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The CVS in Millerton is now a mainstay for many local shoppers who need to pick up quick and convenient groceries, due to the absence of a food store in the community. The last local grocer was Millerton Fresh Market, which closed in 2019.

## Millerton leans on CVS for groceries

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MILLERTON — Typically, when a household needs to stock up on groceries, people head to a supermarket. For residents in the town of North East and village of Millerton, that's been impossible, as the last grocery store ceased operations in 2019. Its departure left a major void in the community and created what's been described as a "food desert."

Millerton Fresh Market was only open for a couple of years before it closed its location in 2019 at the Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44, home to the former Grand Union

grocery store. When the Grand Union shut down a couple of years earlier, on Feb. 25, 2017, residents in the region knew they would be on shaky ground in terms of local shopping options.

### Hannaford history

Hope was offered when the Hannaford supermarket chain submitted a site-plan application to the North East Planning Board. While initially considering moving into the former Grand Union and renovating the space that had housed a string of grocers through the years, Hannaford ultimately pursued a location minutes east. It submitted

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## A glance at shopping in the Harlem Valley

By EMMA BENARDETE  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Ainsley Evans of Stanfordville was among the shoppers browsing the aisles of Dollar General in Amenia on Wednesday, Aug. 10, when The Millerton News stopped by to see where local shoppers are buying their groceries.

When asked about her shopping habits, Evans had to say the following:

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**Millerton resident Gena Goos shops at the Dollar General in Amenia, as she has no local grocery options.**

### Special Election stunner:

## Ryan beats Molinaro

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HUDSON VALLEY — In a race that left voters guessing who would win until the end, the results for the 19th Congressional District (CD) Special Election brought national attention to regional politics.

Many expected Republican Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro to beat his Democratic counterpart, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, with ease, but it was Ryan who came out on top.

The Tuesday, Aug. 23, Special Election was held solely to fill the vacant seat left behind when former U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19) was named lieutenant governor by New York Governor Kathy Hochul in May.

The importance of the outcome took on nationwide significance in terms of which party is likely to hold power in Washington, as was noted by CNN's John King. Ryan also spoke with other national newsmen, including CNN anchor Don Lemon. He told Lemon that he was as surprised as anyone he had beaten Molinaro.

Molinaro is a popular longtime politician in the Hudson Valley, having first served in office at the age of 18 on the Tivoli Village Board. A year later, he made national headlines as the "Youngest Mayor in America."

### Abortion key issue

Ryan, a West Point graduate and former Army intelligence

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**Lori Decker of Millbrook voted in the Special Election and Primary at the Millbrook fire-house on Tuesday, Aug. 23.**

### Amenia Wastewater Committee

## 'Free money' could be key to central sewer in Amenia

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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AMENIA — The Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC) gave a presentation on Thursday, Aug. 18, prior to the regular Town Board meeting. It presented the findings of Tighe & Bond's sewer feasibility study. The engineering firm was commissioned by the town in 2021 to examine the possibility of creating a wastewater system in Amenia's central hamlet.

### Feasibility study

The first section included a needs analysis and delineation. Along with making their own observations, in December 2021 the engineers sent out 1,000 surveys to gauge the town's sewer needs. The questionnaire garnered 271 responses.

To ensure a high rate of return, the AWC made a list of all residential and commercial property owners in the main business district. Members used that contact information to e-mail or call people to delve into the details.

Many property owners reported sewage problems in the hamlet such as foul odors, slow drainage and sewage backup. The AWC said

**"It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will go away if we don't take advantage of it."**

Charlie Miller,  
AWC Chairman

56% of respondents said they knew of these problems; 66% said they thought the hamlet would benefit from having a central sewer system; and 33% said they would be interested in hooking up to that system.

Tighe & Bond Senior Project Manager Erin Moore, PE, and her colleague Kyle Kortright presented the study, chock-full of details.

"The presentation was very informative, it had a lot of good information," said town Supervisor Victoria Perotti.

The talk ran for roughly 45 minutes and was followed by a question-and-answer period, which lasted just as long.

### Wastewater survey

AWC members said they will post the survey results shortly on their Facebook page, adding they'll make a habit of doing so following every forum and presentation it

holds going forward.

Before the Aug. 18 discussion, the AWC mailed letters to homeowners in the district outlining the work its done thus far and the estimated user fee for each parcel should a wastewater system be installed. The committee also tried contacting commercial owners to share estimated costs.

### Sewer system proposal

A total of 15 locations were looked at and 12 were eliminated in due diligence; three sites were analyzed: an 8.47-acre piece of property owned by Silo Ridge Field Club; a .7-acre spot of town land on Mechanic Street near the Rail Trail; and a 3.44-acre parcel of secluded land owned by the Leonard family that abuts Amenia Stream, located behind the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office substation on Route 22.

The Leonard site was ultimately chosen, said AWC Chairman Charlie Miller.

"The parcel has a home on it facing Lake Amenia Road that the town would like to maintain for workforce housing. The below-grade treatment system would be placed in the back of the lot" to

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# Party in the Park planned for Oct. 1

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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MILLERTON — The community is invited to the grand re-opening of Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton on Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 5:30 p.m. The event will celebrate the redevelopment of the park; Phase One is expected to be completed by then.

Work at the park had come to a temporary halt during the winter, explained park redesign committee Chairman Stephen Waite. However, by April the project resumed and Waite said if all goes as intended, Phase One should be done by the end of September.

The updated park will include two basketball courts, a soccer field, parking spaces for 100 cars and close to 100 lovely flowering and shade trees. The handicap-accessible playground has also been upgraded and there's a new entrance "for easy access," said Waite.

"These are new or significantly improved features for you to enjoy," wrote the chairman in a letter to inform community members about the Oct. 1 event. "It's hard to overstate the importance of what this renewed public space will mean for Millerton and North East as well as surrounding areas."

Once all phases are completed, the park will include

a new and long-awaited pool with a pool house that has showers; dressing rooms; a concession stand; a small commercial kitchen; and a community meeting room.

Waite encourages everyone in the nearby region to check the park's website for updates, at [www.millerton-park.org](http://www.millerton-park.org).

The Oct. 1 celebration will include a basketball tournament; soccer games with Webutuck students; games for children in the playground, courtesy of the NorthEast-Millerton Library; and tasty food prepared by the Millerton Fire Company and American Legion Post 178.

Candy-O's of Main Street in Millerton will serve "its amazing ice cream," added Waite, and Bash Bish Bicycles will provide expert advice on cycling regarding repairs and tune-ups.

There will also be live music. The afternoon will wrap up along to a band playing and beer being served by the Legion.

Waite advised folks to keep a lookout for more details as the Oct. 1 date approaches. He added that "the best news is that the park will be open once again to the public for all events. This is such a wonderful achievement for our village and town, you won't want to miss this celebration."

# It's time to get crafty to aid the NorthEast-Millerton Library

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — With cooler days coming it's the perfect time to work on projects with an eye toward donating them to the upcoming NorthEast-Millerton Library's (NEML) Annual Craft Fair. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, in the library's Memorial Garden at 75 Main St.

Library Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson noted unlike some fairs that feature vendors, this one is different in that every penny earned through the all-volunteer effort goes to the library.

Key, she noted, "are the dozens of craftspeople who share their creations with their neighbors as well as the generous business owners who offer items and services for the ever-popular raffle, with drawings the day of the fair."

Leo-Jameson recognizes that vendor fairs are an important part of the year's community calendar. They provide opportunities for organizations to raise necessary funds and for hard-working crafters to earn the profits they deserve.

However, she added, that the all-volunteer aspect of the NEML fair attracts many patrons and others who like the idea that every dollar spent will aid a vital community nonprofit.

The event, which began in 2012 as a winter holiday fair in the small room of the library



PHOTO BY LOUIS TOMAINO

**NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson displayed handmade items donated for the Craft Fair, planned rain or shine, for Saturday, Oct. 8, at 75 Main St. Contributions for the all-volunteer event may be dropped at the NEML any time before the event.**

Annex, moved to an outdoor autumn fete in response to safety issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the outside exposure tempting more shoppers to stop by, the resulting sales prompted the decision to keep the event in the highly visible location.

