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*Hopes for Millerton grocery store look bright*

## Trotta goes on the record: Plaza is under contract

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MILLERTON — When the Millerton Fresh Market vacated the space formerly occupied by Grand Union at the Millerton Square Plaza in June of 2019, local residents went into a panic. The harsh reality again hit that easy access to grocery shopping could not be taken for granted. It's a truth that's surfaced every time a supermarket in that location has turned over, which has happened more times than some residents would like to remember.

The Route 44 plaza has now seen all of its tenants leave. Riley's Furniture store closed in November of 2018. Also gone are the stand-alone drive-thru McDonald's, which closed in 2015, as well as the gas station island, which shut down years before that. In fact, by the start of 2022, only the Davis & Trotta Law Offices and Trotta's Fine Wine & Liquors, both owned by Millerton attorney Robert Trotta, remained in Millerton Square Plaza, owned by his brother, Joseph "Skip" Trotta, of Sharon, Conn.

By the start of the New Year, both of those businesses had posted signs they are now operating out of other locations, leaving the plaza without any actual commerce tak-



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**The Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44 has been without a grocery store since 2019. In January, its two remaining tenants moved to other locations to allow for the prospective buyer to make preparations before signing the final contract, according to plaza owner Joseph "Skip" Trotta.**

ing place.

For more than a decade, Skip Trotta has been working determinedly to draw a grocer back to his plaza. Initially, it seemed as if Hannaford would lease the space; those plans were stymied back around 2011. That's when a consortium of regional grocers fought Hannaford's plans before the North East Planning Board under the leadership of Sharon Kroeger, owner of Calsi's Market in Wassauville.

The battle made it all the way to the courts. Even the Justice Department weighed in, determin-

ing Hannaford was becoming too large and the company needed to sell off some of its stores. It did; the Maine supermarket company merged with Stop and Shop in North Canaan, Conn., bringing goods to area shoppers, thus end-

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*Sent with love from Pine Plains*

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Words of love permeated The Stissing Center in Pine Plains on Sunday, Feb. 20, as theater-goers came out to see the center's Executive Director Brian Keeler and his wife, actress Peggy Price, star in a performance of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters." Doors opened at 2:30 p.m., and seats quickly filled for the show. Sitting side-by-side on stage, Keeler and Price gave a heartwarming performance. At show's end, Keeler and the audience surprised Price with cake and a lovely rendition of "Happy Birthday."

## Take part in Millerton climate smart survey

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — The Millerton Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) launched a survey at the start of the year to find out how residents in the town of North East and the village of Millerton view climate warming and what actions they feel local government, and the CSTF, should take to address the issue.

Launched in January, the survey was designed by CSTF Coordinator Kathy Chow and its summer intern Emma Bernadette, and edited by member Tom Parrett.

Regarding its inception, Par-

rett said the goal of the survey was to first learn something about how local citizens view climate change.

This includes learning where most people fall "on a scale from not aware to intimately knowledgeable," Parrett said.

It also includes what the most important issues associated with climate warming are in people's minds.

Parrett said a big part of the survey is to find out what local residents know about the state's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program.

Chow explained New York's

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## Millbrook teen wins essay contest

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MILLBROOK — David Sager, 17, a senior at Millbrook High School, placed second in VFW Post 9008 of Millbrook's Voice of Democracy national essay contest. David's essay was named one of the top in the VFW's District 2.

For his effort, David received

a \$200 check, a certificate and a plaque.

Millbrook High School Principal Eric Seipp was present at the award ceremony.

"It is really no surprise that the VFW Millbrook Post 9008 Memorial Scholarship Committee recognized David's essay as one of the top in our region," said Seipp. "David comes from a tremendous family,

has aspirations to do well in college and beyond that is just a great, great, great kid. I'm thrilled for him and wish him well in the next round beyond our region."

VFW Post 9008 Commander Jeff Moseman presented David with his award on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

"Millbrook VFW Post 9008 is

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## Craryville Gateway works to make solar project a win-win for Copake

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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COPAKE — Hoping to make Hecate Energy's Shepherd's Run Solar Farm a win-win for Copake, representatives from the Columbia Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson, Sensible Solar for Rural New York and

Friends of Columbia Solar, who call themselves Craryville Gateway, held a virtual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17. The goal was to solicit ideas to help ensure Shepherd's Run will benefit Copake and the local environment.

Hecate Energy is planning to build a 60-megawatt photovoltaic solar facility, which will convert light into energy, on several non-contiguous sites along routes 23 and 7 in Copake.

Along with generating 110,000 megawatts of new renewable energy annually, the project promises to boost the local economy, reduce local reliance of fossil fuels and provide significant revenues for local government, schools and services.

Two years after the project was introduced, town Supervisor Jeanne

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Fifty years ago, were we more resourceful? In winter of 1972, William Whitbeck repurposed a rotary sweeper and metal saucer to fashion a snowblower that cleared Factory Pond.



SAILING ALONG...behind his clever improvised equipment is William Whitbeck, who finds this method of clearing Factory Pond for skating is a breeze — albeit a rather chilly one. The rotary sweeper for summertime sidewalks has been converted for winter use, and the disc-like device under Mr. Whitbeck's feet should be familiar to anyone who has watched children sliding. — Photo by Richard Hayward

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# MILLERTON



PHOTO BY JENNIFER DOWLEY

It turns out that Millerton's very own North East Ford car dealership played a significant role in the SWSA Jumpfest that took place on Feb. 12 and 13 in Salisbury, Conn., by ferrying young ski jumpers back up the hill so they could jump again. According to Millerton resident Jennifer Dowley, who snapped this photo, it was a "great scene."

## North East Ford jumps to help SWSA

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Ski jumpers from ski jumping clubs around the region donned their shiniest and most aerodynamic body suits and gathered at Satre Hill in Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12 and 13, to soar through the air and land gracefully — skis firmly on powdery piles of snow — with plenty of fans to watch them land.

After they jumped the farthest they could, the question remained: How would they get back up to the top of the hill to do it all over again?

The answer was kindly provided by Millerton's own North East Ford car dealership, located on Route 44. With one of the dealership's own Ford pick-up trucks on hand at the well-attended tournament, organized by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA), any jumper who wanted a lift only had to ask, according to one of SWSA's directors, Caroline Gilbert.

Gilbert said approximately 15 to 20 jumpers who competed on the large hill were ferried to the top thanks to North East Ford while "there were three [jumpers] who preferred to climb the steps!"

Millerton's Jennifer Dowley is an active community volunteer and member of the Millerton Business Alliance. She's always ready to promote local merchants who help other or-

ganizations when they need it. Dowley said the Jumpfest was a "great scene."

Willie Hallihan, a SWSA director, agreed the group is lucky to have so many contribute to the annual sporting event.

"We are blessed at SWSA to have so much community support for what we do here, whether it's volunteering, individual donations or local business sponsorships," he wrote in an email to The Millerton News after the successful Jumpfest and right before the Junior Nationals. "It does take a village to put on Jumpfest and to maintain and grow all of our programs. We are beyond grateful for everyone who helps!"

Look for more great skiing this week, as SWSA hosts another huge event that began Tuesday and runs through the weekend. The 2022 Jumping/Nordic Combined Junior Nationals take place again at Satre Hill in Salisbury and the Mohawk Ski Area in Cornwall. Running from Feb. 22 through Saturday, Feb. 26, the junior competition happens every five years.

In addition to North East Ford, which is again transporting jumpers up the hill at Junior Nationals, Herrington's, Harney & Sons Tea, Elyse Harney Real Estate and Salisbury Bank are major sponsors of this week's ski jumps.

For more information, go to [www.jncjn2022.com](http://www.jncjn2022.com).

## Healthy hearts at nutrition talk

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — From inside the warmth of the NorthEast-Millerton Library's Annex, local seniors learned some useful tips on how to stay heart healthy at the Dutchess County Office for the Aging's (OFA) "Heart Health Nutrition Reversing Heart Disease" talk on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Aligning with February's celebration of Heart Health Month, the OFA is making several presentations this month to teach the benefits of good nutrition and maintaining healthy hearts. Just in time for Valentine's Day, it gave one such talk at the South Amenia Senior Friendship Center in Wassaic on Feb. 14.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Millerton talk drew nine seniors, all of whom receive copies of the OFA's monthly newsletter and menu.

"It takes about 21 days to change your life," said OFA Nutrition Services Coordinator Nimesh Bhargava. "The heart is very important, very precious and we want to take care of it."

Registered dietician Aparma Marthi invited attendees to ask questions throughout the talk. A friendly dialogue soon formed among the seniors, Marthi and Bhargava with seniors sharing tidbits from their own lifestyles and their knowledge of heart health.

After outlining recent heart disease statistics, Marthi informed attendees about the risk factors of heart disease, which included (among others) high blood pressure, inactivity, diabetes, cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption and high total cholesterol.

