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## Harlem Valley scores major county grants

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**HARLEM VALLEY** — Millerton, North East, Pine Plains and Amenia are just some of the municipalities in northeastern Dutchess County that were recognized in the \$4.6 million worth of Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) awards announced by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro — the most ever awarded through the county's nine-year-old program.

Thirty-eight projects were awarded funds to help bring them to fruition, with a focus on fire and rescue projects. The goal, according to Molinaro's office, is to "promote efficiencies and long-term sustainability, agency capacity and capabil-

ity, shared services and community development, while ultimately generating savings for taxpayers."

The county executive has been an ardent advocate of shared services during his tenure in office; this is but another example of how Molinaro has made the philosophy work in reality.

He has also used the MIG Program to focus county funds on making improvements to a long list of initiatives that promise to add to the quality of life for county residents, including: existing local parks and rec areas, community centers and pedestrian connections; Americans with Disabilities

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The need for affordable housing drew residents to a forum called by the Amenia Housing Board and led by Housing Board Chairman Charlie Miller, right, on Saturday, July 30, at the Town Hall.

### 14-unit development proposed

## Affordable housing forum considers Amenia's needs

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

**AMENIA** — During a public forum about the dearth of affordable housing possibilities, both to purchase and to rent, and the benefits to community life if a wider range of housing options flourish, about 35 residents gathered to hear a report by the Amenia Housing Board (AHB). It was mainly a time for sharing ideas and finding common ground. Residents gathered in

the Town Hall gym on Saturday, July 30, for an informal discussion that proved to be lively, cordial and productive.

AHB Chair Charlie Miller guided the participatory discussion, often drawing former AHB chairman and current town Councilman Leo Blackman into the discussion to share his experience.

The Housing Board was formed in 2008. Blackman described an early policy code that indicated that a developer would be required to

include some affordable housing units in any application to the town. Or, the developer could pay a fee in lieu of creating such units. Under that policy, Blackman reported that no affordable housing units were ever built.

Reinvigorated in 2019, the AHB engaged a planning consultant, joined the Tri-Town Coalition's steering committee and worked with the Hudson River Housing

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A group from Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital celebrated the grand opening of Angels of Light's (AOL) new headquarters on Monday, July 25. From left, Assistant Director of Nursing Michelle Conrad; AOL Co-Founder Lori Cassia-Decker; Pediatrics Nurse-Manager Kathleen Donovan; Director of Emergency Services Chris Howard; and Regional Gift Officer Nick Shannon.

## Angels of Light has new Millbrook headquarters

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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**MILLBROOK** — Angels of Light, the group that for more than 20 years has brought Christmas to terminally-ill children and their families, has opened an office in the village of Millbrook at 28 Front St., to help the nonprofit as it aids

even more families in need. The group has expanded its services beyond just the holiday season to assist ill children and their families year round

On Monday, July 25, from 4 to 7 p.m., friends and benefactors of the 501(c)3 organization visited AOL's

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## Endangered red panda born at Millbrook's Trevor Zoo

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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**MILLBROOK** — Mom Betsy and dad Zhu are the proud parents of a new red panda cub, as of press time still unnamed. The endangered and very adorable creature was born locally, at Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo, which made the announcement shortly after the July 7th birth.

The proud parents were paired through a breeding program by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP) program. The goal is to help the red panda — on the endangered species list — procreate.

The little cub's birth was a spe-

cial event at the Trevor Zoo, and its third success in breeding a red panda. The first two cubs born there have since been relocated to other zoos to help forward the breeding program.

There are nine other endangered species at the Millbrook zoo.

Betsy was born in 2015 at the Philadelphia Zoo, and then spent time at the Central Park Zoo before arriving at Trevor Zoo in 2020.

Zhu was born in 2013 at Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, Mich., and came to Millbrook in 2017 from a zoo in Knoxville, Tenn.

The pair produced cubs last year that didn't survive; a second cub

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A red panda cub was born at Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo on July 7. Red pandas are on the endangered species list, with only about 3,000 of them left in the wild today.



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OUR TOWNS

# Speaking with doctors who work for big hospitals, and asking if it's good for patients

By KATY GOLVALA AND DAVE ALTIMARI  
CT Mirror

MILLERTON — In 1999, Kristie Schmidt, an internal medicine physician, opened a practice here, just a mile from the Connecticut border.

The office was located in a cozy, refurbished barn. Sharon Hospital provided her with a loan, which it eventually forgave, to help her get up and running. Her small staff included her husband at the time, who managed the billing, and a nurse who doubled as the secretary and knew every patient by name.

But after about a decade, the challenges of running a small business came to a head.

"It became increasingly difficult to make an adequate living," she said.

So in 2012, Schmidt joined a large group practice called Mid Hudson Medical Group. Under the agreement, Mid Hudson got a cut of what she made from patient visits. But, because of its size, the company was able to negotiate higher rates from insurers, so Schmidt still took home more than she did when practicing independently. Plus, Mid Hudson took over back-office tasks, like billing, that were taking up time and energy.

"My income went up some, and the hassle factor went way down," said Schmidt. "It was a relief to not have to go broke."

As the health care industry becomes more and more concentrated, some small private practices like Schmidt's find it difficult to compete with big health care systems. So, instead, they're joining them.

As of January, hospitals owned 26% of physician practices nationwide, up from 14% a decade ago. An additional 27% of practices were owned by a corporation, such as a

health insurer or a private equity firm, leaving fewer than half of physician practices under independent ownership.

**What about the patient?**  
But, to the patient, does it really matter whether practices are owned independently or by a health system?

Hartford HealthCare officials highlighted a 2019 report, paid for by the American Hospital Association, an industry lobbying group, that argued that mergers are beneficial for patients.

But independent research shows that, as big hospital systems acquire more and more physician practices, patients end up paying more for the same level of care.

Schmidt's practice is now part of Nuvance Health, a group of seven hospitals in Western Connecticut and the Hudson River Valley. In addition to working at her own practice, she also worked as a full attending physician at Sharon for a decade and is still on staff at the hospital.

She said that, in the time since she started her career, health care has suffered the same fate as retail, for example, where big businesses such as Amazon and Walmart have moved in and made it impossible for small players to survive.

She particularly worries about the impact of this trend on rural communities like hers, where delivering care may not be seen as profitable for big systems.

"My big concern is that when I first started here 22 years ago, there were 10 internal medicine doctors. Now, we're down to four, and I'm the youngest," said Schmidt, who is 61 and hopes to continue practicing until 70. "I just want health care in this community to continue to be available."



PHOTO BY YEYUN KIM / CTMIRROR.ORG

**Dr. Kristie Schmidt stood in her office decorated with small bottles given to her by patients. Schmidt said she feels her patients appreciate the personalized experience she provides, but she questions whether this type of patient experience will continue to exist as private practices are joining big health care systems.**

When doctors join big hospital groups, it drives up costs for patients in two ways, research has shown.

**When prices go up**  
First, hospital systems are able to negotiate higher rates with insurance companies than private practices for the same level of care. So, when a practice gets acquired by a hospital system, its prices go up.

"The bigger the hospital market share, the more market power, the higher the prices," said Meredith Rosenthal, the co-author of a May 2022 study documenting price increases at acquired physician practices in Massachusetts.

The second way vertical integration drives up prices is because acquired physicians are more likely to send their patients to hospitals within the system for follow-up services, like blood work, imaging and outpatient surgery. While this allows all of a patient's records to stay within

the system, these services tend to cost more at hospitals than they do at independent facilities.

"That change in referral patterns actually leads to a pretty sizable increase in prices," said Christopher Whaley, a policy researcher with the RAND Corporation who has studied the economic effects of vertical integration.

**Five health systems**  
Together, the state's five health systems account for more than a quarter of the approximately 17,000 physicians licensed to practice in the state.

Schmidt's current employer, Nuvance, is the primary operator of hospitals in Western Connecticut and the bordering New York region. Though Schmidt is weary of big business in health care, she feels as if there aren't many viable options outside of working for a corporation.

"If I don't work for Nuvance, I don't work in this

community," she said.

Private practices are facing unprecedented financial pressure, driving physicians, like Schmidt, to opt for the support a system can provide. And young doctors entering the profession are overwhelmingly choosing to work at hospitals instead of private practice, health care officials have said.

COVID-19 only made life in private practice more difficult. The support of a large system made it easier to purchase PPE, get staff tested and get coverage for anyone who needed to quarantine. Between 2019 and 2021, the share of corporate-owned practices increased by 38%.

Schmidt still sees patients in her cozy barn in Millerton. She's been treating some folks for so long that they've become like family, she said.

Her practice routinely receives high patient satisfaction ratings, and Schmidt feels as if people appreciate the personalized experience she provides. But she worries about whether this type of experience can continue to exist, given the fundamental changes sweeping through the health care industry.

"It's been a struggle to maintain that way of life and that way of practicing, and it continues to be a struggle," said Schmidt.

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MILLERTON IN BRIEF

**Early learning program open**

The North East Community Center (NECC) is now accepting applications for its upcoming Early Learning Program, to be held at the site of the former Astor Head Start program in Millerton, which officially held its grand opening in the month of July.

This program aims to serve children between 18 and 36 months of age.

Families may now send their applications to ELP@neccmillerton.org or contact Raina at the NECC at 518-789-4259, ext. 110 with questions.

## Sharon Hospital plans community update Aug. 8

SHARON, Conn. — Sharon Hospital, part of Nuvance Health, will host an online community update from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, via livestream video.

Hospital President Christina McCulloch will discuss the latest hospital developments and provide updates on the affiliation in 2019 that created Nuvance Health.

