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Longtime Amenia resident Juan Cedillo, above, was killed on Sunday, Jan. 16. David A. Trotta is being charged. The two were neighbors in the same Wassaic apartment building.

## Widow speaks about husband's murder as suspect goes to court

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WASSAIC — More than one month after David A. Trotta, 26, of Wassaic was arrested for killing her husband, Vivian Serrano-Cedillo is hoping justice will be served as she continues to try to heal in the crime's aftermath.

Grateful to all who have offered their support in this difficult time after 45-year-old Juan Carlos Cedillo was stabbed to death outside of their Wassaic apartment house, Serrano-Cedillo recently opened up to The Millerton News about her husband and the events surrounding his tragic demise.

The recent widow said the couple was married for two years, living in an apartment house at 173 South Amenia Road.

Cedillo had lived in the town of Amenia for 25 years; Serrano-Cedillo said he lived in the Wassaic apartment where they made their home three years before they met.

While the couple didn't have any children, Cedillo had two daughters from a previous marriage: Mariana Cedillo, 21, of Wassaic and Alexia Cedillo, 16, of Millbrook.

His sister, Minerva Cedillo, owns the Mexican restaurant La

**"It always amazes me how people come together during traumatic times."**

*Vivian Serrano-Cedillo, widow*

Cazeula in Dover Plains.

Employed as a landscaper for Northwest Lawn and Landscaping, Cedillo is remembered as having a big heart, always willing to help anyone in need of assistance.

"He was a great person, he was a good friend, he was a good employee and we will miss him terribly," said Amiee Duncan, co-owner of the Millerton-based company that has a workshop in Wassaic. "This was truly a tragedy."

"He was a loving man who never held grudges and forgave with ease," Serrano-Cedillo said. "He appreciated nature and would never want to bring harm to anyone."

Explaining the layout of their apartment building, Serrano-Cedillo said six people lived on two floors. In addition to her and Cedillo, two other tenants occupied the first floor: Trotta and his mother.

See **SEEKING JUSTICE, A8**

### Supermarket site-plan was indeed approved in 2013

## A history of Hannaford and the NE Planning Board

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NORTH EAST — Last week, Millerton Square Plaza owner Skip Trotta went on the record sharing the good news that he is in contract with a prospective buyer interested in bringing a grocer to his now vacant plaza.

### No application for plaza

While the article was surely welcome to readers, it misstated that "it seemed as if Hannaford would lease the space" from Trotta, who also indicated that an application had been

submitted to the North East Planning Board roughly a decade ago for the supermarket giant to do business in his plaza. That is not true.

Even Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver felt it worth chiming in to make a statement.

"I would like to go on the record, saying I felt we did everything we could to work with the proposed developer to get the supermarket project to completion, and the project was approved," said Culver on Friday, Feb. 25, "but I don't remember it ever having anything to do with Millerton Square Plaza. Maybe Skip

could refresh my memory."

A call to Trotta for comment was not returned by press time.

### Hannaford history

The town records, this paper's archives and countless interviews show what actually transpired, is that on June 5, 2013, the North East Planning Board gave developer John Joseph (no relation), of Southern Realty and Development LLC (SRD) in Warwick, its stamp of approval to build a 36,000-square foot supermarket (later revealed to be Hannaford) off

See **HANNAFORD, A8**

## Hanlon gets bid from county Dems for sheriff nomination

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MILLBROOK — Former Deputy Jillian Hanlon announced her candidacy for Dutchess County Sheriff on Monday, Feb. 21, with a wealth of experience behind her. The position was long held by the late Adrian "Butch" Anderson, who died in office on Oct. 5, 2021.

Hanlon is a retired deputy with 24 years working at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Up until 2015, she was known as T.J. Hanlon. That was the year Hanlon, who is transgender, transitioned to becoming a woman.

ing a woman.

But she doesn't want that to be the focus of her campaign. She wants it to be about the more than 37 years in public service she spent in various positions, with the

Jillian Hanlon just won the nomination from the Dutchess County Democratic Committee to be its candidate for Dutchess County sheriff election in November.



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## Crarryville Gateway wants Copake solar project to hit 'pause'

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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### Part II

COPAKE — Curious to see how Hecate Energy's Shepherd's Run Solar Farm project could become a win-win for Copake environmentally, area residents attended a virtual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, to hear Crarryville Gateway's recommenda-

tions to improve the project.

The Millerton News published Part I with details about the meeting last week (go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com) to read article).

Crarryville Gateway (CG), which consists of representatives from the Columbia Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson, Sensible Solar for Rural New York and Friends of Columbia Solar Group (FCSG), formed last November after a public presentation by

Hecate Energy. FCSG Co-Chair Dan Haas explained its goal.

Shepherd's Run "must be the best it can be for Copake's environment, agriculture, residents and economy — while contributing significantly to New York State's goal of 100% clean power by 2040."

Haas noted CG wants to partner with Hecate as the energy company

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## MILLERTON

*Millerton Village Board votes to sell historic building*

## Old Village Hall finally goes up for sale, bids wanted

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MILLERTON — The Millerton Village Board is hoping for the highest bidder as it drafts an RFP (Request for Proposals) to place the 19th Century Old Village Hall on the auction block, so to speak. The building sits in Millerton's Main Street Historic District, which was approved in 2010. The building also has state and federal historic designations.

According to Mayor Jenn Najdek, the board decided at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 (held a day late due to the Presidents Day holiday), to finally sell the currently-closed Village Hall at 21 Dutchess Ave. in Millerton.

The building has not been in use since 2020, when the board said the cost to make necessary repairs didn't make sense considering its annual \$800,000 or so budget. The heating system needed work, for one, but the building also needed to be brought up to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance, which would have added significantly to the price tag.

The entire village staff had to vacate Village Hall two years ago as it could no longer be heated during the cold Northeast winters. The municipal offices have been relocated to both 1 John St. and 50 Main St., until finally moving



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**The Village Board is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals to sell the old Millerton Village Hall at 21 Dutchess Ave.; it hopes to have it ready by next month.**

to its current digs at 5933-59 North Elm Ave. (Route 22). Village Hall has been there since March of 2020 and according to Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer, who said the space is great, the lease to was just signed to remain there for at least a couple of more years.

Back in 2020, the Village Board also wanted to relocate the Millerton Police Department from the second floor to the ground floor of the Old Village Hall on Dutchess Avenue, where the Nutrition Center was formerly located.

"There were concerns from board's perspective, if we start laying it out, upon inspection, it would come out that this is wrong and needs to be re-

paired, etc.," said Najdek. "It was originally that we received that Community Development Block Grant for both the town and the village to make a joint municipal office, and make it ADA compliant. We did have an engineer look at it and a designer do so, but there were some structural issues in the basement..."

The mayor added what began as a \$300,000 project soon grew into a \$350,000 project. The board was concerned those costs would continue to grow, with no signs of stopping.

"The costs of really bringing

the building back to life were pretty high," she said. "And in years' past and in conversations with the town we thought down road it would be great for the two of us to have a joint municipal facility. But this building certainly would not have served that purpose..."

Of course, the Village Board considered other options to save the one-time firehouse, library and residence in the historic district.

"Our thought was to try to get grant funding to repair the building to its historic nature," said the mayor. "It served its purpose of a municipal build-

ing. But the cost of that, in my opinion, we discussed at the August board meeting, is overly burdensome. And then you could take out a state historic park preservation grant, but they have matching pieces. And then you think of what the village has going on now, and to spread ourselves thinner and do a construction project, doesn't make sense."

The last appraisal for Village Hall, which is a two-story fading gray shingled house with a third-story tower built in 1904 was in April of 2020 for \$165,000. Of course, since then, property values in the area have risen.

