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Complaints filed against Amenia Strong candidates

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PART II

AMENIA — Voters in Amenia are still sorting through some of the resentment that seems to remain from the 2021 town elections.

Three candidates ran on an independent party line Republicans created last fall called Amenia Strong (AS) against other GOP members, Democrats and one write-in candidate; there were nine candidates in total on Amenia's 2021 ballot.

The AS slate of candidates included town supervisor candidate Julie Doran and Town Board candidates Brad Rebillard and Jamie Vitiello. Only Rebillard won; he's now serving a four-year term as councilman.

Last week The Millerton News reported on a complaint filed with

the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) that none of the AS candidates filed their candidate disclosure forms on time with the BOE, and also that AS did not properly register as a political committee.

Rebillard and Vitiello told this newspaper they were contacted by the BOE and would or had filed their forms in time for the Feb. 4 deadline; Doran did not return calls or emails requesting an interview.

AS candidates not alone

Yet it seems like the AS candidates were not alone in skipping the rule book. None of the other candidates managed to complete their filings on time either— except one.

It appears only Democrat Leo Blackman, the run-away winner in Amenia's Town Board race, filed

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Hope for lower Main St. after The Dig is gone

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Part II

MILLERTON — Last week, The Millerton News took a look at how lower Main Street is faring now that the former creative commercial space known as The Dig announced it was closing at the end of last year. Millerton residents and tourists alike were deeply disappointed. Part I of our story ran in the Feb. 3 edition of our paper and may also be found on our website, www.tricornernews.com. Part II follows below.

After The Dig left

The closure of the business that opened barely two years earlier at 3 Main St. was a hard blow for those who had hoped it would finally light a spark and put a fire under the feet of merchants who had been hesitant to invest in the lower end of the village. With a busy breakfast business and free weekend music, The Dig

was bringing customers to lower Main Street, where it's historically been difficult to draw foot traffic — especially after the departure of Gilmore Glassworks.

The former Gilmore Glassworks building has sat vacant since it closed in 2019. It's not pretty — the building is grey and dank looking, with roots growing on its roof, which looks like it needs replacing and the entire structure looks as if it could do with a major renovation.

A couple of years ago, its commercial counterpart across the street, Allee Architecture + Design (AA+D), also deserted the intersection of routes 22 and 44 at the main traffic light to what is actually a bustling business district — though one wouldn't know it from that end of Main Street. Now empty storefronts greet drivers entering Millerton, and it looks desolate and not representative of the warm, welcom-

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Stewart's Shop has the scoop

From left, Millbrook Stewart's shift manager Bina Bista, Stewart's store manager Samantha Daprile and president and owner of the Stewart's Corporation, Gary Dake, shared in scooping some ice cream on Wednesday, Feb. 2. To learn why, turn to Page B3.



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Dover man arrested for setting his own apartment house ablaze

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DOVER PLAINS — Just weeks after a structure fire broke out at 12 Brady Lane in Dover Plains — resulting in severe property damage and several families being displaced from their homes — the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) announced on Tuesday, Feb. 1, that Dover resident Charles Keenan was arrested for arson and charged with starting the blaze.

Several regional fire companies responded to the Thursday evening

fire on Jan. 13. J.H. Ketchum Hose Company from Dover Plains took the lead; a handful of local fire companies from both New York and Connecticut also responded to help in putting out the fire.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and the New York State Police (NYSP) also assisted at the scene of the fire.

In the weeks following the fire, the DCSO Detective Bureau, its Fire & Arson Investigation Unit and its Fire Investigation Division collaborated in investigating the

fire's origins along with assistance from the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office. Arson was suspected from the very start, though officials were careful to say they needed more information to confirm that was indeed the cause.

Reaching out to support the affected families, the Dover Plains community set up a number of GoFundMe pages to help raise money for some of the families that were displaced from their homes as a result of the fire.

Dover Plains resident Lucy Duncan was among them; she set up, "Let's help my sister rebuild her life," seeking to raise money to help her sister and her children relocate into a home together "as they are currently staying in separate places."

Another page called "Help our family recover from a fire," was set up by Amanda Murphy after she and her family of eight were forced to leave their home "after [the] fire was started by [a] neighbor and left us all homeless," according to the GoFundMe description.