An independent monitor, engaged by Nuvance Health, will report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of

Health Care Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling 845-554-1734 with their name and phone number. Questions may also be mailed to: Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT, 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted

on the website: [www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums](http://www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums).

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event.

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# Food of Life Pantry says 'thank you' to Denis Freeman for years of service

By JUDI STOKES  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — For Denis Freeman of Pleasant Valley, feeding neighbors in north-eastern Dutchess County has been a privilege and a passion since he retired from Coca Cola and became manager of the food pantry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union in December 2017.

To honor his extraordinary service and celebrate his second retirement, almost 50 community members gathered at the church's Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry on June 10, to share stories of Freeman's friendship, fellowship and commitment to local families.

Since assuming leadership of the food pantry more than four years ago, Freeman has led the procurement and distribution of more than 250 tons of food and personal care items to local families.

Open Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. to anyone in need, the pantry gives about 3,000 pounds of provisions a week to roughly 200 people, covering three days' worth of meals per family member. Home delivery is available to those who are housebound.

Rev. AJ Stack said Freeman is "kind, caring and great to work with."



PHOTO SUBMITTED

**Denis Freeman, right, just retired as manager of St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry in Amenia. He held the plaque recently installed in his honor with the Rev. AJ Stack at his side.**

The church's pastor said his service was indispensable.

"[He's] an innovator whose ability to connect with donors, volunteers and other supporters has enabled the pantry to keep down costs and expand services during challenging times," said Stack.

In addition to working with the Regional Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, Freeman has made hundreds of trips around the region to collect eggs, meat, produce and other donations. A garden located on church property

and tended by volunteers, provides about 5,000 pounds of fresh produce each growing season.

Funding from Episcopal Charities of New York, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, the Dyson Foundation, corporate foundations and individual donors are critical to supporting pantry operations.

Freeman described his tenure at the food pantry as "one of the most rewarding

experiences of his life.

He plans to spend more time with family, pursuing art as a hobby and continuing to train service dogs with his wife, Pam.

Those visiting the pantry will be reminded of his legacy by a plaque with his name and the message, "His good work here brought sustenance, inspiration and love to all who came."

To learn more about obtaining groceries from the food pantry, volunteering or donating, go to [www.stthomasamenia.com/comida-de-vida-food-of-life-pantry/](http://www.stthomasamenia.com/comida-de-vida-food-of-life-pantry/) or call Stack at 8450373-9161.

*Judi Stokes is a local freelance writer/editor who values the work of the Food of Life Pantry and volunteered her services to share this story.*



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

**On Saturday, July 23, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union held an Open House tour to share its history. From left are Carol Tschuvi; tour guide Katherine Crum, a scholar of St. Thomas' history and Millerton resident; and Wendy Langlois.**

## St. Thomas shares history with visitors

AMENIA UNION — St. Thomas' Episcopal Church held an Open House as part of the The New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Open House weekend on Saturday, July 23. Ph.D. Katherine B. Crum of Millerton led the tour.

Crum told of the church's history, its mission to help its parishioners and the local community, but mostly of the impressive restoration work that has been done during the past 14 years.

One unexpected piece of information about the Gothic Revival architectural treasure was that it was covered over for many years with white-painted brick. When the paint was finally removed recently, it was discovered some structural work needed to be done — more than just cosmetic repairs.

Crum said the foundation was slipping and to rebuild, all

of the wide-plank pine flooring had to be taken up and relaid once the major exterior construction work was done.

The church today is beautifully restored, boasts two original Tiffany stained-glass windows and two organs, both of which work.

St. Thomas is also known for being home to an active garden that yields fresh produce for its food pantry that has provided nourishment to thousands of residents in the Tri-state region over the years. To read about Denis Freeman, the man who just retired after four years of helping the Food of Life pantry, see article on this page.

The pastor is AJ Stack, who runs the church based on the philosophy of "radical hospitality," and welcomes all in the community with open arms.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

### Correction

The Millerton News' July 20 article about the Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC) update before the Town Board stated that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 invested almost \$12 billion in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for wastewater and sewer financing. The correct amount is \$12 billion. We regret the error.



### August 4-7

#### Everyday Sales, Events & Specials

**Heron Gallery:** Alison Palmer handmade ceramics sale. 50% off porch items. Sales throughout the store. Thurs - Sun 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**Silver & Sage Trading:** Selected Native American jewelry, clothing and gift items. Red Tag items along with 20% off and more. Thurs - Sun 10 AM to 5 PM

**Chestnut Woodworking & Antique Flooring:** 20% off already discounted items under the tent. Thurs & Sun 12 to 5 PM; Fri 12 to 6 PM; Sat. 11 AM to 6 PM

**Rolling River Antiques:** 50% off storewide plus complimentary designer gift bag by Karen with \$10 or more purchase! While supplies last. Thurs - Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**Scribble Art Workshop:** Wooden toys, art kits & art supplies 25-50% off. Thurs & Fri 9 AM to 4 PM. Sat 9 AM to 3 PM; Sunday closed

**Fife 'n Drum Gift Shop:** Outdoor: Sales on the porch; 25% off sales inside (does not apply to LEGOs, candles & cards). Fri - Sun 12 to 5 PM

**Kent Memorial Library Outdoor Book Sale:** Thurs thru Sun 10 AM - 5 PM weather permitting. 2012 Mini Cooper Base Convertible raffle tickets on sale. Special events for

children and families (see daily schedule).

**Foreign Cargo:** The whole store is on sale! 10 - 40% off everything. Thurs - Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun 12 - 5 PM

**Sundog Shoe & Leather:** All shoes from 10% to 40% off! Clearance tents with additional 30% off. Thurs - Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM; Sun 12 to 5 PM

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**Kent Art Association:** Artwork by various local artists at 20

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**Koblentz & Co. Antique & Estate Jewelry:** Under the tent on the lawn Great assortment of real and costume jewelry. Thurs - Sun 10 AM to 5 PM

**Food & Drink**

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**Galleries**

**Kent Memorial Library:** Exhibit on display: Stephen & Barbara Dull "A Weaver & the Furniture Maker" See Everyday Sales for hours.

**Kent Art Association:** KAA Elected Artists and Members Show. Opening Reception, Friday, August 5th from 6-8. Gallery hours: Thursday thru Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 PM

**Craven Contemporary:** Trees and Flowers featuring Mio Akashi. Thurs - Sat. 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 PM

**Kenise Barnes Fine Art:** Susan English - Weather. Thurs - Sat.

11:00 AM to 5:30 PM; Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 PM

**Carol Corey Fine Art:** Lisa Lebofsky "On the Horizon". Thurs - Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**Ongoing**

**Kent Memorial Library:** Thursday, Aug. 4, 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch in the Kent Memorial Library Junior Room. Bring your lunch, enjoy some stories, and then do a craft! **Friday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m.** A special performance by Magician Scott Jameson to celebrate the end of our summer reading program. All ages are welcome. **Saturday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m.** Sidewalk chalk drawing day. All ages welcome. Meets in the Junior Room. Call or email to register: [kmljuniorroom@biblio.org](mailto:kmljuniorroom@biblio.org), 860.927.3761

**St. Andrew's Parish Annual Giant Tag Sale:** Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Rain or shine! 8:30 to 10:00 AM Early Bird purchasing ~ \$10 entry charge; free entry between 10 AM and 4PM. Saturday, 10-4, Sunday 11:30-2:30.

**Henna by Nicky:** Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Terston Home Accents & Apparel, Kent Town Center

**Thursday**

**Wanda Houston & The HBH Band:** 6:00 to 8:00 PM Free Concert Park & walk in with your blankets, chairs & picnics. NOTE: No dogs or trash. Please prepare accordingly: pack out what you bring in!! Please support Kent's Food Bank by bringing a non-perishable item for collection

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**Friday, August 5th**

**Kent Quilters ~ Handmade items on sale:** 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM On the Golden Falcon Lot, 20 North Main Street

**Drum Circle ~ all are welcome:** 1:00 PM Foreign Cargo

**60's Night at the Fife 'n Drum Restaurant:** 6:00 to 9:00 PM Special guests: Gordon Titcomb, George Potts, Lenn Colacino. Reservations required: 860-927-3509

**Saturday**

**Kent Greenhouse & Gardens:** 10:00 to 11:00 AM Tutorial:

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**Kent Quilters ~ Handmade items on sale:** 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM On the Golden Falcon Lot, 20 North Main Street

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**Sunday**

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### Rosemary Ellen 'Rose' (Ezersky) Ralph

LAKEVILLE — Rosemary Ellen "Rose" (Ezersky) Ralph, 69, of 15 Indian Mountain Road, passed away July 29, 2022, at Danbury Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of Stanley J. Ralph. Rosemary and Stanley were married for 50 years. Rosemary was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 5, 1952, daughter of the late William and Mary (O'Shaughnessy) Ezersky.



by her daughter Denise Ralph and her significant other Sheldon Swart, both of Lakeville and her granddaughter Taylor Swart, also of Lakeville. She is also survived by her two brothers Jim Ezersky of Cleveland, Ohio, and Pat Ezersky of Lakeville; her sister Laura Wheeler of New York. Rosemary was predeceased by her son Matthew J. Ralph in 1999.

Rosemary had worked as a school bus driver for Region One for seventeen years. After that time she worked for The Lakeville Journal in the mail room and as a driver. While not driving either her bus or her paper route Rosemary enjoyed watching the many wild birds that visited her yard and doing word search puzzles. However, her greatest passion was her family. Rosemary was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

In addition to her husband Stanley, Rosemary is survived

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Cemetery Sand Road, Canaan, Connecticut. Calling hours will be held on Friday, August 5, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be sent to either the VFW Couch-Pipa Post 6851 104 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, CT 06018 or to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad 8 Under Mountain Rd. Salisbury, CT 06068.