Its historic name, for the record, is the E.H. Thompson Hose Co. House/Millerton Public Library/Millerton Village Hall.

Victor Cornelius of Endeavor Municipal Development helped the Village Board assess its options for the building, and what different funding sources might look like for both the village and potential buyers.

Because of the building's historic landmark status, Cornelius explained the buyer has choices in terms of funding, including Preservation Tax Credits, which would allow the owner/developer to apply for 30% tax credits from both the

state and the federal government for all construction costs related to the historic structure through the Department of the Interior's National Trust for Historic Preservation. (Each area of construction must cost in excess of \$5,000 to be eligible.)

There is also the possibility of tax deductions on easements, in which the owner/developer would agree to a preservation easement on the building's envelope before closing on the property.

Doing so would "restrict facade changes to a pre-defined 'restoration' concept, keeping it aesthetically within the Main Street Historic District's preservation targets," according to Cornelius.

There are other options for both the buyer and seller.

Bottom line, said the mayor, Village Hall is a great building for the right use. Perhaps, she said, it could be bought and converted to help with the local housing crisis.

"It could be great," she said, adding she'd like the facade to remain the same and the board may add a stipulation to the RFP requiring that condition. "It needs some love... I'd love to see the exterior look as great as it should and have some real valuable use... I just want to create a little buzz."

## Film helps explain conservation initiative

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CORNWALL, Conn. — The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) has a short film on its website that introduces Follow the Forest, a conservation effort with nearly 50 partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

In a nutshell, Follow the Forest is an effort to protect and connect large, forested areas from the Hudson Valley to Canada, enabling wildlife to move freely between them according to their migratory needs and in response to the changing climate.

The short (two and a half minutes) film includes familiar landscapes, including an overhead shot of Route 7 where Carse Brook runs beneath the highway and into the Housatonic River.

HVA Regional Conservation Director Tim Abbott worked with filmmaker James O'Connor on the short film.

In a phone interview Thursday, Feb. 3, Abbott

said the overhead shot (made with a drone), with the road slicing through the landscape, was chosen deliberately, to emphasize the man-made barriers that can impede the movement of wildlife.

Abbott said he met the filmmaker while the latter was the cinematographer on a short film called "The Loyalist" (2018).

Abbott said he enjoys Revolutionary War reenactments and was hired as an extra for the film.

Asked if that meant he was "charging around in costume with a musket," Abbott replied in the affirmative.

The purpose of the Follow the Forest film is two-fold, Abbot said.

The first is to make the general public aware of the project.

The second is to provide Abbott "with a credible way" to connect with other conservation groups beyond the Housatonic River watershed.

To see the short film and for more information on Follow the Forest, go to [www.hvatoday.org](http://www.hvatoday.org).

## Housing group learns of grant to help generate community engagement

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — The Millerton-North East working group of the Tri-Town Coalition housing group assessed the benefits of the Housing for Community Mini-Grant program presented by Hudson River Housing at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Members gathered via Zoom for their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Hudson River Housing Director of Strategic Initiatives Elizabeth Druback Celaya took the helm to outline the grant program's objectives and benefits.

Funding for the program was provided in whole by the Foundation for Community Health, which "invests in people, programs and strategies that work to improve the health of residents of the northern Litchfield Hills and the greater Harlem Valley."

The program's purpose is to support municipalities in northeastern Dutchess County "in the implementation of creative community engagement efforts centered on housing affordability."

Those include strengthening and supporting continued community engagement; strengthening ties between decision-makers and those most impacted by policy decisions;

and deepening the broader community's understanding of housing affordability.

She added it was also specifically created "to build upon the efforts of the Tri-Town Coalition."

The grant applications were due online on Tuesday, March 1. Celaya said applicants were able to request up to \$5,000 to start projects to increase meaningful and relevant community engagement in one or several northeastern Dutchess County communities.

Examples include (but are not limited to): marketing campaigns; educational community gatherings and conversations; engagement around zoning or planning opportunities; storytelling; participatory arts-driven activities; and creative use of virtual tools and platforms to be used for further engagement or understanding.

Celaya later projected images of past projects to provide a clear visual of the kinds of projects supported by the program.

Applications will be reviewed based on their approach and rationale toward community engagement strategies and activities; their strength

and utilization of community partnerships; their alignment between the use of requested funds and proposed activities; and the proposal's relevance to current community context.

Examples of eligible organizations include town governments, town-sponsored boards or committees or nonprofit or faith-based organizations that partner with town-sponsored board(s) and/or government(s).

Eligible organizations should serve at least one of the following towns, villages or hamlets in northeastern Dutchess County: North East, Millerton, Amenia, Pine Plains or Wassaic.

The North East Town Board was among those that applied. It convened for a special meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 28, to approve an application

to Hudson River Housing for its Housing for Community Mini-Grant Program. Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said the board unanimously voted in support of the application.

Awards will be announced on Thursday, March 31, and the project period will run from Friday, April 1, to Saturday, Dec. 31.

Awarded funds could go toward material and personnel costs; technology needs; costs associated with facilitation and/or speakers; and stipends for community members.

Each grantee will get up to 10 hours of technical assistance from a group of regional and national community development organizations and experts, such as Pattern for Progress, OpenGate Consulting and Hilary Lamishaw Consulting.



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### The State of Connecticut opens an investigation into Nuvance's action regarding the closure of the ICU.

In a letter dated 3 February 2022 from the Office of Health Strategies (OHS) Deputy Director, Kimberly Martone, to Nuvance Health VP Planning, Sally Herlihy, regarding Sharon Hospital's Compliance with 18-32238-CON, Ms Martone concludes:

"Given the apparent inconsistency in the Hospital's actions and statements concerning its compliance with the Settlement, OHS is hereby initiating an investigation into this matter to gather and review additional information relevant to assess the Hospital's compliance with applicable statute and the Settlement."

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From left, Cesar Villa, a donor specialist from the New York Blood Center, prepped Edward DeLaPena, a longtime donor at Amenia's blood drives, for his latest donation at the blood drive held on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 23.

## Have a heart, give a pint

AMENIA — With February nationally celebrated as Heart Health Month, the town of Amenia invited residents and those living in neighboring towns to show some love and make a donation to the blood drive held inside the Amenia Town Hall gymnasium on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Donations could be made all afternoon and into the evening, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Donors, both new to the practice and those who have done so many times before, readied their arms for their precious donations that could help save lives. Blood banks and hospitals are facing critical blood shortages presently, made

even more challenging due to the current health crisis.

Last week's donors were assisted by specialists from the New York Blood Center.

Their acts of kindness were much appreciated, and made the donations seem smooth and painless, according to those who gave blood. — Kaitlin Lyle

## Are accessory dwelling units answer to housing?

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Kicking off 2022 with high hopes, the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) made efficient use of its first two meetings of the year assessing recommendations from the consulting firm AKRF; its housing survey and future listening session; and other matters related to affordable housing in the local region.

### January meeting

The board convened via Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. for its first meeting of 2022. Acting as the AHB's Town Board liaison, former group Chairman Leo Blackman spoke first. He suggested it present recommendations from AKRF to the Town Board "for funding as a priority."

AKRF presented its recommendations this past December as part of a study to encourage affordable housing, zoning changes, etc.

AHB member Stacy Mantel suggested postponing AKRF Town Planner Ashley Levy's presentation to the Town Board until after the AHB clarifies regional housing needs.

Fellow member Jeff Barnett-Winsby said the AHB's role is "to recommend properties to develop and make changes to code so Amenia is attractive for developers to build affordable housing."

Now that the Tri-Town Coalition housing group and the Regional Planning Association have had their third virtual training session to enlist "Housing Ambassadors," the AHB considered scheduling a public meeting.