Curiously, Keenan, who was charged for setting the fire, also set up a Go Fund Me page. Called, "Our apt is gone do to fire really use a miracle," he set it up with his girlfriend, Vivian Hewlett. According to the page, Keenan and Hewlett had been living at 12 Brady Lane together for a year and, like many

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Storm Landon strikes the region

By **CAROL KNEELAND**
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — When Winter Storm Landon roared into the area on Friday, Feb. 4, The Hudson River provided some protection for Dutchess County with the worst of its fury focused in the western counties but the still the snow, ice and roaring winds impacted all of Dutchess County with schools and businesses closed or struggling and homes left cold and

dark in some instances for several days.

As of Monday's deadline, not all information on the impact was available, but no accidents were listed on the New York State Police log, and Millerton Fire chief Jason Watson said there were, "no storm related" calls for his district.

According to Joe Jenkins, Central Hudson Associate Director of Media,

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Among the local residents that stopped by the library for National Puzzle Day, Solange Muller picked up a few puzzles to give out at the pantry where she volunteers.

Puzzles for all

Offering patrons a challenge or two to keep their brains busy this winter, the NorthEast-Millerton Library hosted a day-long puzzle swap on Saturday, Feb. 5, and invited residents to drop by to pick up puzzles, crosswords, trivia and more. Originally scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, the program was postponed to Satur-

day, Feb. 5, due to inclement weather. Though attendance was low for this year's National Puzzle Day program, the library was able to give away Millerton-themed crossword puzzles and trivia to local residents looking to test their brainpower.

— Kaitlin Lyle

BOE checks in on Webutuck's emergency project, remote students

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WEBUTUCK — A week after declaring the asbestos contamination in the Webutuck High School (WHS) auditorium an emergency project, the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) received an update on both the project's status and the students that switched from in-person to remote instruction as a result of the project on Monday, Jan. 31.

The BOE meeting came to order at 7 p.m. over Zoom. Delivering the project update, Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani announced the auditorium project officially began that day and the district's insurance will cover the asbestos abatement in full. At this time, he said Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier is working with the district's engineers, contractors and insurance company to develop a rebuild of the auditorium, a plan they hope to bring to the BOE in the coming weeks.

With hard barriers now installed around the project site, Castellani said the abatement is expected to begin on Wednesday, Feb.

2, and that the district will continue to update the community and BOE throughout the project.

As was discussed at the BOE meeting on Monday, Jan. 24, the Webutuck school district administration determined it could isolate Webutuck's fifth and sixth grade students far enough away into the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School (EBIS) building to create a barrier between the school and the auditorium. However, because Webutuck doesn't have enough classrooms for the remaining EBIS/WHS students, students in grades seventh through 12th were shifted to remote instruction where they'll remain until the project's completion. If all goes as planned, the students will hopefully return to in-person instruction on Monday, Feb. 28.

Castellani reported attendance is very strong among the fifth and sixth graders. In fact, he said the last time he checked, there were only about five or six students that weren't in attendance due to sickness. Given this success, Castellani said, "We feel very comfortable that we're doing the right thing. We're hoping to get this expedited so we can get this

in by Feb. 28, if not earlier."

BOE member Rick Keller-Coffey inquired after the students that were placed in remote instruction and how they've been faring. WHS Principal Katy McEnroe said Webutuck Technology Director Lauren Marquis reported issues with feedback, particularly with students that are in the same room and trying to Zoom into different classes. The BOE also heard reports from EBIS about issues students have been having with getting back into the swing of remote learning, particularly in terms of remote etiquette and keeping their cameras on.

The BOE asked if there was anyone that could make visits to students' homes, to which McEnroe said she's been making home visits. She also mentioned there were students that expressed to her they'd rather be in school Zooming than at home, and that the district is trying to figure out that issue.

Castellani said the district will give a report on Monday, Feb. 7, on what daily attendance is like and the interventions Webutuck is putting in place to mitigate students having a difficult time.

Report released on Millerton house fire

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MILLERTON — It was just a few months ago that the Millerton community was shaken by the house fire that erupted at 5902 South Elm Ave., and the fire's harrowing impact continues to linger in residents' minds. Apart from displacing multiple families from their homes, the fire claimed the lives of two local residents: 24-year-old Jenny Yang and 30-year-old Wangdi Tamang.