### Tomassina 'Tommie' Panepinto

NORTH CANAAN — Tomassina "Tommie" Panepinto passed away peacefully at the Rosewood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rensselaer, New York, on July 29, 2022. She had been a resident at Rosewood since October 2021. Her loving care there, was a blessing.

Tomassina was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, the oldest daughter of the late S. Joseph Nania and Mary Pothier Nania. She was predeceased by her beloved brother Peter and her dear daughter Teresa.

Tommie moved to North Canaan, Connecticut, when she was in the second grade. She attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School where she earned accolades for academic performance and community service.

With great courage for a small town girl, Tommie went off to Trinity College in Washington, D.C. While at Trinity, Tommie was inspired by the Sisters of Notre Dame to care for others and to work for peace and social justice. During her tenure at Trinity, in the turbulent late 1960s, she went to Honduras to work with a community of impoverished, indigenous Honduran women. Upon graduation, Tomassina was awarded the Mary Murray McArdle Award in recognition of her contribution to the Trinity College community.

After graduation in 1970, Tomassina went to New York City to pursue her education at the New York University School of Social Work, where she earned her Masters De-

gree. There, she met her husband Bill, whom she married in 1971. Tommie and Bill had three children; Bill in 1972, Teresa in 1975 and Vincent in 1981.

The family moved to Altamont in 1980 and Tommie quickly became involved in local efforts for peace and social justice in Altamont Village and at her parish, St. Lucy's. In recognition of her deep faith, devotion to the Catholic community and psychological acumen, Tomassina was one of the first lay woman to be appointed to the Albany Catholic Diocese Priest Formation Board.

Tomassina worked for over twenty years as a social worker for the Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health. She retired in 2013. In 2017 she suffered the first of several debilitating strokes.

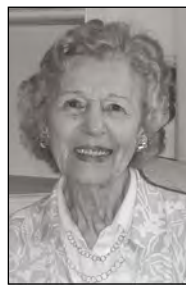
Tommie is survived by her husband Bill, her sons Bill and Vincent, her granddaughter Cassandra, her brother Anthony and his wife Irene, her brother Gerard and his wife Diane, her sister Maria and her husband Richard Stillman.

Tommie also had loving relationships with her nephews and nieces — Clayton, Nicole, Andrew, Catie, Brendan and Richard.

Tomassina was a warrior for social justice. She was deeply devoted to family, friends and community. She will be remembered for her humility, loving spirit, fine intellect, boundless compassion and infinite patience. To her family, Tomassina was a power of example.

### Bertha 'Betty' Ruth Morehouse Scribner

SALISBURY — Bertha "Betty" Ruth Morehouse Scribner, age 106, died peacefully with family by her side on July 27, 2022, at Noble Horizons. She was preceded in death by Robert Hollister Scribner, her husband of 57 years, in 1999. She was born in 1915



in Sharon, Connecticut, at the first Sharon Hospital on Calkinstown Road, the daughter of the late Henry Stebbins Morehouse and Bertha (Humphreys) Morehouse of Amenia, New York. She was the youngest of eight Morehouse children and one of the fifth generation of Morehouses to live in the family brick house (called Bogardus Hall) and farm on the Sharon, Connecticut-Amenia, New York town (and Connecticut/New York state) line. She was baptized at Christ Episcopal Church in Sharon, which was built using bricks made from clay from the Morehouse farm. She attended grade school at the Leedsville District School, seventh and eighth grade at the old Amenia High School, and then grades nine through twelve at the new Amenia High School, where she was a member of the Section B Champion women's basketball team and (a portent of things to come) the class historian. She then graduated from Peirce School of Business Administration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In

1935 she became the first editor of the family 'newspaper,' The Weekly Echoes of Bogardus Hall, which continued within the family for 75 years.

On October 4, 1941, Betty married her beloved husband, Robert Hollister Scribner, at Christ Episcopal Church in Sharon; they met while working at the Connecticut Power Company. In 1945 they moved into their home at 55 Gay Street in Sharon, where they lived for 50 years. In 1995 they moved to a cottage at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Connecticut. Betty was very active in local organizations. She has been a member of the Sharon Women's Club since 1948, became a member of the Sharon Congregational Church in 1954 (and later a deaconess), became of member of the Salisbury Congregational Church in 1992, was a trustee of the Sharon Historical Society, was an assistant leader of the Sharon Girl Scouts, and was a matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Sharon. Family was very important to her, and she followed her passion for family history by becoming a dedicated genealogist, taking several classes, and doing detailed research on her ancestors. She was a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and by detailing her family history

was able to become a member of the Mayflower Society, the Jamestown Society, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of Connecticut, Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, Descendants of Hartford, Descendants of Ancient Windsor, the Rockwell Society, and the Rich Family Society. Her work on her Morehouse descendants culminated in her writing a book for her family in 2006 (at age 90), "Little Treasures: From Thomas Morehouse Sr. and Some of His Descendants Through 12 Generations and More, 1639-2006"; the book detailed family history, genealogy, and stories. She has shared her work by donating materials to the Sharon Historical Society and the Amenia Historical Society.

Her genealogical work has continued, and she recently discovered that there was an

Academy in Sharon that her grandfather Julius Stephen Morehouse attended.

Mrs. Scribner was predeceased by her parents and her seven siblings. She is survived by her two daughters, Joan Scribner Bettman and husband James of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Cheryl Scribner Schultz of Madison, Connecticut; predeceased by her husband Robert; her grandson, David James Bettman of Mill Valley, California; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces, and great grandnephews.

A private family service was held at the Salisbury Cemetery. Arrangements were in the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Sharon Women's Club, the Salisbury Congregational Church, and the Sharon Historical Society.

Email obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)



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Week of August 7, 2022

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Join our virtual Zoom service on  
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[allsaintsofamerica.us](http://allsaintsofamerica.us)

### Amelia Cortesi Downey

NORTH CANAAN — Amelia Cortesi Downey, 98, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on July 1, 2022, at Braden River Rehabilitation Center in Bradenton, Florida. She was the widow of the late Paul J. Cortesi and the late Joseph P. Downey. Amelia was born in Torrington, Connecticut, on August 29, 1923, daughter of the late Chester Vassella and the late Catherine (Godenzi). She has been a resident of Bradenton since 1991 after her retirement from Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. in Lakeville in 1988.



Prior to her move to Bradenton she was a resident of North Canaan and Falls Village. She is survived by her son, Dr. Paul J. Cortesi III of Torrington, her daughters Elizabeth C. Knickerbocker of Millbrook, and Cheryl C. Downey of Falls Village, two step children, Kevin J. Downey of Falls Village and Susan D. Gawel of North Canaan. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Burial and memorial service will be private.

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# County Legislature gets remapped

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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**POUGHKEEPSIE** — A task that at one time seemed like it might never get completed is now finally done, as the new Dutchess Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) announced last week it has completed the work it was assigned.

That assignment was not a simple one, as the previous commission that was created to do so two years earlier had failed. The new IRC had more success, and was able to draw 25 new districts for the Dutchess County Legislature, following the results of the 2020 U.S. Census count.

The move comes on the heels of the Legislature passing a local law in 2019, which was written by Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver (R-19), a

multi-generational farmer from Pine Plains; the law was signed by County Executive Marc Molinaro; it was also approved by public referendum, which allowed the establishment of an Independent Reapportionment Commission to reapportion legislative districts.

The local law was heralded by leaders from both parties and seen as the end to gerrymandering in Dutchess County.

The Independent Reapportionment Commission will administer the redistricting process to follow the Census Count every 10 years from this point forward.

The original IRC created to redraw the maps after the 2020 Census disbanded after the Democratic Minority Leader appointed someone to the group who turned out to

be ineligible to serve. That member, Richard Keller-Coffey, turned out to belong to the local North East (Webutuck) Central School District Board of Education. According to the bylaws, that disqualified him from sitting on the IRC.

Keller-Coffey had said in an interview with this newspaper at the time he was unaware of the conflict, noting the lawyer who vetted all members for the group also seemed unaware of the restriction, as a red flag was never waved to raise concern with his volunteering to serve on the commission.

Some of the former IRC members challenged its abolishment in court; the lawsuit was later dismissed by the Honorable Hal B. Greenwald.

Afterward, the Legislature began the process to create the IRC anew. The new com-

mission has taken months to research, listen to public comments, hold public hearings and finally draft plans for the redrawn map.

The 25 legislative districts are now finalized and reapportioned and will serve voters county wide for the next decade. When the next U.S. Census count is done in 2030, the redistricting process for the Dutchess County Legislature will then be done all over again.

"The IRC process worked, giving Dutchess new districts that will serve us in the coming years," said Pulver. "We were able to create a new commission, get reapportionment done and continue with the business of the county. The independent IRC model will... ensure an unbiased reapportionment process to uphold electoral integrity in Dutchess. I hope the county will apply lessons learned this year to 2030."

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### LaGrange one-car serious crash under investigation

The DCSO reported a one-car serious crash in the Town of LaGrange, not far from Millbrook, at approximately 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, July 13.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to Route 55 near Sedgewick Road for a report of a crash, and upon arrival it was discovered that it was a one-car crash with one person seriously injured. A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2011 Honda Accord with three occupants was traveling westbound on Route 55 when the operator lost control of the vehicle, after which it left the roadway and struck several trees.

