are aging, as a lot were built in the 1940s and 50s. He suggested the TOW park be assessed and measures put in place to allow for any improvements necessary in the future.

The councilman also talked about ongoing research being done in the county concerning short-term rentals, and the need for the TOW to develop

short term rental regulations for its Zoning Code. It's a subject close to the heart and the pocketbook of many, and certainly one piece of the hospitality issue tied to the current review of the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Joe Rochfort and Councilwoman Leslie Heaney spoke of the work that's been done during the past year to review and update the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. The main focus of the review has been on whether hospitality uses should be included. With developers knocking at the door with projects like transforming Migdale Estate into a luxury spa hotel, the discussion is very timely.

A meeting was proposed and has since been planned to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Review Recommendation Report for Thursday, Sept. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 10 Reservoir Drive. The public is invited to learn about where the review process stands and next steps.

The meeting was then Zoom-bombed and the Zoom portion was discontinued. For more on that, go to www.tricornernews.com.

Heaney also mentioned the ongoing Pace training the Town Board has received, and possibly getting grants to cover costs associated with reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and drafting the amendments that will likely come as a result of that review.

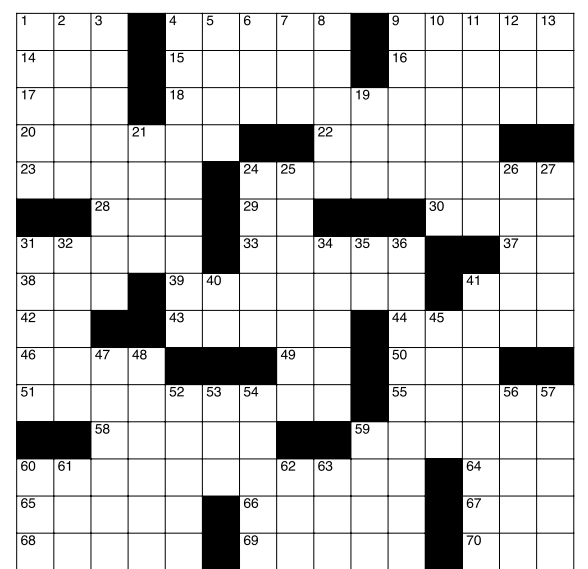
Correction

The Aug. 18 issue of The Millerton News printed an article about a new sign the Millbrook fire department (MFD) is hoping to purchase for outside of its Front Street firehouse. The article stated the Millbrook Village Board will vote on whether to allow the MFD to install the sign at a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8; the board meeting will actually be held on Wednesday, Sept. 14. We regret the error.

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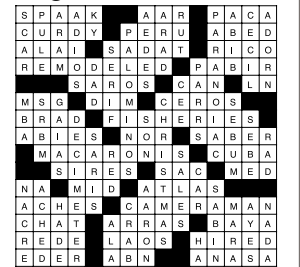
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18. Romance novelist
20. Members of a household
22. Asserts to be the case
23. Type of infection
24. With metal inlays
28. Chinese philosophic principle
29. Early multimedia
30. Employee stock ownership plan
31. He investigated Clinton administration
33. Shells
37. Six
38. Snakelike fish
39. Capital of Kenya
41. Influential group (abbr.)
42. Used to chop
43. It comes as a case
44. Challenges
46. Small amounts
49. The Golden State
50. Peyton's little brother
51. For walking in Alaska
55. Buddhist honorific titles
58. Lively ballroom dance
59. Capital of Albania
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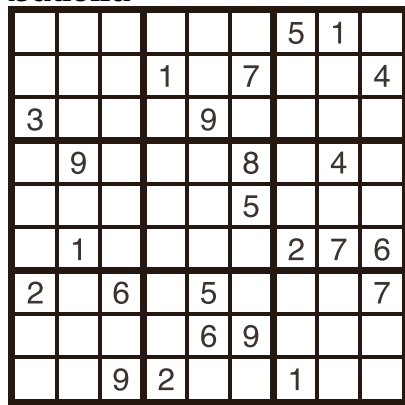


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27. Poems
31. Places to sit
32. One from the Lone Star State
34. Small rails
35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
36. Where coaches work
40. Indicates position
41. Mammals
45. Resembling a wing
47. Beliefs
48. Hindu male religious teachers
52. Mischievously
53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
54. Large, deep-bodied fish
56. Horned squash bug genus
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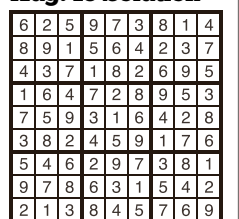
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OUR TOWNS

Nature abounds at ARC as it struggles to survive

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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AMENIA — The Amenia Regenerative Center (ARC) has been the topic of local conversation recently for a rather unfortunate reason: its soaring debt for unpaid taxes. There are those who may never have heard of the ARC previously, even among north-eastern Dutchess County residents. Those who haven't have been missing out on a virtual treasure trove hidden right in Amenia — a treasure those at the ARC say needs to be preserved.

Located at 426 Old Route 22, the environmental educational center sits on 153 wooded acres reclaimed from a morass of invasive species and neglect. The site was also victim to misguided campers who left behind a ton of forgotten relics from countless careless expeditions.

The land is a mix of forest, meadow and wetlands and is home to what may be the oldest farmhouse in the area, built in 1754. The farmhouse is now a shambles, in need of major restoration. Yet it could be a vital piece of Amenia's history.

There are 14 miles of trails on the ARC's property, all of which needs to be regraded. The organization's well has run dry, though, so a new well is needed.

ARC President Dan Sheridan said he's happy to talk about the land, its beauty, how easy it is to access New York City and other points from the site, and locals who have few, if any, similar resources so nearby where they can hike, camp or simply enjoy.

A path through a marsh inhabited by turtles and a short jaunt through a meadow leads one to the Wassaic MetroNorth train station, which



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From left, Amenia Regenerative Center (ARC) President Dan Sheridan walked with Joshua Leffel as they worked to maintain the trail at a turtle sanctuary bog on the grounds of the ARC recently.

can bring one straight into NYC.

Sheridan's experience with agriculture, biogases and permaculture are vast, but it's donations — both money and volunteers — that are needed right now.

A GoFundMe page created about a month ago with a \$500,000 goal has raised only a meager \$472 as of Monday, Aug. 22.

Sheridan joined the ARC about three and one half years ago as its sustainability director. At the time there were two members, its taxes hadn't been paid in three years and the papers hadn't been filed to make the organization an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The group's budget was only \$3.99.