More shoppers, of course, means more items will be needed for the sale. Leo-Jameson is hoping this year will tap into the same generous spirit that has made the previous years so successful, with many donating and many shopping.

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sharing their creations, community members join together to do everything from set-up to sales, where they have the chance to greet the many customers who come out to support the project.

"We have so many talented people in the area, and I am always touched that so many are willing to share their gifts with others and that so many businesses do the same," said Leo-Jameson.

This year, heading the list of raffle supporters is The Lakeville Journal Foundation, which donated a year's subscription to The Millerton News for the effort.

The NEML is also hoping for donations of any handmade items including knitting, sewing, crochet, painting, jewelry, jellies/jams, pickles, woodworking, glasswork and baked goods as well as any others DIYers might enjoy making.

Throughout its 10-year history, fair donations have added thousands of dollars to the nonprofit's coffers and have been used in a number of areas, including making improvements in the Children's Room and the Annex.

Call the NEML at 518-789-3340 for more information.

# 'Kristin Day' draws patrons to bid adieu and wish luck to McClune

MILLERTON — At least 20 people were gathered at the NorthEast-Millerton Library mid-afternoon on Thursday, Aug. 14, to say goodbye to outgoing Library Children's Coordinator Kristin McClune over refreshments and memories. McClune is leaving the library to start a position as the librarian at an elementary school for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

For almost 10 years, McClune was a favorite with her young patrons. Many of those children and their families stopped by to wish her well on Kristin Day — the name the library gave last Thursday.

McClune said leaving such a warm and welcoming environment was bittersweet. "It's hard to leave a job that you love, not everyone gets to do that," she said. "I'm grateful for the people I've worked with here. I've been able to go forward in this career path because everyone I've worked with has made it possible."

Noting that morning the library had also been busy with incoming well-wishers, Library Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson said she was happy for and proud of Mc-

Clune for making the transition to becoming a school librarian. The new job has long been a dream for McClune, she told this paper last month.

"I can imagine how much work it was to go to school and work full time," said Leo-Jameson. "Everyone at the library and our patrons will miss her, but it helps to know she is doing what she loves. Children's librarians play such an important part in not only developing children's

love of reading and learning but providing a safe and welcoming place."

Leo-Jameson added that now others will be able to reap the rewards of McClune's skills and sensitivity.

"Kristin's new students are lucky to have her because I know she will bring the same level of enthusiasm and caring that she did to our community. We were fortunate to have her for as long as we did."

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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### Correction

An earlier article that ran about the new consignment shop, Designer Finds, included the incorrect address. The store's correct address is 50 Main St., Millerton; its phone number is 518-592-1888. Additionally, Designer Finds of Millerton is an Upscale Consignment Boutique offering the Finest Quality Name Brand and Designer Clothing & Accessories for Women and Men. It does not sell vintage clothing. We regret the errors.

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# Remembering Katharine Coon Dunlop: Amenia's stylish go-getter and wonderful girl

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Having touched innumerable lives during her 87 years, Katharine Coon Dunlop left a positive impression on those who knew her, all witnesses to her steadfast belief in community betterment and just plain getting things done. Known by most everyone in the area, Katharine died on Monday, Aug. 22.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, Aug. 27, filling Smithfield Church in Amenia to capacity in remembrance and celebration of her life and dedication to her community. A successful Realtor for 50 years, friends noted that she had often sold the same home to successive new owners over the course of her career.

"Katharine was known by everyone and everyone loved her," Smithfield's Pastor Douglas Grandgeorge said. "I have known Katharine for 14 years, and we have never had an argument."

Grandgeorge noted that this was in spite of acknowledged distinct political differences.

"We had so much respect for one another. On my first Easter Sunday at Smithfield," he noted and in keeping with the Midwestern Easter heritage of his youth, "I was wearing light colors."

Katharine approached him to say, "In this part of the world, we wait until Memorial Day."

"I've waited until Memorial Day ever since," he said.

Katharine was a regular

at Troutbeck in Amenia, Jim Flaherty recalled, when he and partner Bob Skibsted re-opened Troutbeck following extensive restoration 43 years ago. It would quickly become a preeminent conference center and retreat.

"She arrived within the first five minutes of our opening and we became friends in the first hour," Flaherty reported. It was a friendship that lasted.

"She was, no she 'is' a great lady, not just in real estate, but also in local and national politics," Flaherty said, promising to make her a "Bloody Mary" (her favorite) annually on her birthday.

"Kathy and I laughed a lot," he added.

"Some people are here in church because of Katharine," said Smithfield Choir Director Denise Jordan Finley.

"So, we can add evangelist to her accomplishments," Grandgeorge interjected.

Realtor Robert Riemer, who knew her for 50 years, recalled meeting Katharine at the old DeLavernge Farms Hotel in Amenia. As a schoolteacher he was doing photography on the side, because in those days, teachers were not paid during summers.

Katharine was teaching third grade at that point and was a wedding guest at the hotel when she spotted Riemer and his camera. She asked him to take a photo of her with her young son, Bobby, both seated in a wingback chair.

Riemer made regular use of the dark room at the school to develop his film, enabling him to present her with the



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This photo of Katharine Coon Dunlop was used on the cover of the service bulletin for her funeral, having been chosen by Katharine's son, Robert. Dunlop passed away on Monday, Aug. 22, at the age of 87.

black and white photo.

Moving the story to the present day, Riemer recalled that two or three years ago, Katharine asked whether he could provide her with another copy of that photo.

Riemer recalled that Katharine ran for and was elected to the Amenia Town Board in the 1980s and was instrumental in moving ideas forward. For example, she was a proponent of the idea of converting the old school to what is now the Town Hall, and she was an important supporter of the Amenia Fire Company.

Riemer said that he went on to work part-time for Katharine summers as a real estate agent, when her office had six agents.

"Katharine was not one ever to give up," Riemer said.

Carol Coon described Katharine as "bold and outspoken."

Katharine's niece, Sheila Hewitt, described her as "stylish and fashionable," seldom without a hat and beads, and always with her hair done.

Kevin McEneaney, clerk of Smithfield's Council, said, "Katharine was the most optimistic person I ever met," citing her "can-do" spirit in all things. She served on the church's governing body for two decades.

Darlene Riemer said, "Katharine could argue with you and still say it with a smile."

She remembered Katharine's organizing and assembling the volunteers for the annual Christmas Tea, now a community tradition.

Longtime Amenia dairy farmer Joe McEnroe went through four years of Amenia High School with Katharine.

"She was a wonderful girl," he said. "I have a lot of fond memories."

"An awesome mother," her son Robert said.

Amenia resident Dan Brown called her "a cornerstone of Smithfield Valley, like a big sister to me." He noted her 20 years of service on the town's Republi-

can Committee for Ward 1. She was consistently elected to the committee except for one election on a Tuesday, when Brown's broken fan belt disabled his car in New York City. His wife, Nancy, and he were unable to drive to Amenia to cast their two votes for Katharine. She lost that election by one vote but won by wider margins in other elections that were to follow.

Katharine served as a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1985 and attended the Inauguration of President Ronald Reagan, earning a box seat for the big parade and even attending the Inaugural Ball.

"She was a go-getter," said Jim Murphy of Pine Plains, a friend of 30 years, adding "and how she loved her grandkids."

Considering their grandmother, those "grandkids" Colby and Mackenzie Dunlop and Kaiden O'Brien agreed on descriptors such as "extremely supportive, helpful, very nice and very loving."

Although now beyond the reach of mortal touch and sight, her life dedicated to service will be remembered with love by her vast and grateful Amenia community.

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# Summer drought leaves Dutchess County dry

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — According to the news, there are drought conditions taking place across the globe this summer — some extreme.

In the United States, terrible fires have raged in the West due to extremely dry conditions, with other parts of the nation getting drenched in torrential downpours.