As a result the front-seat passenger, Samantha Mincey,

31, of Poughkeepsie, was ejected and suffered serious injuries.

Mincey was initially transported by ambulance to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital for treatment and was later transferred to Westchester Medical Center.

The operator and rear passenger were also transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital with minor injuries; all occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

No charges were filed at the time of the police report. The investigation is continuing by the DCSO's Detective Bureau and Crash Investigation Unit; driver fatigue appeared to be the primary factor.

The DCSO was assisted at the scene by the NYS Department of Transportation and the Town of LaGrange Fire Department. More information may be released at a later time as it becomes available.

# Apply for free home repairs

Dutchess County — Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) is currently accepting applications for its Rebuilding Day home repair and accessibility modification program. These services are provided at no-cost to qualified homeowners and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in safe, warm, dry and healthy homes.

The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2023 Rebuilding Day program is Wednesday, Aug. 31. Income-qualified Dutchess County homeowners — especially seniors, persons living with a disability, military veterans or parents with school aged children — are encouraged to apply.

Typical repairs include re-

placing a roof or windows, addressing electrical or plumbing issues, fixing a porch, installing a ramp, bathroom accessibility modifications and much more.

To request an application or ask questions, call the RTDC office at 845-454-7310. The application and further details may also be found at [www.RTDutchess.org](http://www.RTDutchess.org).

# Legislators to once again meet at fairgrounds in August

**DUTCHESS COUNTY** — Changing the scenery but keeping with its annual tradition, the Dutchess County Legislature will host its August board meeting on Livestock Hill at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, located at 6550 Spring Brook Ave. in Rhinebeck. The meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

"I'm looking forward to next month's legislative board meeting," said Chairman of the Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19). "As a farmer myself in Pine Plains, I'm glad for the opportunity to participate in the fair. I'm the only farmer remaining on the Legislature, which was once composed entirely of farmers."

Pulver invited all county

residents to join the lawmakers "for a first-hand look at how our County Legislature operates. Everybody is welcome!"

For more information on the Dutchess County Legislature, go to [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov). The Legislature also has a Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/DCLegislature](http://www.facebook.com/DCLegislature), where constituents may stay up to date on its work.

### Volunteers needed at food pantry

AMENIA — The St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry, at 40 Leedsville Road in South Amenia, needs volunteers to help the pantry get food into the homes of those struggling to make ends meet during these desperate times.

St. Thomas grows fresh produce from its own garden and has a stand-alone pantry from which it provides non-perishable food and other essential items for those living in the Harlem Valley and in Connecticut.

For more information, go to [www.stthomasamenia.com/volunteer](http://www.stthomasamenia.com/volunteer) or email [samantha@stthomasamenia.com](mailto:samantha@stthomasamenia.com).

### Free lunches do exist, at NEML

MILLERTON — In a collaboration between the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) and the North East Community Center (NECC), any Millerton or North East child up to the age of 18 is eligible for a free lunch Monday thru Friday from noon to 1 p.m. through Aug. 12, throughout the remainder of the summer.

Meals may be eaten at the NEML at 75 Main St. or picked up "grab and go" style to take home.

Go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org) to check menus or call the library at 518-789-3340 for more information. An RSVP for meals and lunch time activities is encouraged but not required.

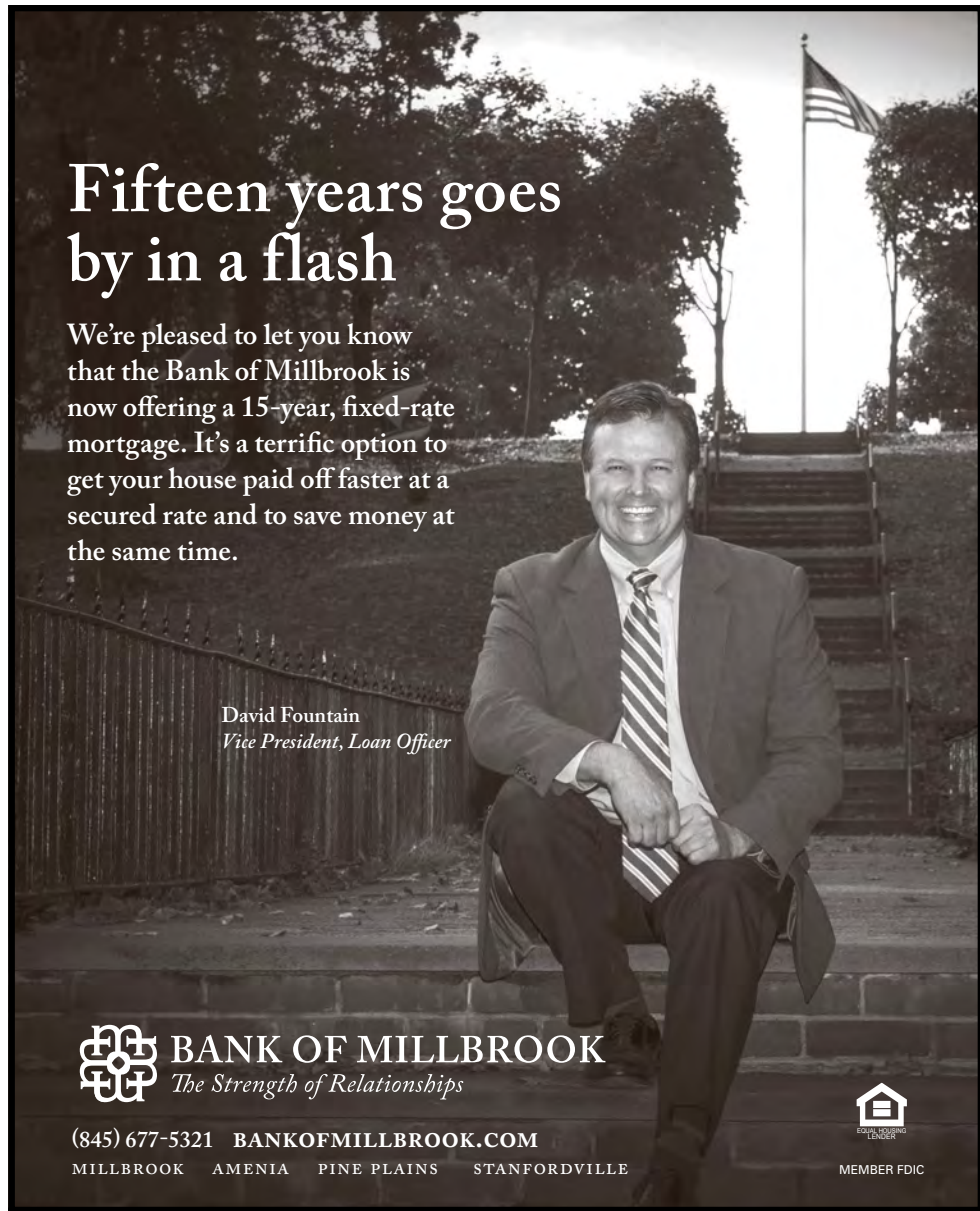
### Free meals for the hungry in Millbrook

MILLBROOK — Ongoing programs for those who are dealing with food insecurity are available through the Lyall Memorial Federated Church, located at 30 Maple Ave. in Millbrook.

The church offers Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and the Food For Folks Food Pantry, for all in that community who are in need of emergency nutritional support.

The service area for both of these programs is limited to community members in the Town of Washington and the Village of Millbrook.

For anyone who would like more information, those at the Lyall Church said they would be happy to supply it, just call 845-677-3485 or go to [www.lyallmemorial.org](http://www.lyallmemorial.org).



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**CLUES ACROSS**

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5. NY city
10. Israeli diplomat Abba
14. Surrounded by
15. Car part
16. Simple aquatic plant
17. Tough skin of fruit
18. Finnish lake
19. Composition
20. Very willing
22. One and only
23. Cluster cups
24. Famed Hollywood director
27. Score perfectly
30. Important lawyers
31. Undivided
32. Part of the foot
35. Spun by spiders
37. Married woman
38. Reagan's Secretary of State
39. Instruments
40. The A-Team drove one
41. Short-tailed marten
42. Oil organization
43. Predecessor to the EU
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Color at the end of the spectrum
46. Actress Ryan
47. Digital audiotape
48. Expression of creative skill
49. Scientific instrument
52. Dog-\_: marked for later
55. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Turkish title
61. Wise individuals
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. The territory occupied by a nation
66. Tattle
67. Chop up
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Female of a horse
2. Bowfin
3. Chinese dynasty
4. Small venomous snake
5. Global news agency
6. Common fractions
7. American frigate
8. Tired
9. Boxing's GOAT

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11. A group of countries in special alliance
12. God of fire (Hindu)
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
21. Anchor ropes
23. They \_\_\_
25. Apprehend
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A theatrical performer
28. 2-door car
29. Partner to flowed
32. Pair of small hand drums
33. Former Houston footballer
34. Discharge
36. Former women's branch of the military
37. Partner to cheese
38. Witch
40. Live in a dull way
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student

47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. Greek letters
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. Cycle in physics
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

**July 28 Solution**

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Level: Intermediate

**July 28 Solution**

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9	1	8	7	2	4	3	6	5
4	6	9	3	1	8	2	5	7
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**GRANTS** *Continued from Page A1*

Act (ADA) accessibility improvements at public facilities; planning/construction to develop new/expanded/alternative central water and wastewater systems; general shared services saving taxpayer dollars and efficiencies; and flood mitigation and resiliency measures to contain drainage.