She advised attendees to keep an eye on their weight and blood pressure while Bhargava encouraged them to include more microgreens in their diets. Marthi also named age and heredity as factors that affect cholesterol levels but aren't in one's control.

Along with naming ways of controlling cholesterol levels, Marthi outlined ways in which residents could control their weight. A good weight loss program, she explained, should be safe (to ensure adequate nutrition); have a reasonable weight loss plan that encourages gradual weight



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Led by registered dietician Aparma Marthi and Nutrition Services Coordinator Nimesh Bhargava, Millerton seniors were invited to learn more about staying heart healthy at the Dutchess County Office for the Aging's talk held inside the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Tuesday morning, Feb. 15.

loss (about one-half to one pound a week); avoids starvation and fad diets or meal skipping; helps in changing a person's lifestyle; is physician-supervised; and includes seven to eight hours of sleep a night.

For physical activity, Marthi encouraged activity that's low intensity and of long duration, adding that the benefits of physical activity include lowering blood pressure, raising metabolic rate, boosting high-density lipoprotein (or "good" cholesterol) and reducing a person's risk of a heart attack by about 50%.

To prevent high blood pressure, Marthi recommended residents consider the DASH Diet, or dietary approaches to stop hypertension. This diet plan is designed to be low in saturated fat, cholesterol and total fat; includes whole grain products and low fat dairy products; increases fruit and vegetable intake; features a low intake of red meats, sweets and sugary beverages; and features a rich intake of magnesium, potas-

sium, calcium and fiber.

Bhargava also talked about staying properly hydrated and the American Heart Association's (AHA) recommendations for caffeine. According to the AHA, Bhargava said seniors should limit themselves to two cups of regularly caffeinated beverages and then

switch to decaffeinated beverages or water.

Coming up, the OFA will host nutrition talks in Poughkeepsie and Red Hook. Advance registration is required for non-clients of OFA Senior Friendship Centers; call 845-486-2555 for details or to register.

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# A new obstetrician joins Sharon OB-GYN as local women seek care

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — With more young families settling in the region, there are likely to be more babies to be counted in the mix. Meeting the projected demand, Sharon OB-GYN Associates, located just minutes from the center of Amenia, has welcomed a new physician to their practice. Dr. William Schweizer has moved full-time to Cornwall and said he is enthusiastic about serving the community's needs.

Pausing for an interview on Thursday, Feb. 3, Dr. Schweizer said that he opened his practice on Jan. 3, at the Women's Health CT professional building at 50 Amenia Road (Route 343) in Sharon; one of the few OB-GYN offices in the area. He has full privileges at Sharon Hospital.

Offering a wealth of credentials and experience, Schweizer said he began his medical studies with an early interest in public health, anticipating that he would study neurology and multiple sclerosis. As his education progressed, he was drawn toward longevity of care, wellness visits and screening practices.

## NYU and Yale

Eventually he focused on emergency procedures and dealing with complications that require fast and effective action. Those studies led Schweizer to obstetrics as a specialty and the medical art of dealing with complications and emergencies calling for swift response.

Through his studies and residency at New York University (NYU), he was versed in safety protocols and saw the importance of a high-quality department of obstetrics, learning how to assemble the best people to

create such a department.

Schweizer did his pre-med at Cornell, and also earned a Master of Public Health degree at Yale where he was among the first to earn that newly offered degree.

Furthering his specialty in obstetrics, he accomplished his residency at NYU where he has remained for 38 years, now continuing his association as a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, specializing in teaching means for improving medical safety.

"We are fortunate to be living in a country with technology, innovation and enthusiasm for possibilities," he said.

## From around the world to Sharon

He and like-minded colleagues are working together to improve conditions in other parts of the world. "We're trying to decrease maternal hemorrhaging in third-world countries," he said of their work, noting a significant shortage of physicians for women in South America, for example.

Speaking of his new Sharon practice, he said, "This is a wonderful community. I feel honored to be able to contribute in some way."

Deeply committed to the area's OB-GYN needs, Schweizer observed that Northwest Corner demographics have changed in recent years.

He noted statistics showing the likelihood of 250 more children enrolled in area schools by 2030. The birthrate is changing and the population is changing, he said.

"We should anticipate the change," he said, noting that many women have put off childbearing because of the pan-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**Dr. William Schweizer, educated at NYU and Yale with 38 years on staff at NYU, has joined Sharon OB-GYN.**

demic. "We will see an increase in childbearing," he predicted.

Schweizer joins the three other doctors on staff there now: Bhavana Daruvuri, Joshua Jaffe and Howard Mortman.

Why here? "My heart has always been here," he said, pleased to now be a full-time Cornwall resident, after 24 years as a part-time resident enjoying Cornwall with his family on weekends.

As he thought of transitioning from life in New York City, he recognized that there are great advantages for life outside of the city and he is not alone. "I see many friends and families moving here."

New residents who have made the area their home have taken advantage of tele-com-

muting through Zoom and other platforms and working from home in general, he said.

"Our community will be expanding," he added, indicating that the proposed changes at Sharon Hospital are flawed by being "shortsighted."

He and his wife, Alison, first came to Cornwall 24 years ago when their twins, Noah and Elia, were newborns. Elia is now a recognized textile artist and Noah has developed a career in medical informatics, where he develops apps useful to the medical profession.

Alison's career focused on Wall Street, and Schweizer indicates that she has strong talents for organizing. She presently volunteers with the Cornwall Library.

## Grievance Day date now May 26

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Starting at 7 p.m. on the dot, the Amenia Town Board wasted no time in assessing the latest town business at its first meeting of the month on Thursday, Feb. 3. The board met in-person at Town Hall and live streamed its meeting on YouTube.

### New Grievance Day

Following roll call, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti opened the public hearing for the local law to change the date of this year's Grievance Day from the fourth Tuesday in May to the first Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May.

Looking at the calendar, Grievance Day will now be held on Thursday, May 26, instead of on Tuesday, May 24.

As the board didn't receive any public comment or comments from board

members themselves, the public hearing was closed and the board returned to its regular meeting.

Grievance Day is when property owners appear before the three-member Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to air complaints about their property assessments in hopes of having their assessments changed.

Later in the evening, the board passed a resolution and adopted the local law to officially change the date for Grievance Day this year.

### Other town business

Included in her supervisor's report, Perotti said the request for proposals (RFP) for the town highway garage engineering feasibility study is now in motion. The town engineer is working on permits and RFPs for construction bidding for the Community Development Block Grant application to repair and replace sidewalks along Route 44.

## AMENIA IN BRIEF

### Call for student artists for symposium

Calling student artists in grades seven through 12 for participation in the 2022 Troutbeck Symposium.

Students will explore the early histories of the Civil Rights Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the NAACP and influential Black Americans in our region and at Troutbeck. Their projects will be displayed as part of the symposium.

The exhibit will run from Wednesday, April 27, through Friday, April 29, at

Troutbeck in Amenia, alongside student work from around the region.

The group will meet Saturdays from March 19 through April 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., in The Wassaic Project's Art Nest at 37 Furnace Bank Road in the hamlet of Wassaic.

Participation is free; materials, resources and snacks will be provided.

Contact [jill@wassaicproject.org](mailto:jill@wassaicproject.org) to participate or for more information.

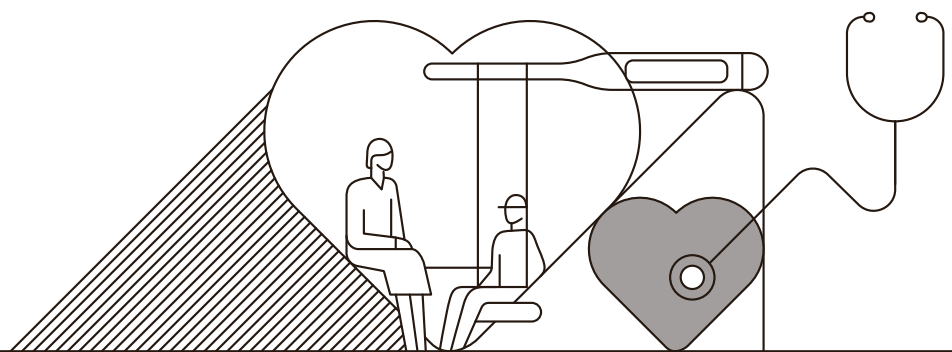
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## OBITUARIES

### Philip D. Waugh

SHARON — A lifelong resident of Sharon, Philip D. Waugh, 81, passed away peacefully on Feb. 15, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving wife, Dobrila, and his three children.



Philip was born on March 24, 1940, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Dr. David Darwin Waugh II and Bertha (Raeder) Waugh.

In the mid-1940s, Philip's parents moved to Dover Plains, N.Y., where his father began his ophthalmology practice, and to be near relatives on Chestnut Ridge in Millbrook. Philip often shared many fond memories of Chestnut Ridge, where he explored the open fields, hills and farmlands, hunting and fishing with his beloved dog, Penny. This began Philip's lifelong passion of the great outdoors, which he instilled in his children.