After months spent investigating the fire and its potential origins, the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division compiled its findings into a report that the public can now access by submitting a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to the unit.

Included in its report, the Fire Investigation Division identified Amy Yang, owner of the Chinese restaurant Golden Wok in Millerton, as the owner of the property at 5902 South Elm Ave. In addition to Yang and her daughter

Jenny, Tamang, Lin Xue Nong and Po Chen were identified as the structure's occupants.

Along with providing an overview of the fire on Saturday, Nov. 6, the Fire Investigation Unit outlined in its report the systematic process used to examine the fire scene for determination of the fire's origin, which included a visual inspection of the structure and an evaluation of fuel packages and fire pattern.

Drawing from witness statements gathered at the scene of the fire, the Fire Investigation Division reported that Chen (who was identified as the witness and tenant of the bedroom in the southwest corner of the basement) said he awoke to the odor of smoke. Opening his bedroom door, Chen said he "could see flames on the bed in the room across the hall from his." The bed was identified as Tamang's bed.

Investigating potential fire causes, the Fire Investigation Division, according to its report, conducted a detailed examination of the scene for potential causes, including

cooking equipment; heating systems; electrical wiring, distribution and appliances; spontaneous heating and combustion; and other like factors.

In summation, the Fire Investigation Division concluded the fire originated in the lower-level bedroom on the structure's corner, but could not determine a cause. "Based on the analysis of all the evidence and available data collected at this time, we are unable to determine a reasonable degree of certainty, the cause and ignition sequence of this fire," stated the case investigators in the report's conclusion.

As far as determining a cause, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response Fire Coordinator David Alfonso said that, by general municipal law, the fire chief of the Millerton Fire Company is the one who determines the cause of the fire within his municipality. After the Fire Investigation Division sends the chief its origin and cause report, it's up to the fire chief to determine the official cause.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Little Free Grocery expands to The Library Annex

Thanks to Webutuck student Avery Wickwire and his Boy Scout Troop, which helped Avery build the shelves to collect food donations made by Sunday in the Country Food Drive and Webutuck Elementary School, the NorthEast-Millerton Library was able to expand

its offerings at the Little Free Grocery.

Starting Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., patrons will be able to visit The Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton to pick up what they need from a selection of items. No cost or library card is required.

Patrons who aren't able to

visit the Little Free Grocery on the first Saturday of the month can now access the room by appointment. The library's online order form will be continuing at this time.

For more information, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call the library at 518-789-3340.



Photo by Tom Brown

20 meters? 30 meters? 70 meters?

This handy conversion chart will help you figure out what the heck those distances are, in plain American numbers (not some fancy French measurements!). Whatever the distances they jump from and whatever distances they soar, we congratulate the jumpers competing in the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's Jumpfest.

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How not to grow old during your golden years

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — To the delight of viewers, Noble Horizons hosted an hour with Amenia resident Jim Flaherty, who talked about “life and stuff” on Saturday, Jan. 29, done with characteristic wit and honesty. The talk on Zoom was mainly based upon his new book, but it ventured afield adeptly.

The engaging little book under discussion was “Dear Old Friends: A Loving Reminder The Band Won’t Stop Playing ‘Til You Stop Dancing,” a recent publication with decades of history.

“It’s a small book with some big ideas based on common sense,” Flaherty said, as he reflected on his wide-ranging and successful career in the creative side of the advertising world and his move to Amenia to restore the Troutbeck Conference Center to its former architectural stature, offering top-notch hospitality since its reopening

in 1979.

Now 86, but living like 60, Flaherty remains inspired by bits of his mother’s advice. “Each morning, at the start of your day, remember that it can be a day used for doing good for someone,” is an example. There is much to be said to your reflected self in the bathroom mirror on a daily basis.

“I never thought that one day I would be elderly,” he said. “I like that term ‘elderly,’” he mused.

About his advertising career and of great interest to his Zoom listeners, Flaherty said that he and his team created the worldwide messaging concepts for Avon (Ding-dong, Avon calling) following a trip to study typical Avon reps in Kansas City. British Airways, and Revlon were also major clients. His career took him and his young family to Argentina to live and work with major clients in Spanish, a new language for them.