"The awarded projects will provide much-needed improvements and enhancements to our local municipalities and fire and rescue agencies," stated Molinaro.

**Millerton/North East**

The village of Millerton and the town of North East were among the communities that received the county funds, as was the North East Fire District, which serves both the town and the village.

"We got three grants; the village got one, the fire district got one and the town got one," explained North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan. "I can't speak for the fire district, but the one for the village was to help with the engineering of the wastewater project, so that's enormously significant and a huge help... it helps the town and the village move forward on that important initiative."

As Kennan explained it, "you can't build something without doing the engineering." The village has been working with the environmental consulting firm Tighe & Bond on its wastewater project for the past few years and has engaged it to do the engineering work to bring a sewer solution to the community. The town has done likewise.

The county awarded \$200,000 in its Traditional Municipal Projects category, for work that falls specifically in the General Shared Services and Community Development arena, to the village of Millerton and town of North East for Wastewater Collection and Treatment System Preliminary Design work.

According to Kennan, the town also received funds to put toward the shared town/village highway garage on Route 22, to help install fencing around the new site.

"The town got a grant to fence the new highway garage," said the town supervisor, pleased with the county award. "Fencing is quite important, to keep the equipment safe — and we will have a lot of valuable equipment up there and we want to keep it secure and make sure that children can't get in there and play on this big heavy equipment, which could be very dangerous."

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**"The awarded projects will provide much-needed improvements and enhancements to our local municipalities and fire and rescue agencies."**

*Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive*

East's MIG award came to \$140,000.

"I hope it will cover it," said Kennan. "Their grants generally are paid out after the work is complete, after it is finished, which will hopefully be some time in the fall."

The third part of the grant for the twin community went to the North East Fire District (NEFD), to help it purchase Fire Rescue Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The \$94,996 award will help buy volunteers serving in the Millerton Fire Company and Rescue Squad the essential PPE.

"It was a wonderful thing to receive the news that the NEFD had been awarded this grant," said NEFD Fire Commissioner Josh Schultz, adding the grant will "reduce the turn-around time of readiness of our firefighters in the event of multiple calls in a small time frame."

Schultz further explained "when we respond to fires and other calls that require us to utilize our structural firefighting gear, which falls under the general umbrella of PPE, sometimes the gear has to be washed immediately after the call. Also there are very rare instances in which the gear becomes damaged and ultimately has to be replaced."

As it can take up to 48 hours — even with the modern washing equipment the district has in-house — to turn around clean gear, the MIG award is especially appreciated. The issue is so dire, said Schultz, the NEFD "recently started contracting with a company that can clean up to 25 sets of gear at once [to] potentially reduce downtime of a firefighter's gear and their ability to respond to alarms."

The fire commissioner and one-time village trustee added not only did the MIG awarded to the NEFD help offset its financial burden, it helped the entire community.

"The MIG grant this year was particularly good to our area, between us, the village of Millerton and the town of North East, we are pleased and thankful that all of us were awarded monies to carry out and continue our projects," Schultz said. "It's not that often I feel that such an injection of grant money is leveled across three municipalities that are so closely linked, and the common constituents we serve will see large improvements and a progression of

projects from this."

**Amenia**

Just 14 miles south, the town of Amenia is likewise celebrating good news from the county, as its fire company was also awarded an MIG to assist it obtain essential equipment.

Amenia Fire District No. 1 was awarded \$74,767 to purchase a High-Pressure Breathing Air Compressor System.

The county described the project as the "purchase of a new breathing air compressor system to ensure the proper and safe refilling of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders."

Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti was clearly enthusiastic about Amenia being among the 38 recipients on Molinaro's list of emergency services and municipalities awarded grants.

"Congratulations to the Amenia Fire Company on receiving a \$74,767 MIG grant for High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor System!" she wrote in an email sent to those in the fire company and on the Amenia Town Board on Wednesday, July 27, after hearing word of the news one day prior.

**Pine Plains**

The town of Pine Plains also received two grants, both for its fire district and for the town itself.

Brian Walsh is both the longtime fire chief and the newly-elected town supervisor in Pine Plains. He spoke about how much the nearly \$160,000 will help the community. Walsh said he was fairly confident the county would spread out the funding and figured it could easily reach his town, since it was the first round of grants. He just "didn't know how much we would receive."

The Pine Plains Fire District ended up receiving \$107,000 for a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) and for a SCBA station like the one Amenia got. The county described the project as "creating greater efficiency, as well as the purchase of a [UTV], which will aid in a safer and more timely response to emergency calls on Stissing Mountain."

Walsh said the UTV will be dedicated to rescuing stranded hikers and others who are in need of aid atop Stissing Mountain or any other rugged terrain.

"We're seeing [the need for such rescues] more and more

as sightseers come up, with twisted ankles, back injuries, falls," he said.

Walsh said what used to be four to five reports of stranded or injured people on the mountain a year has increased by one or two annually for the past number of years.

"The sightseers have probably doubled over the year, especially during COVID," he said.

Two to three people can sit in the front of a UTV, according to Walsh, who said the fire company "wants to get a second row of seats in it, to get more manpower." The UTV will also be available "if we get called for mutual aid, to any other department that requests it."

The second MIG award went to Pine Plains in the Traditional Municipal Projects category, under the General Shared Services and Community Development subheading. A total of \$50,000 will help pay for new Girls Softball Dugouts and Lighting. Welsh said the softball players have always been without a dugout in the town of Pine Plains.

The county described the project as the "construction of lights and dugouts at the softball field at Stissing Lake Park [to] allow for a greater number of games to be played in a single day, benefiting teams, families and the community."

Walsh said the project was something he planned on doing before he was elected to office this January.

"I thought it's time to get it done," he said. "We've got to have the girls field and boys field be equal; right now only the boys Little League has dugouts and that's not fair to the girls."

When asked if he would describe Pine Plains residents as being invested into their baseball and softball games, Walsh responded "heavily," adding the spirit on the field carries over to a kind of camaraderie in the high school and even into the town at large.

"In the last five to six years it really picked up, to where it was when I was in the program [as a kid]," he said. "Now you go down there any game night and you cannot find a spot. It's rough to say, there are probably 40 to 50 cars on each side of the road, as an estimate. When I was a kid was a long time ago, probably 30 years ago. It's about time [that spirit returned], and that's what the whole town needs."

"I'd like to thank Marc Molinaro and Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver [R-19], for putting this program together and looking out for smaller towns," he concluded.

**HOUSING** *Continued from Page A1*

group, with an early step a little more than a year ago of conducting a town-wide survey to assess Amenia's housing situation and needs. The town housing code was reviewed as part of that work.

Community involvement is key to the work of the AHB, Miller said, indicating that many more forums are being planned to share the process with residents and call upon them to contribute their expertise and remain engaged.

Survey results showed that about one-third of Amenia residents are paying more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs, Miller said. One resident reminded the board that affordable housing for senior residents should be addressed.

With the increase in housing costs for buyers and renters, Blackman said, businesses are having a hard time attracting employees to fill their job openings.

"This town is made for working people," Blackman continued, noting that some residents are working two or three jobs to make ends meet. "We need a diverse population," Blackman said, adding that such diversity brings children to the schools and volunteers to its fire departments as well as other organizations that the town relies upon.

"We need people engaged in their community," Blackman added.

Residents spoke of options including accessory apartments within existing homes and initiating programs with banks to assist young families with housing, or enacting provisions for tax abatements.

AHB member Jeff Barnett-Winsby stressed the importance of communication, asking those present to engage with others and involve them in the discussions about meet-

ing the town's housing needs. "We are soliciting ideas," Barnett-Winsby said.

"We need you to show up at the next public hearing," Miller agreed, directing his comment to the audience and indicating that plans call for postcards, flyers, emails and social media to engage residents on the affordable housing issue.

Former town Supervisor Bill Flood commented that the town needs expanded shopping, transportation and housing.

"The issues are still the same as they have been for the past 20 years," he said. "You need a mix of people."

Plans are now being drawn for a development on 16 acres of land north of the Town Hall and on the west side of Route 22. The parcel has been purchased by Hudson River Housing. Hoping it will be seen as a model project, 14 units are being planned for the site. Each home would be a duplex with the homeowner living in one half and renting the other half to assist with the mortgage.

"This will only chip away at the problem," explained Josh Frankel of the AHB. "We have a great opportunity coming up in the short term, but if we do a good job on the 14 units, it will make the next steps easier."

Frankel noted that the project is still being designed and that the application needs to be considered and approved by the town Planning Board.

The next step will be a meeting to be scheduled by Hudson River Housing to present the plans to the public. The AHB hopes the residents will attend the presentation to learn more details and weigh in with their thoughts about the proposed project.

**RED PANDA** *Continued from Page A1*

was born this year but likewise didn't survive, making the announcement of the infant red panda all the more significant for those at the Trevor Zoo.

The zoo's staff is letting Betsy do most of the work caring for her cub, and said she's doing a great job. Of course, they're keeping a close eye on both mom and cub to make sure all is going well.

Zhu has been moved to a separate space so Betsy can tend to her newborn, who will be nursed for about three months and will not eat any other food during that period.

The staff keeps watch on the pair through interior

cameras and has watched the animals nest in different areas.

Zoo patrons looking forward to meeting the new cub may have to wait a few months before that's allowed. Meanwhile, Trevor Zoo has set up cameras with live feeds so everyone can see Betsy with her new cub, along with the other zoo animals. To check out the live camera, go to [www.millbrook.org/trevorzoo](http://www.millbrook.org/trevorzoo).

The Trevor Zoo is located at The Millbrook School; it is the only high school in the nation with a fully accredited zoo on its premises.