In 1950, his parents moved to Sharon to continue their practice. Philip attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School and graduated from Cornwall Academy in Great Barrington, Mass.

In 1960, Philip joined the United States Air Force, completing basic training in San Antonio, Texas. He served as an officer in the U.S.A.F. in administration at several U.S. bases including Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., and at Fort Myer (South Area) in Arlington, Va., where he worked at the Pentagon during the Kennedy Administration. While there, he attended the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

He was honorably discharged in 1966 and moved back to Sharon, where he met and married his wife, who was visiting Yugoslavian relatives. They were married in 1966 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, and soon after relocated to Pleasant Valley, N.Y., where he worked at DeLaval Corporation.

In 1976, they moved with their three children to Sharon, where he started his very successful real estate career, Waugh Real Estate. Philip and Dobrila worked tirelessly for over 30 years building their real estate business covering the Tri-state area, and making

many wonderful friends along the way.

During this time, Phil built the family house, his real estate office, and pond. He was a member of the Sharon Country Club, Sharon Lions Club, Salisbury Rotary Club, and helped in the annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. He also enjoyed walks along the Appalachian Trail.

One of his greatest pleasures was flying Piper Cubs and Cessnas at the Great Barrington Airport (Walter J. Koladza Airport). Phil enjoyed taking aerial photos for his real estate business during his many flights. In later years, he loved visiting the airport on weekends, sharing aviation stories with fellow pilots and enjoying the camaraderie at the "Friendliest Airport in the Northeast."

Philip was known by all as a true gentleman and the kindest of souls. He had a deep commitment to his family and a great appreciation for classical music and opera. Phil loved to recite "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost, one of his favorite poets. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed for his smile, good nature, and his sense of humor.

Philip is survived by the love of his life of 55 years, Dobrila; his three children, Tanya Waugh of Sharon, Diana Bisselle and her husband, Andrew, of Lakeville and David Waugh of Sharon; his granddaughter, Nina Imperatore of Darien, Conn.; his grandson, Dylan Waugh; and his step-grandchildren, Lucille and Agnes Bisselle. He is also survived by his first cousin, Susan van Limburg Stirum of Carmel, Calif., and John Raeder and his wife, Susan, of Nevada and their children. He is also survived by another first cousin, Elizabeth Parsons and her husband, Tim, and their daughter, Sarah Yarbrough, her husband, Edwin, and their children.

He was predeceased by his first cousins, Robert Raeder and Mary (Waugh) Waterman.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sharon Ambulance, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association or Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. The family would like to thank Dr. Kurish for his outstanding care and the very compassionate hospice nurses.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

### In appreciation:

#### Jim Charlton

Jim Charlton was a gentleman of the old school, a devoted husband and father, a warm and generous friend, a host who brought out fine wines and lively conversation. His wit and optimism endure in his books and in a marvelous tale he recounted for this paper in July 2016, the story of "Three Writers in a Barber Shop," featuring James Thurber, Thomas Costain and Georges Simenon when they all lived in Lakeville.

Helen and Donald Ross

Lakeville

#### Raymond J. Duprey

CANAAN — Raymond J. Duprey, 86, of Sand Road, died Sunday evening Feb. 13, 2022, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

He was the husband of Judith (Giulian) Duprey.

Raymond was born Oct. 3, 1935, in Sharon, son of the late Ruth (Houghtaling) and Clarence Duprey.

Raymond worked for many years as a farmer, alongside his father-in-law, Albert Giulian, on the Giulian family farm, Sun Set Hill Farm in Canaan. In later years he especially enjoyed his winter stays in Florida.

In addition to his wife, Raymond is survived by his stepson, Jody Neal of Lime

Rock; his sons, John Duprey of Canaan and Jimmy Duprey of Queensbury, N.Y.; his brother, Robert Duprey of Millerton; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Raymond was predeceased by his stepson, Robert Neal.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in Raymond's memory may do so to the VFW Couch-Pipa Post #6851, 104 South Canaan Road, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

#### David A. Wheeler Sr.

CANAAN — David A. Wheeler Sr., 84, of West Main Street, died Feb. 3, 2022, at the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was the husband of the late Evelyn V. (Schufelt) Wheeler, who passed on Nov. 11, 2021. David and Evelyn were married for 62 years.

David was born Dec. 19, 1937, in Sharon, son of the late Margaret (Hanley) and John Wheeler.

David was employed by The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. He worked for the school for 33 years as a custodian.

After retiring from there he began a 14-year employment at the North Canaan Elementary School as a custodian. David loved to work, but in his free time he enjoyed time at home with Evelyn, his dog, and watching television.

He is survived by his children, Trudy Dennis of East Canaan, Lois Derwin of Canaan, Muriel Cassidy of South Carolina and David Wheeler Jr. of Long Island, N.Y.; his brother, Gerald Wheeler of Ancram, N.Y., his sister, Joan Wheeler; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Robin Wheeler; his granddaughter, Margaret Derwin; and his brother, John Wheeler.

Funeral services will be held later this year. Memorial donations may be made to the Margaret Derwin Scholarship Foundation, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257-9503.

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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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# Shadowed history shared as Black Americans fight for equality

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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COPAKE — Aligning with February’s celebration of Black History Month, the Roeliff Jansen Community Library invited area residents to listen to an in-depth history on “Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow” as presented by the New York-Historical Society on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Sponsored by the Columbia County Libraries Association and based on the New-York Historical Society’s 2018-19 exhibition of the same name, the recent webinar was the third of the society’s four virtual webinars.

Beginning on Zoom at 6 p.m., residents took a deep dive into a dark chapter of the United States’ history, centered on the struggles Black Americans endured to be recognized as citizens — and humans — and the roles played by the North and the South in the Civil War.

Among the many visuals featured in the webinar, New-York Historical Society docent Stephanie Nigito projected an image of three Black soldiers in Civil War uniforms. They were meant to reflect the idea of earning citizenship and basic rights

through sacrifice and participation in war.

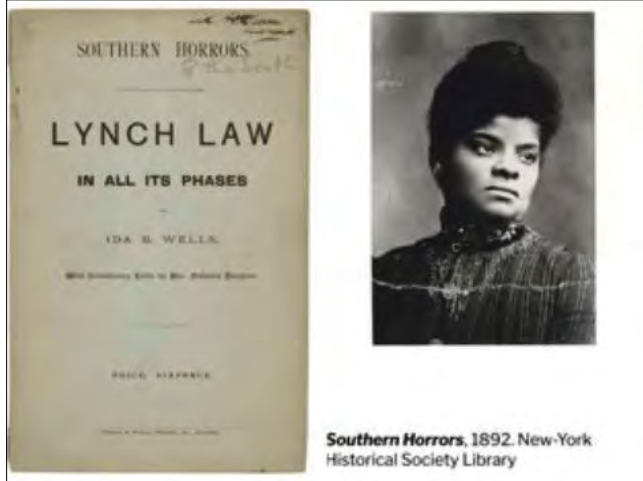
During the Civil War, Nigito said African Americans made up about 10% of the Union Army. Nearly 200,000 African Americans served as soldiers; about a third of them lost their lives.

Around 1865, Nigito said questions arose as to what would happen next. Through the 13th Amendment’s passage, slavery was made illegal in the U.S. This also marked the first use of the term “slavery” in the Constitution. Though amending the Constitution was considered a matter between Congress and the states, Nigito said President Abraham Lincoln felt so strongly about this new amendment that he signed it himself.

However, she said 1865 was also the year Lincoln was assassinated and Vice President Andrew Johnson came into office.

As to why Lincoln, a Republican president, chose a Southern Democrat for his vice president in his second term, Nigito said it was all strategy. Lincoln had to show southern White support for the Union. Yet despite Johnson’s support for the Union, Nigito said he was still a southerner who didn’t believe in racial equality.

She said Johnson chose a



Southern Horrors, 1892. New-York Historical Society Library

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**New-York Historical Society docent Stephanie Nigito highlighted journalist Ida B. Wells as an influential figure during her Feb. 16 presentation on “Black Citizenship.” Wells launched an anti-lynching campaign after a friend of hers was lynched.**

philosophy of reuniting the Confederate states to the Union, believing the U.S. had freed the slaves and that was the end of the federal government’s obligation to them.

Having envisioned rebuilding the country and creating an interracial democracy, Nigito said the Republicans in Congress passed a civil rights bill that guaranteed protection under the law and gave African Americans citizenship.

“This was a big step, but not

everybody welcomed these changes,” Nigito remarked.

In response, Southern states and localities began instituting Black codes and laws limiting African Americans’ ability to marry, own property and even move about freely. The newly freed slaves marched in protest, sparking White violence across the South.

Congress responded to the violence by passing the Reconstruction Acts in 1867, resulting in the South’s division into five

districts.

Covering the Reconstruction amendments and what it meant to people living through it, Nigito said, “Citizenship is more than a set of legal protections: it’s a sense of belonging and a feeling that you’re entitled to live your life.”