Blackman said Hudson

River Housing plans to hold a "Regional Convening" session in the spring and asked if the Housing Board should also have a session so local residents can speak about Amenia's housing needs.

Barnett-Winsby said the group should aim to reach the 20% of people who responded negatively to AHB's housing survey. He suggested it hold multiple smaller, shorter sessions at local sites, such as the firehouse and the library. AHB member Alison Francis agreed it made sense to bring the sessions to local residents.

Regarding the survey, AHB member Charles Miller suggested documenting both the results and the initial research to make the information useful, especially for Town Board presentations, informational meetings and eventual Requests for Proposals (RFPs). He also suggested assembling their property and wetlands maps, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and zoning information.

Later that night, Miller was unanimously elected the group's new chairperson.

### February meeting

The AHB met via Zoom again at 10 a.m., and spent the majority of Sunday, Feb. 6, discussing AKRF's recommendations. Members reasserted they want to suggest changes to the Town Board with hopes it will utilize a planner to rework local housing requirements. Going for-

ward, Miller asked that AHB members familiarize themselves with Amenia's zoning code.

Regarding financial incentives, Blackman said he felt the AHB should support land donations; he shared his thoughts on pre-approved sites that could be developed.

Barnett-Winsby suggested a generic environment impact statement (GEIS) to speed up the approvals process, while Councilwoman Vicki Doyle (also Town Board liaison to the AHB) asked for AKRF's feedback on GEIS success.

The AHB agreed it should "support a streamlining of requirements to incentivize housing development, such as utilizing GEIS's and identifying sites for redevelopment."

In terms of accessory dwelling units, Blackman said the main issues are financial incentives and the lack thereof, which can prevent people from converting their homes to ADUs.

Barnett-Winsby suggested an informational campaign and property tax abatements as a solution, as well as lowering the square-foot minimum requirements. Miller suggested funding and septic capacity could be barriers to the ADU process.

While the board didn't have a consensus around multi-family zoning, its members had consensus around supporting multi-family units in town centers.

## 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.

### Violation of protective order

Thursday, Feb. 17, Deputies responded to 144 Scott Drive in Amenia for a reported Order of Protection violation involving a neighbor dispute at that location.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Robert Lugo, age 78, for Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree. Lugo is to appear in a later date.

### Intoxicated male

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 65 Old Branch Road in the Town of Dover and attempting to enter the caller's residence.

The investigation revealed that a 26-year-old male was highly intoxicated and was at the wrong house.

The matter was mediated without further incident.

### Stolen vehicle falsely reported

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 4 Benton Road in the Town of Amenia for the report of a stolen vehicle.

The caller reported that his vehicle was stolen from 3171 Route 22 in the Town of Dover. A further investigation revealed that the caller had allegedly filed a false report and given a false written statement surrounding the stolen vehicle report.

The vehicle was located, and the complainant was identified as Adam Jasmin, age 28, who was charged

with making a False Written statement.

Jasmin is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

### Lumber yard burglary

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 528 Old State Route 22 in Dover at the J&J Log and Lumber Company for the suspected burglary of tools from several garages.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division.

### Barbershop burglary

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 3304 Route 343 in Amenia for the suspected burglary of a barbershop.

An employee reported to the owner of the business that the side window had been damaged and the cash box had been taken.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division.

### Domestic disturbance

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 6087 Route 22 in North East for a physical domestic disturbance that was called into Dutchess County 911 as an open line.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Adam Alexander, age 28, for Attempted Assault in the 3rd degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree.

Alexander was arraigned in the Town of North East Court and was to appear in court at a future date.

### Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected

criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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## WASSAIC IN BRIEF

### Spend an evening with a psychic medium

On Friday, March 4, the local community is invited by the Wassaic Firehouse Auxiliary to an awe-inspiring, entertaining and moving evening with psychic medium Karen Kilmartin.

The fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. at the Wassaic firehouse at 27 Firehouse Road in Wassaic. Kilmartin

will share messages of love and hope from those missed by their loved ones.

Reservations are required; tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Wassaic Firehouse Auxiliary.

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## PINE PLAINS/AREA



PHOTO BY CELIA KAHN

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library Bookshop in Copake will be open for a special one-day sale on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Bookroom delights bibliophiles for a day

COPAKE — Local bibliophiles have been waiting with baited breath for the upcoming sale at the Roe Jan library's popular book sale room. This weekend, their long anticipated wait will be over.

That's because just in time for the mud season, the FRIENDS of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library Bookshop will be hosting a special one-day sale of CD's and DVD's on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bookshop is located right where patrons go to visit their favorite library, at 9091 Route 22 in Copake.

All discs, many of them recently donated, will sell for .25 cents each. After this weekend, the bookshop will close again until further notice.

For more information or to donate items, email caskahan@gmail.com.

For general library information, call 518-325-4101 or go to [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://www.roejanlibrary.org).  
— Carol Kneeland

### PPCSD 2022-23 budget review

## BOE focuses on curriculum, schools and athletics budgets

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PINE PLAINS — Launching its first meeting in February with finances on the brain, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) opened its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 2, to 2022-23 budget workshops for curriculum and instruction, athletics and the district's three schools.

The 7 p.m. Zoom meeting can be viewed at [www.ppcsd.org](http://www.ppcsd.org).

The evening's 2022-23 budget workshop presentations were delivered to the BOE by Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Monica LaClair, all three building principals and Athletic Director Rob Scott.

Presenting the curriculum and professional development budgetary highlights, Timm said the district is maintaining a flat budget for the 2022-23 school year.

He reported the PPCSD is also in the process of collecting applications for a new director of curriculum and instruction, as he will be stepping into the role of superintendent of schools. Current Superintendent Martin Handler plans to retire at year's end. Timm said there are a good number of candidates who look promising.

"Our plan is to hopefully

move quickly enough to secure somebody so that they'll be ready to start on July 1," Timm said.

Timm also outlined plans for its new director of curriculum and instruction, which include instituting professional development for staff, summer curriculum grants and social emotional learning and grading for equity work.

#### Principals give reports

Amid the budgetary highlights for Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, Stissing Mountain Principal Tara Grieb said the school is also maintaining a flat budget for 2022-23.

The middle/high school is in the process of phasing out of the Chinese language program due to low enrollment and interest. The district is looking into plans for a middle school summer experience program.

Grieb also highlighted some of the school's pre-pandemic planning that she would like to see carried out in the future, including making the school's courtyard more usable and creating outdoor learning spaces.

Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center Principal Julie Roberts reported the school is maintaining a flat rollover budget for next year and funds were reallocated from the budget's equipment line to materials and supplies line as per regulatory changes.

Other budgetary highlights featured a decrease in Seymour

## Fatal crash and serious crash within 10 days

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Throughout the past two years of the pandemic, there have been fewer drivers reported on the roads. Yet one phenomenon that has emerged during this time is that there have been more vehicular accidents.

According to the U.S. Government's Accountability Office, "The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that traffic fatalities during the first half of 2021 increased 18.4% since the first half of 2020. The estimated 20,160 fatalities during the first half of last year is the highest since 2006."

Certainly locally there are regular reports of vehicular accidents from both the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) and the New York State Police (NYSP). Just within the span of 10 days last week there were two very serious crashes in the Hudson Valley, one fatal.

Authorities are advising drivers who take to the roads to use extreme caution.

#### Union Vale fatality

A driver lost his life in Union Vale, just outside of Millbrook, on Saturday, Feb. 12.

According to the DCSO, the one-car fatal crash took place at approximately 6:30 p.m. Deputies responded to the scene after getting a call about a serious crash that evening.