Sheridan became president of the board and now things are looking up, but the taxes still need to be paid and there is much work to be done. Money, at least \$600,000 worth, and volunteers are needed immediately.

In addition to the GoFundMe page, other donations are also being accepted, from labor to tools to materials to one's expertise.

Because the ARC property is currently in foreclosure, it is not able to partake in many financial funding opportunities and/or grants. Sheridan pointed out that if the ARC is forced into bankruptcy, it could be sold to a corporation that could potentially build mansions for the wealthy and close off all public access. Though he hasn't spoken personally with them, he said he had heard investors from the Silo Ridge luxury housing development on Route 22 have

shown an interest in the site.

Any development at ARC, said Sheridan, would doom the endangered flora and fauna located there. The land is home to more than 20 endangered animals; 30 species of turtles live there including wood turtles, spotted turtles and the elusive bog turtles. Also seen at the ARC have been blue herons, ducks and two resident bald eagles.

There are also New York State rabbits, which Sheridan said are different than the usual cotton tals. The relatively rare bunnies were obscured by the cotton tales when they were brought from Europe many years ago; the

European rabbits are much larger, he added.

While the wildlife is an important feature of the center, the flora is just as key, as it's a large part of the reason ARC exists. A 400-year-old fruit orchard has a grapevine 9.5 inches thick; the largest grapevine on record is 11 inches thick. Berries dot the property.

There are also peach, pear and apple trees, as well as lovely maple trees that produced sweet maple syrup last year. With a donated wood burner, donated lines and taps, ARC used the opportunity to teach community members the ins and outs of making the syrup. Last year, it yielded 10 gallons.

McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton donated 3,650 plants for ARC's garden, including squash, tomatoes and cucumbers; the garden also boasts 90 varieties of mushrooms, 60 of which are edible.

Another ARC possibility is beekeeping, as Rootflux Bees donated a swarm and beekeeping supplies were given by Uncle G's Bees to help ARC

start its apiary program.

Mushroom bricks are used to regenerate ARC's soil, donated from a small holding farm in Brooklyn. It gave generously, as ARC received more than 900,000 bricks during a nine-month period for the mycoremediation project. The bricks usually cost roughly \$20 each, with each one weighing 5 pounds.

Sheridan spoke of the Five Pillars of Sustainability: food, water, energy, shelter and waste management; all important issues and all are things which the society must learn to balance. The ARC is hoping to help teach residents how to reach that balance, and is keeping its fingers crossed it will be around in the future to be able to do so. First it must find a solution for its financial woes, as its lovely land would be the ideal starting point to begin some of those lessons.

For more information on ARC, go to www.ameniaregenerative.org, email volunteer@ameniaregenerative.org or call 845-859-9444. To contribute, go to www.gofundme.com.

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PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public holding on the adoption of a Local Law amending certain portions of §275 of the Town Code with regard to the regulation of solar installations on September 15, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. at the Town of Pine Plains Town Hall located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. A copy of said Local Law will be available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office and the Pine Plains Library during regular business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on said Local Law shall be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

Dated: August 18, 2022.

MADELIN DAFOE
Town Clerk
08-25-22

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public holding on the adoption of a Local Law amending the zoning maps of the Town

of Pine Plains in accordance with the requirements of §275-5 of the Town Code and §265(2) of the Town Law. The purpose of said Local Law is to update the zoning maps for the Town which are annexed to §275 of the Town Code as Attachment No. 5 to be consistent with changes in the zoning districts which have been made by Local Law. The public hearing shall be held on September 15, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. at the Town of Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. A copy of said Local Law will be available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office and the Pine Plains Library during regular business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on said Local Law shall be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

Dated: August 18, 2022

MADELIN DAFOE
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The long and storied history of Copake's Town Hall is now a permanent exhibit for all to enjoy

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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COPAKE — There is an awesome exhibit at the Copake Town Hall — not to be missed. Fortunately, it is now a permanent display, welcoming all to the municipal building following a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was held Saturday, Aug. 13.

The exhibit brings an amazing history to light — expansive, curated in a manner that honors each important town event on its own, with photos and text that's easy to read.

There are 24 panels to enlighten viewers about Copake's 200 years of community history, painstakingly put together by Copake artist Nick Fritsch. He spent untold hours designing each panel, assisted by Town Historian Howard Blue and former Town Clerk Vana Hotaling.

The Copake Town Board pegged the project in early 2020. Blue wrote the texts and provided photographic images obtained from numerous Copake families; Hotaling served as a consultant. Fritsch



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

A ribbon cutting was held at Copake Town Hall on Saturday, Aug. 13, for the opening of the historical exhibit at Town Hall. Above, from left, town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler, State Senator Daphne Jordan (R-43), Town Historian Howard Blue and local artist Nick Fritsch were among those present.

did the artwork.

Town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler and many others in town also helped make the exhibit happen, and all were celebrated on the 13th.

Copake Town Hall is a light, airy structure, located at

230 Mountain View Road. It's ideal for this type of exhibit.

Some of the historic events covered in the display include how five kidnapped Germans became leaders in Copake and how Chief Big Thunder (aka Dr. Smith Broughton)

was arrested and given a life sentence during his anti-rent movement. Other panels depict local waterfall, Bash Bish Falls; the town's ill-fated movie theater; and Elinor Mettler, founder and publisher of the former town newspaper, The Roe Jan Independent.

Former students from local elementary schools, some whose parents and possibly grandparents once attended school there, are among those featured in the panels. One highlights Howard McGhee, former U.S. post master and beloved coach. Another panel answers the question if Winston Churchill had a Copake connection.

There's information on Superman creator, Carroll

Rheinstrom and his wife, Irene. The couple lived on a 1,000-acre plot of land in Caryville. The Rheinstroms were philanthropists who eventually willed their acreage to the Audubon Society.

Blue, a retired teacher and author, wrote about the superhero creator in the book, "Carroll Rheinstrom; the Man Who Sold Superman to the World." He has done much research on these topics and more as the town historian.

Make sure not to miss two beautifully executed works by Fritsch that are hanging in the courtroom at the Copake Town Hall, behind the dais. The works are original. One depicts the "First Town Meeting, 1824," the other is entitled, "Depot." Both are on loan by Fritsch and not part of the permanent exhibit.

Those who visit the exhibit now will get to enjoy them, though, along with a large brass bell on display in the courtroom — a relic of long past days when horse racing

and trotters were a part of life in Copake.