Lake Meade in Nevada dried up this summer while many states in the South have seen flooding of historic proportions. Closer to home, both Massachusetts and Rhode Island have reported being susceptible to statewide drought conditions, as an extreme drought has affected 24.5% of Massachusetts and 33.63% of Rhode Island.

Here at home in Dutchess County, residents have also struggled with a lack of rain, though comparatively the state of New York has weathered the summer relatively safely. The risk of a drought in New York, though, has been a concern with weather that's impossible to accurately predict or control.

Wassaic resident Dick Sobielo complained of his yard turning brown around July, and remaining so throughout most of the summer. He reported that up until about a week ago, Amenia had not gotten a major rainfall since early July.

He said it's not just homeowners who have suffered from dry conditions, with withered gardens and burnt lawns, he also worried about local farmers and others dependent on the rain cycle to hydrate fields and animals.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 50.11% of the country is experiencing drought conditions at the moment, as they're about to say goodbye to summer on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

Much of Dutchess County has been in drought-watch mode, which means while water levels are still normal, water restrictions have been suggested. When an area goes into drought mode, it's the first level reached before declaring a drought, and conditions are considered "abnormally dry."

Moderate drought is the second level of concern, when crops and pastures begin to suffer some damage.

More water shortages may be down the pike, warned forecasters. Local farming communities are taking head of the possibility of continued drought conditions as a dire warning, as water restrictions may soon be required.

The third level is when a severe drought is experienced, followed by an extreme drought for the fourth level and finally, an exceptional drought as the highest fifth level.

Crop failures and fires are

common consequences of such extremely dry conditions. A lesser known fact is that honey production can suffer as a result of a drought, which could mean trouble for the pollination of natural flora, not to mention wildlife.

Governor Kathy Hochul expanded New York's drought watch on Aug. 22. She said the emergency declaration includes most of the state, excluding the metropolitan area and the Adirondacks. Hochul asked residents to limit unnecessary use of water for things like washing cars, watering lawns, etc., and made a general call to reduce water consumption.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is also urging New Yorkers to be cautious, stressing safety measures be taken when camping, or even cooking, outside. There is a heightened risk of fire with drought conditions, warned the DEC.

The town of Amenia addressed the lack of rain on its municipal website.

"There are no statewide mandatory water-use restrictions currently in place, but residents are strongly encouraged to voluntarily conserve water," it posted. "The public can make a big difference by reducing [the] watering of lawns and landscaping, reducing the washing of vehicles, and cutting back nonessential uses such as hosing off driveways and sidewalks."

The message reminded lo-

cal residents and businesses they should also make efforts to cut back on water usage indoors.

Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy also offered suggestions in his August newsletter.

"There was a total of only 4-inches of rainfall in the months of June and July this year, which is significantly less than last summer," he stated. "As a result, the holding tank at the [Millbrook] water plant, which typically has 15-18 inches of water, is now running with 8-12 inches. While this is not yet a cause for alarm, please consider conserving water usage..."

He added that once grass goes dormant — as his has — watering only brings out crab and water grass.

Collopy is hoping for better conditions soon.

"When the cool nights return in the fall, the grass will recover," he said. "Hopefully rain will replenish our supply before we need to order any restrictions, but anything you can do to reduce water consumption in the meantime will help."

With summer waning and fall approaching, it's hoped cooler temperatures will end the drought-like weather.

A number of long-range weather forecasts predict above-average precipitation through October, and hint that the Atlantic hurricane season will be "above normal." That would end the drought conditions, but could bring buckets full of new problems.

# The sights, sounds and tastes of Dutchess County celebrated at fair

RHINEBECK — The annual Dutchess County Fair was held from Tuesday, Aug. 23, through Sunday, Aug. 28, and it attracted many, many visitors, as it always does at the end of each August.

Some people said they went to see the variety of livestock and other animals along with the many 4-H exhibits. A quick stop (if the line will also brevity) at the 4-H's Milkshake Bar always adds to the experience — their mint milkshakes seemed to be a fan favorite.

All who attended the fair tended to agree that the mix of live music, Dock Diving dogs, buttery popcorn; sweet and fluffy cotton candy; fresh lemonade and everything else available at the Dutchess County Fair Grounds in Rhinebeck are worth the trip. There were also numerous arts and crafts venues along with historical exhibits.

Millbrook resident Stan Morse, an artist and a volunteer with the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, was among those who made an appearance at the fair. Morse's love of art is evident, not just in the execution of the painstaking drawings he does, but in his enthusiasm to share his art and photography with anyone who expresses interest.

Many did so when



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The Dutchess County Fair was held from Tuesday, Aug. 23, through Sunday, Aug. 28. As usual, droves of residents from the Hudson Valley and beyond made their way to the Route 9 fairgrounds in Rhinebeck to enjoy the sights, the sounds and the tastes.

they visited Morse and other artists showing their work there.

Although there were fewer exhibits this year than in year's past, Morse said it was encouraging to be able to share art with the public. According to Morse, pre-COVID pandemic, between 200 and 300 artworks would be entered in the fair's art contest, but this year only about 100 were.

Four prizes are awarded to the amateur artists, as professionals could not compete. Morse said he hopes more people will be encouraged to enter next year after seeing this year's exhibit. He said it's great fun to visit with folks, draw and mingle at the quintessential summertime event.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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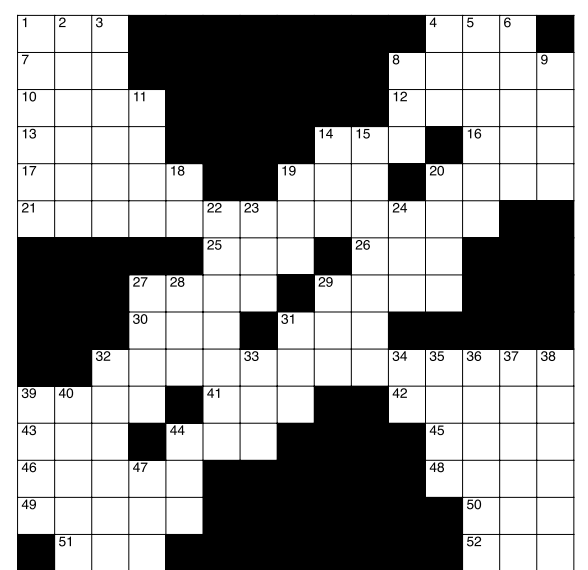
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14. Napoleonic Wars battle
16. Chinese surname
17. Fragrant essential oil
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21. A place with many dining options
25. BBQ dish
26. Corn comes on it
27. A sheep in its second year
29. Triad
30. They \_\_\_
31. Actor DiCaprio
32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
39. Sustenance
41. Man who behaves dishonorably
42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
43. A way to take in liquids
44. Gene type
45. The Miami mascot is one
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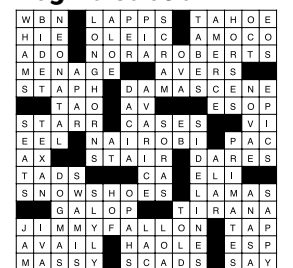
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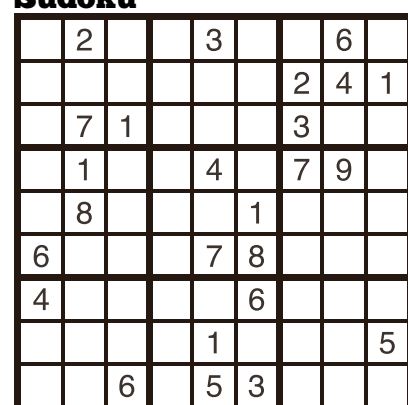


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20. Type of jug
22. Importance requiring swift action
23. Outfit
24. Small Eurasian deer
27. Weight used in China
28. A major division of geological time
29. Popular beverage
31. Confined condition (abbr.)
32. Practical joking
33. Pouchlike structure
34. Pouch
35. Lilly and Manning are two
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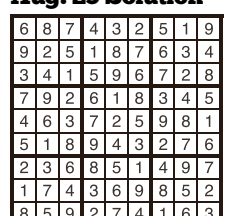
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### Millbrook Community Day Sept. 10

Millbrook's Community Day will be Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., along Franklin Avenue and throughout the village. There will be food, live music, games and informational booths.