Advertising was never boring, he said, adding that he al-

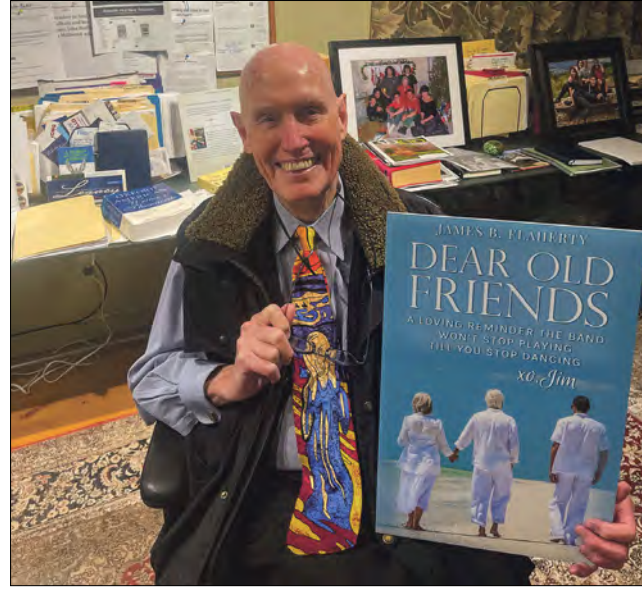


PHOTO BY ESTRELLA LOPEZ
Jim Flaherty read from his book about “life and stuff” at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday, Jan. 29.

ways felt that women were the best copy writers on his team.

“My associates in the advertising world gave me the guts to take a chance in life,” he said. “I loved those people dearly,” he added, indicating that he al-

ways arrived 90 minutes early to work every day, from his earliest jobs, using the time to learn more, always eager to accept new assignments. He was prepared well for the Troutbeck years, where he put in a good 70

hours a week, he recalled.

“When I was in my forties, I wrote a 70-page memoir,” he said, and then he put it away and forgot it. That was 44 years ago, when many of his friends were older than he was.

“Now I am a ‘dear old friend’ to many younger friends,” he said, describing the book as a love letter, a nice little book, easy to read.

“Today is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you’ll ever be,” Flaherty added.

Advice: Try something new like painting, or writing, or riding a bicycle, or learning bridge. In other words, feed an interest in anything. Flaherty has an 83-year-old friend who has enrolled in college. Learn another language.

“If you had a great sense of humor at 50, you still have it,” he said.

“What can I do to not be stagnant?” is a good question to ponder, Flaherty says. How about a book club? Start one. Volunteer for something. Talk

about the book you are reading, not a discourse on your health, Flaherty advises. Stay positive.

Describing Noble Horizons as a miracle of good taste and good care, Flaherty said that he recently learned of a new program in Texas through which college students obtain free housing and meals at a senior housing village by agreeing that in return they will spend 10 hours each week engaging with the senior residents. Both seniors and students agree that the resulting blending is rewarding, offering measurable benefits to both populations.

“I don’t like it when old people live alone,” Flaherty says.

The Golden Rule in five short words: You get what you give. If you give a warm greeting or a generous heart, it will come back to you.

“Dear Old Friends” and the welcome pep talk it offers is available online and also at the Wassaic General Store in Wassaic, 4 Main St., open daily from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Mom grateful for good Samaritans on Sinpatch Road

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WASSAIC — Even as COVID-19 cases and frigid winter temperatures have kept residents in isolation, it’s a comfort to know there are guardian angels and good Samaritans out there watching over folks in their time of need. Such was the case recently for Hayleigh Sachs, 17, who was driving home to Pleasant Valley on Sunday evening, Jan. 23, after an ice skating date in Connecticut with her boyfriend, Noah.

As Hayleigh’s very worried mother, Stephanie, ex-

plained, her daughter — one of four children — was traveling along Sinpatch Road in Wassaic around 9 p.m. when she lost control of the car. The roads were slippery that night as it was snowing outside.

Sachs said Hayleigh’s Red Honda Prelude was heading toward a large tree when her daughter turned the wheel, sliding toward another tree but thankfully avoiding the larger tree. The teenager, did, however, wind up in a ditch off the side of the road.