A preliminary investigation has shown that 28-year-old Union Vale resident Avinash Harrindranauth was probably speeding when he was driving a 2021 Audi Q5. He was traveling south on Verbank Club Road near North Clove Road when "he failed to negotiate a hillcrest and slight curve in the roadway," according to the DCSO.

After failing to make the curve, Harrindranauth's vehicle exited the roadway and struck a tree, stated the accident report.

Harrindranauth, who was the sole occupant, was transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital with life-threatening injuries. He was later pronounced dead at the Poughkeepsie hospital.

DCSO Capt. John Watterson said the cause(s) of the crash is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and Crash Investigation Unit.

"However, at this time, unsafe speed is thought to be a primary factor," stated Watterson.

The DCSO was assisted at the scene by the NYSP, Union Vale Fire Department, LaGrange Fire Department and EMStar.

More information may be released as it becomes available, added Watterson.

#### Gallatin crash

Meanwhile, not too far away on the Taconic State Parkway in Gallatin, a woman had to be airlifted to Albany Medical Center, after having a serious accident with her sports utility vehicle.

Thirty-two-year-old Adriana Toma of Albany was driving southbound on the parkway on Monday, Feb. 21, in the Columbia County town of Gallatin outside of Pine Plains when her 2019 Dodge Durango reportedly drove off the roadway and struck a series of trees.

According to the accident report from the NYSP, the vehicle became airborne, flipped over and then landed in the center of the road.

It's unknown at this time why Toma's vehicle veered off the road.

She was flown to the hospital with multiple injuries; her condition was not known as of press time.

There were two children who were reported to be in the vehicle with Toma at the time of the accident; they were both secured in car seats and uninjured.

The children were taken to Albany Medical Center to be examined as a precaution, according to the Milan Fire Department (MFD), which responded to the scene.

Along with the MFD, the Taghkanic Fire Company also responded to the scene at around 2:53 p.m. The crash happened in the southbound lanes near mile marker 75-5.

Emergency workers had to extricate the victims from the vehicle with the Jaws of Life.

It took much engineering to allow for the Life Net helicopter to land. Media on the scene reported that the

helicopter initially tried to do so at Lake Taconic, but traffic jams forced it to change direction and land in the northbound lane on the parkway. That lane was closed for nearly half an hour, with police redirecting traffic to smaller, local roads.

Meanwhile, cars were reported to have been sitting stationary in the southbound lane. Many finally turned around and found other ways off the parkway.

The southbound lane was closed for hours while police investigated the accident scene and tried to determine a cause.

Assisting at the scene were Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP), Community Rescue Squad, NYSP and New York State Park Police.

The scene was cleared shortly after 5 p.m.

The cause of Toma's accident has yet to be determined.



PHOTO BY ROBIN GOTTLIEB

Roeliff Jansen Library Children and Youth Services Associate Tia Maggio held Storytime with Tia on Saturday, Feb. 26, and read "Fox in Socks" in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Afterward, everyone went sledding.

### A Saturday with 'Fox in Sox' and sledding

COPAKE — About a dozen or so local children attended a winter Story Time with Tia on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roe Jan Library.

Tia Maggio, the library's children and youth services associate, shared stories and related activities for the young patrons in the Children's Room, as she does every Saturday morning. Check out the library's Facebook and Instagram pages for weekly

themes. "It was so nice to have a snow day," said Maggio afterward, adding that the group did some sledding together after reading their book.

The weekend's theme was "Celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday." The famous children's book author would have turned 118 years old this past weekend. The children read "Fox in Socks" together with Maggio leading the way.

— Whitney Joseph

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**SOLAR FARM** *Continued from Page A1*

said it's committed to "community partnership, trust and respect," adding all parties have begun an open dialogue. Above all, Haas emphasized the Feb. 17th virtual talk was a forum for the community. While CG was there to present its ideas, the goal was just as much to hear from the residents.

**State process**

Setting the scene for what's happened so far, Scenic Hudson Land Use and Environmental Advocacy Attorney Audrey Friedrichsen reported that last May Hecate transferred from New York State's Article 10 process to the new 94-C process. That requires renewable energy projects larger than 25 megawatt (MW) to be permitted by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES).

Proposing a 60 MW solar project, Hecate held an open house for Copake last November and stated its intent to file its application under 94-C on or about Friday, Feb. 18.

Now passed the end of the required 60-day public notice period for Hecate to file, Friedrichsen said Craryville Gateway used the time to examine the project and identify ways to improve it.

The group met with Hecate to present its vision to redesign Shepherd's Run. It requested Hecate "pause" its application to ORES to fully consider both the group's and the public's recommendations.

**Redesign proposed**

Acknowledging the im-

provements Hecate has made to its initial proposal and responding to community concerns solicited by the group last year, CG outlined a re-envisioned Shepherd's Run that seeks to protect the environment, homeowners and agriculture and benefit the community.

Detailing the finer points of each project element, CG explained that, to make its vision a reality, it needs large-scale partners. In addition to Hecate and Copake, this includes project landowners, local farmers, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, the Columbia Land Conservancy and others.

If done right, Shepherd's Run could be a model for the nation, believes those behind the CG remodel.

**Host-Community Agreement proposed**

Craryville Gateway proposed all project benefits be locked into a legally-binding Host-Community Agreement between Copake and the project's owner/operator. The group said that would allow Copake "to enforce initial and ongoing commitments with meaningful financial security and enforcement mechanisms — even if the owner changes."

It added that a community-based partnership would allow Copake to achieve climate-scale solar and support New York's renewable energy goals.

Meanwhile, by pausing its application to ORES and spending the next few weeks incorporating the community's recommendations, Hecate would reinforce its commitment to being a community partner and secure community support for Shepherd's Run, said CG.

Throughout the evening's

feedback session, Craryville Gateway received praise on its work identifying recommendations for enhancing the project.

Thanking its members for their hard work and cooperation, Hecate Energy Project Developer Alex Campbell said, "We're very excited to continue our work with the working group and realize as many of these recommendations as possible and make this a project we can all be proud of."

**Hit pause button**

However, as mentioned in last week's article, town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler wrote in the Feb. 15 Copake Connection town newsletter she had learned Hecate announced it intended to file an application on Feb. 18, just 10 days after receiving the working group's report.

"If Hecate is serious about its stated intention to be a collaborative community partner with Copake," wrote Mettler, "it will hit the pause button and take the time to modify its Shepherd's Run proposal to incorporate the working group's recommendations into the siting permit application."

Along with praising CG's presentation and labors, community members posed questions at the virtual talk about whether the solar farm's life could be extended; how Copake would enforce accountability; the annual production of renewable energy; the total project cost; and what happens once the state approves the project.

The entire presentation may be viewed online at [www.craryvillegateway.org](http://www.craryvillegateway.org); residents may share feedback by emailing [craryvillegateway@gmail.com](mailto:craryvillegateway@gmail.com).

**SPORTS**



PHOTO BY RANDY O'ROURKE

Cross-country skiing took place at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area in Cornwall, Conn., Saturday, Feb. 26, as part of the Junior Nationals ski jumping and Nordic Combined championships.

**Junior Nationals makes it through wild weather**

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — Despite the wrong kind of precipitation and wildly fluctuating temperatures, the Junior Nationals ski jumping and Nordic Combined championship events were held in Salisbury and Cornwall Feb.

22 through Feb. 26

Willie Hallihan from the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) said "Weather was definitely the lead story. For Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the stories were ones of woe: rain, record warmth and, on Friday, a snow storm.

"But the men and women of SWSA, working most of Wednesday night and all day

Thursday, put everything back together again so that Thursday and Friday nights as well as Saturday morning the conditions were excellent at Satre Hill, as were the course conditions at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area."