Looking at how Reconstruction substantially changed the lives of African Americans, Nigito talked about their pursuits in reuniting with their families, getting married, securing control their own labor and land and participating in politics.

However, in describing the hostility that arose from the interracial political process, Nigito noted the hostility and harassment wasn’t limited by gender. While men were out terrorizing, women were hand-stitching robes and face coverings with the explicit knowledge of how they were going to be used.

Dating the term “Jim Crow” back to 1820s in New York City, she said it became popular as a minstrel routine in which White actors would blacken their faces with burnt cork and depict African Americans through demeaning caricatures. The term was also used to separate White and Black during the Civil War. Nigito highlighted the im-

pact Black citizenship had on the country’s social and economic fabric and a handful of influential figures, including journalist Ida B. Wells, who launched a nationwide anti-lynching campaign.

She talked about the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) investigative hearings Congress held in 1871, which resulted in 8,000 pages of testimony — the closest America came to truth and reconciliation hearings during this historic period.

Detailing the disenfranchisement and dehumanization of African Americans over time, Nigito spoke of sharecropping and convict labor lease systems that led to economic oppression.

She also detailed the “lost cause” belief about the Civil War, which claimed slavery was benign, the Civil War was fought over states’ rights instead of slavery and Reconstruction had been a failure.

For each step forward Black Americans made in the fight for their basic human rights, Nigito illuminated the many obstacles placed on their path toward freedom.

The count for the virtual lecture was 34; it can now be viewed online at “Volunteer-SNYHS” YouTube channel.

# Celebrating our future agricultural leaders



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

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ing its interest in opening a store in Millerton.

"They spent half a million dollars of development money," said Trotta in an interview on Friday, Feb. 18, still bitter about his plaza missing out on Hannaford becoming a tenant. "So I have some sour grapes on it. The Planning Board should have welcomed them with open arms."

He noted Millerton was lucky at the time such a large corporation was willing to do business with it. The village of Millerton has a population count of 919, according to the 2020 Census; it lies within the town of North East, which has a population of 3,290, according to the town's 2021 demographics.

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan noted local residents have not been without food options; there's Peck's Market in Pine Plains; Freshtown in Amenia; Marona's Market in Millbrook; the Hillsdale Supermarket IGA; and others, but none are as convenient as a food store in Millerton would be.

"There are markets in nearby towns, but we would very much like to have one

here in our town," he said.

Trotta agreed, but said because local towns have such small populations, it's difficult to draw large grocery chains.

"We don't have national brands here, and there's a reason we don't have them... This is not a terribly strong retail market; it's a terribly spread out market," said Trotta. "We don't have 50,000 people within a couple of miles of the front door, and those are the kinds of things they ask when they come."

Which is why, he said, it makes sense for a buyer to come to Millerton with the intention of opening a smaller grocery market versus a massive supermarket. And that, said Trotta, is exactly what has happened.

**A contract is on the table**

Last June, said the lifelong grocer and businessman, his plaza went under contract. It has not been sold. Yet. Trotta is hopeful once a few more details are ironed out, the sales contract will be signed.

"It is under contract, and we have still got a couple of little things to do," he said. "All I can tell you is they

work with shopping centers. I know their intention is to put a supermarket in there. That's obviously the need for the community. I wish I could do it myself — because I would do it myself — but I'm 78... a time comes when you can't do it anymore."

Trotta, when asked, would not reveal who the buyer is, where the buyer is from, if the buyer is an individual or a corporation with supermarket experience.

"I can't speak... due to confidentiality," he said, adding the contract is for the entire plaza. "The buyer is motivated, and I think it's going to be a very nice thing for the community."

Kennan has been keeping track of the negotiations since last summer. He knows the buyer, and is keeping his fingers crossed that all of the details can be hashed out to allow for a smooth sale.

"I'm looking forward to that transaction getting completed," he said. "I can just say that I'm very much looking forward to the potential of redeveloping not only that property but all of the Boulevard District of Route 44 to

be a more vibrant and welcoming commercial district for Millerton."

He stressed the importance for everyone to keep in mind that while the property is in contract — it cannot be considered sold until that contract gets signed.

He acknowledged that news of the contract will surely be both welcome and exciting for local residents who have been anxiously awaiting a grocery store in the community — especially one within walking distance for villagers without vehicles. Still, he urged patience and caution.

"Just because it's under contract does not mean it will sell," Kennan said. "For anyone who has had a house on the market, they know it's one thing to have a house under contract but until you get it to closing it hasn't happened."

When Trotta was asked if he would share the selling price he and the buyer settled on, his was response was as expected.

"Tell you the price?" he said. "Of course not."

He said he "believes we're getting closer to bringing

things to a head. It's been a long ordeal because there are a lot of details."

Among those details, Trotta said the buyer will have to appear before the town's Planning Board for the requisite environmental impact review of the property.

He noted as of this time the buyer is not looking to raze the plaza, but is hoping "to remodel the face of the building and to expand the offerings there... so it takes a while."

Trotta added as far as he's concerned, he won't have to

deal with any local bureaucracies. Bottom line, Trotta said he's just happy to be under contract and headed toward a sale.

"The town deserves it — you can't leave a community without a supermarket," he said. "You have a good buyer; he has what appears to be a very good, strong commitment for the community to improve the shopping center and give the community something nice... I think people will be pleasantly surprised."

**CLIMATE SURVEY** *Continued from Page A1*

CSC program has very specific goals. It's ultimate wish is for municipalities and residents throughout New York to participate in a number of priority actions on its list. Many Harlem Valley municipalities participate.

The Millerton CSTF has been working hard with the town and village to get those items checked off the state's list. Chow said that's one main reason why it's conducting the survey, so residents can help select which actions should be prioritized.

"We want to know from our residents — they're the ones we care about the most," she said.

On the other hand, Chow noted there are certain actions the task force can easily move forward with to stay climate smart. Those include: setting up emergency plans; educating residents about how to protect their homes from storms and floods; and informing residents on how to make their homes resilient to the risks of climate change.

Through the survey, the CSTF hopes to gauge residents on what they think is most

important when it comes to climate change. The task force can then pick and choose actions to address from what respondents submitted and design programs to benefit town and village residents.

As the CSTF has already been working on various educational community programs — including hosting its annual village-wide Earth Day event each spring — Chow said, "If we know what people care about, we can tailor those programs to what they want to know."

One of its goals is to educate people about the dangers of climate change and how to try to mitigate its impacts.

"We encourage people to tell us about local extreme weather events they experienced in the past," Chow said. "Those dramatic stories are fascinating to know — we will recount some in our communications — and that knowledge will help the town and village to be prepared for what Mother Nature can throw our way."

Survey results will be analyzed this month and shared at a later date.

**ESSAY CONTEST** *Continued from Page A1*

proud to announce this year's winners of the essay writing contest," he said. "David Sager is a fine young patriotic American; we congratulate him and wish him the best of luck at Liberty University."

"I entered the contest after hearing about it in my history class," David said, adding his teacher encouraged the students to record speeches to submit as well.

"I knew it could be a good opportunity to share my views with the VFW," added David. "Preparation for my speech really came from what I have seen over the past year-and-a-half politically and socially, with how impactful and dividing the pandemic has been."



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**Cmdr. of VFW Post #9008 Millbrook Jeff Moseman, 17-year-old David Sager and Millbrook High School Principal Eric Seipp attended the VFW essay contest awards ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 26, which David won.**

Seemingly very insightful for such a young man, he added, "The main point of my speech was moving forward

past this division by looking at people and relationships instead of politics. I tried to express this in my speech."

David did so when he wrote, "Where we go as a country is therefore going to be linked to how we interact with each other. If we, as citizens, are united and continue to forge powerful bonds between each other then the future of America will be strong and steadfast."

The high school senior added that "winning the contest was a really cool feeling since I wasn't expecting to go far. I knew I had a chance at doing well in the first round but getting second in the next round was a surprise."

David added he was "very happy" his message was "impactful" and that he can represent his community and especially the Millbrook VFW in the upcoming round.

"I really appreciate everything they have done for our country and the freedoms we have [thanks to] what they have done," he said.

In the fall, he will attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. He plans to study mechanical engineering. David chose Liberty because his sister attends school there.

"The Christian community is something I know I want to be a part of on a college campus," he said, adding he likes the idea of a large campus with many opportunities. He also praised Millbrook High School for preparing him. "The teachers and staff have been super helpful and encouraging throughout my time here. They genuinely care for us and want to see us succeed beyond high school. It has been a privilege to attend such a school where I know that I have support from everyone who works there."

**SOLAR PROJECT** *Continued from Page A1*

Mettler said while the town is not opposed to solar farms, Shepherd's Run is too big for Copake and is poorly sited.

"The town believes it is possible to protect the planet while also protecting rural environments," she said.