The display also includes enlarged postcards contributed by Robert Callahan; paintings on loan from William Clark Vreeland and Donna Louise Vreeland may also be viewed in the Rheinstrom Conference Room.

Many attended the grand opening on the 13th to enjoy the exhibit, with a great many were present from the Roe Jan Historical Society. So, too, was New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R-43) and her staffer, Halie Northrup.

Funded by grants from the Rheinstrom Community Foundation and the Bank of Green County, the exhibit may be seen weekly, Monday through Thursday, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Groups interested in viewing the exhibit may make arrangements through Town Historian Howard Blue at copaketownhistorian@gmail.com.

Rev. AJ Stack celebrates one year with Foundation for Community Health

By **GERTRUDE O'SULLIVAN**
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — The Foundation for Community Health (FCH) recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Rev. AJ Stack, who serves on the FCH board.

Rev. Stack's professional background and personal involvement in the Tri-state region community are valuable assets that contribute to FCH being able to fulfill its mission.

That mission is to work together with people and organizations to improve the health and well-being of residents in the region, especially those who have historically been underserved.

The FCH serves those living in the northwest hills of Connecticut and in the greater Harlem Valley in New York.

The Rev. Stack is an Episcopal Priest serving St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia, where the mission of the church is the Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry is a top priority.

Through the pantry, an average of 375 Tri-state residents receive nutritious fresh food on a weekly basis, much



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The Rev. AJ Stack

of it from its on-site garden, which provides fresh produce to pantry clients during the growing season.

Stack is a native of southeastern Ohio, where, before ordination, he was a licensed social worker practicing in the fields of drug and alcohol recovery, adolescent mental and behavioral health, foster care, and employability and job retention skills development.

For more information about the Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry, go to www.stthomasamenia.com/pantry and for more information about the Foundation for Community Health, go to www.fchealth.org.

Gertrude O'Sullivan is the director of Communications & Special Programs Foundation for Community Health in Sharon, Conn.

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PEROTTI FARM *Continued from Page A1*

Catskill mountains up for sale was not an easy decision for the family, said Gates. The farm has been passed down through three generations since it was first purchased by John Perotti in 1913.

The Perotti family saw children born and raised there, among the green pastures and moos of dairy cows. But things change, times change and people's needs change, all of which contributed to the family's decision to sell.

Bob Perotti said Italian immigrants started the farm initially. He remembered them as hard workers who put all of their energy and investment into creating a sustainable family business.

The work paid off, and once the farm was bought by the Perottis it provided additional good lives for generations of that family. Perotti said his family never became wealthy from owning and operating the farm, but said he and his whole family were rewarded with a comfortable life through their hard work.

That life demanded a lot. Perotti remembers the routine: eating, working, paying bills and growing up appreciating the value of hard work and of small-town ethics, morals and friendships.

Perotti's family was active in the community; his father took part in local politics and served on several boards and

also belonged to the Agway Co-op. His brother, Jim, has ties with the Millerton Fire Company and American Legion Post 178 while his brother John served on the Webutuck Board of Education for years as well as on the local Planning Board.

Perotti reflected on some of the changes that have taken place — not in anger, but as a matter of fact. He remembered fondly when other family farms dotted the area, when everyone knew everyone else in Millerton.

"Quieter times," he said, recalling that pastoral past now long gone. One by one, most farms in Dutchess County and its environs have been sold off.

Perotti Farm is one of the few remaining in Millerton, he said.

"It's hard for us, but it's time to move on," he said. "We need to do what the land deserves."

Spoken like a true farmer who respects the beauty and the bounty of the earth, Perotti knows the future of the site is uncertain.

According to Gates, the land may be subdivided, potentially paving way for a housing development. Local zoning laws prevent site from being used for large-scale commercial use, though.

The Perotti Family hopes the farm can remain intact, but realizes in today's world that may not be realistic.

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While he wouldn't reveal the name of the buyer, Trotta did share in February he was optimistic about a grocer coming to town. He said the prospective buyer "work[s] with shopping centers" and it's his or her "intention is to put a supermarket in there."

In the roughly six months since then, however, there's been no word on the sale being finalized. Trotta also said he was unwilling to answer any more questions from this newspaper about the status of the sale or of the plaza.

It was reported back in February that the buyer's primary hesitancy was the independently-standing gas station island — long deserted — which has remained in the plaza's parking lot for "as long as I can remember," according to North East Field Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Michael Segelken.

The buyer was reportedly waiting for Trotta to only have the gas station removed and the gas tanks remediated before being willing to commit to a sales contract.

And so the community waited, anxious to finally have a grocer fill the gap left in the wake of the Grand Union and Millerton Fresh Market's departure, and to have local shopping available once again. That's essential for a village like Millerton, which has residents without transportation who count on being able to walk to do their food shopping.

While there are no applications currently on file for the plaza in the town of North East, with either the Planning Board or the building inspector, passers-by have likely seen the site's been abuzz with activity for the past few weeks.

According to Segelken, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is in charge of the work being done in the plaza's parking lot. Segelken said the gas station is being remediated, with the gas tanks being removed to ensure the site is environmentally sound.

"The DEC usually oversees it, especially to check the surrounding ground, whether [any materials] leaked or not, if there's any contamination," said Segelken. "The brook, Kelsey Brook, is just behind the supermarket building, so it's something I would say they would like to keep an eye on."

Segelken, who lives in town, said DEC monitors have been on-site for the past month or so, making sure the

private company hired to do the remediation work is doing so properly.

"As far as I know, they're just [working] at the gas station, which has been ripped up," he added. "I believe [the digging was] just where the tanks were."

When asked how much earth had been dug up, Segelken said that "depends on how big the tanks were," noting that "the DEC oversees it because they're with the state government, so they supersede us. We didn't issue any permits... not for this job..."

North East Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver explained his board has not been involved in the remediation project at all, nor was it involved with the plaza's 2011 attempt to lure Hannaford in to replace Grand Union. He explained if a project solely calls for interior work, as bringing Hannaford to the Grand Union space likely would have, it's the building inspector's domain versus the Planning Board's.

"We have no say on the insides of buildings," Culver clarified. "If you own a commercial building and it's zoned properly, you don't need to talk to us. As long as you don't change the outside circumference or any of the outside of the building, you don't have to come to us. If you're opening a business inside we have nothing to say; you only need site-plan approval if work is being done on the [exterior] site. Inside is not the site, outside is the site."