Another piece of luck, said the grateful mom, was when multiple travelers stopped to

help Hayleigh and make sure she was OK.

Sachs was alerted about her daughter’s accident though the Life360 app, through which Hayleigh said she was OK and sent her location to her mother. Pulling up the map on the Life360 app, Sachs said she could see the accident occurred off the main road in a wooded area.

“My heart was in my throat and I was in panic,” Sachs said, recalling the moment she learned her daughter was in trouble. “I went into pure hysterics thinking everything imaginable.”

Getting her other children

into the car and heading to the scene of the accident, Sachs said she could still communicate with Hayleigh despite spotty cell service. She advised her who to call and what to do.

As Sachs drove to Wassaic, Hayleigh said multiple drivers stopped to see if she was OK, if she needed assistance and if there was someone on the way to help. While they didn’t have any tow rope on them, Sachs said those who stopped offered to call for help.

Though she didn’t catch her name, Sachs recalled one woman in particular who stopped to help her daughter. Described as being in her 30s and driv-

ing toward Connecticut in an SUV with a Connecticut license plate, the woman had two dogs in the car with her.

Fortunately for Hayleigh, she also had tow rope, and together they put the rope on Hayleigh’s car and pulled it back onto the roadside.

Neither Hayleigh nor her car sustained any damages as a result of the accident. After arriving on the scene, Sachs checked on everyone and then followed her daughter back to Pleasant Valley.

Sachs expressed her gratitude to those who stopped to help Hayleigh in a heartfelt post on the “Wassaic & Amenia

Community Page” on Facebook on Monday, Jan. 24.

“The circumstances could have been worse if she didn’t miss those trees and I thank God sent an Angel who was driving down the same road.”

Later, she further expressed her absolute relief and thanks to those in Wassaic.

“Words alone cannot express my gratitude. Hayleigh is my eldest child and it’s a mother’s worst fear when a teenager starts driving, especially in the winter months. It’s a relief as a parent to know there are local residents who are still looking out for each other as well as those passing through town.”



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OBITUARIES

Keiven Murnane

MILLERTON — Keiven Murnane, 39, of Yulee, Fla., ascended on Jan. 26, 2022.

Born on July 23, 1982, he was raised in Millerton by his loving mother and father, Ella L. Baisley, known to most as Lucy, and Frederick T. Murnane.

Graduating from Webutuck High School in June of 2000, he stayed close to home initially, establishing many lifelong friendships working under the direction and support of Dean Diamond at Broadway Pizza; he became a pillar in Keiven's life, offering support and guidance whenever he might need it.

He would eventually take on construction work with RW Painting Plus Carpentry before moving to Yulee in 2020. He would become a tradesman in the construction industry, widely known for his roofing, painting and carpentry skills.

A dedicated family man, he enjoyed spending time with his children more than anything else, however; he was also a comic book enthusiast and Jets fan.

Keiven's charisma was indisputable; he never knew a stranger, which meant you couldn't take him anywhere without planning for at least a couple of impromptu conversations along the way! Always ready with a joke, a smoke, or

on a hand, he gave freely of what he had to anyone who might need it, no matter what his situation was at the time.

Keiven was predeceased by his mother, Ella; his father, Frederick T.; and his brother, Frederick J.

He is survived by his three children, Brooke (13), Brayden (11) and Abigail (8); their mother, Jessica Wilcox, also of Yulee. His surviving siblings are Bernadette Coniglio of New York, Monica Sprague of Florida, Sheila Miller (Chuck) of Alabama, Michael Murnane (Yvonne) of Tennessee, Gloria Murnane of North Carolina, Crystle Bishop (Toni) of Georgia, Dustin Moore of New York, Amanda Vaccaro (Joe) of New Jersey, Henry Cade of Idaho and Josh Cade (Kateri) of Connecticut. The cousins, nieces, nephews and friends constitute a list too long to leave here; he touched the lives of many and was beloved by all those who knew him.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

A funeral service will take place at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

To send an online condolence to the family, send flowers or plant a tree in Keiven's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



John D. Noneman

KENT — John D. Noneman, 84, noted designer, artist and educator who lived in northwest Connecticut, died peacefully in his sleep on Jan. 29, 2022, at Branford Hospital Hospice following a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife of more than half a century, Patricia Green Noneman, who passed on May 3, 2021.