Following a five-hour meeting with the town last fall, Mettler said Hecate made two concessions — to substitute owl-friendly fencing for chain-link fencing and to substantially improve screening.

But Hecate is still planning to install 228 acres of solar panels "virtually in people's front yards and on prime farmland," said Mettler.

Multiple forums about Shepherd's Run have been held in the past two years. The more than 90 people last week were told that forum was sponsored by Craryville Gateway, which has been working collaboratively since last fall. It's garnered much support, including

from State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), American Farmland Trust, Cornell University and many others.

Craryville Gateway stressed Hecate isn't part of its group. Though it hopes to work with Hecate, it's examining the project on its own and soliciting feedback independently.

"We applaud the working group for having come together to build consensus," Mettler said. "We are grateful for the fact that you care enough about Copake to put in long hours and engage in difficult conversations... We are eager to hear the details of your report."

She noted the group will need to convince the state to pass new laws.

"Your success can only be measured by the extent to which you convince New York State to pass new legislation which respects rural towns and the value of local habitat and character," she said, "and of

course, the extent to which you can convince Hecate to actually address the demands made by your proposal."

In the Copake Connection town newsletter emailed on Feb. 15, Mettler wrote she learned Hecate announced in "it will file [its intent 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, 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."

Craryville Gateway's presentation may be viewed at [www.craryvillegateway.org](http://www.craryvillegateway.org).

To learn more about what Copake residents had to say about Hecate Energy's Shepherd's Run Solar Farm proposal, read Part II in next week's Millerton News.

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# COMPASS

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**COOKING: LEILA HAWKEN**

## A Delicious Dinner, No Matter Who Cooks It

Chef Robert Arbor (owner of Le Gamin in Sharon, Conn.) demonstrated the art of traditional French cuisine in the first of a series of cooking programs that aired on Zoom on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The cooking series is hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn.

The cooking class was offered two days before Valentine's Day, giving men and women the chance to win hearts the old-fashioned way: through the stomach.

Chef Arbor surely paved the way toward spicing things up, with his chicken fricassee paired with oven-roasted potatoes.

Le Gamin opened in March 2021 at the Sharon shopping plaza and quickly attracted a large and devoted following. In January, Connecticut magazine recognized Le Gamin as one of the top 25 best new restaurants in the state.

Hotchkiss Library Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister joined Arbor in the restaurant's small kitchen for the live action class on Zoom. Recipes had been provided ahead of time, offering viewers a chance to have ingredients ready so they could cook along with the class.


Arbor quickly showed how to cut up a chicken and simmer it in water to make broth, then got some potatoes roasting in a hot oven with garlic and thyme.

Meanwhile he and Hachmeister chatted easily, with some viewers

### Chicken Fricassee

Cook along with Robert from Le Gamin Café in Sharon!

Serves 4 generously with leftovers.



Have ingredients on hand and Robert will explain the needed amounts as we cook.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 whole chicken (or 6-8 pieces of bone-in chicken)
- 10 mushrooms (shitake, chanterelle or morels) brush off, remove and slice caps, reserve stems
- 1 onion, peeled, cut in half, then cut horizontally and vertically for ¼ inch cubes
- 1 carrot, peeled and quartered lengthwise, then cut into ¼ inch chunks
- 1 celery stalk, halved, then cut into ¼ inch cubes
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- butter
- Herbes de Provence
- cream
- white wine
- salt & pepper



**Directions:**

Melt a knob of butter, cook the onions and one garlic clove till they sweat a bit, then add the carrot, celery, remaining garlic, mushroom stems, some herbes de Provence, a pinch of salt and pepper. Add the chicken backbone and about a quart of water. Bring to a boil, then turn down and simmer for a bit. This is your chicken stock for the finished recipe.

Melt another knob of butter in a skillet, season the chicken heartily with salt and pepper, and sear, skin side down until the skin is golden brown. Flip and sear the other side for a bit, then remove and set it aside. Pour excess fat from the skillet, add some fresh butter to sauté the mushroom caps. Remove when they've softened a bit. Deglaze the pan with a touch of white wine, cooking it down so it reduces a bit. Drain your stock, and put the liquid in the skillet with the wine reduction, and then add the chicken back in. Simmer for about 30 minutes and then remove the chicken again. Add some cream to the skillet, bring it to a boil, and then turn down to reduce it a bit. Test for seasoning—does it need more pepper or herbes de Provence? Stir the mushrooms in, add the chicken back for a final reheat and Voila!

Serve with Oven Fries a la Nicole

PHOTO BY TAM TRAN

**Chef Robert Arbor of Le Gamin Café in Sharon gave a class on how to cook chicken fricassee on Saturday, Feb. 12, on Zoom.**

sending in questions about cooking and about Arbor and how he and his family came to find a home and restaurant in Sharon.

Arbor's journey from France to New York City was indirect; stops were made along the way, Arbor recounted. He spent some time in Hong Kong, where he met his future wife, Tam Tran, now a noted jewelry designer and artist (her home studio is in Sharon).

He opened his first restaurant in New York

City in the 1980s, finding just the right location in Greenwich Village. Several successful restaurants followed, as did a book that he co-authored in 2003, "Joie de Vivre: Simple French Style for Everyday Living."

The recipe for the chicken fricassee and roasted potatoes is on this page.

For those who prefer to have their chicken fricassee prepared for them, Arbor said that it does appear on the

menu from time to time. And for those who are unsure what a fricassee is, it is loosely defined as a stewed or fried meat in a creamy sauce.

Watch the video on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXb-bIXTBir0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXb-bIXTBir0). Learn more about this and other programs at the library website, [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org).

Lisa Steele will talk about her new cookbook, "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook," on Thursday, March 3.

A third program will be offered in spring.



PHOTO COURTESY SHARON PLAYHOUSE

**Demi Remick and Dancers will perform tap dances to classic jazz and more modern numbers at Sharon Playhouse on March 5.**

### TAP AND JAZZ, FROM THE ROARING 20S TO THE 2020S

Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will present "Radio Days," a vignette-style tap dance performance that takes you from the Roaring 20s to the 2020s, on Saturday, March 5.

The two performances, at 7 and 9 p.m. on the Bok stage, are by New York City dance company Demi Remick

and Dancers. The dancers perform to the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Scott Bradlee, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and more.

Tickets are \$35. Review COVID-19 protocols and purchase tickets by visiting [www.sharon-playhouse.org](http://www.sharon-playhouse.org).

## CALENDAR

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

### ART

**Kent Memorial Library**, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)  
Eclectic Collective: Works in Pastel, Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil, and Pen/Ink by Monday Morning Group, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28.

**Salisbury Association**, Salisbury, Conn. [www.salisburyassociation.org](http://www.salisburyassociation.org)  
Exhibit: In Her Own Words, through Feb. 28.

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
HLS Tuesday Evening Book Group – Buddenbrooks by Thomas Mann (Parts 1 – 6), March 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (online).

### KIDS

**Scoville Memorial Library**, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Family Storytime, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

### MOVIES

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)  
The Gods Must Be Crazy (1980), March 4, 7 p.m.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Cyranos, opens Feb. 25; The Batman, opens March 5; The Outfit, opens March 18.

### MUSIC

**Close Encounters With Music**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.cewm.org](http://www.cewm.org)  
Folk and Baroque Concert, Feb. 26, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

**The Egremont Barn**, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. [www.theegremontbarn.com](http://www.theegremontbarn.com)  
Sam Barron, Feb 24, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; The Lucky 5, Feb. 25, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Amy Helm Duo, Feb. 26, 8 to 10 p.m.

### TALKS

**Noble Horizons**, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org)  
"COLORING OUR PAST" – THE UNTOLD STORY OF A FREE FAMILY IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT, Feb. 24, March 7, 7 p.m. (online).

### THEATER


**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
LONDON NATIONAL THEATRE: FOLLIES, Feb. 26, 1 to 3 p.m.

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# KK Kozik's Dreamy World on Display in Two Shows

Painter KK Kozik has her studio and ICE-HOUSE project space gallery on the historic Green in Sharon, Conn., but her work is shown widely at other venues as well.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., includes Kozik in a group show that is open until March 13.

And the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., will continue its show of 14 works by Kozik until March 5, with an artist reception on Wednesday, March 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Kozik's work captures scenes of life in New

England, sometimes at familiar locales (beaches, houses, forests) and sometimes with overlays that suggest the way our minds reimagine the places where we find ourselves.

In a short description of her work for the Berkshire School show, the artist said, "The days are getting longer and when I think about transitions like these, I think about how light and weather, time and place really impact individuals' perceptions and interior states."

"I think that is an aim in my work, setting a scene that can resonate

**"Glass" by painter KK Kozik is on display at Kenise Barnes Fine Art; more work by the artist is in a major show at the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass.**

with viewers."

Find out more about the show, "Time and Place" and about the Warren Family Gallery at [www.berkshireschool.org/arts/the-warren-family-gallery](http://www.berkshireschool.org/arts/the-warren-family-gallery). Find out more about the artist and her work at [www.k2kozik.com](http://www.k2kozik.com).