Culver said he wanted to state the difference clearly for readers. Trotta commented in last week's issue that he "had a written agreement with Hannaford to come into the plaza" in 2011, also telling this newspaper during the Aug. 15 interview Culver "voted against it."

Culver said that would have been impossible, because as Trotta said last week, he "had no need to come to us; the Millerton Fresh Market didn't come to us."

Culver further said the gas station remediation going on right now is standard fare, as is the DEC's involvement.

DEC representative Stephanie Mossey was unable to get back to the newspaper for comment before press time.

Segelken noted he hasn't heard of "any extended plans" for the plaza.

"It would be nice to get a grocery store back in town, but I haven't heard anything," he said. "Hopefully, though..."

TOURNIQUETS *Continued from Page A1*

housing and schooling. (Look for more information in an upcoming edition of The Millerton News.)

During his most recent trip abroad, he also delivered approximately 100 life-saving tourniquets for Ukrainians fighting on the front lines for their freedom and their democracy.

Life-saving supplies

A tourniquet is a first-aid device that uses compression to stem the flow of blood rushing through a vein or an artery, applied to a limb or extremity after it's been cut, severed or otherwise injured.

"These are combat tourniquets that save lives," said Wlodar. "It's amazing this is what's in short supply. Because of the artillery barrage by Russian forces, a lot of these soldiers are losing limbs, so at least if they have tourniquets they don't have to lose their life. One tourniquet can save a life. It's very difficult; you cannot get them in Europe. They're completely sold out."

Wlodar said the tourniquets sold online as CAT Combat Application Tourniquet — GEN 7 are the "best ones" because they're the sturdiest. On www.amazon.com, the product is described as "Official Tourniquet of the U.S. Army."

"I started a little campaign, that instead of money, people can go to Amazon, go to a link, and if they want to help, they can buy it, send it to me, I will make sure it gets delivered," said Wlodar. "Some people can't afford to buy five, because they're \$30 to \$35 each; some can't afford \$100-something bucks. Some can buy only one and some can buy seven. It doesn't matter, some people just want the feeling they can help out."

In the war zone

Although Wlodar was not



Above, Millerton resident and ardent fundraiser Andre Wlodar was about 30 miles from the border of Lviv when he saw scores of sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine. Wlodar was there delivering tourniquets to Ukrainians defending their homeland. Right, Ihor Pryimak showed off sneakers in support of Ukraine at the crossing into Poland.

among the bullets flying across the battlefields when in Western Ukraine — he did get to visit with some soldiers while in his hotel in Lviv. They told of the very real dangers they face daily.

Those soldiers, many everyday Ukrainian citizens who volunteered to defend their country — expressed their deepest thanks to those sending support from the Tri-state region. Whether aid sent is in the form of monetary donations or food and supplies — it all makes it possible for the Ukrainians to resist the deadly Russian forces, they said.

Wlodar shared a text he received from one of his soldier friends on the front, though he was not allowed to divulge his name for security reasons.

"This is from our dear friend in Lviv," prefaced Wlo-



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dar, noting the rest of the message was written from a war zone.

"Hello Andre and Kim! Tourniquets have reached their destination! Thank you very much for help!"

Can't lose focus

As Wlodar has said all along, the war is unlikely to end quickly. It's therefore essential the Ukrainian people and the efforts to help them are not forgotten, he said, urging they remain a priority for the rest of the free world.

"I feel like people's attention span has moved on," he said. "They're more worried

about the heat wave and obviously our problems here: abortions, guns and everything else. I get it, but we have a war going on... like I was always saying, it's going to be a marathon, it's never been a sprint."

How to help

Contact Wlodar to make a donation or to buy tourniquets and donate them, at 786-282-2495, or mail donations directly to United for Ukraine to P.O. Box 537, Millerton, NY 12546.

One may also make a donation to help United for Ukraine buy tourniquets through the [*spotfund](http://www.spotfund.com) website, by going to www.spotfund.com and searching for UnitedUkraine-CATTourniquets.

CONSERVATION *Continued from Page A1*

the presence of large, intact forests, wooded wetlands, and important resources such as the Taghkanic Creek, Pumpkin Hollow Swamp and Copake Lake."

Individuals who helped

The THCP was written by Karen Strong of Strong Outcomes consulting and Christine Vanderlan of the HREP.

Strong said her prior work at HREP drew her to this project.

"My personal mission is to help people conserve natural resources, and that's what I've dedicated my career to," said Strong in an interview, noting she has a deep personal connection to the Hudson Valley, having lived in the area for almost her entire life.

The project also relied on input from a committee of stakeholders including Chair of the Taghkanic Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Tony LaSalvia.

"I naturally had concern for this project as it directly affects our local community and the water we use in our everyday lives, as well as the wildlife that is supported by this watershed," LaSalvia wrote in an email to The Millerton News.

He noted that it is particularly important to keep the headwaters clean because they serve as the watershed for the Town of Hudson's drinking water.

LaSalvia and Strong both emphasized the importance of involvement from local community members with such pivotal issues.

"Our hopes are that this plan will help landowners, municipalities and the public in general have a greater appreciation for the watershed area and the water itself," LaSalvia wrote. "We hope these areas will be protected and the forests enlarged to allow

for more connectivity and the ability to keep our waters clean."

Strong said since the Taghkanic Headwaters have generally been overlooked in conservation efforts, the environmental plan offered an opportunity to bring local community members together and put them at the forefront of the work.

"Science doesn't conserve nature, people do," she said.

The DEC wrote that it hopes that the THCP can act as a model for future watershed conservation plans. LaSalvia echoed this sentiment.

"I think this is a good model to be used by other municipalities and conservancy organizations to do the same in other watershed areas," he stated. "Water is not something that is confined by man-made boundaries, but, like air, is connected to all of us all over."

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Robert Parker and Jive by Five Return to Music Mountain

In recent years, Robert Andrew Parker has been best known locally for his world-famous art, which he generously shares at area fundraising art shows (to the delight and good fortune of his legion of fans).

Parker used to be equally well-known as drummer for the jazz group Jive by Five, which has been fairly quiet for the past couple of COVID years.

The band is out of retirement now and will perform this weekend, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. at Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., which is normally home to intimate chamber music performances.

"Bob is 95 years old and he still swings like crazy," said Scott Heth, piano player with Jive By Five and formerly the director of the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn.