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**CVS** *Continued from Page A1*

plans to build anew adjacent to the Thompson Plaza, also on Route 44.

Millerton Square Plaza owner Joseph "Skip" Trotta has told this newspaper that while he did not have an application before the Planning Board to permit Hannaford to move in, he did "have a signed agreement" with the company. Trotta blames the Planning Board for making it impossible to close the deal.

Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver said Trotta's accusation makes no sense, as applications are not required by the Planning Board unless exterior renovations are being made. Culver also said he had no involvement with any deal that did or did not exist between Grand Union and Trotta.

Ultimately, Hannaford withdrew its site-plan application. With it went hopes of a 36,000-square-foot spanking new store on the 10-acre lot owned by Millerton businessman Robert Quinlan that was chosen for the project.

Developer John Joseph (no relation to this reporter) of Southern Realty Development said at the time that the headache involved with the Hannaford application — which included two Article 78 lawsuits being filed against the Planning Board — was more trouble than it was worth.

Hannaford, ordered by the courts to lessen its footprint in the Northeast for fear of mo-

nopolizing the supermarket market, instead opted to join forces with the Stop & Shop in North Canaan, Conn.

Millerton Fresh Market's attempts to take over where Grand Union left off were short-lived. After two years of reported challenges stocking shelves and lackluster sales, it closed. Millerton was left in its current marketless state.

**Local food desert**

Which brings the community to its current predicament: Where can people buy quick, affordable and easy-to-access groceries?

The North Canaan Stop & Shop is about 20-25 minutes away; Amenia Freshtown is roughly 15-20 minutes south of Millerton; Peck's Market in Pine Plains is also about a 20-minute drive; the Hillsdale IGA requires a touch more travel time.

Whichever grocery store Millerton and North East residents go to, it's a drive — and that makes daily life difficult.

**Alternatives**

So, what to do? Many in the town and village have resorted to buying their groceries at places like CVS and Cumberland Farms in Millerton as well as the two dollar stores in Amenia.

Millerton CVS Store Manager Amy Butler said, "We sell groceries. Dry and wet food."

Butler said CVS offers a fairly full variety of food.

"We have milk, bread, cereal, coffee, cream, some break-

fast things, granola bars, some frozen food — not a ton — and ice cream."

CVS sells mostly shelf-stable and frozen foods. After all, it's not a traditional grocery store. Without providing options like fresh produce and meats, shoppers admit it's impossible to expect that it could supply a full spectrum of nutritional needs.

When there are no other options, shoppers will, of course, do what's necessary to feed themselves and their families. Local residents without their own means of transportation especially have to lean on such conveniences, as CVS and Cumberland Farms are within a walkable distance for many living in the village.

The shift in shopping habits has been noticeable. Butler said CVS saw a dramatic jump in food sales since the Millerton Fresh Market left town.

"Oh yeah, it's definitely a lot. That's one of our top categories," she said. "I've been here for like three-and-a-half years. I was here when the grocery store just closed, and the [increase in food sales] started when it closed."

She added, "People definitely buy more food here. They don't want to have to go a town over to pick up something. They'll come in here, and we definitely have a better selection than what we did. We have more in stock and [have been] getting more products in because of COVID."

**The COVID impact**

In so many ways, the coronavirus pandemic changed society's habits and needs; many people tend to stay closer to home whenever possible. CVS adjusted with the times. It now offers two dedicated grocery aisles and another with candy and snack food, plus two coolers full of food.

For many, the drug store is the go-to destination for stocking their cupboards. Butler said CVS has its fair share of regulars who have come to rely on it for sustenance.

"We definitely have our customers who buy a lot of groceries and stuff here," she said. "Especially in summers, because people have summer homes. They buy drinks, water, juice, etc."

Butler added many days she sees shopping carts piled high with food, as one normally would see in the aisles of a traditional grocer.

"Yes they do," she said. "People buy full shopping carts full."

With the lack of any other supermarkets in town, Butler said she "wasn't surprised" to see a spike in food sales.

"I kind of knew it was coming as soon as we found out the grocery store was closing," she said. "I knew it would happen."

Because so many now rely on the Millerton CVS for food, the store manager said ideally she would like to offer more options, like fresh produce.

"If we could do produce and stuff like that we would do very well here," she said, "I know some [CVS] stores have fresh food and produce. They tend to do that in city areas and walkable places, near colleges."

Butler requested the Millerton CVS be allowed to similarly sell fresh food and produce, but was told its footprint is too small to accommodate

everything needed to make that possible.

There are a number of local farms and farm stands that sell extremely fresh, local produce and meats, but again, transportation is typically required to access them.

**Pharmacy needs help**

In addition to food sales booming at the Millerton CVS, its pharmacy continues to be busy. Making operations challenging is the fact that the pharmacy has been short-staffed since 2020.

Butler explained the main pharmacist moved away, and then a number of employees all left at once. She stressed it was not due to illness, and simply called the mass exodus

"bad timing."

The Millerton CVS pharmacy has been looking for more help ever since. Last year, staffing the pharmacy became so difficult it was forced to close on Sundays.

"I pray to God that doesn't ever happen again — we had to cut pharmacy hours and cut Sundays," said Butler.

Still short-staffed, Butler said CVS is looking to hire pharmacy technicians; it will provide the training.

Interested applicants may apply in person at 108 Route 44, call 518-789-3444 for details or go to [jobs@cvshhealth.com](mailto:jobs@cvshhealth.com).

*To read about local shoppers' habits, read Page A1.*

**SHOPPING** *Continued from Page A1*

• Do you shop for food here often?

"No, mostly paper products and cleaning supplies."

• Why do you buy them here specifically?

"It's convenient... it's on my way to work."

• Do you think this is the cheapest option?

"No... there's the Family Dollar, which is probably cheaper but it's less convenient."

Evans was not the only shopper in the Dollar General parking lot that day loading her purchases into her vehicle.

Gena Goos of Millerton was also at the discount store in Amenia on the 21st, and said she often buys groceries there as there are no options in the town of North East.

The Millerton News posed the same questions to Goos, but got different

answers in return.

The Millerton resident said she meets the majority of her household's food needs at the Dollar General, even though it doesn't stock all of the items one would find in a traditional grocery store.

• Do you often shop here for food?

"Yes."

• Do you think it is the cheapest option?

"[For] paper products and pantry products, definitely."

• Do you shop anywhere else?

"The only place I sometimes switch to is Canaan, Conn., the Stop and Shop there."

Do you think that it would be beneficial to have more grocery options in the area?

"Oh my God, yeah definitely... the amount of money I spend on gas would save me in so many ways."

**ELECTION RESULTS** *Continued from Page A1*

officer, brought abortion to the forefront of his campaign, pledging to protect a woman's right to choose. His stance on women's rights was in stark contrast to Molinaro, who towed the GOP line that the decision is best left to states.

**Primary results**

Ryan also won the Democratic Primary for the 18th Congressional District on Aug. 23, held the same day as the Special Election. His dual victories at the polls paved the way for him to face off against Republican Colin Schmitt come November for CD 18.

Schmitt is the state assemblyman for the 99th Assembly District; he was elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2020.

**Why the shift?**

Due to a low response rate to the 2020 Census Count that was just 89 responses shy, New York lost a seat in Congress. That then required the districts to be redrawn, which shifted the composition of CD 19 and CD 18.

Ryan will therefore switch districts and run for CD 18 come November, as Dutchess County will no longer be included in the 19th district. Dutchess County will instead will be a part of the 18th CD.

For the Democratic Primary for CD 18, Ryan amassed a

total of 29,400 votes out of 34,960 cast. His opponents in the primary earned considerably less, with Aisha Mills garnering 4,613 votes and Moses Mugulusi earning only 966 votes between both Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

Local poll workers reported good turnouts in the towns of North East and Washington, with voting having slacked off by late afternoon. Pine Plains also drew a good number of voters, with most voters showing up in the evening. Election inspectors reported the polls got busy at 5 p.m. when many people came by after work to vote.