— Cynthia Hochswender



GLASS BY KK KOZIK, IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

## CHANGES AT SLOANE MUSEUM

Learn about the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, Conn., dedicated to the artist whose simple drawings of historic houses and building materials capture so much of the charm of old New England.

Museum Curator Andrew Rowand will give a talk on Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in which he explores the life and career of Sloane and the museum he helped establish more than 50 years ago in Kent. Rowand will show examples of Sloane's works and collections and talk about the museum's history and recent developments.

This talk is sponsored by the Kent Memorial Library. For more information, call the library at 860-927-3761 or email [kla-kzarin@biblio.org](mailto:kla-kzarin@biblio.org).

## FICTION: ALEXANDER WILBURN

# The Beauty and Violence at the Heart of Edith Wharton's Works

If only Edith Wharton could have lived long enough to embrace the wonders of scratch-and-sniff.

Gardeners up and down the East Coast — from Wharton's former home in Lenox, Mass., to the Vanderbilts' Newport, R.I. — might consider winter a time of pruned canes and seed packets tucked away until the earth has thawed; but the January of Wharton's "The Age of Innocence" is heavily perfumed with florals.

Verdant freshness emanates from the gardenia fastened in the buttonhole of Newland Archer's jacket. A powdery scent rises from the lilies of the valley resting on the lap of his fiancée as she watches the opera from her balcony seat. The rich notes of the sun-gold roses enchant Archer enough that he clandestinely sends to them another woman — the decidedly off-limits Countess Olenska.

A deep Wharton dive leading into the months of spring, author/teacher Mark Scar-

borough, who seasonally holds literary seminars on daunting classics, will guide Wharton readers — both old and "nouveau" — on a journey to realize just how dangerously meaningful a bouquet in *The Gilded Age* could be.

Flowers of all kinds are zipped back and forth across the pages of Wharton's 1921 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, just one of the many books she wrote chronicling the morals and manners of New York City's Knickerbocker set. There are secret yellow roses, salacious orchids and the Countess even receives what's described as "hampers of carnations." Peonies line the stage of the opera house's production of "Faust," a performance where the audience is as much the spectacle as any soprano. The customs of civility are to be publicly and blindly followed, to be seen and acknowledged.

Lethal beauty. If it all sounds familiar, that may be in large part to Julian Fellowes. The television writer and

Wharton enthusiast will unabashedly proclaim her as inspiration for his British costume drama hit, "Downton Abbey." His new HBO series, "The Gilded Age," is an even more direct imitation, jumping across the pond to dramatize Manhattan's milieu back when the Sheep Meadow in Central Park was exactly that.

But "Downton Abbey," despite the decoration of its high-born historical setting, was a soothing soap opera. It's stiff-lipped characters landing in frothy, implausible little messes was at the heart of its good-natured appeal. In comparison, decades earlier when adapting Edith Wharton's most famous novel for the big screen, Martin Scorsese called "The Age of Innocence" his most violent film.

As relevant today as when they were written,

Wharton's largely tragic works are about the destructive consequences born from the need for acceptance. The instinctual pull toward social inclusion, she suggests, to be seen as belonging, as upstanding and well-liked, with a polished, even enviable reputation, could be exactly the thing that tears us away from our own potential happiness.

Could Edith Wharton have ever imagined a New York City that wakes up every day to the comparison and discontent of scrolling through images of their friends' vacations and home renovations and purchases and pets?

Or that we would so freely and permanently chronicle our political beliefs, our intimate thoughts, even financial details, all willingly signed to our full name online for anyone to

read? Could she have imagined us gawking in disbelief as Kim Kardashian received not a bouquet but a full wall of roses for Valentine's Day? (Yes, probably that part.)

Voyeurism, public posturing, social cache and the expulsion of those who break from an agreed-upon morality are as contemporary discussion topics as one can find. We may have learned technology far surpassing the scratch-and-sniff, but we've hardly learned our lesson.

*Mark Scarborough's seminar on Edith Wharton's New York is presented by the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., and will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting on March 8.*

*To register or for more information go to [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org).*

## FROM HAYDN TO LENA FRANK IN FEB. 27 CONCERT AT SIMON'S ROCK

The Rolston String Quartet, an award-winning young ensemble from Canada, will perform on Sunday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m. in the McConnell Auditorium of the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass.

The quartet will perform works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and the contemporary Peruvian-American composer Gabriela Lena Frank.

The members of the quartet are Luri Lee, and Jason Issokson, violins; Hezekiah Leung, viola; and Peter Eom, cello. The Rolston String Quartet performs on the Eugene Ysaÿe quartet of instruments. The set was made by Samuel Zygmuntowicz and is on a generous loan from the El Pasito Association.

The concert will be open to the public;



PHOTO BY SHAYNE GRAY

**The Rolston String Quartet performs at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass., this weekend.**

vaccination certificates and COVID-19 masks are required. Audience members will be safely seated in socially distanced groups.

Admission is free, and reservations should

be made at [www.eventbrite.com/e/south-berkshire-concert-series-the-rolston-string-quartet-tickets-265924396027](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-berkshire-concert-series-the-rolston-string-quartet-tickets-265924396027).

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MILLBROOK

# Ed Olson remembered in Millbrook and beyond

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Almost everyone in the Millbrook area knew Ed Olson, and to know him was to love him. His smile was contagious, his love of service to others was legendary. When he passed away on Thursday, Feb. 10, the shock and sadness was felt by about the entire community.

Olson was born on July 10, 1948, in nearby Salt Point, on his family farm, which he lived on for his entire life. The farm goes back two generations before him.

He graduated from Millbrook High School in 1966.

Over the years he worked as a mechanic; he worked for the highway departments of both Town of Washington and the Town of Union Vale.

A farmer throughout his life, when he retired from his full-time jobs, he delivered milk for Hudson Valley Fresh.

What Olson will probably be remembered for by most is his volunteer work. He was a firefighter for 54 years with the East Clinton Volunteer Fire Department (ECVFD) where he served as president, vice-president and safety officer. In fact he was the president when he died.

"I have known Ed for my

entire life, stretching back to our childhood as attendees in the Clinton Corners Community Friends Church, where his family was extremely active," said ECVFD Fire Chief Don Estes. "Ed knew and was known well by our extended community. This in large was due to his dedication to service. This service included his total immersion in the Boy Scouts of America [BSA] and the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department. There were also other community activities of which he was involved, but the Boy Scouts and fire department were his community passion."

His sense of altruism, even

later in life, was often remarked upon by those who knew him.

"Ed exemplified what the concept of volunteer and community involvement represents," continued Estes. "Though he was totally dedicated to his civic organizations, he always found time to help anyone in need. He was a compassionate person and an extremely loyal friend. The world would be a better place if more people followed his life creed, and is a much sadder place with his departure."

Many young men remember Olson leading the Boy Scouts, calling him a great role model. Involved with the BSA for almost 40 years, Olson started with the Scouts back in the mid-1980s.

Millbrook Village Trustee and fellow Scout leader Mike Herzog fondly remembers their sons were around the same age when they joined the Cub Scouts. Long after their boys had grown, Olson and Herzog continued as leaders with Troop 31 and remained friends.

Herzog praised Olson's tenacity, his leadership and his ability to encourage other adults to volunteer.

Noticeably sad, Herzog said, "It was a joy and a privilege to work with him, and it will leave a big hole."

He fondly remembered a few years ago when they both attended a Millbrook Fireman's Dinner. Their table included seven or so firemen, former Scouts. It was a mo-

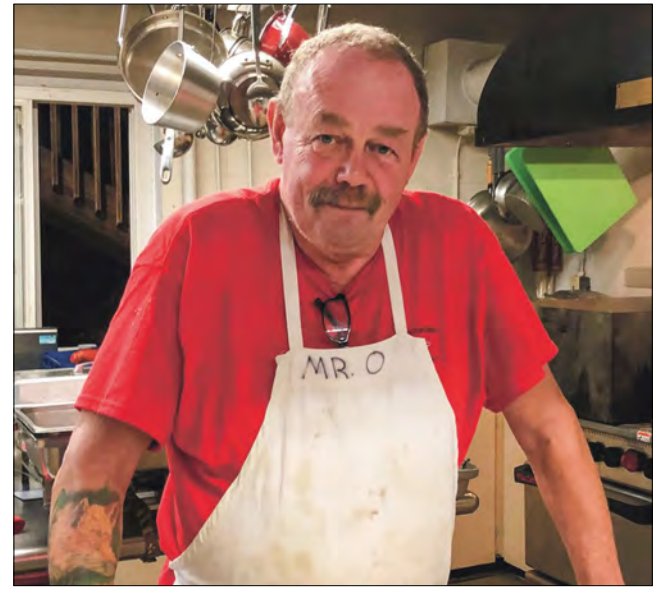


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The late Ed Olson had a smile that many will long remember. Olson was proud to wear his fireman's uniform and spent his life volunteering to help those around him. He not only volunteered in the East Clinton fire department, but also helped lead Millbrook's Boy Scout troop.

ment filled with pride, said Herzog.