For details, go to [www.millbrook.org](http://www.millbrook.org).

**ANGELS OF LIGHT** *Continued from Page A1*

new headquarters, enjoying music by Christopher James and local DJs, food and beverages and door prizes. Some of the crowd took advantage of the outdoor tables as well. The turnout was amazing, as many came out to support the group that has supported so many itself.

The space comes with a five year lease; it's airy, set far back from the street and one wall is covered with photos of many of the children and their families who have been helped by AOL in the past two decades. The photos are displayed in a heart-shaped pattern, and the effect is quite powerful, evidenced by the oodles of people who surrounded the collage.

State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) stopped by to wish AOL well, as did some of those who had been recipients of their kindness. So, too, did others who have supported the nonprofit over the years.

The group's annual gala is

always much-looked forward to and eagerly attended, as are other events AOL sponsors throughout the year, like a marathon.

Several NuVance Health employees attended. One special attendee was 96-year-old Krista Langa, from Hearts and Hands of Millbrook, there to show her support.

AOL was started by Lori Cassia-Decker and her husband George, with help from their family, and later from friends and many volunteers. In 2016, they delivered more than 7,500 gifts to 1,300 children battling terminal disease. It was at that time AOL became a nonprofit.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, Cassia-Decker said she realized the need for such help existed all year long — not just during the holidays.

She and her husband announced at the time the expansion of their mission.

"Angels of Light's initial mission to assist children and families with life-threatening illnesses living in the Hudson Valley has expanded to assist with medical bills, utilities, food, gas and much more year round," they stated in 2020.

The Deckers, AOL Board President Danielle Mollica-Whiteley and Vice President Ariana Peterman agreed to accomplish such a large goal AOL needed dedicated headquarters. Now, with the new space on Front Street, clients and those in need will be able to make appointments, speak with AOL volunteers and meet their benefactors, in a place meant just for them. The space also allows for small get-togethers, like last week's grand opening.

Volunteers are always needed at AOL, said Cassia-Decker, who added it's a great place for students to get their community work volunteer credit.

Some volunteers help plan outreach events hosted by AOL, aside from the main gala. This year, there will be a 5K Run at Millbrook Winery on Sunday, Aug. 28; there will also be a Motorcycle Rally and Concert in the Park at the Town of Washington Park on Saturday, Sept. 24. Other AOL fundraisers will be planned to finish out 2022 and then again for the whole of 2023.

Cassia-Decker said AOL is always grateful for volunteers and donations, just as it was to those who came out to show their support for its new space on the 25th. It is also on the constant look out for those who need help, because after all, that's the end goal of everyone who works at AOL.

To reach AOL or for more information, mail Angels of Light, P.O. Box 345, Millbrook, NY 12545, call 845-460-7704, go to [www.angelsflight.org](http://www.angelsflight.org) or e-mail [info@angelsflight.org](mailto:info@angelsflight.org).



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# COMPASS

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LITTLE GEMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Mixing it Up With Beauty and Style at the Rose Algrant Art Show

The Rose Algrant Art Show started as a sort of salon, with works on show by Algrant and her friends. James Thurber, for example, was an early participant and FOA, or Friend of Algrant.

It has grown into an exhibit and sale of work by Cornwall, Conn., artists, including some who are beloved here and famous well beyond the confines of Litchfield County.

Although Algrant left this world in 1992, her legacy lives on in the annual show and sale, which includes work in a wide variety of media, from fabric to wood to ceramics to canvas and photography.

A highlight of each year's sale is the chance to purchase (at an attainable price) a work by Robert Andrew Parker, a Litchfield County treasure. His work is includ-

ed this year, as are works by famed architect Tim Prentice, Dave Colbert, Lazlo Gyorsok, Nancy Daubenspeck and more.

For the full list of information on the show and its participating artists, go to [www.rosealgrantartshow.org](http://www.rosealgrantartshow.org).

*The 2022 Rose Algrant Art Show will be at Cornwall Consolidated School on Friday, Aug. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.*

**Nationally known artists such as Philip Taaffe and beloved local painters, ceramic artists and photographers gather together each year for a show and sale of their work in Cornwall, Conn. This photo is from 2021.**



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## The Baroque Is Back at Music Mountain

The final of four concerts by the New Baroque Soloists will be held in Gordon Hall at Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 5 p.m.

As always, the performance will be led by Music Director Doug Myers, founder of the group. This is the group's 16th season performing large-scale chamber music, but its first season at Music Mountain. Three concerts have already been held, on July 20 and 27 and Aug. 3.

There are typically five to seven musicians for each concert, performing on violin, viola, oboe, cello, harpsichord, organ, flute, horn and French horn. Most of the musicians are

members of other groups, orchestras or university faculties with prestigious music programs including Juilliard. They come together for the purpose of recreating a unique sound in the musical pantheon. Most of the musicians will play solo within the musical work.

The specific musical program is only determined two or three days before the concert, and is posted online at [www.northwestmusicassociation.com](http://www.northwestmusicassociation.com).

There is no admission charge to hear the concert in the air conditioned Gordon Hall, but donations are gratefully accepted. The Music Mountain concerts are hosted by the Northwest Music Association.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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## 'Don Giovanni' and Songs by Black Composers End the 2022 BOF Season

Berkshire Opera Festival wraps up its second full season since the COVID-19 pandemic with a fully staged "Don Giovanni," with Andre Courville as the insatiable seducer, Christian Zaremba as the comic sidekick Leporello, Laura Wilde as Donna Anna and John Cheek as the commedatone.

One of Mozart's most famous works, "Don Giovanni" is a dark comedy about the titular Don Juan, who mercilessly seduces women as conquests. The story line of a man who would undoubtedly have been quickly canceled in the modern world creates a showcase for beautiful singing.

Berkshire Opera Festival has consistently put on productions with stellar singing and acting, notably in "Rigoletto" and "Don Pasquale." The "Rigoletto" got a

prolonged standing ovation. The staging of "Don Pasquale," a comic opera, was both funny and imaginative.

Perhaps because of the social and cultural climate of the past few years, "Don Giovanni" has been featured in several companies' seasons, including Tanglewood, which did a staged version last month that was spectacular.

Performances will be on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m., at

the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

"Don Giovanni" will be sung in Italian with projected English translations; the Berkshire Opera Festival website also has a summary of the plot. The opera's running time is approximately three hours and 10 minutes including one intermission. Tickets are from \$20 to \$120 and can be purchased through the Mahaiwe box office (413-528-0100).

Earlier in the month, on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Berkshire Opera Festival will offer a program of art songs by Black composers, an unjustly neglected repertoire. The performers in "High on the Ramparts" are soprano Kearstin Piper Brown and tenor Joshua Blue. The performance will be in the Crane Room at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass.

Tickets are free but this concert is expected to sell out, so reservations are required. Go to [www.berkshireoperafestival.org](http://www.berkshireoperafestival.org).

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SUMMER SALES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Waxing Poetic Over the Delights Of Kent's Summer Sidewalk Sale

Life in our region has been changed by COVID-19 and by the advent of many new homeowners, some of whom bring new traditions and customs to a part of the world that loves Doing Things the Old-Fashioned Way.

But one thing that everyone can get behind is summer sales, which are fun for everyone, a good boost for struggling small businesses and an excellent excuse to get out of the house and visit someplace new — and perhaps acquire some friends and acquaintanc-

es in the process. Everyone is friendly and in a good mood at a summer sale, unless of course you snatch a one-of-a-kind item from the hands of an eager shopper. Shopping can be a competitive sport.

The annual Sidewalk Sale Days in Kent, Conn., offer a mix of old and new, one-of-a-kind and multiple editions. It is a bonafide day trip for many residents of the northern portion of our region, who treat Kent as something of an exotic expedition. And there are several excellent

vendors of food, including the relatively new Wilson's by High Watch, on Main Street, and the old favorite, Kent Coffee and Chocolate at the northern end of town. The Villager coffee shop is straight out of the Gilmore Girls — without irony, just good food and friendly faces.

Kent has books, books, books, which have sadly become sort of a rare sighting in our small towns. Older (and some new) books of all shapes, sizes and topics are available outdoors from the Kent Memorial

Library throughout the summer. More pristine editions are found at the southern end of town at House of Books, which is back in its original building after extensive renovations.

Kent has long been famous for its boutique art galleries and for its shops with artisan and craft items. In addition to the permanent shops in the village there will be several sales of work by local artists, including some renowned ceramic artists.

In the past few years, some new stores have opened; in the Kent tradition most offer things that look nice, smell nice and feel nice — to your hands and to your soul.

Group tag sales are the best tag sales. The one at St. Andrew's Church at the southern end of town is always one of the best of the year, featuring large and small items that are useful and/or decorative. This year the church community is joined by the Roger Sherman Chapter DAR.

There is all this and, of course, so much more. Essentially the entire village is taking part in this Chamber of Commerce event. Hop in the car, leave lots of space in the trunk and keep in mind that there is still a national shortage of coins. Small denomination dollar bills are also helpful.

*The annual Kent Sidewalk Sale Days are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 7. For more information and a schedule of sales and events, go to [www.kentct.com](http://www.kentct.com).*

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"Pentimento Paintings," work by Cornwall, Conn., and NYC painter Greg Goldberg, remain at the Cornwall Library until Sept. 4.

## THE DARK MEETS THE LIGHT, THE OLD MINGLES WITH THE NEW IN 'PENTIMENTO'

A show of work by Greg Goldberg called "Pentimento Paintings" remains on display at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., until Sept. 4.