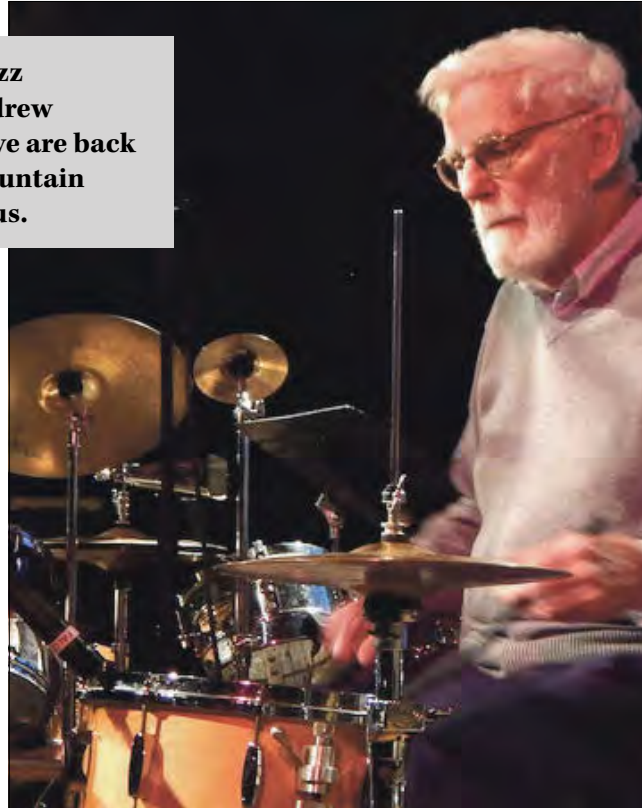
"I was playing steady with Bob for over 20

years, mostly at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville until COVID hit," said Heth.

"I am very excited to be able to play with him again, especially at Music Mountain."

Sharing the stage with them is another local favorite, the singer Wanda Houston, who is known for her performances with her HBH band — and for recordings and performances with greats including Barbra Streisand and Celine Dion.

And there's more! Another beloved local on the small Music Mountain stage will be trombonist Peter McEachern, who is chairman of the music department at the Salisbury School when



Beloved artist and jazz musician Robert Andrew Parker and Jive by Five are back on stage at Music Mountain after a two-year hiatus.

PHOTO COURTESY SCOTT HETH

he isn't touring with Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Lamonte Young and the Thomas Chapin Trio.

It's no surprise that Parker's son inherited his love of jazz. Christopher Parker is a respected and renowned jazz drummer,

and will join his father and the rest of the band on Aug. 27, as will saxophonist Kris Jensen and bassist Adam Coté.

This is a concert not to be missed by jazz fans. Tickets are available at www.musicmountain.org and are \$35.

FOR FANS OF THE AUTHOR HENRY JAMES & HIS NOVELLAS

What would the author Henry James think if he knew that his books were still being discussed in the year 2022 — and that the discussions were being held "virtually," on Zoom?

The person who is probably best qualified to answer that question is Mark Scarbrough, who has gained a large following of devoted book lovers, who join him for book clubs and discus-

sion groups held all over the Northwest Corner of Litchfield County, from Norfolk in the north to Washington, Conn., in the south.

Those book fans will perhaps be delighted to have the chance to discuss the works of one of America's earliest great authors and to be able to do it from the comfort of home.

The four discussion sessions on James will be hosted by the Hotchkiss

Library of Sharon, Conn., beginning with "The Europeans" on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.

The other three books in the series will be "Washington Square" (Oct. 11), "The Turn of the Screw" (Nov. 8) and "The Awkward Age" (Dec. 13).

To get the first Zoom link, register at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/the-europeans-by-henry-james/. The group is limited to 25 participants.

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systematic assault on the science linking smoking to cancer (the topic of one of the great books on this field, Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway's 2010 "Merchants of Doubt").

"What ended in violence in Washington" on Jan. 6, he says, "began at the Plaza Hotel in New York" in 1953, when tobacco company executives first got together to confabulate a strategy that kept people in the dark about the lethal poison in cigarettes.

Indeed, there have been, by this count, 60-plus years of "largely unchecked science denial." Every decade and every issue tied up with greed and power has had its showcase. The sham American Petroleum Institute — a cover for Exxon Mobil, BP, Chevron, and Shell — started to fight the global warming debate and the responsibility of extractive energy in the wake of the 1997 Tokyo Protocol.

Two other books also cover in fascinating detail these information campaigns against climate science, biology, history, medicine and, within medicine, the chemistry addressing COVID-19. The last campaign is particularly relevant today — given the presence of a pandemic that has now taken millions of lives worldwide. The title of one of these books ("The Info-

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4:30pm - Skillet Throw Contest

9:00pm - Gates Close

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demical: How Censorship and Lies Made the World Sicker and Less Free," by Joel Simon and Robert Mahoney) draws out a parallel between the ways in which viruses and lies infect our bodies and our minds.

The other book is "Cheap Speech: How Disinformation Poisons Our Politics – and How to Cure It" by Richard L. Hasen.

These books tell us in various ways how all of us have cognitive biases that have evolved over hundreds of thousands of years (that's of course if you, like me, believe in human evolution).

Some 50 million Americans routinely believe in a conspiracy theory, about 9/11; the Obama birther thing; the Federal Reserve orchestrating the 2008 recession; or, for liberals, multinationals hurting us with genetically modified food (would you believe there's no evidence?).

McIntyre reminds us that "conspiracism" (Hasen's word) is a coping mechanism for people dealing with anxiety and loss of control. Most deniers — of whatever stripe — have spent years "marinating" in their "misinformed ideology." For some, their version of reality is now less a belief system than a whole soup-to-nuts identity.

What do you do to shake people free of misinformation? This is a question that these authors apply on a personal level and a societal level — the authors being a

mix of academic, lawyers and journalists.

On a personal level there are different levels of engagement. First, you might have to inoculate a denier, then you might have to intervene, and only after that can you try to "overturn belief."

On a societal level, new regulations, new laws, new and more money to fund honest information purveyors, and "constant work to strengthen civic institutions" all are needed — another long view.

Simon and Mahoney in "The Infodemic" look at the challenges to press freedom around the world — in places where dictators and would-be despots call free media the enemy of the people — and call for dismantling censorship as a first step toward living in truth.

What's clear is that facts alone are not enough when your goal is to try to get science deniers to try to change their minds — to, as one writer puts it, "try on a new identity." But facts and spotlighting breadcrumbs on the evidentiary trail — as the Jan. 6 hearings are proving, when it comes to the big Big Lie that we're now trying to rectify — may be where you have to start.

People may be fact-resistant, as one researcher puts it in one of these books, but we are not fact-immune.

Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT and is the author of "The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge." His new book, "The Fifth Estate," comes out in 2023.

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Humor and Theatrical Fun on the Cutting Edge with 'Shear Madness'

Not everyone loves musical theater but apparently everyone loves "Guys and Dolls" — or at least, everyone seemed to love the Sharon Playhouse version staged this summer, which made tap dancing an era-appropriate part of the beloved All-American show.

Word on the street was enthusiastic; it seemed like everyone you spoke to at a cocktail party had either just gone to see it or was on their way.

"Guys and Dolls" was actually the highest grossing production over the past 10 years at the Playhouse," reported Interim Artistic Director (and tap dance master) Justin Boccitto. He added at the end of his email report: " :) Yay!"

In a time when it seems like every local business is struggling, it's wonderful to see Sharon Playhouse topping off several excellent years with a summer season that is even more excellent.

To return to the first sentence of this article, not everyone loves musical theater, and yet Sharon Playhouse's July musical did gangbuster. Now, in my opinion, everyone in fact does love a murder mystery, and Sharon Playhouse will follow up the success of "Guys and Dolls" with a theater cult favorite called "Shear Madness."

First performed in the U.S. in the 1970s, "Shear Madness" is based on a German play called "Scherenschnitt," that was written by Paul Port-



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Michael Kevin Baldwin, who was in the cast of the Washington, D.C., Kennedy Center performance of "Shear Madness," stars again in the show at Sharon Playhouse opening Aug. 26.

ner and first performed in 1963.

A decade later, two actors named Marilyn Abrams and Bruce Jordan rewrote the show, made it more daffy, and performed it in a theater in Lake George in upstate New York. It then moved to Boston and eventually ended up on the stage of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. It now holds a record as one of the longest running non-musical shows in the world.

Like a Gilbert & Sullivan light opera, part of the fun of "Shear Madness" is that it is constantly evolving and every production has local references. It of course takes confident experienced performers to be able to pull off those kinds of improvisations and script

changes. Fortunately for audience members at Sharon Playhouse, they are in outstandingly good hands: The show is being directed by one of its creators, Bruce Jordan; and one of the star performers is Michael Kevin Baldwin, a native of Salisbury, Conn., who is now

the Playhouse director of education — and who also performed in the Kennedy Center show.

"Shear Madness" is about a death in a hair salon (for the Playhouse show, it will be the former salon in the Sharon plaza shopping mall). The audience helps the cast to solve the mystery — which means of course that every performance is slightly different.

Appearing along with Baldwin in the show are Patrick Noonan, Soneka Anderson, Gil Brady, Sandy York and Will Nash Broyles.

Anyone who wants to try and catch each performance in its Sharon Playhouse run from Aug. 26 (which is a preview night) to Sept. 11 should go to the website at www.sharonplayhouse.org. If "Guys and Dolls" is an indicator, then it seems likely that tickets will be sold at a brisk pace for "Shear Madness" as well.

There are evening shows and matinees; go to www.sharonplayhouse.org for ticket information.

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Grace Church Millbrook deems 15th Annual Golf Outing a hit

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PAWLING — The 15th Annual Grace Episcopal Church Golf and Dinner Benefit was held at the Quaker Hill Country Club in Pawling on Monday, Aug. 15, and there couldn't have been better weather. The club is nestled among heavily forested properties, and the views enjoyed from the golf course are extraordinary. Many who attended also played croquet, and there were additional games for youngsters.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the day. While all were having fun, there was also some serious competition going on among those swinging their clubs on the green.

The closest to pin winner was Susan Ball. The prize for the longest drive went to Steve Louscio for the men and to M.K. Ball for the women. The first-place award for the tournament went to Tom Lynch, Spence Hall, Joe Whitley and Gary Schowssow. Second place was actually a tie between the team of Joe Grosse, Steve Lomuncio, David Fountain and Andrew Rappleyea and the team that included Grace Church Pastor, The Rev. Matthew Calkins, Tom Calkins, Skip Wacker and Matt Mead. Those who attended were



PHOTO BY PAM FREEMAN

Above is the group of golfing buddies that won Grace Church Millbrook's 15th annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Quaker Hill Country Club in Pawling on Monday, Aug. 15. The event was a way to both raise critical dollars in support of the church's many programs and also a way to celebrate those who serve the church with the local community. Two honorees were awarded at the gala dinner held later that evening (for full story and another photo, turn to Page A5).

able to sign in for the golf competition late morning, and enjoyed lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tee time was at 12:30 p.m. Croquet began at 4 p.m.

Following the activities on the golf course was an evening for parishioners and other church supporters filled with music, food and fellowship. Grace Church also honored

two community members for their service to the church (for more, turn to Page A5).

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will go to help Grace Church fund many of its programs, including: EPIC (for high school students); GIO, an outreach program for immigrants and an opportunity for recent college

graduates to participate in a year of service; a community pre-school; and the church's work partnering with the Food for Life pantry in Amenia and the Lunchbox pantry in Poughkeepsie.

Quaker Hill Country Club offers a 9-hole course that features 2,948 yards of golf from the longest tees, for a par of 35. The course rating is 69.5 and it has a slope rating of 123 on blue grass. Quaker Hill Country Club opened its golf course in 1939.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Cars drifting at Lime Rock in Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday, Aug. 20, were a part of a Gridlife event at the racetrack.

Gridlife racing drifts into Lime Rock Park

By LANS CHRISTENSEN
Special to The Millerton News

where you can build the car of your choice."

LIME ROCK, Conn. — A new motorsports association, Gridlife, made its premier appearance at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., on Friday, Aug. 19, and Saturday, Aug. 20.

Based largely in the Midwest, Gridlife had its first event in 2014, and has visited tracks country-wide including Road Atlanta and Willow Springs in California.

This first visit to Lime Rock was met with huge enthusiasm from participants and watchers.

A much different look than Lime Rock's typical Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) or International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) races, this is a "grass roots" association, making cars and competition much more available to hopeful drivers.

Current Gridlife Director Adam Jabay described it as "a home for every budget,

It's not so much Porsches, Lamborghinis and factory supported racer. Instead, the fields are full of Honda Civics and Fits, Subarus and Mitsubishi's, some with modifications and roll bars, others looking like they stopped by on the way home from the supermarket.

Competitions include the "Track Battle," which is strictly for lap time, and "Touring Cup," which allows wheel-to-wheel racing.

Car classification is done with a power-to-weight formula that gives all a competitor's equality.