For more on the competition, and to see some fabulous photos, go to [www.tri-cornernews.com](http://www.tri-cornernews.com).

**SPORTS IN BRIEF**

**Basketball Saturdays**

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington Recreation Department is offering LMC Basketball Clinics on Saturdays, from March 15 through March 21, for grades one and two and three through five, in the Guertin Gym at Millbrook Village Hall.

Register now, as spaces are limited. The fee is \$75 for residents and \$90 for nonresidents.

For more information, go to [www.washingtonnyrec.com](http://www.washingtonnyrec.com) or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

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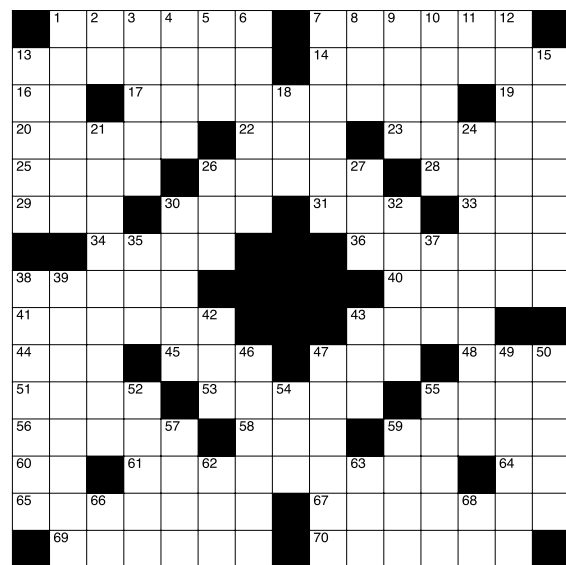
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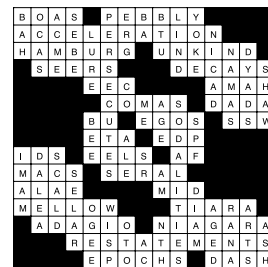
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Neckwear
- 7. Fish parts
- 13. Cooking
- 14. Quality
- 16. Rural delivery
- 17. Popular superhero
- 19. Partner to Pa
- 20. Shivering fits
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Linguistics pioneer
- 25. Large integers
- 26. A way to prepare food
- 28. Group of badgers
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Rock out
- 31. Danish krone
- 33. Take from with force
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 38. Hebrew alphabet letter
- 40. Independent member of a clone
- 41. Type of garment
- 43. Satisfy
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. A way to wipe out
- 47. Moved quickly on foot
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Performed with the voice silent
- 55. Body fluids
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. "\_\_\_ my i's"
- 59. Type of wrap
- 60. It shows who you are
- 61. Carousel
- 64. Type of college degree
- 65. Molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Surface



- 12. Smallest interval in Western music
- 13. Box
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. Make a mistake
- 21. Done by all people or things
- 24. Circumference
- 26. Chum
- 27. Electrocardiogram
- 30. Sandwich chain Jimmy \_\_\_
- 32. Showed old movie
- 35. Important event on Wall St.
- 37. Where wrestlers work
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Eastern Canada coastal region
- 42. Slang for gun
- 43. High schoolers' test
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Productive
- 50. Musical groups
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge
- 55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 57. Fill up
- 59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
- 62. Frost
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer

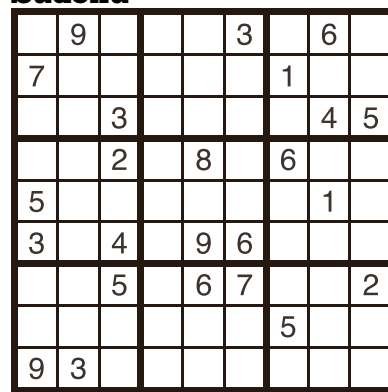
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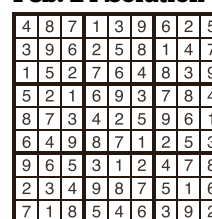
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Short, thick stick
- 2. Rhode Island
- 3. Animals of the horse family
- 4. Very important persons
- 5. Folk singer Di Franco
- 6. Boredom
- 7. Long speech
- 8. Footballer Newton
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Linear accelerator
- 11. One quintillion bytes

**Sudoku**



**Feb. 24 Solution**



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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

COOKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## What We Mean When We Talk About Pudding

Most Brits have at least heard of Coronation Chicken and have probably eaten it at least once. For those who haven't, it's kind of a curry-based cold chicken-with-sauce that was invented in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth's coronation luncheon. It was created by garden writer Constance Spry and Cordon Bleu London instructor Rosemary Hume, and was officially known as Poulet Reine Elizabeth.

This year marks the queen's 70th year on the throne. A Platinum Jubilee is being planned.

As far as I can tell this is the first regal celebration (since 1953, when Coronation Chicken was invented) when a bespoke recipe is being developed: Earlier this year, the famed Fortnum & Mason announced that it's having a Platinum Pudding Competition, which is in mid-bake right now.

On Feb. 21, the panel of eight judges selected five finalist recipes. From March 14 to 21, the baker/chefs will meet up



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**Fortnum & Mason is holding a contest to create a dessert to honor Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The famous Coronation Chicken, in this photo, was created for the queen in 1953.**

in London at Fortnum & Mason to make their creation, just like on the Great British Baking Show.

Adding to the TV Cookoff Ambience: One of the judges for the Platinum Pudding Competition is GBBS judge Dame Mary Berry.

If you want to follow along with the excitement,

you can go to [www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding](http://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding).

An essential question the website answers is one that perplexes many non-Brits: What exactly is a pudding?

**SO MANY KINDS OF PUDDING**  
In America, when we talk about pudding it usually means some type of custard.

The Fortnum & Mason pudding page explains that, "Although the term 'pudding' has become synonymous with dessert in Britain, not all puddings are desserts, while all desserts are puddings in the modern sense of the word."

The page then goes on to explain the history of puddings and the differences between puddings: boiled and steamed; baked; bread; batter; milk; and "jellies" (which in the U.S. we would call

gelatin or Jell-O).

For the Platinum Pudding, entries are expected to be sweet, not savory; easy enough that the average person can make them at home; attractive and delicious; and they should have a story or history that makes them more than a bunch of ingredients.

### HOW TO MAKE CORONATION CHICKEN

Returning to Coronation Chicken, a history of the recipe can be found at [www.cordonbleu.edu/london/coronation-chicken/en](http://www.cordonbleu.edu/london/coronation-chicken/en). It doesn't specify that curry was used in honor of the link between India and England, probably because India had earned independence six years earlier, in 1947. But despite any official link between the two countries,

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## CORONATION CHICKEN

Adapted from "A Week in the Kitchen" by Karen Dudley

Serves eight

Eight boneless, skinless chicken breasts; salt and pepper to taste; olive oil; lemon juice

Two yellow onions, peeled and chopped; 2 tbsp. cooking oil; 4 tbsp. mild curry powder; 1 tsp. ground cumin; 1 tsp. turmeric; 1/2 tsp. chile powder; 1 cinnamon stick; 5 crushed cardamom pods (about a half teaspoon of powder); 1 bay leaf

4 tsp. tomato paste; 1/2 cup chicken stock; 2 tsp. sugar; salt and pepper to taste; 2/3 cup mayonnaise; 2/3 cup (150 grams) thick Greek yogurt; the juice of one fat lemon; 2 tbsp. chutney (you can use a winter compote of dried fruit or some marmalade instead)

Optional garnishes: toasted almond slivers; fresh coriander/cilantro

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Season the chicken breasts with olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Bake for about a half hour, until they're done. You can also poach the chicken in a bit of water, and then use the broth in your sauce.