In art history classes, professors often refer to pentimento in rapturous tones, particularly when discussing paintings from, say, the Renaissance, or the oil panels by 17th-century Dutch and Flemish painters. In Italian, pentimento means repentance; in English art historical speak, it refers to the underlying layer of drawing or painting that was later deliberately covered by the artist. It's exciting because it reveals evidence of an artistic thought process, a glimpse into the stages of a work of art.

Artist Greg Goldberg employs this term for the title of his exhibition as a way to refer to the visual evidence of underpainting being intrinsic to how he creates these images.

Goldberg's "Pentimento Paintings" were made in West Cornwall, Conn., over the past 11 months. While abstract, the works respond to their natural surroundings and seasonal changes in color and light. And of course, those unseen layers are an integral part of the work as they help to determine the ultimate visual structure. They are visible as edges

along the perimeter of individual marks, at the intersection of colors, and beneath transparent and translucent colors. The marks range from sweeping to staccato and develop slowly, over many months, to gradually create a visual and spatial logic that implies the passage of time. Both meditative and dramatic, each painting is a visual history of this accretion of defined brushstrokes.

Using oil paint on linen, Goldberg's choice of colors is sensual. Inspired by the radical palette of Renaissance master Jacopo Pontormo, transparent ultramarine blue and quinacridone violet are played off against opaque tones (tertiaries, muted grays and earthy browns).

Many of the colors are found in the natural surroundings of Cornwall, while others are overtly artificial. Structurally, there is nothing predetermined; the works are a flowing improvisation.

A native of New York City, Goldberg splits time between the Garment District in Manhattan and Cornwall. His works are included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, The Estée Lauder Foundation and numerous private collections.

His website is [www.greggoldberg.art](http://www.greggoldberg.art). Learn more about the exhibition at <https://cornwalllibrary.org/events>.



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Sidewalk Sale Days return to Kent, Conn., from Aug. 4 to 7. This photo is from last summer's sales.

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Millerton vs. Amenia at Undermountain

# Libraries are letter perfect as they tee off at second Battle of the Books golf fundraiser

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — Saturday, July 30, was a big day for Millerton and Amenia golfing bibliophiles who took a swing at bringing home some cold hard cash, as well as a shining trophy to their favorite libraries.

For the second year of the Battle of the Books Benefit Scramble, held at Undermountain Golf Course at 274 Under Mountain Road in Copake, bragging rights went to the Millerton team. The NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) ended the day with a win of 89 to 97, much to the delight of NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, who was quick to note that the day really was about getting together and having a good time.

Course owner and manager Patricia MacArthur made sure that happened, according to Leo-Jameson.

"We all appreciate how



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Friendly competition brought, from left, Lana Morrison, Carol Dean, Pam Malarchuk and Dara Simmons together for the Second Annual Battle of the Books Benefit Scramble at the Undermountain Golf Course in Copake on Saturday, July 30.

generous and kind the folks at Undermountain have been," she said. "It is an actual pleasure to work with them."

Undermountain provided hungry golfers with a much-

appreciated dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs as well as clubhouse gift certificates to the following winners: John and Julie O'Connell with a score of 29; Greg Snyder and

Sarah MacArthur at 30; and Dave and Alan Gamble at 31. Pam Malarchuk and Jeff Anderson won closest to the hole.

Leo-Jameson said that last

year she and Amenia Free Library Director Victoria Herow saw what a good time everyone had and so decided this year to throw their hats in the ring by joining in, while being patiently mentored in their round by Brad and Andrew Rebillard.

Both librarians said they were taken by the game.

"This was my first time — except for miniature golf," Leo-Jameson said with enthusiasm. "It was fun to be out in nature and have something to do. It's not too strenuous, but there is thought behind it. You're trying to figure out the lay of the land and the best place to hit the ball."

With a laugh, she explained they plan to hold the competition and play again next year. "I may even take lessons," she concluded.

Despite morning clouds, the event took place under perfect blue skies, unlike last year's first annual tournament. In 2021, golfers struggled with temperatures well into the 90s.

Whatever the weather, Leo-Jameson said the event allowed the two libraries to split the more than \$1,000 raised. It's one of several ways in which area libraries cooperate in order to do their best for their patrons.

Interlibrary loans, which have been available since

they were first implemented through use of the postal service, are now a major aspect of circulation. Libraries frequently share material, which is now delivered quickly by a courier service responding to orders placed online.

Costs are shared to allow for programs — particularly for children — a practice that was especially helpful during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shared data bases such as the hugely popular Mango and the much-used eBook content are also made affordable.

Now that this year's tournament is complete, the one thing that the two libraries won't share is the coveted trophy — which was immediately returned to the Millerton mantle where Leo-Jameson said for the past year it served as a reminder "of a good time we had together for a good cause."

For more information on the public Undermountain Golf Course, call 518-329-4444 or go to [www.undermountaingolf.com](http://www.undermountaingolf.com); for more information on the NEML, call 518-789-3340 or go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org); for more information on the Amenia Free Library call 845-373-8273 or go to [www.amenialibrary.org](http://www.amenialibrary.org).

# Mashomack Polo Club wraps up July with mallets swinging

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
editor@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — The Mashomack Polo Club drew quite a crowd of spectators this past weekend, as it hosted various matches, including the 2022 USPA Master Cup on Sunday, July 31.

Playing for the coveted shiny metallic cup in the final round were polo teams CRG vs. Juju Brook. By the end of the heated play on the field, Juju Brook had the advantage, winning the championship with 5 points to CRG's score of 3.

Player Agucho Zavaleta was named the MVP.

The horse, BPP Medialuna, is owned and was ridden by Gaston Lisioli.

The USPA Centennial Cup was also played on the popular Pine Plains polo fields on the 31st, with polo team Dazos facing off against Hawk Hill.

By the end of the match, Dazos was declared the victor, with a score of 13 over Hawk Hill's 11.

The White Oak Farm

polo team also savored the taste of victory this weekend, as it was declared the winner of the Mashomack Challenge on Saturday, July 30, against team 30 Yards with a final score of 4-3.

Players Kevin Hamilton, Austin Hamilton, Juanse Olivera and Tatin Zubiaurre were jubilant after receiving their trophy in reward for their efforts on the field.

Mashomack Polo Club Director Juan Olivera, who has been at the club for the

past 20 years or so, said this summer has been a good one.

"The club is doing very well," he said on Monday, Aug. 1. "We have a polo school running that is amazing, people are interested in the game and all of our games are full, so it's a pretty good season for the club."

For more on the remainder of Mashomack's 2022 schedule, go to [www.mashomackpoloclub.com](http://www.mashomackpoloclub.com).

The Mashomack Polo Club is located at 48 Briarcliff Lane in Pine Plains.



PHOTO COURTESY MASHOMACK POLO CLUB

The White Oak Farm polo team won the Mashomack Challenge at the Mashomack Polo Club in Pine Plains on Saturday, July 30. Here, from left, players Kevin Hamilton, Austin Hamilton, Juanse Olivera and Tatin Zubiaurre celebrated their 4-3 victory over the opposing team, 30 Yards.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Senior Balance & Strength

COPAKE — Enjoy Senior Balance and Strength Classes on Thursdays, from 9 to 10 a.m., courtesy of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

Dr. Paul Spector leads his popular Balance and Strength Class on Zoom. These classes introduce exercises that improve postural stability, core strength, spatial body awareness, sensory integration, agility and coordination.

For more details, including login information, go to [www.roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs/](http://www.roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs/).

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EDITORIAL

# County funds will help many

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced on Tuesday, July 26, that the county will be injecting more than half a million dollars — \$526,763 to be exact — into three of our Harlem Valley communities shortly, thanks to the Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program. In total, Molinaro helped secure a whopping \$4.6 million in funding for 38 projects county wide, with the majority of the monies going toward “projects [to] promote efficiencies and long-term sustainability, agency capacity and capability, shared services and community development, while ultimately generating savings for taxpayers,” with a focus on our local fire departments and rescue squads.

Molinaro’s eyes were clearly looking toward protecting the residents of Dutchess and to addressing “health and safety issues,” as his office worded the announcement of what is the “highest award total” in the program’s history. That dates back to 2013, when the MIG Program was first launched.

Considering how essential our emergency services are, and that here in the Harlem Valley our towns and villages rely on volunteers to staff, maintain, operate and administrate our local firehouses and in some places still, our EMT services, we really appreciate — and rely on — such awards. Every penny garnered through precious grants, like those distributed through the MIG Program, can make all the difference in the world.

As North East Fire District (NEFD) Commissioner Joshua Schultz explained, the \$94,996 MIG award bestowed upon the NEFD will help buy those who volunteer in the Millerton Fire Company and its Rescue Squad essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). That PPE, said Schultz, could not only “reduce the turn-around time of readiness of our firefighters in the event of multiple calls in a small time frame,” and “offset the financial burden” the NEFD faces to equip all of its volunteers, it could “potentially reduce downtime of [cleaning and turning around] a firefighter’s gear and their ability to respond to alarms.”

And that, it turns out, could save lives.

So the money that Molinaro and his MIG Program has awarded to not only the NEFD, but to the town of North East (\$140,000) and to both the town and the village of Millerton (\$200,000), plus to the Amenia Fire Company (\$74,767) and to the Pine Plains Fire District (\$107,000) as well as to the town of Pine Plains (\$50,000) will go a long way in making Harlem Valley residents a lot safer, and their lives a lot better. To read the specifics on what the MIG awards will go toward, and how they will help improve your community, be sure to read this week’s front page.