The highlight event is surely "Drifting," a technique that involves turn entry with acceleration, spinning the rear wheels and a full four wheel "drift" through the turn — steering out of, not into, the turn — with lots of smoke and blasting exhaust notes.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ancram Pool to remain open for public use through August 31

ANCRAM — From now until the end of the month of August, the Ancram Town Pool will be open from noon until 6 p.m.

The public pool is open

to residents and nonresidents. The pool is free-of-charge to residents; non-residents must pay a \$3 fee.

For more information, contact Pool Manager Jen Boice at boicehomecare@

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The Ancram Town Pool is located at 1304 County Route 7 and will remain open until Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Senior Balance and Strength Class courtesy Roe Jan Library

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Dr. Paul Spector leads his popular Balance and Strength Class on Zoom. These classes introduce exercises that improve postural stability, core strength, spatial body aware-

ness, sensory integration, agility and coordination.

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As we look forward to our 126th year of publication and beyond, we will need to:

- Preserve the tradition of grass-roots reporting on the people and events involved in local organizations vital to town life.
- Hire more reporters. With new support the Journal can bring in reporters to cover important regional issues like Covid, drug abuse, Sharon Hospital, affordable housing and our environment and climate.
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EDITORIAL

DEC money wisely spent

It's not always that the state is praised for spending taxpayers' hard-to-earn and harder-to-save money. In the case of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) decision to conduct two \$50,000 studies, with funding coming from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), we consider it money well spent.

Thanks to the EPF's financial support, with funds awarded to both Columbia and Putnam Counties through a competitive grant process, the DEC was able to commission the 2021-2025 Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda (HREAA). (For more, read front page.)

As explained in the document's introduction, "the Estuary Program helps people enjoy, protect, and revitalize the Hudson River estuary and its valley... through 2025."

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos explained in the HREAA why the Hudson River, its waterways and estuaries are so essential to the state.

The Hudson River, he said, is "both a resource and an influence in our economy, and continues to support local communities, key industries, and millions of people."

Seggos called the protection and restoration of the Hudson and its environs "vital... to ensure these natural resources remain vibrant and beneficial for residents, visitors, and businesses."

Considering the dire circumstances we find so many of our critical environmental areas (CEA) in these days, not only in our home state of New York but throughout the U.S. and the rest of the world, we agree. We applaud the state and the DEC for initiating such steps.

Our focus is understandably on the actions taken by and for Columbia County, part of which The Millerton News considers its home turf. We would therefore like to call attention to the towns of Copake, Hillsdale and Taghkanic. Local volunteers from these towns stepped forward to ensure their communities will have strategic plans to protect their unique and delicate environmental treasure troves into the future, through the Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan (THCP).

In its vision statement, the THCP addresses the Taghkanic Headwaters and its surroundings, which "support clean water for people, plants, and animals, and provide vital wildlife habitat connections between New York and New England."

The plan's vision speaks to "a future Taghkanic watershed that is cared for by local communities and landowners to protect clean water and the ability of fish and wildlife to move across the landscape."

It seems like a simple concept: We all want to be able to live with clean air and fresh water, among wildlife that can likewise roam freely. But without critical funding — like the cumulative \$100,000 put forth by the EPF in this case — local municipalities would struggle to protect that which makes Columbia County — and the entire Harlem Valley — so alluring.

People are drawn to our region for its scenic beauty; many make part-time and permanent moves here specifically to be surrounded by nature and all its glory.

It's the age-old dilemma of wanting to protect what you have, but in doing so making what you have more desirable. Often times the result is that greater populations are drawn to regions that were once open and wild, oftentimes destroying that which was supposed to be protected in the first place.

Every time our lovely, off-the-beaten-path Harlem Valley Eden seems to be "discovered" by the outside world, many rejoice at the prospect of heightened economic development and the improvements that could mean for local residents and business owners. Rightly so, as the reality is that without tax dollars spent and investments made in our region, it won't survive — and it certainly won't thrive.

Yet, development comes at a cost.

To ensure our natural habitats remain intact and protected — because once gone, they can never be reclaimed — plans like the THCP in our area and the Green Corridors Plan for the Eastern New York Highlands in Putnam County are essential. The state gets high marks for having the foresight to recognize these two counties as priorities and for coordinating conservation efforts.

Of note in the HREAA, the DEC's mention of "two cross-cutting issues that will affect every aspect of our work — climate change and environmental justice."

So stated Seggos in the plan's introductory letter, noting New York and Gov. Kathy Hochul's efforts to build climate resilience and address the causes of climate change. He stressed the state's "commitment to the work of creating a more fair and just society."

The DEC, explained Seggos, "is working to better address long-standing systemic inequities and build a more climate-resilient environment."

We laud the DEC for thinking outside the box and using the HREAA to address social injustices simultaneously, and highly recommend taking a read — it's fascinating. Also recommended, check out the final results of those volunteers who helped create the THCP.

To view the THCP, go to www.taghkanicheadwaters.org; to view the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-2025, go to www.dec.ny.gov.



Twisting words, false labeling, Fascist tactics

The FBI conducted an "armed raid?" Nonsense.

They negotiated for six months to get papers back that had been removed 18 months before. Yes, 18 months.

They got an official lawyer from Mar-a-Lago to attest they had received everything in June. Oops, 12 more boxes, some of them full of top (or worse) secret files.

That lawyer will face charges for a false sworn statement.

On the day of the serving of the search warrant, they had called ahead, made a schedule that avoided having the ex-president there (!), and went in. All the photos you saw on TV with armed personnel at Mar-a-Lago? They were Secret Service Personnel in place to protect the ex-president's residence.

That's a raid? That's a raid by the "FBI Gestapo?"

Hardly. Of course the people using those terms are lying. Of course those people pumping out those falsehoods have a motive: Tell stupid people a bald-faced lie and get them to send money. Get the ultra-right wing nuts and the Proud Boys and the other Fascist groups to stir up hatred, more hatred. Wind up their little soldiers and point them at the imagined "enemy." Even go so far as to prepare for a possible armed Civil War using false anti-police rhetoric to stir up the faithful but oh-so-gullible believers. And always, always, use religious arguments to pretend to take the moral high ground.

Here are the new phrases they are coming up with, phrases and labels they will use from now until 2024:

"Democrats are Communists." Socialism as a derogatory label is not hard-hitting enough. So they are starting to use the term Communist for anyone who is not a right-wing so-called patriot.