Sauté the onions in the oil until they're translucent, about 10 minutes on low to medium heat.

Add all the spices and cook at medium heat for a few minutes; then add the tomato paste, chicken stock, sugar and salt and pepper. Cook for about five minutes, until the flavors blend and the spices are no longer powdery.

Let the sauce cool. Let the chicken breasts cool (you don't want to slice them while they're hot or they'll fall apart).

When the sauce is cool, add the mayonnaise and yogurt, lemon juice and chutney/compote/marmalade.

Arrange the chicken slices on each plate and add the finished sauce over half the meat. Garnish if you like.

I personally think roasted carrots and potatoes make a nice side, to help absorb the heat. Rice would work, too. Traditionally, Coronation Chicken is served with some kind of cold salad.

## CALENDAR

All entries can be found at [www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar](http://www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar).

### ART

**Kent Art Association**, 21 S. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org)

Kent Art Association presents A Celebration of Women's History Month, March 4 to 26; Reception, March 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook, March 3, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

### DANCE

**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)  
Radio Days, March 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

### MOVIES

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
The Batman, opens March 5; Compartment No. 6, opens March 11; The Outfit, opens March 18; The Lost City, opens March 25.

### MUSIC

**Barrington Stage Company**, 122 North St., Pittsfield, Mass. [www.barringtonstageco.org](http://www.barringtonstageco.org)  
10x10 New Play Festival, Feb. 24 to March 13.

**Berkshire Theatre Group**, [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org)  
The Black Legacy Project, March 6, 7 p.m.

### TALKS

**The Cornwall Library**, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org)  
Impact of Invasive Insects in Connecticut Forests with Rob Clark, March 5, 4 p.m. (online).

### THEATER

**TheatreWorks**, 5 Brookside Ave., New Milford, Conn. [www.theatreworks.us](http://www.theatreworks.us)  
"The Extremists" by C.J. Hopkins directed by Francis A Daley, March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, April 1, 2.

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ART: SARI GOODFRIEND

# Luminous Landscapes by Photographer Nick Jacobs

Nick Jacobs has been a fixture in Cornwall, Conn., for many years. Never seen without his camera, he often bops around town with his manual portable typewriter in his Volvo station wagon. Speak with Nick for a moment and you'll feel like you've been let into a new way of seeing the world. He has an appreciation for the absurd and the ironic, but is also deeply sensitive to the beautiful banalities of life. His subjects often seem basic: a vintage kitchen fan, the chrome typewriter handle reflecting sunshine, clouds, the top branches of a tree catching the late-day light, but the way Nick sees turns everything into works of art.



PHOTO BY NICK JACOBS

A new show of work by Nick Jacobs is at the library in Cornwall, Conn., until April.

A new exhibit of his photographs at the Cornwall Library is an opportunity for us to view the world with new eyes. The show opened Feb. 26 and

remains on display until April 9.

The images in this exhibit are predominantly landscapes taken in

two places: the Coltsfoot Valley in Cornwall Village and under the concrete spandrel highway bridge that crosses the Housatonic River in Cornwall Bridge.

Like many Cornwall artists, Nick finds peace in the stunning nature of the region. He writes, "Often at sunset I walk in the Coltsfoot Valley ... and I've shot many photos there, in sunshine and shadow and in the serpentine fogs that can roil their way slowly

north from where they originate at the far end — very possibly the result of descending katabatic hillside winds."

Jacobs has worked as a commercial photographer in New York City, with emphasis on fashion and jewelry; and, later in Connecticut as a garden and human interest photographer for White Flower Farm and various magazines.

He has worked as a photojournalist in Brazil, France, Ireland and Ukraine — photographing children suffering from the after-effects of the Chernobyl disaster. Locally, he has taught at the Brookfield Craft Center. He lives in Cornwall Bridge.

The name of this new show is "The Isles of Langerhans," which is not actually a geographical region, rather a biological one. It's where endocrine cells live in the pancreas, named for the German doctor who discovered them. As previously mentioned, Nick sees the world in a unique artistic way and decided to employ this poetic-sounding title for his "body" of images.

The show can be seen during library hours. To learn more, go to <https://cornwalllibrary.org>.

## A 'MASKED' PARTY AND A FOOD TASTING

Just as it looks like the mask mandates might end soon in Connecticut, the Warner Theatre in downtown Torrington has decided to celebrate the de rigueur accessory of the past two years by hosting a "masked" ball.

Well, it will actually be a masquerade "party," but it does feel that the word masquerade should be followed by the word "ball."

The celebration will be held at the theater on Friday, March 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. The main

event will be the annual Wine & Food Tasting, with a dozen vendors from the area expected to participate.

General admission tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event. VIP tickets are \$75; they provide early access at 6 p.m. and entree to the VIP Room in the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, where there will be specialized catering, chocolate samplings, private tastings of premium wines and spirits and live entertainment.

## FIERSTEIN AND JUSTIN VIVIAN BOND, IN CONVERSATION

Tony Award-winning performer and author Harvey Fierstein and transgender performer and artist Justin Vivian Bond will have what promises to be a lively conversation onstage at Olin Hall at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The focus of the evening event (Friday, March 11, 8 p.m.) will be Fierstein's new book, "I Was Better Last Night," due out in March.

The book reveals

never-before-told stories of the actor/writer's personal struggles and conflicts, of sex and romance, and of his fabled career.

Tickets are \$38 and include a signed copy of Fierstein's book. To purchase or reserve tickets, go to [www.fishercenter.bard.edu](http://www.fishercenter.bard.edu), call 845-758-7900 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or email [boxoffice@bard.edu](mailto:boxoffice@bard.edu). This event is presented in partnership with Oblong Books.

## ...pudding

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it does seem that curries make up a large part of the diet of many Brits, if BBC television programs can be believed.

I test cooked some Coronation Chicken this week and found it extremely scrumptious and hard to stop eating.

I ended up using a recipe from a cookbook by a famous South African restaurant ("A Week in the Kitchen"), which uses the curry sauce as a dressing on the side of sliced chicken breasts. Most recipes mix it all together in a kind of chicken salad.

I'll warn that this

recipe is hot and spicy; if you want it milder, leave out or decrease the chile powder. If you don't have cumin, cardamom and turmeric in your spice collection, ignore them and/or increase the curry powder to compensate.

This dish is extremely fragrant, and will leave your entire home smelling like curry for about 18 hours.

The recipe calls for eight chicken breasts; you can make as much chicken as you want with no problem. I haven't tried to do the math to decrease the sauce quantity.

## A HISTORY OF THE SHEPAUG RAILROAD LINE

Fans of Connecticut rail history can tune in to a Zoom presentation co-sponsored by the Gunn Historical Museum and the Danbury Railway Museum on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

"The History of the Shepaug Railroad" will be presented by Col. Donald A. Woodworth Jr., USAF (Ret.).

The Shepaug, Litchfield and Northern Railroad was a short independent railroad that brought local products to market, including ice from Bantam and granite from Roxbury. The railroad carried

milk from nearly every station — particularly Washington Depot — and transformed it into a regional dairy center, as well as a country retreat for city-dwellers.

Much of the line remains in place as rail trails for walking and cycling; the presentation will give visitors a new appreciation for the line that they traverse.

Register for this free program at [www.gunnlibrary.org/gunn-museum/upcoming-programs](http://www.gunnlibrary.org/gunn-museum/upcoming-programs). Call 860-868-7756 or go to [www.gunnmuseum.org](http://www.gunnmuseum.org) for more information.



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Learn about the Shepaug Railroad line, which transformed Washington, Conn., into a dairy center as well as a country retreat, in a Zoom talk on March 21.