Millbrook Trustee Peter Doro, who serves with Herzog, is a former Eagle Scout from Troop 31.

Under Olson's leadership, Troop 31 grew from fewer than 20 Scouts to more than 60. Olson was proud of his troop, his work with the Scouts and that more joined.

And many were proud of Olson, who was bestowed with many honors during his lifetime. Although he was always modest, others were happy to applaud him. He received the Betty White Community Service Award from the Millbrook Rotary Club; he was given the CVFD Fire-

fighter of the Year; he was a recipient of the Poppa John Award. He was also a member of the Washington Hollow Cemetery Association and served as a Trustee of the Lyall Memorial Federated Church.

Olson leaves behind his wife, Laurie Metcalf Olson, four children, their spouses and his beloved grandchildren.

He will be missed by many, for his infectious smile, his humor and his love of helping anyone who needs it. He will be remembered for those things, along with his love of life, of work, of family, of volunteering and of making the world a better place for all of the 73 years he was on it.

## Bennett project gets boost with \$554,000 county grant

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP), the 501(c)(3) nonprofit behind the renovation of the former Bennett College, is still celebrating its good fortune weeks after learning that County Executive Marc Molinaro awarded it a portion of a \$2.2 million grant from Dutchess County's Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG) program. Molinaro made the announcement on Monday, Jan. 24.

"We are pleased to announce that [MCP] has received a \$554,000 grant from Dutchess County's [PMG] towards converting the deteriorated Bennett College campus into a community park" said MCP President Oakleigh Thorne on Monday, Feb. 14, expressing his thanks to Molinaro and the PMG program for what he said is an "important grant which will enable us to build a green gateway to the village of Millbrook and create an open space for public enjoyment and recreation."

The former Bennett College grounds, located at the southern entrance way to the village where Franklin Avenue begins at the intersection of routes 343 and 82, is being renovated by MCP to form a community park.

The college closed years ago and the once-lovely buildings have since fallen into disrepair. The property has long been an eyesore and a source of contention among many residents and business owners. Its future has long been questioned by community

members at countless Village Board meetings.

Thorne said MCP was very excited to learn the project would be awarded more than half a million dollars in funding from the PMG program, as it will allow a lot of work to get done on the project.

According to Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), a resident of Pine Plains, the Bennett renovation is the ideal recipient.

"The PMG grants have been around for awhile," he said. "Both the town and the village felt the Bennett project becoming a recreational park area was a worthwhile endeavor and applied for the grant. We were happy to accommodate them, because the Bennett property is the entrance to Millbrook, and it will be nice to see the entryway looking good again."

Molinaro agreed it made for a good application.

"Dutchess County remains a leader in the protection of farmland and open space, and our PMG allows us to do so — maintaining both our agrarian heritage and our county's visual splendor for years to come," he said. "The convergence of the deteriorating, former Bennett College campus into a public park will revitalize an important historical and cultural site located at the southern gateway to the Village of Millbrook and return it to the public realm for future generations to enjoy."

The project includes creating an open landscaped green space on the 32-acre Bennett property to use as a site for fairs, markets, etc., with a bandstand for concerts and

other performances. Demolition of the old college buildings has already begun. Once completed, there will be parks, walking and bike trails and a parking lot.

The Bennett project is part of a two-pronged, \$21 million initiative by MCP to revitalize both the former college site as well as the Thorne Building, a 125-year-old Beaux-Arts former high school on the other end of Franklin Avenue.

The Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC) is also a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It is currently in the midst of being converted from its former life as a school building into a multi-purpose community center after it also fell into disrepair during the past several decades.

MCP and local leaders are hoping the two public spaces, which will ultimately be connected via walkable green space, will enrich the civic and cultural lives of community members.

MCP has partnered with TBCC, The Millbrook Tribute Garden and the Thorne family, who are charged with raising the \$20 million budgeted to complete both projects. They will ultimately manage the operations of the two facilities.

PMG grants were created in 1999 to help protect important agricultural and open space resources with local funds for land preservation purchases up to 50% of the total project cost.

Four additional PMG grants went to Hahn Farm in Pleasant Valley, Heritage Acres in Fishkill, Obercreek Farm in Wappingers Falls and Primrose Hill Farm in Clinton.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**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 9th day of March 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 the minor subdivision submitted by James A. Murphy for properties located at Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 134200-6771-00-971827-0000.

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.

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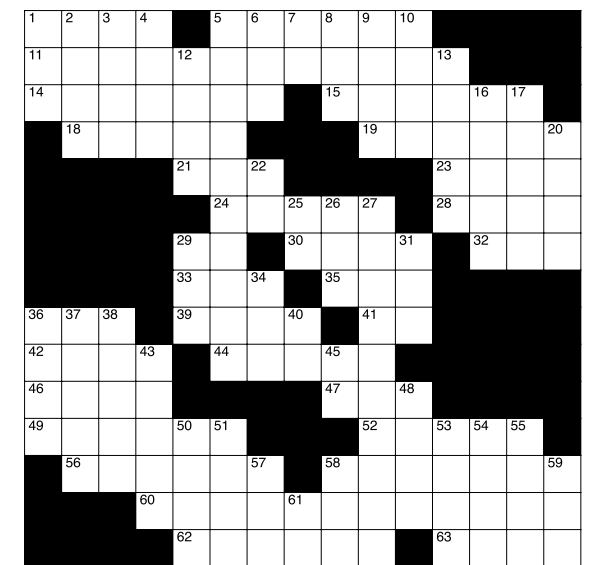
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14. German city
15. Lacking sympathy
18. Visionaries
19. Wastes away
21. One precursor to the EU
23. Nursemaid
24. Unconsciousnesses
28. Baby's word for father
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data processing
36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
39. Fishes
41. Air Force
42. Personal computers
44. Ecological community
46. Wings
47. Halfway
49. Cool, calm and collected
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62. Periods in one's life
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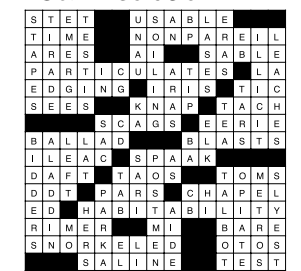
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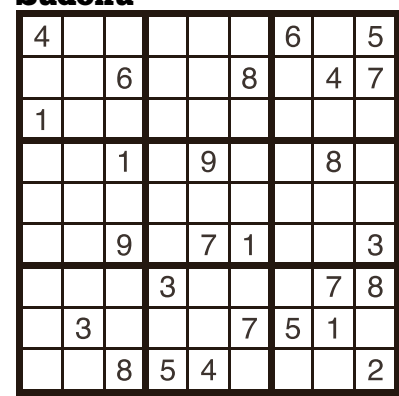
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29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's dad
43. Horse mackerels genus
45. Morning
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
50. Double curve

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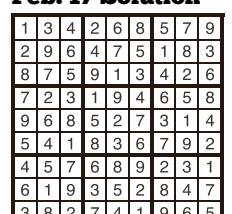
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EDITORIAL

Millerton climate survey is smart to do

If there is one thing Millerton's Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) wants, it is for residents of the village of Millerton and the town of North East to take its survey. On the task force's extremely detailed, well-laid out and quite lovely website, [www.climatesmartmillerton.org](http://www.climatesmartmillerton.org), it explains to those who live the northeastern Dutchess County community how to do so.

"Take our survey," implores the Climate Smart Millerton site. "Say what you feel about the future climate, what you hope for, what you fear, what you plan to do."

It then leads whoever is at the keyboard through a single prompt to "click here," thanks the person for his or her participation and then sends the respondent off to contemplate climate change. Hopefully the surveys will be taken with thought and consideration.

The CSTF, led with insight and intelligence by Kathy Chow, has been working hard for a number of years with many dedicated volunteers. Recently those volunteers have spent months gathering data and trying to pinpoint exactly which key environmental issues to ask local residents about in their survey.

Their goal? To see how the community-at-large perceives climate change. The group launched the survey in January with the hopes of finding some answers.

The task force also wants to learn how local residents prioritize the following issues in their lives: climate change; the importance of mitigating climate change; and how municipalities and the CSTF itself should respond to natural disasters caused by climate change.

Tom Parrett, who helped edit the survey, said another objective is to learn if the average Joe is aware of the state's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program.

As Chow explained in reporter Kaitlin Lyle's front page article this week, New York's CSC program encourages municipalities statewide to check off climate smart priorities in order to qualify as a Climate Smart Community.

Those priorities range from developing emergency plans to educating residents about protecting their homes from storms and floods to informing residents about how to protect their homes from the dangers of climate change.