"America is not a democracy." Already political candidates are claiming America has never been a democracy. Yes, I am serious, that's the claim by actual candidates. "We're a Republic and have only ever been a Republic based on the Constitution." Either they have no idea what the USA form of government is, or they are twisting facts to serve their need to redefine America away from a one-vote-per-person democracy (as written in the Constitu-

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

tion).

"Liberals are responsible for racism, slavery and the Ku Klux Klan." Oh, yes, they are serious, these propaganda merchants for the ultra-right. They even support flying the Confederate Flag, professing that it represents "an oppressed people" who truly admire non-whites (meaning "Blacks, and brown people").

Never mind that the Confederacy's vice president, Alexander Stephens, proclaimed:

"The new constitution has put at rest, forever, all the agitating questions relating to our peculiar institution African slavery as it exists amongst us the proper status of the negro in our form of civilization. This was the immediate cause of the late rupture and present revolution.... The constitution, it is true, secured every essential guarantee to the institution while it should last, and hence no argument can be justly urged against the constitutional guarantees thus secured, because of the common sentiment of the day. Those ideas, however, were fundamentally wrong. They rested upon the assumption of the equality of races. This was an error. It was a sandy foundation, and the government built upon it fell when the 'storm came and the wind blew.'

Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite idea; its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth."

These and other lies and evil propaganda will be flooding the airwaves and internet. Here's every right-minded citizen's responsibility: FIGHT BACK and argue to try and right this ship before it sinks — taking our country with it.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moviehouse elevator like a gift from above

Just a note of sincere thanks to the community, the owners, and all of the people who funded the elevator now in operation at the Millerton Moviehouse theater!!! I had no idea that this wonderment had been completed, and this device literally saved the evening for my party!

I had one person who literally had a panic attack just looking at the stairs and was ready to just sit in the movie on the first floor to avoid trouble. Another person with mobility issues was game to try, but I was worried at first about how it all might end.

But, lo and behold, the skies opened and the angels sang out — "we have an elevator!"

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

All of us have seen movies at this theater for decades, but now we are an elder group with mobility issues, so, it really meant a lot to my friends and family to be able to take that elevator and enjoy a night out.

We don't get out much, so please know that this really made a big difference to some folks!

Monique Avakian
Yonkers

Local efforts continue to aid Ukraine with new *spotfund drive

Dear friends and community members,

I hope you are all having a good, albeit a bit hot and dry summer!

I have just returned from a trip to Poland and Western Ukraine to deliver some rescue and medical equipment, and look at certain schools, pre-schools and educational centers in need of support. We are working with the Wayair Foundation and over the next few days I would love to share with you photos from a music school in Mosciska, Ukraine with over 300 students from 6 to 18 years old; a kindergarten for 500 kids in Lviv operating with two small washers (no dryers); and other places where we are active in helping displaced Ukrainian orphans, children and their mothers who are seeking refuge in Poland.

Although some of the Ukrainians have returned to the safer parts of their homeland, the estimate is that approximately 3 million of them are still in Poland and more than 7 million are displaced internally.

Thanks to our communal fundraising efforts, the Wayair Foundation is running Safe Houses for women with children; paid for summer camps for refugees; and paid for training costs for mothers, so they can find better work opportunities in Poland.

In April, together with the Wayair Foundation, we hired two child psychologists with

trauma experience, as the kids started to show first signs of PTSD. If trauma is not treated within the first two to three months it can turn into PTSD for life.

Our own Millerton community fundraising efforts allowed us to pay for these psychologists until the end of the year. We are continuously running workshops on children's trauma for teachers, care-givers, mothers and whomever wants to take them.

In addition to helping children and refugees, we do whatever we can to support brave Ukrainian people fighting for their freedom. As the grim artillery war grinds on with the Russians firing indiscriminately against both civilians and military, there is an incredible need for CAT Tourniquets, which save lives and are no longer available in Europe (one tourniquet can save one life!).

Please see how our latest delivery got to the front lines near Donetsk and look at the reactions, it is heartwarming. Please help us to make more people feel safer!

I just created a fundraiser for United with Ukraine to collect CAT Tourniquets on *spotfund, called *UnitedUkraineCATTourniquets. Please consider supporting our fundraiser by going to <http://spot.fund/zqVBHM>

Thank you in advance!
Andre Wlodar
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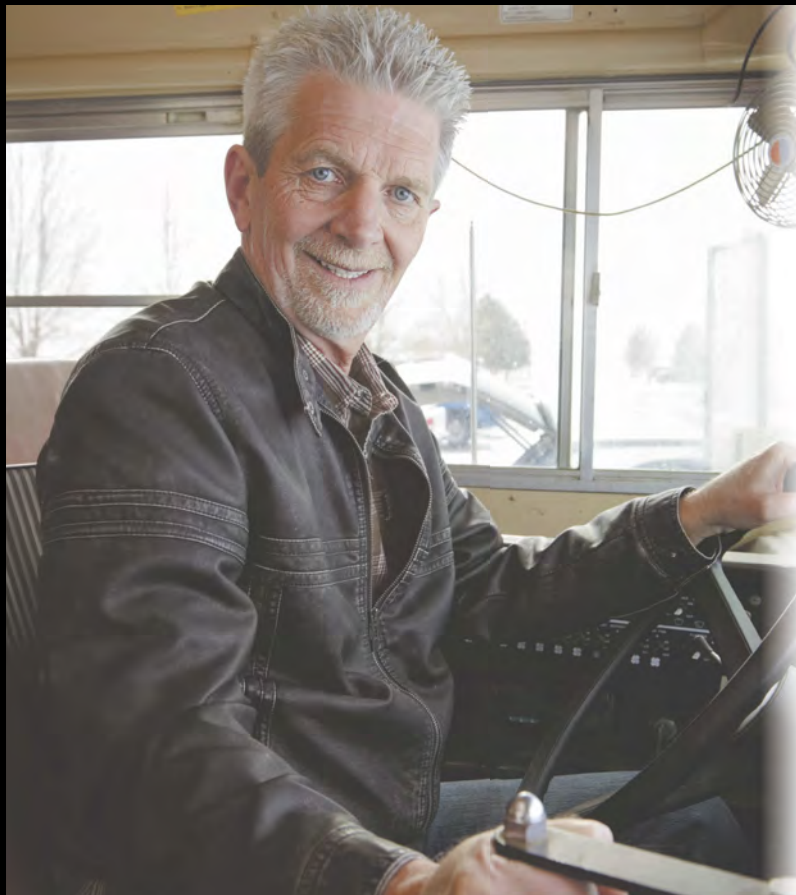
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