In addition to the grants mentioned above, many dozens of Dutchess communities, including a number located elsewhere in the Harlem Valley, received MIG funding. In fact, there were a number of additional grants awarded through the program in our neck of the woods we think are worth noting here:

- J. H. Ketcham Hose Company Fire and Rescue UTV and Transport Trailer Project Award, \$40,469
- Town of Dover, Senior Recreation Center and Town Library Access Improvement Project Award, \$40,000
- Milan Fire Department Critical Upgrades to Lifesaving Tools and Equipment for First Responders Project Award, \$125,354
- Town of Stanford Replacement of Swimming Dock System Project Award, \$100,000

As the county noted, it awards the MIG funds on a competitive basis to entities with taxing authority (i.e., cities, towns, villages, fire districts and water and wastewater public authorities) that “address its priorities and needs, promote shared services and consolidation efforts and implement accessibility improvements.”

The over-arching goal of the MIG Program is to support the efforts of local government while reducing the property tax levy. The fact the county does so while also accomplishing other vital work, such as improving and saving lives, just goes to show how forward-thinking our county executive and his team are. It also goes to prove how much can be done when people, governments, communities and all other sorts of organizations are willing to work together.



PHOTO BY ROSALIE ROCKWELL

## Smithfield Road sunflowers

# Keeping seniors financially secure

Older adults living on fixed incomes have been disproportionately burdened by the recent effects of inflation. This year’s Social Security and Supplemental Security Income cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 5.9% was the biggest in 40 years, but it only blunted inflation’s effects. When you’ve got bills to pay right now, it’s small comfort that the 2023 COLA is expected to be even larger when it’s announced in October.

Older adults who want to reach out for assistance often don’t know what help is available, or how to apply — and that’s where the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) can help. Here’s a quick rundown of just some of what’s out there, provided with assistance from the New York State Office for the Aging.

Find out about the services mentioned below, and more, by contacting the OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov, or looking us up online at [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging).

### Home-delivered meals

You may need meals for a short time because you were recently discharged from a hospital and can’t make meals until you recover. Or you may need meals for a longer time because you can’t do many of the things you did for yourself before.

For older New Yorkers who can’t prepare meals for themselves, home-delivered meals provide healthy, nutritious, balanced meals to a participant’s residence up to five days a week.

Up-to-date information about wellness and healthy eating habits is provided to those who receive meals. Registered dietitians offer private nutrition counseling to older people with questions about diabetes, weight loss or gain and healthy eating.

### Save yourself money, learn insurance options

You’ve seen the ads and gotten piles of mail, all of it claiming that their company’s health insurance option is the right one for you. They can’t all be right... right? Understanding your insurance options is key to saving money, but where to begin?

Try the OFA’s Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP). Our trained volunteer HIICAP counselors are available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap and other health and long-

## GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

term care insurance issues.

You can contact the OFA for an appointment with a HIICAP counselor, or you can sign up for one of our in-person “Medicare 101” presentations in Poughkeepsie or Rhinebeck.

As we get closer to Medicare’s annual open enrollment period (Oct. 15 through Dec. 7), we’ll add more Medicare 101 classes throughout the County. You can find an up-to-date calendar of OFA activities at [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging).

*Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, who can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or via the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.*

## Correction

Last week’s Opinion Page ran a letter to the editor from Amenia Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) member and resident Stacy Mantel about the Community Solar program, entitled “Save 10% on electricity, help Amenia earn \$5K.” The Millerton News incorrectly printed the wrong email address; the correct address is: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/all-programs/ny-sun/solar-for-your-home/community-solar>. The correct link is also on our website, [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com), for easy access. We regret the error.

*Letters to the editor are due by 10 a.m. Monday mornings to be published in that week’s issue. There is a 500-word limit for letters, which must be signed by the letter-writer with their full name and hometown. Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before publication.*

*We also remind readers that the views expressed on this opinion page are not those of The Millerton News and The News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.*

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Article on Rosey’s café assigned wrong gender

I wanted to let you know that you misgendered Jamie Gerber in the piece you wrote about Rosey’s in Pine Plains.

Jamie uses they/them pronouns and you used she/her to describe them.

The Millerton News should endeavor to represent trans and gender non-conforming people as they identify. All you need to do is ask.

Thank you.

Sarah Chase

Pine Plains

*Editor’s Note: The Millerton News would like to apologize to Jamie Gerber and anyone who was offended by the incorrect usage of she/her in former reporter Kaitlin Lyle’s July 21 article on Rosey’s cafe in Pine Plains. We deeply regret the error and will strive to do better when reporting on all genders to represent a more inclusive society.*

## Comparing environmental water use worldwide

Recently, a study has been performed concerning cotton and the amount of water needed to grow and then process cotton into clothing. First off, it is necessary to ask: What type of water?

Water falls into three categories. The water that falls from the sky, let’s call that green. The water that comes from plants, wells and reservoirs otherwise fit for human consumption, let’s call that blue. And the water that comes from recycling industrial water, let’s call that grey.

In some parts of the world, like Tanzania and Uganda, the cotton season is short but very productive following the monsoon season. Green water.

Similarly, Egypt has half the water use green and the other half blue.

India, on the other hand is 30% green, 55% blue and the rest grey.

China doesn’t report where the water comes from but best guess by the World Bank is mostly blue or green.

India and China together produce 50% of the world’s cotton crops.

Now, here’s comes a conundrum. It has been calculated that to make one pair of jeans takes 26,000 gallons. The water needed for one person, say a man, is a gallon a day. So, the water needed for one pair of jeans is the water needed for 26,000 people for one day, or one person for 72 years. Even assuming 50% of that water is recycled (which it is not), that’s still enough water for a man for half a lifetime, for one pair of jeans!

Fashion is a funny thing. No one has really started to ask the questions of fashion’s impact on the environment.

Drinking water shortages are everywhere; just ask Detroit or California, never mind asking people in sub-Saharan countries

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

or India or rural China.

But, you may ask, what are we supposed to wear? Putting aside the animal rights’ issues, a tanned hide of a cow only requires about the same water usage as cotton and lasts 10 times as long. Try synthetic fabrics? Well, it takes 2.5 gallons of gas to make every 1 gallon of gasoline (you didn’t know that one, I’ll bet). And synthetic fabrics? A plastic water bottle takes twice the amount of fresh water to make than the water it can hold — and the cap needs another 2 cups. A T-shirt in polyester needs about 265 gallons of water all told — whereas a cotton T-shirt uses less than that to make but a lot more to grow the cotton in the first place. That cotton T-shirt uses up a total of 1,320 gallons of water. One T-shirt!

And let’s look at your cell phone — yes, I’ll bet you never considered just how much water was used making that cell phone. Cool, clear, perfectly drinkable water — 3,500 gallons of it. Enough for one man to drink for 9.5 years.

OK, so there is not a lot you can do. All these are everyday necessities. But you can stop and think when your vanity needs a new cool pair of jeans, or that new gizmo cell phone that looks so cool. It may be cool, but somewhere someone in a cotton or cell phone-producing country is going without fresh water and you might just consider them first.

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

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## Heads not in sand

# LEGAL NOTICES

## TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 10th day of August 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against phase one of a major subdivision, which is a lot line adjustment submitted by David Birch for properties located at 618 and 654 Bean River Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 134200-7072-00-220400 and 134200-7072-00-272440.

Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall

be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

By order of:  
Town of Pine Plains  
Planning Board  
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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

Please take notice that the Town of Pine Plains Town Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following materials for the year 2023:

- 1) Bituminous asphalt (various sizes) including cold mix asphalt using the most current posted price index.
- 2) Crushed stone (all sizes).
- 3) Ice control sand- all crushed stone shall meet Section 703 of the NYSDOT 'Standard Specifications' and Natural and Processed Sands and Gravels, Crushed Stone, Aggregate, Run of Bank Gravel specifications of County of Dutchess. stone and asphalt materials shall come from NYSDOT approved plant. Bid prices on all of the above materials per ton, with the exception of asphalt should be for both F.O.B. and delivered.
- 4) Liquid calcium chloride for summer and

winter.

- 5) diesel fuel.
- 6) #2 Heating oil for garage, winter mix December through February for heating oil only.
- 7) Mid-Grade and Regular no lead gasoline.
- 8) Liquid Propane for garage and library.

All bids should use the Albany OPIS for the Friday immediately preceding the bid opening date.

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon Friday August 12, 2022 at the Town Clerks Office,

PO Box 955, 3284 Route 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

In order for your bid to be considered complete, the following must be submitted as required by Section 103D of the Municipal Law:

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- Certificate of Insurance Naming Town of Pine Plains as Certificate Holder
- All bids must be submitted

in sealed envelopes with the following information on the outside:

1. Materials Bids 2023
2. August 12, 2022, 12:00 PM.

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The F.O.B. plant price will be analyzed with full consideration given to the distance of the plant to the project location. Any questions should be directed to the Highway Department at (518) 398-6662.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Pine Plains  
Madelin Dafoe  
Town Clerk  
07-28-22  
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## 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 August 11, 2022 at 7:20

p.m. at the Town of North East Town Hall in Millerton, New York on the adoption of proposed Local Law No. A of the Year 2022, which rescinds Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2021, which was entitled: "A Local Law Opting Out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries as Authorized under New York State Cannabis Law Article 4". If this Local Law is enacted, retail cannabis dispensaries will be permitted in the Town of North East subject to provisions to be provided in the Town of North East Zoning Code regulating such uses and in accordance with New York State Cannabis Law Article 4. Any person desiring to be heard on said Local Law will be provided with an opportunity to do so at said public hearing.

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