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# THE MILLERTON NEWS

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## EDITORIAL

### Millerton shoppers, Hannaford and the Planning Board

Many of our Millerton readers were probably over the moon to read last week's article entitled, "Hopes for Millerton grocery store look bright, Trotta goes on the record: Plaza is under contract."

It's no wonder news of the plaza's potential sale was so welcome. The sale would be wonderful for the community as the village of Millerton and town of North East have been without a supermarket since 2019, when Millerton Fresh Market abruptly left the now vacant Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44.

That's why this newspaper was so pleased to be able to share plaza owner Skip Trotta's promising announcement.

However, in printing that Hannaford was primed to lease space at Trotta's plaza we realize that was actually not accurate, and we apologize for that error.

Neither Skip Trotta, nor anyone else, had ever submitted an application to the Planning Board to bring Hannaford into the Millerton Square Plaza then or since.

The reality is that Hannaford and its representative, developer John Joseph (no relation to this editor), spent two years in a rigorous site-plan review process before the North East Planning Board. His plans were to open a 36,000-square foot brand new store on a 10-acre lot owned by Harlem Valley resident and businessman Robert Quinlan. It would have been located next to Thompson Plaza, with frontage on Route 44.

The Hannaford site-plan for Route 44 was granted final approval by the Planning Board on June 5, 2013, paving the way for a spanking new mega-market for local shoppers to enjoy for years to come.

That didn't happen for a number of complicated reasons — none of which had to do with the Planning Board. (For more, read this week's front page.)

One contributing factor? Wassaic shopkeeper Sharon Kroeger (owner of Calsi's Market); she created a consortium called the Ten Towns to Preserve Main Street. The group consisted of local grocers from 10 regional towns concerned Hannaford would offer better prices and therefore take away a chunk of their business.

The group enlisted a local Millerton resident, paired with the owners of Foodtown in Amenia (now Freshtown) and filed an Article 78 lawsuit, which was thrown out of court. It appealed the ruling and lost again on May 4, 2016, when the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, threw the case out a second time. The two lawsuits delayed the project by about two years, according to Planning Board member Chip Barrett.

We understand there has been a ton of information about the Hannaford application since it first hit our radars in 2011 and in the many years since, and it's been a lot to sort through. What we want to make clear is that since the developer first approached the Planning Board with his site-plan application in hand, that board did everything in its powers to make the project happen.

As Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver explained, it does what all of our municipal boards and committees strive to do: "To give people the tools and resources needed to move businesses forward. It's up to all of us to do our part."

He is absolutely correct. Culver spoke also of the town's Zoning Review Committee (ZRC), which works hand-in-hand with those in the Planning and Building Departments and its boards and committees, to ensure no bureaucracy "has created any roadblocks for anyone to come here, through updating the Comprehensive Plan... which I believe is working on a vision and future for the town that involves making a balance between residential and business zoning, with the town supervisor and Town Board."

Clearly it does take a village, or a town, as the case may be, to make that village or town successful. Luckily for those who live in Millerton and North East, that's exactly what has been happening in this instance of trying to bring a market to our community. In searching through town records and this paper's archives, not to mention conducting countless interviews, it's easy to realize that ever since Hannaford quietly withdrew its application, countless people have continued to work to attract other grocers to our area.

Trotta was successful at bringing the Cho family in for a short stint in his plaza with Millerton Fresh Market. Although that didn't succeed in the long run, we appreciated the effort and hope his next attempt will be triumphant.

An important understanding is that Hannaford's withdrawal wasn't due to the Planning Board, but rather to legal and other issues. (For details, check out this week's article.) The board voted "yes" to Hannaford's request to open in the town of North East.

This paper applauded the seven board members for doing so back then. We again want to stress that they have consistently done their utmost throughout the years to ensure North East develops in a smart and sustainable fashion.

Which brings us to our final point. Despite any confusion around this supermarket issue, with its decade-long history, withdrawn application, lawsuits, various location scenarios, multiple players, etc., there is one thing that is certain: Everyone involved has had the same good intentions — to bring a grocery store to the Millerton community.

It's incredible to see so many people on the same page hoping to accomplish the same objective. There are more people working on this than readers can imagine: town Supervisor Chris Kennan and the Town Board, the North East Planning Board, Mayor Jenn Najdek and the Village Board, our zoning boards and committees, Skip Trotta, the prospective buyer and myriad others behind the scene.

The public is optimistically cheering them on all the way.

We, too, sincerely wish them all the best of luck and hope the end result will be a grocer at the plaza in short order.



Cartoon to the Editor by Pat Moore, Lakeville, Conn.

### Pine Plains church feeds off local support

The Pine Plains First United Presbyterian Church would like to express our sincere gratitude for the community's past support of our previous dinners.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent precautions have changed our towns in innumerable ways and small churches are no exception, but we are slowly realizing our new normal.

Our events help us to keep open our doors for ministry to our congregation and our community. Despite diminished revenue, this year we have been able to continue to support the Community Food Locker, Willow Roots, Crop Walk, Adopt A Family, World Vision and Wreaths Across America.

We will continue with a Takeout Only format on Saturday, March 19, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Our dinner will

include Corned Beef, Cabbage, Boiled Red Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Irish Soda Bread and dessert.

Reservations may be made by phoning the church 518-398-7117 or by emailing Dyan at dyanwapnick@optimum.net.

If we don't sellout in advance, dinners may be available at the door for purchase.

Dinners are \$17 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, and free for those under 5 years old. Dinners are payable by cash or check at the door or Venmo in advance @FUPCPP.

As always, thank you all for your support and Bon Appetit!

With gratitude,  
**Jeanne Valentine-Chase**  
**Dyan Wapnick**  
 Dinner co-chairs,  
 Pine Plains First United  
 Presbyterian Church  
 Pine Plains

### Looking toward a pensive 2022

In my last Veteran's Corner column, I spoke about my thoughts for the New Year. Although it is now the beginning of March, I am continuing to look forward to 2022 with guarded optimism and some pessimism, which hopefully will remain in check.

What does this have to do with our country's military? A great deal, actually. The U.S. military was caught in the middle of most of 2021's failures. The military lost 13 souls in the Afghan disaster while defending their sworn oaths. We betrayed them, our regional allies and those around the world.

Why is it always innocent civilians and the steadfast military that suffers while inept politicians and politically ambitious military brass face

no consequences or accountability? As we go through 2022 this administration, and this nation, has the chance to correct the wrongs of 2021. If the politicians fail, we the people, have the right to oust them when we head to our polling places come November.

Real Democracy is voting Republican or Democrat dependent on qualifications and past accomplishments.

We are a tough and resilient nation and we can endure the rough seas ahead. We are the most generous nation on earth — supporting one

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Biden shows strength in Ukraine response

President Biden's leadership, persistence and success in unifying our European allies, facilitating the coordinated imposition of sanctions in response to Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine is

an accomplishment for which he deserves credit from the American people, as well as the appreciation of the free world.

**Cavin P. Leeman**  
 Amenia

#### Thank you, Millerton Highway Department

I would like to give a big thumbs up to the Millerton Highway Crew. They have always been so wonderful. That big ice storm recently brought a lot of branches down in my yard. I am 60 years old and have had heart surgery, so it takes a while to get down all of the broken limbs to the street.

But the highway crew has always done quality work and helped me out. For such a small village, Millerton has a superior highway department and civil service workers — especially during COVID — they're always helping.

I am ashamed it has taken 17 years for me to reach out and thank them, and that I don't know them by name.

They do the little things that make this the best village I have ever lived in — and I have lived all over the place. These guys really work their tails off!

I even tried to offer them a tip before for all of their efforts, but they refused, although they really deserve it.