**CD 19 Primary**

Josh Riley defeated businesswoman and Millerton farm owner Jamie Cheney in the Democratic Primary for CD 19 on Aug. 23. Riley earned 30,462 votes compared

to Cheney's 17,474 votes.

Riley is an attorney from Broome County; he lives in Ithaca.

**Molinaro still in the game**

And while Molinaro lost last week's Special Election, he's by no means out for the count. He ran unopposed in the Republican Primary last week and will be the GOP nominee for CD 19 come November, facing Riley.

If Molinaro succeeds in winning CD 19, which will not include Dutchess County starting in 2023, the politician told this newspaper he plans to buy property somewhere in the newly-drawn district.

The new 19 CD will include Columbia, Sullivan, Broome, Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Delaware and Greene Counties, as well as portions of Otsego and Ulster Counties.

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— A.T., Sharon, CT

"My wife and I have had all four of our children born at the hospital and raised by local pediatricians. The ER has saved my son's life from a terrible accident. We have used all of the services for many years. If Nuvance were to shut Labor & Delivery, it would directly affect adversely our community and its ability to attract new families to the area."

— C.B., Lakeville, CT

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Creating Art as a way to Find Your Own Truth

It seems to be true that our most beloved artists, and certainly those with the longest careers, are those who are able to reinvent themselves. And if it is indeed true, then Northwest Corner native Vemilo is likely to have a very long and fulfilling career in the arts.

Vemilo is many things at once, but most simply, for starters, he is a 25-year-old native of Salisbury, Conn., who now mainly lives and works in Millerton, N.Y.

He is flamboyant and fashionable and fearless and completely himself — whatever that is from moment to moment. Primarily he performs, in live but also onstage and on social media.

"I'm a musician, I sing and dance, I do a talk show on Facebook, called Tea with Ve," he said recently, in his tiny studio/office upstairs in downtown Millerton.

But the heart of his message matters more than the specifics of which art form he tries on at any given moment. "My whole purpose in life is to break boundaries and stigmas, to bring people together through my music and artistry. I want to create a safe space where people can free themselves."

His inclusive vision came beautifully to life during Pride Month in June, when he was the



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**Vemilo's latest album, "Immigrant," can be heard for free by scanning the QR code on the poster that is now appearing on walls in area towns.**

much-lauded center of several Pride events in Millerton.

But Pride month wasn't the first time that Vemilo has felt enveloped in the love of his community.

"I've had a lot of guardian angels," including his godparents Brooke Lehman and Greg Osofsky, his "Gran-Gran Joan" Osofsky and an early supporter and friend, Stephanie Pellegrino, owner of Petpourri in Lakeville.

"She and [her husband and business partner] Frank are amazing people. I used to come into the shop and we would talk for hours, about fashion and life and music. She was a solid foundation for me, she never made me feel

like a nuisance."

Some of the changes in Vemilo's art are a reflection of his own journey to find who he is, to "live his truth."

"I'm a person who's been through some life-testing stuff," he said. "But at 25, I have a clearer idea of who I want to be. My drug is writing songs. It's the clarity of me, of being my own best friend and my own biggest fan."

Posters have appeared on shop walls lately that have a link to an album he made two years ago, called "Immigrant." (The link has expired, so anyone who wants to hear the music should go to [www.vemilomusic.com](http://www.vemilomusic.com).)

The album's inspiration came from subway trips through Brooklyn, N.Y., and feeling like a stranger, an immigrant, a person with blue hair in a world of people with not-blue hair.

"We are all immigrants with our own foreign experiences in our lives. We each have to push ourselves to em-

brace and look at those foreign experiences."

"Immigrant" is primarily an album of EDM, or electronic dance music.

"It's gritty and has some nice rock, anthemic covers. It has some hard edges but it's fun. Like most EDM, it has a lot of 1980s synth vibes."

He and his creative team (Haus of Ve) made a music video of one song from the album, called "Lie to Me," which can be seen on his YouTube channel; search YouTube for Vemilo PA (which stands for Performance Artist).

He will also be recording new videos that will be streamed online. These will follow the same format as Tea with Ve, but will be pre-recorded, not live.

Vemilo's work can be enjoyed at no cost.

"I just want people to hear it and realize that you can do hard things and still celebrate your truth."

That truth can change, grow and evolve — if you're fortunate. And Vemilo feels he has been extremely fortunate.

"I follow my spirit and let it tell me where to go. So far, it's been very good."

### SHARON PLAYHOUSE GALA SHOW

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Sept. 1, for the Sharon Playhouse annual gala in Sharon, Conn., which will be held this year on Saturday, Oct. 1, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m.

This year, Cacophony Daniels returns to the Sharon Playhouse. A live-singing drag darling from New York City, Cacophony has toured internationally with her cabarets, including *Wanna Bette?*, her tribute to Bette Midler, and *Under The "C."* her tribute to the late Howard Ashman, for which she received a 2017 Bistro Award.

She is known as the Belty Broad From Broadway and on Oct. 1 for the gala will perform Broadway standards and pop covers with humor and charm.

To learn more, go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org).



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**What might seem like lush greenery in our surroundings is often actually a choking non-native invasive.**

THE UNGARDENER:  
DEE SALOMON

## Seeing Is Believing

If, as is said, one can't see the forest for the trees, might it also sometimes be true that one can't see the trees for the forest?

Here's an example: Some people look at their outdoor surroundings, see the green leaves and assume all is good around them. Others look at the same surroundings and see that the green leaves are actually invasive bittersweet vines and not the leaves of their host trees.

Many people fall into the former category; I did too. Ten years ago, we moved, as weekenders, to the banks of the Housatonic River in Litchfield County. As we began to look more closely at the trees surrounding our cottage and that marked the beginning of the woodland, we came to realize that the lush green foliage that attracted us to the property was in fact bittersweet vines growing on the dead or nearly dead trees it was choking.

How did we not perceive that the trees had been neglected for decades? I started to make my way into the 10 acres of woodland that we purchased with the property. There was one short but clear path that led to a dumping area and from there I could see the sad reality of what was to become a decade-long effort.

Aided by knowledgeable friends and online information sources, we developed a triaged approach to our work. First, we had to get into the woods to be able to work safely.

We removed some of

the dead trees along the periphery of the woods, along with their bittersweet assassins, using a hand saw to cut the thick vine and carefully brushing glyphosate on the exposed cut. Critically, we never sprayed the glyphosate to ensure there was no collateral effect.

At the time, it seemed obvious to next remove the spikey shrub barberry as it made navigation difficult and painful. I found out years later that barberry plays a key role in undermining the woodland ecosystem. It turns the soil pH alkaline with its decomposing leaf litter and stacks the odds against native plants. Barberry removal is treacherous work and, for several infested areas, we enlisted help to speed the process along. I plan to write about this invasive shrub again in detail.

Once the woods could be accessed, we encountered young trees in the hundreds bound by bittersweet vines; almost all have been rescued over the course of the past 10 years. Unlike the older vines, these can be snipped with a pair of bypass loppers or pulled out by hand. Once unshackled (and some with scars in their bark as evidence of captivity) the trees were able to resume their rightful place, creating a critical understory in a mostly mature woodland. This is arduous but satisfying in the extreme.

Vine and barberry removal allowed me to see the woods in ways I did not think

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# Offering Water to Thirsty Birds

Several people have commented to me that it isn't just humans, dogs and gardens that are suffering from the drought. The birds are, too.

I asked the experts at Audubon in Sharon, Conn., for their tips on how to offer water to backyard birds.

Bethany Sheffer is

a naturalist and the volunteer coordinator for Audubon. She said a good option is to put a birdbath outside. Be careful of course of using metal, which will get very hot.

She offered this advice on birdbaths:

- "Water should be replenished as needed and the bath itself

should be cleaned with soap and water and/or a diluted vinegar solution (1 part white vinegar to 1 part water) on at least a weekly basis.