Chow noted the information the task force culls from the survey regarding environmental issues respondents are most concerned about can help it tailor future CSC programs. She hopes those who respond to the questionnaire will share any past experiences with local extreme weather events. Those dramatic tales are not just fascinating, said Chow, but "that knowledge will help the town and village to be prepared for what Mother Nature can throw our way."

We hope those reading this editorial now, those who wander onto the CSTF website and those who learn about the survey through other means will take the short time needed to complete the online survey.

Millerton and North East residents may access the survey at [www.climatesmartmillertong.org](http://www.climatesmartmillertong.org) or on the "Climate Smart Millerton" Facebook page.

The information will be incredibly useful. It could one day potentially enable the task force to help keep an entire community safe during a life-or-death emergency weather event or other natural disaster.

While one hopes it never comes to that, news reports from around the U.S. in the past decade-plus have certainly proven the stark reality of such a possibility.

According to the CSTF's website and work thus far, we think its intent is both simple and sublime. It merely wants to provide residents the tools so "North East and Millerton can become more resilient to a warmer, more volatile climate."

Planning ahead is always smart; taking the survey is climate smart.



Cheating — a reality check

There are so many ways to cheat that do not break rules, need performance enhancing drugs or skirt fair play.

Yes, steroids are an unfair advantage, but only if you monitor all steroid consumption by every athlete. Do the hormones put in cattle feed in America count as cheating? Nope, the FDA says they are safe (yet the FDA doesn't actually test meat, only blood — and all final animal feed carries the instruction "Stop Feeding Three Weeks Before Slaughter").

Do you really think American teenagers are naturally bigger, faster, stronger than kids from less affluent countries? Do kids from, say, Kazakhstan, cheat when they supplement their dietary hormones to match the American ones?

And what about the technology of swimsuits, more slippery than normal fabric, that Nike made for the U.S. Olympic Team at great expense? Did they give them to all the countries' swimmers? Nope.

And how about the \$7 million snow half-pipe test facility built especially for our snowboard team by Red Bull, is that cheating?

The fact is, when sport is a commercial enterprise and there is profit to be made by athletes, managers, coaches, agents, licensees, and, of course, the athlete, pressure builds to find a way to maximize revenue.

If maximizing revenue means winning, then every means available will be employed to and for the athlete to deliver the reward he or she is expected to deliver. And when that athlete does not deliver, there are penalties for the whole team,

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

Any professional sport is a business, tainted by a desire to win at all costs for profit.

not to mention the athlete's psyche and well-being.

What? You thought these tennis players, skaters and gymnasts were weak to have mini-breakdowns?

The pressure on them to deliver everyone's paycheck is overwhelming.

And that's the issue here. If you told your 5-year-old that she would not get dinner unless she won the playground sack race, you could, reasonably, be accused of abuse.

Professional sports is like that. The threat is always behind achievement potential. Fail to catch the winning football pass and your contract gets dropped, your agent drops you, your manager quits, your personal trainer wants more money, your banker sees a drop in your income and forecloses on your mortgage. Think that doesn't happen? It does, all too often.

Now tell me you would not try and gain an edge, with all that weight of responsibility on your shoulders? Any professional sport is a business, tainted by a desire to win at all costs for profit. Sometimes, the human carnage, like a Russian 15-year-old skater, is just the inevitable outcome.

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

Health care in the U.S. compared to other high income countries

Today, with over 900,000 COVID-19 deaths (Feb. 4) we remain the tragic outlier in COVID public health effectiveness. We have the highest per capita death rate among the world's 10 richest countries. Ezra Klein (NYT Feb. 6) maintains that our vast unvaccinated millions lack trust. "Public health is rooted in the soil of trust. That soil has thinned in America."

Excuse me? What public health is Klein referring to, I ask, as must all those individuals who think government should stay out of their health business. What Americans know of health care as a full range of consumer health options among industries: doctors, hospitals, insurance or pharmaceuticals. For them, health is about their individual choices.

There is essentially nothing else. The U.S. simply does not have the national health authority, the health infrastructure or the public health social awareness to manage an epidemic, no matter who is in office. Governmental response to infection is a state responsibility. Public health authority is vetted only in the states. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has no statutory role for intervention nor does the Department of Health and Human Services. (The Institute of Medicine's The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st called for such authority in 2002 in response to the Anthrax scare but to no avail.)

Elizabeth Rosenthal (WP, Dec. 27, 2021) has pointed out that public health is about future. It is about readiness. It is about prevention.

Like national defense readiness, effective public health is embedded in infrastructure and national authority proactively developed with a coordinated capacity for responding with distribution channels, and staffing.

Alternatively, economic markets are about the pres-

GUEST COLUMN

Nancy McKenzie

ent. They are demand-driven. When a need occurs, it is monetized and as many deliverers as wish to be in the market enter to provide it. Some, like hospital needs, are over extended with tragic results.

The 1918-19 flu epidemic infected more than 500 million people with 675,000 deaths in the U.S. The lesson learned was that it was not reasonable to blame individuals for catching an infectious disease, nor to treat them in isolation.

Many countries quickly went for socialized medicine. First Russia, then Germany, France, the Scandinavian countries. Only in the 1950s did the U.S. finally offer health care and only in the form of health insurance for the employed (first as a "perk" and ultimately as a purchased add on). The first U.S. government health care services program was Medicare and Medicaid in 1965 — still controversial.

The U.S. remains the only one of 10 comparable nations (Austria/Canada/France/Germany/Netherlands/New Zealand/Norway/Sweden/Switzerland) without a unified health care system and one available to all. We rank last in health care availability, and first in personal expense (\$11,000 a year). Each of the other countries has a national system integrating prevention and medical treatment within their blended economies ("socialist" programs with "free market services").

Isn't it time that we begin to face the fact that our lack of a health care system is the source of our excess death rates?

Nancy McKenzie is a retired professor from the CUNY School of Public Health. She and her partner moved to Amenia in 2016 from Brooklyn.

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.

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The OFA begins its search for county centenarians

Do you know a Dutchess County resident who will turn 100 or older this year, or a Dutchess County couple celebrating 70 or more years of marriage? We'd like to honor them, with their permission, in the special "Celebration of Aging" section of the Summer 2022 Office of the Aging (OFA) newsletter that's distributed throughout the county.

Last year we honored six couples married 70 years or more, and 12 centenarians ranging in age from 100 to 105. We estimate there are dozens of other centenarians around the county who may like to be similarly honored. Over the years we've honored centenarians as old as 113 — twice! To find out more, contact OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at [bjones@dutchessny.gov](mailto:bjones@dutchessny.gov) or 845-486-2544.

OFA nutrition talks Join the Office for the

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

Aging's Nutrition Services division for presentations aimed at raising awareness of good nutrition for older adults. In observance of February's Heart Health Month, the topic of this month's presentations is "Eating for a Healthy Heart."

Advance registration is required for non-clients of OFA Friendship Centers. Call 845-486-2555 for more information. Below is the latest schedule; all talks take place at 11 a.m.; schedules are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 17, Tri-Town Friendship Center, 1576 Route 44, Pleasant Valley (First Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, Feb. 22, Pawling Friendship Center, 154

Charles Colman Blvd. (American Legion Hasler-Kamp Post 215)

Wednesday, Feb. 23, Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St.

Thursday, Feb. 24, Red Hook Friendship Center, 59 Fisk St. (Red Hook Community Center)

Look for an article on the recent OFA nutrition talk that took place at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Page A2 in this week's Millerton News.

In the event of winter weather disrupting schedules, announcements will be posted on Dutchess County social media at [www.facebook.com/DutchessCoGov](http://www.facebook.com/DutchessCoGov) and [www.twitter.com/DutchessCoGov](http://www.twitter.com/DutchessCoGov), and are distributed to area broadcasters.

Rhinebeck Historical Society Zoom

Ever wanted to find out more about Dutchess County's early history? County

Historian Will Tatum will provide a brief background of the Palatine immigrants who established the hamlet of Wurtemberg in the Town of Rhinebeck. Participants will get a closer look at an 1802 Rhinebeck Historical Society property map of the area, as well as an outline of Wurtemberg's subsequent development. Modern day Wurtemberg runs parallel to Route 9G in the southeastern part of the town.

A Zoom link will be provided prior to the event, which takes place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25. More information is at [www.rhinebeck-historicalsociety.org](http://www.rhinebeck-historicalsociety.org), where you can also find an archive of previous presentations.

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

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- Using and maintaining power tools and other equipment.
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- Responsible for assisting in snow and ice removal.
- Raking, blowing & vacuuming leaves.
- Operating heavy equipment and utility support for building mechanics

Qualified candidates should possess a basic knowledge of gardening and grounds maintenance. Knowledge of use and maintenance of hand & power tools and heavy equipment required. Familiarity with common plant species, landscaping, and cultivation required. Candidates must have a high school diploma and a valid & clean driver's license.

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- Drive to the bank, when needed.
- Put postage on outgoing mail using postage machine and prepare mail for pick up.
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