Thank you doesn't go far enough!

**Wendell Bowman**  
 Millerton

#### Molinaro and Russia

In the face of Russian President Vladimir Putin's horrific invasion of Ukraine, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has sent out a campaign fundraising request with a statement blaming President Biden for having "a weak standing with Russia."

In sharp contrast to his predecessor, Biden has taken a stand against Russia that is anything but weak. He has taken this stand in order to defend democracy and Ukrainian sovereignty, unlike former President Trump, who withheld Congressionally-approved

assistance from Ukraine in a corrupt attempt to get the Ukrainian government to assist him with his own personal political needs.

In sharp contrast to Trump, President Biden has consistently stood with Ukraine against Russia's predatory conduct.

What Molinaro refers to as Biden's "weak standing with Russia" is the result of Biden's refusal to coddle and kowtow to Putin the way our former president did.

That, in my opinion, is greatly to Biden's credit and I think it appalling that Mr. Molinaro criticizes Biden for standing up to an international bully and war criminal.

I do not recall hearing Mr. Molinaro criticize Mr. Trump's toadying and deferential behavior towards Putin, although Trump's behavior was an embarrassment to this country and possibly encouraged the aggression now being visited by Putin on Ukraine.

I think Mr. Molinaro is out of sync with most New Yorkers who have great compassion for the Ukrainian people, in danger of losing their democracy.

Standing up for democratic values will, of course, place one in "a weak standing with Russia."

**Amy Rothstein**  
 Pine Plains



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

#### Following in your footsteps

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.

another as individuals and as entire countries when in distress.

We will survive with cool heads, compassion, caring, compromise and understanding.

God bless you, readers, and your families. May you experience a safe and healthy remainder of the New Year, as we are about to enter spring, which starts on March 20.

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

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# MILLBROOK

## Town of Washington looks toward future development

# Residents weigh in on hospitality use at comprehensive plan meeting

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Snow caused the Town of Washington's (TOW) Open House, hosted by its Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC), to be moved from Friday, Feb. 25, to Saturday, Feb. 26.

The public gathering was designed to both provide information to residents and to collect data from residents on how they feel about the Comprehensive Plan (CP), and it allowing more hospitality accommodations in town.

The nicer weather on Saturday drew more people, many of whom had something to say about hospitality, accommodations and the future of both the TOW and the village of Millbrook. They also discussed if the present CP, which was drafted in 2015, should stand or be amended.

Hospitality uses are defined as hotels, motels, inns, camping and glamping, bed and breakfasts (bnb's), short-term rentals such as airbnb's and agri-tourism, etc.

**A bit of history**  
More than a year ago talk in town started, along with many town meetings, public outcry and subsequent newspaper articles on the proposed Second Mountain project to redo the former Migdale estate in Mabbettsville.

The applicant, NYC restaurateur Will Guidara, had plans to remodel Migdale into an upscale hotel, spa, add two restaurants and multiple amenities. Initially the town considered a moratorium because of the project, but within a few months the application was withdrawn; the project currently remains on hold.

### Second Mountain triggers hospitality concerns

It did, however, cause the town and village to consider the potential of what more hospitality venues would mean to the community. Already, air bnb's, regular bnb's and other overnight accommodations had begun to crop up in the Millbrook area.

While they would likely draw more tourists, and more tax dollars, to the area, they also encouraged the Town Board to create the CPRC to

plan for future development.

Talk of the Second Mountain application has gotten heated, as has talk of the hospitality use in the CP, during the past year-plus at various town meetings that touch on planning and zoning matters.

### CPRC deals with the heat

The CPRC was created by the Town Board on June 28, 2021 to deal with such matters. It's met via Zoom often, with the public and with consultants. The outcome was last week's Open House; more than 150 community members attended.

A series of easels held boards with images and questions, concerning mainly if more accommodations are needed, and if so, the size and scale.

CPRC members Margaret Schneible and Buffy Arbogast signed in residents and gave out fliers and stickers. People could then leave their opinions on the boards.

Many there seemed unaware the town already has 54 hospitality sites in operation — 14 in the village proper. Those who were aware complained about the noise, traffic, garbage

and other disruptions the lodging causes to their daily lives.

Others, however, said they feel there should be more places for guests to stay within the TOW. Many at the Open House said they have heard from out-of-town guests, people attending weddings or parents who have children in area private schools who have said they often need a place to stay overnight.

Another argument for more hospitality accommodations in town raised Saturday? It would also encourage more tourism in the TOW and village of Millbrook for weekend trips instead of just day visits. Those at the Open House said it could help local businesses and bolster the TOW's economy.

CPRC Chair Tim Mayhew deemed the Open House a success.

"We're delighted about the turnout," he said. "We're excited that we can engage directly with the community in a low-key atmosphere."

Those unable to attend may still register their opinions at [www.tinyurl.com/washingtonopenhouse](http://www.tinyurl.com/washingtonopenhouse) for a short time.

The next step will be a town-wide survey, planned for some time in April.

A report will likely be presented to the Town Board by its consultants in the summer; the next step will then be to determine whether to amend the Comprehensive Plan and if hospitality should be added.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Thomasina Winslow, an American blues musician from the Albany area, performed at the Millbrook Arts Group's (MAG) Winter Concert at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 26, much to the delight of the local community.

## MAG brings soulful music to Millbrook

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) held a Winter Concert at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 26, to help entertain local residents with the sweet sounds of music.

Thomasina Winslow, an American blues musician from the Albany area and the daughter of folk musician Tom Winslow, appeared to sing and play her acoustic guitar.

Winslow has entertained both nationally and internationally. She said she was pleased to appear at the intimate MAG Winter Concert;

it hold the series annually at the Millbrook Library.

A crowd of about 75 people gathered to hear the soulful music; some even joined in to sing along in some numbers. All seemed to really enjoy the late afternoon concert.

MAG's next Winter Concert will feature Teresa Broadwell, a blues violinist and singer, on Saturday, March 26, at 5 p.m. at the Millbrook Library. The free MAG concerts are funded by the H.W. Wilson Foundation and the Tribute Gardens.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Alchemy Pure, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 10/12/2021. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to Alchemy Pure LLC, 1121 Boston Corners Rd, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act.

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### Legal Notice

Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Board of Education Nominating Petitions are available March 1.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Education of the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District may pick up a packet of information including nominating petitions from the District Clerk at the District Office located in the High School. The election is for two seats on

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The Board member election will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the same time as the Annual Budget Vote on the 2022-2023 school budget.

Nominating petitions are due in the District Office no later than Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm with at least twenty-five (25) signatures of qualified voters of the district.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain more the 25 signatures to ensure that petitions include at least 25 valid signatures.

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If you have any questions, about the vote please contact Therese Trotter, District Clerk at (845) 373-4100 Ext 5506.

03-03-22

### Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Pine Plains is now available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used

to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear in the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2022.

To set up an appointment to review this information, please call 518-398-7193 ext 7. Please be sure to wear a mask.

Richard Diaz  
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### TOWN OF AMENIA ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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The information may be reviewed, by appointment, at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. Contact 845-373-8860 x 104 for an appointment.

Donna DiPippo  
Assessor  
Town of Amenia  
03-03-22  
03-10-22

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Katherine Johnson  
Assessor  
Town of North East  
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Innisfree was closed for a week during that time while the damage was cleared and being repaired.

The 48 trees need to be replaced; that work will start this spring, in 2022.

Every dollar counts, and Innisfree is seeking donations To donate, go to [www.office@innisfreegarden.org](http://www.office@innisfreegarden.org), and click on Help Plant a Tree.

For more information on Innisfree, go to [www.innisfreegarden.org](http://www.innisfreegarden.org) or call 845-677-8000.

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