- Keep house cats inside if beginning to offer this option for birds — house cats are responsible for the death of approximately 2.4 billion birds each year and take

advantage of places where they gather such as at feeders and baths.

- Keep existing water sources sanitary.
- Eliminate pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc., if you have ponds in the yard. Water bodies such as local ponds can be critical resources to birds during times of drought, so keeping

them as chemical-free as possible increases their value to birds and other local wildlife.

Fortunately, we have a lot of pocket lakes and ponds around for birds to access water during stressful environmental conditions such as drought. But these backyard resources play an important role, too!"

## BLACK HISTORY AND AMERICA'S REMARKABLE BLACK ARTISTS

Now at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Conn., (and open until Oct. 30) is the acclaimed show "30 Americans" from the Rubell Museum in Miami, Fla.

This groundbreaking exhibition tells the story of Black humanity through the gaze of contemporary Black artists. Dating from the 1970s to the 2000s, the extensive group of paintings, drawings, collages, photography, portraiture, sculptures, installations and performance artwork addresses more than 200 years of American history and considers the powerful influence of artistic legacy and community

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**Kehinde Wiley's "Equestrian Portrait of the Count Duke Olivares" is included in a show of work by 30 American artists at the New Britain Museum of American Art.**



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## ...seeing is believing

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possible.

I developed an eagle eye for garlic mustard which, like bittersweet, is highly detrimental to the native woodland. Garlic mustard is allelopathic, meaning that it sends out chemicals in the soil that deter other plants from growing nearby. I could spot this villain in its early form as an innocent looking groundcover as well as its, later, elongated, seed-producing form.

Once expanses of land were cleared of invasives, I began to see new plants. These grew spontaneously, as

if the "all clear" signal had been given. Shrubs, notably maple-leaf viburnum with their delicate white flowers, currant and later, after a few years of improving soil acidity, low-grow blueberry. Also delicate herbaceous plants: black cohosh, baneberry, Canada mayflower, trillium, partridgeberry and rare clubmoss are among the many gorgeous woodland plant life that emerged in place of the non-natives.

New trees became a time stamp of the work accomplished to eradicate the invasives: oaks,

hickories, elms, maples (including moosewood, sycamore and box elder), beech, ironwood, witch hazel, basswood, white pine and hickory. And given the hurdles trees endure — destructive insects, drought, flood, wind — the understory requires many young recruits to create a mature tree canopy.

In my case, seeing was the first step to developing a fascinating, rich relationship with nature in general and the woods in particular. There are important environmental reasons to restore the land around us and

I expect to cover these in future columns. But in much the same way that we spend time and money gardening— installing plants to create a multi-sensorial experience — here, in the woods and our meadows, we can un garden, remov-

ing non-native plants to create the conditions for native re-growth and allow nature to gift us its own kind of multi-sensorial experience.

*Dee Salomon "un-gardens" in Litchfield County.*

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# Stissing Mountain High School awarded for excellence on the field and in the classroom

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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HUDSON VALLEY — The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) announced its 2021-22 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction and School of Excellence awards winners on Aug. 3. One school from the Harlem Valley was named, with another nearby school likewise honored. The awards are meant to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a success in the classroom as well as on the field.

For 2021-22, Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School in Pine Plains, a Section 9 school with 13 teams, was named one of 148 Schools of Excellence.

Among the 86 schools honored for in that year's sports season, Arlington High School in nearby LaGrange earned the School of Distinction Award. Arlington is a Section 1 school with 27 sports teams.

According to NYSPHSAA Executive Director Robert Zayas, the awards shine a light students who work hard and



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School in Pine Plains was among the 148 schools that received the 2021-22 School of Excellence Award from the the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Stissing Mountain offers both varsity football and baseball, among other sports, through its Athletic Department.

play hard.

"The School of Excellence and School of Distinction awards highlight the best student-athletes in New York State," Zayas stated, adding the fact that 234 member schools were honored "for their commitment to academics as well as athletics... a testament to the outstanding leadership and student-athletes we have in his state."

Schools must apply to be selected for the honors. To be a School of Distinction, 100% of

the school's varsity teams must be awarded the Scholar-Athlete Team Award during their respective sports season. To qualify for the School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete Team Award.

School of Distinction winners received a certificate and a commemorative award; School of Excellence winners were awarded a plaque.

The honors are open to schools with interschool ath-

letic programs for grades seven through 12.

NYSPHSAA is a voluntary, nonprofit educational service organization. Members come from public, parochial and private institutions of learning.

The group strives to make way for equitable and safe competition students of member schools in New York.

NYSPHSAA held a total of 52 championship events last year. The group also governs the rules and regulations of high school sports in the state.



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### Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Countryside Lawn and Home Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on June 7th, 2022. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents, INC 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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### Legal Notice

SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Index No. 2021-54208 RHINEBECK SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, -against- VERVA PARKER a/k/a VERA AHDERS; KEITH AHDERS; ROBERT SNYDER; JOHN SNYDER; TAMMY FARRELL; LESA HUNT; DAVID AHDERS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK K. AHDERS, deceased; Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Any and All Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Frederick K. Adhers, deceased, YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of DUTCHESS. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of DUTCHESS, New York. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Christi J.

Acker, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on August 11, 2022 and duly entered on August 12, 2022 in the DUTCHESS County Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises which situates in the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York and is commonly known as 4608 Route 199, Millerton, New York 12546 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: August 16, 2022 SCHILLER, KNAPP, LEFKOWITZ & HERTZEL, LLP BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15 Cornell Road Latham, New York 12110 Telephone: (518) 786-9069 73236

08-25-22

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of North East will conduct a public hearing on September 8, 2022 at 7:20pm at the Town of North East Town Hall in Millerton, New York on the adoption of proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2022, which is entitled: "Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2023 Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c". If this Local law is enacted, the Town Board of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, will be authorized

to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Any person desiring to be heard on said Local Law will be provided with an opportunity to do so at said public hearing. By Order of the Town Board dated August 11, 2022.

ELIZABETH STRAUSS  
Town Clerk for the  
Town of North East  
09-01-22

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPEAL OF BUILDING PERMIT DENIAL AND REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 78 SINPATCH ROAD, AMENIA NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on September 19th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Video conferencing will be used to allow a member of the ZBA to participate remotely. Accordingly, the hearing will be accessible to the public at the following locations:

Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Town of Amenia, NY

304 25th Ave. North, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 (One ZBA member will be participating via video conference from this location.)

Applicant Millbrook Distillery, LLC seeks a reversal of the Code Enforcement Officer's decision denying Applicant's request for a building permit as well as an interpretation of the Zoning Law of the Town of Amenia (the "Zoning Law") in connection with the proposed installation of a 6,500 square foot metal barn proposed to be used as part of the processing/

storage (distilling) of barley, and for ancillary storage of farm equipment. The parcel is in two zoning districts with a portion of the parcel in the Rural Agricultural (RA) Zoning District and the remainder in the Hamlet Mixed-Use (HM) Zoning District. Applicant seeks an exemption from Site Plan Approval pursuant to Zoning Law Section 121-65A(2) and related Zoning Law Sections, which exempt agricultural structures from certain requirements, including Site Plan review. The property is located at 78 Sinpatch Road, Tax Parcel #132000-7064-00-968871-0000, Amenia, NY.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M. by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122.

09-01-22

### PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT Town of Pine Plains County of Dutchess State of New York Notice to Bidders Sale of Surplus Equipment

Please Take Notice that the Pine Plains Fire District Board of Commissioners, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on August 16, 2022, adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Town Law §176, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District does hereby declare the following item of equipment as surplus and no longer necessary for the purposes of the Pine Plains Fire District: 2003 International 4400/E-One Tradition Fire Engine (55-13)

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, to advertise such surplus equipment for sale and to be sold as surplus equipment, in its present condition, to the highest bidder following publication of Notice to Bidders Sale of Surplus Equipment.

Therefore, Please Take

Notice that the Pine Plains Fire District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid surplus equipment at the Pine Plains Fire District Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, New York, until 7:30 pm on September 20, 2022 at which time the bids will be opened and the aforesaid surplus equipment will be sold to the highest bidder. The surplus equipment may be inspected at Pine Plains Fire District Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, New York, by appointment, by calling 518-488-2750.

The surplus equipment is being sold strictly "AS IS" with no warranties or representation on the part of the Pine Plains Fire District.

The Pine Plains Fire District Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids at its sole discretion and to re-advertise for the sale of the aforesaid surplus equipment.

The successful bidder shall be required to tender the said amount in full, by cash or immediately available funds upon the awarding of the successful bid. August 16, 2022

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Pine Plains Fire District  
Heather Lamont, Secretary  
09-01-22  
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### Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Gurley Pond LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/25/22. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC at 90 State St, Ste 700 Office #40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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EDITORIAL

# Amenia sewer in the pipeline?

There are two main takeaways from the recent Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC) presentation made at the Thursday, Aug. 18, Amenia Town Board meeting.

One: Amenia, like so many other municipalities throughout the Harlem Valley, the state and the country, is in dire need of a wastewater system to ensure its economic future and vitality.

Two: The town needs to act quickly in order to take advantage of what AWC Chairman Charlie Miller described as “free money.” The opportunity to find subsidized funding for such a massive infrastructure project is a rare occurrence.

That “free money,” explained Miller to the those who attended the AWC presentation, is the result of President Biden’s American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP was developed to help municipalities in need of major infrastructure improvements recover from the devastating economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic — still making its mark — with wastewater topping many communities’ lists.

Miller said if Amenia acts quickly — which is critical — there’s a “real possibility” the installation of a wastewater system in the main hamlet’s business district could get 75% of its funding from the federal government. It’s an opportunity not to be missed, he said. We completely agree.

The ARC chairman added that this “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity... will go away if we don’t take advantage of it.”

Again, Miller is absolutely correct, which is why we’re pleased the Amenia Town Board commissioned the engineering firm, Tighe & Bond, to conduct the feasibility study that was presented on Aug. 18.

A sewer system, by the way, would help protect water quality and public health. It requires underground pipes and manholes, pumping stations and additional appurtenances to transport sewage from residential and commercial properties within the sewer district to a wastewater treatment plant. At the plant, the sewage gets cleaned and then returned to the environment.

Without a central system, property owners rely on private septic systems. For businesses, septs are less than ideal — especially antiquated ones like those that line Main Street (Route 343) in Amenia.

Tighe & Bond’s study included the consultants’ analysis, as well as results from 1,000 surveys sent out in December 2021. The survey helped gauge the sewer needs of the town, but a lackluster response only provided a partial picture. With the response rate barely besting 25%, only 271 Amenia property owners responded to the questionnaire.

Of those who did, a large numbers complained of septic problems in the hamlet, including foul smells, slow drainage and sewage backup.

According to the AWC, 56% of respondents said they were “aware of septic issues in the business district,” with 66% believing a central sewer system would behoove the hamlet; 33% noted they would be interested in hooking up to that system once installed.

The full survey results will soon be posted on the town’s Facebook page, said Miller, as will recordings of all future AWC presentations. Promoting transparency, we give high marks to Miller for wanting the community to stay in the loop regarding any developments related to the project.

In total, 15 potential wastewater treatment sites were considered; 12 were eliminated during due diligence and three were examined in the report. An 8.47-acre parcel owned by Silo Ridge on Route 22 just north of town was considered in a previous feasibility study and was again evaluated. The site was eliminated from consideration as engineers decided it was not large enough for subsurface discharge and too far away from a stream for surface discharge, explained Miller. A .7-acre town-owned lot on Mechanic Street near the Harlem Valley Rail Trail was also passed over because of limited size.

A secluded 3.44-acre lot owned by the Leonard family, located behind the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office substation, which abuts Amenia Stream was chosen. The proximity to the stream will allow for surface discharge.

The absence of a wastewater system in Amenia is not due to lack of effort. Past studies were conducted to evaluate the need and the costs for installing a sewer in the main hamlet. The town commissioned reviews in 1995, 2003, 2009 and 2012, but the steep price tag made the project prohibitive at each attempt. Miller explained part of the high cost included sewer hookup and maintenance, and operations, which heretofore made a central sewer financially impossible for Amenia.

Those concerns, of course, all translate into dollars and cents for the town and its taxpayers. The possibility of obtaining ARP funding now, though, changes the equation, said Miller. That’s why the AWC is pushing forward so furiously to see the project through to fruition. The town is all too aware of how quickly such potential opportunities may be lost.

Let’s hope the community will support the AWC’s efforts and that plans can be swiftly executed — but most of all that Amenia gets hold of the critical ARP funding to make sure its hopes for a wastewater system and a brighter future don’t go down the drain.

To learn more, read this week’s front page.

# Inverse intelligence and relevance

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

is more easily led. They rely on engineered reverse intelligence. It’s kind of like Jesus’ lesson: Give a man a fish and he’ll admire you; teach him how to fish and he’ll manage his own future.

Many politicians only promise a fish — and you know who they are if you pay attention — they’re great nay-sayers while never actually telling you what actually should be done. It’s easy to claim something is wrong, corrupt or fake news if you prevent your voters knowing facts.

Worse still, when voters believe (as a faith) something they have been told as fact but is later proved a falsehood, they will always lack the intelligence — that they were initially denied — to make a better assessment. Many politicians running in 2022 and 2024 are relying on this law of inverse intelligence. And they know their followers will always be too ashamed to recant their faith.

Part of the argument goes like this: True knowledge means complicity in the outcome. It results in guilt.

We learned this in Vietnam. Bombarded with direct broadcasts every night on TV and radio, the public was seething with guilt over Vietnam in just a few years. Why? Because, in a limited way, we had “open government” and “open media.”

Vietnam always led the news. By the time the White House was involved in Afghanistan and Iraq, they had learned their lesson and — using commercial advertisers’ power over the media — got the media to move deaths and failures down the broadcast, off the front page, diminishing

impact of bad news. This media slight of hand, pressured by commercial interests, is the Law of Inverse Relevance. If it doesn’t seem so relevant to your daily life, they get to sell you more corn flakes and, yes, you’ll feel less guilty, unlike Vietnam.

Let’s face it: Ignorance has a certain dignity. Being uninformed and in the dark is — in many ways — an easier life than being informed. Look, if the electorate doesn’t know what you are actually doing, if you withhold information

that may not be good for their easier life, you may get them to vote for you again and again. Part of the problem is that the U.S. media is like an alcoholic, always wanting more juicy truths but currently operating in a medium of prohibition. A really clever political apparatus knows how to drip feed — and thereby control — that craving, thereby assuring the laws of inverse intelligence and relevance remain the status quo.

Former Amenia resident Peter Riva now lives in New Mexico.

## A tale of two states

I write to readers about a story of sympathy, generosity and big hearts: Dave and Christine MacMillan, past residents of the town of North East, departed New York four years ago bound for a new home and life in Florida.

As many of you know, Dave was the founder and former leader of the Sunday in the Country (SITC) Food Drive. He led that initiative for more than 26 years. Through SITC, Dave, his hard-working volunteers and our generous community provided hundreds of families with thousands of wholesome Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for more than a quarter of a century. The goodwill spread beyond Millerton to adjacent communities throughout the Tri-state region, as needed.

When moving to the South, Dave and Chris turned over the operation of the food drive to Bill and Colleen Anstett.

Dave called me in late July to say he would be in the area in a few weeks and had an interesting tale to tell. His story was as follows:

Dave and Chris would stop by a local restaurant/bar a couple of times a week to enjoy the cuisine, have a drink and engage in friendly banter with each other and those at the restaurant. One day, the regular patrons and four alternating bartenders created a ruse to deceive the MacMillans.

A bartender appreciation fund was set up to accept donations to award good service at the establishment. This was done after those at the restaurant heard Dave describe the food drive and his years of devotion to the cause, and the goodwill created by the North East community to support the food drive.

After a time, the fund at the restaurant reached its goal of \$1,500. A check was drafted and then sat waiting for the MacMillan’s next visit. When they arrived, the staff handed over

## VETERAN’S CORNER

Larry Conklin

the funds to Dave and Chris endorsed to the SITC Food Drive.

Astonishing! Just image, the Florida restaurant staff and those who contributed to the fund don’t know anyone in our town or its environs, and yet they opened their hearts and wallets to locals here needing a helping hand.

Floridians, you are the epitome of patriotism and selflessness and are a shining example to all. This old Navy Vietnam vet salutes you.

So, now Dave is in town to deliver the money, sent with all of the southern generosity and charm we northerners always hear about. The much-needed funds will undoubtedly help to lessen the anxiety of many households this upcoming holiday season.

God bless our generous southern neighbors, those hard-working food drive volunteers, the patriots reading this column and all of their families. Let’s please continue to look out for one another — it’s the right thing to do.

Those who can, please join me in donating any amount to SITC. You will be rewarded by bringing holiday smiles to many grateful faces — as well as your own.

Donations may be made to Sunday in the Country Food Drive, P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546, or go to a local donation site, like Daisey Hill Farm at 438 Indian Lake Road, Millerton.

“Til next time, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

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## Homebound seniors: Dispose of meds safely

When older adults take multiple medications for various conditions, it’s easy for medicine cabinets to become cluttered with unused and expired prescriptions and other medications. That can be dangerous if the medications fall into the wrong hands or are disposed of improperly. Medication mix-ups and accidental ingestions also become more likely. U.S. emergency departments report approximately 1.3 million visits a year, along with 350,000 hospital visits for further treatment, with mix-ups and/or accidents as the root cause.

Dutchess County offers many pharmaceutical collection sites and collects hundreds of pounds of medications during the Office for the Aging’s (OFA) Summer Picnic program. It also takes part in the national drug takeback days in April and October.

Homebound seniors may be unable to take advantage of such opportunities and can easily be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of medication. A simple way for homebound older adults to dispose of medications now exists to decrease the risk of accidents.

The OFA is joining the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to distribute the environmentally-sound Deterra drug deactivation and disposal pouches to homebound older adults in its Home Delivered Meals program this September. The pouches are designed to destroy unwanted and expired medications safely and permanently. The meds are rendered inert, and the pouches may be

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Todd N. Tancredi

disposed of in regular household trash.

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And that’s it. Each Deterra pouch has a recommended capacity printed on it. The Deterra system deactivates organic medications, including opioids, but cannot deactivate inorganic medications like antacids, lithium and iron supplements. Consult your pharmacist for specific disposal instructions to certain meds.

This is a program designed for homebound older adults. Those who can go to one a county disposal site should do so; a list of locations and hours is at www.dutchessny.gov/aging. The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, Oct. 29.

For details about the OFA Home Delivered Meals program, call 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

### Don’t flush old meds

Most medications cannot be flushed, as water treatment facilities struggle to filter out pharmaceuticals. Drugs then wind up in our drinking water and surface water.

Golden Living is prepared by OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, available at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

OUR TOWNS

### Sharon Hospital to hold roundtable Sept. 8

SHARON, Conn. — Sharon Hospital's in-person community roundtable is on Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Geer Village in North Canaan, Conn. It will be limited to 20 participants due to COVID-19 guidelines and requires advance registration. It will be 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, to close

the labor and delivery unit and change the intensive care unit to become a progressive care unit. Advance registration is first-come, first-served. 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.

## Hudson Valley Rodeo returns to Amenia, with country music star Brett Young

AMENIA — The second annual Hudson Valley Rodeo, presented by the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization and powered by the Silo Ridge Community Foundation, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Keane Stud in Amenia. The event will round out with a concert featuring country music star Brett Young. All net proceeds will benefit the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization, which provides resources to support the work of nonprofit community organizations in Amenia and its Wassaic

hamlet. The rodeo will be family friendly and feature mutton bustin', barrel racing, roping, bronc riding and bull riding. Cowboys from the East will compete against western cowboys in a nationwide competition of top hands. Doors open at noon and the rodeo begins at 3 p.m. Local food trucks and libations for the adults and local vendors will be there. Pre-rodeo activities include rodeo clowns, stick horse rodeo competition for children, barrel racing demonstrations, rodeo roping

clinic, animal care conversations, face-painting, meet and greet photo opportunities with cowboys and cowgirls and live country music performances. After the rodeo ends, the concert field will open for that 7 p.m. performance; Brett Young will perform around 8:15 p.m. Young is known for his "Caliville" style; his song "Ticket to L.A." debuted atop the Billboard Country Al-

bums chart. The first Hudson Valley Rodeo last year sold-out with more than 3,000 people attending. Tickets are available as a package (rodeo and concert) or individually for just the rodeo or just the concert. For details, go to www.HudsonValleyRodeo.com or @HudsonValleyRodeo. To help sponsor the event, email info@hudsonvalleyrodeo.com.

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### SALISBURY, CT

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### EAST CANAAN, CT

**TAG SALE, LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** 262 East Canaan Rd (RT 44), East Canaan. Friday 1-4pm, Sat. & Sun. 9-4, Monday 9-3. Furniture, collectables, kitchen wares, knitting and craft supplies and much more.

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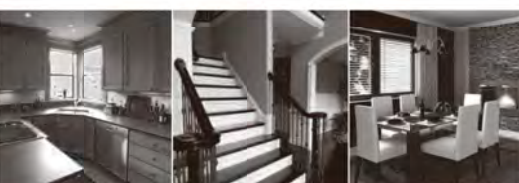
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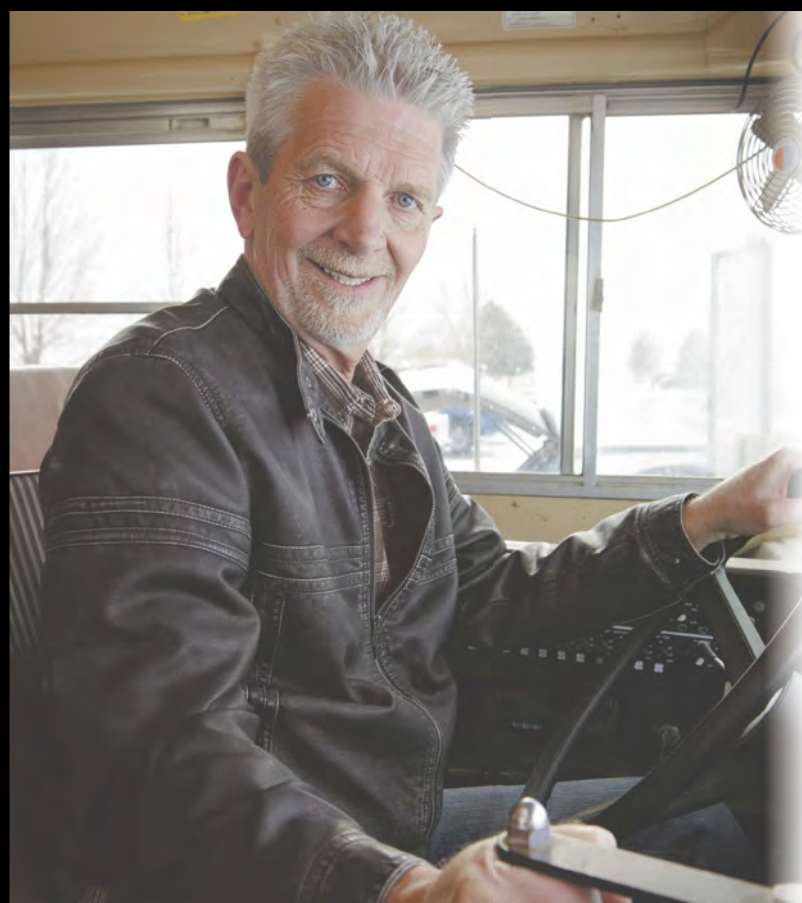
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