For many years the couple operated Noneman & Noneman Design Inc., a noted graphic design firm in the Gramercy Park section of New York City.

Upon their retirement they moved to their home in the North Kent section of Litchfield County.

John graduated from The Ohio State University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts - Industrial Design degree. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, where he made numerous lifelong friendships.

After graduation, John moved to New York City to work for the then leading advertising agency Benton and Bowles as a graphic design specialist. After several years he went to Yale University, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts - Graphic Design degree and where he met Patricia. The couple was married in 1966.

Noneman was featured in two exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art and one of his works, the Popular Optical Art Ball from 1965, is in the MoMA Graphic Design collection.



In 1973 John and Pat started a graphic design company, Noneman & Noneman, a full-service design group that specializes in a broad range of corporate projects, including identity programs, facilities brochures, magazine and editorial design, sales promotion, financial and employee relations materials, and website architecture and design.

From 1995 until 2015, John was on the Communication Design faculty at Parsons the New School for Design in New York, teaching corporate design, identity design, form and identity, advanced studio design, and typography. He was also on the Adjunct Faculty at the Cooper Union, Pratt Institute of Art, and Silvermine College of Art.

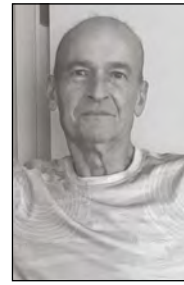
Active in Kent community affairs, John also was on the board of the Kent Democratic Town Committee. He is survived by his sister, Ann Harrison of Hilton Head, S.C.; and brother, Tom of Harbor Springs, Mich. Private services for both John and Patricia Noneman will be held later in the year.

Arrangements are by the Lillis Funeral Home in New Milford.

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Nicholas Joseph Beni Jr.

SALISBURY — Nicholas Joseph Beni Jr., 69, of Longmont, Colo., and formerly of Salisbury, passed away Jan. 30, 2022, after many years of battling with his health. He passed at home surrounded by the love of his family.



Born in Parma, Italy, he was the adopted son of Nicholas and Rita Beni of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He attended Paul Smith's College and The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Throughout his life he was a chef at many different restaurants including the Interlaken Inn in Salisbury, The New Yorker in Millerton, Copperfields in Salt Point, N.Y., and Tickets in Amenia. He was the owner of The Pond Restaurant in Ancramdale.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting on family land and fishing the deep sea. His latest hobby was wood carving.

What brought him the most joy was being around

his grandchildren, Jasper and Cordelia. He will be remembered for his infectious laugh, having a story for every moment in life and his ability to "Dine" at every meal.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy Belter Beni of 41 years; daughter, Tanya (significant other, Kristofor, and his daughter, Cordelia); son, Nick (wife, Laura, and their son, Jasper). He is also survived by his brother, John Beni, and sister, Liza Beni; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Nick and Rita Beni; his in-laws, Willis and Ruth Belter; and two nephews, Geoff Belter and Matthew Beni.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Salisbury Ambulance, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068; or The Lakeville Hose Co., P.O. Box 1969, Lakeville, CT 06039. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

In honor of Black History Month

Memories of a fraught past

Decades ago, as a young reporter on the Mason-Dixon line, I was assigned to cover an address by Julian Bond, an iconic leader of the Civil Rights movement who was fighting in the Supreme Court to take his duly elected seat in the Georgia State Legislature. While still too young to run for the presidency, he was widely recognized as potentially the first Black candidate for that office.

I can still see him, eyes sharp as they searched the crowd, skin taut and veins throbbing as he worked to

CAROL KNEELAND Reporter's Notebook

keep his expression under control. It was 1970 and Bond had come to red-neck country to speak to a crowd that mostly did not want to hear his message.

What they mostly wanted to do was stand against him. Given the rumors, some were probably there in the hope

that they might see him die that night.

The wind was rife with threats. A phalanx of lawmen had been called out to surround and protect him. The venue was beyond steamy — a combination of the sweat of hundreds of bodies and the hot rain that had pelted everyone who had entered.

Despite the warnings of my editor and my own common sense which also told me to keep my distance and my wits about me, I found myself elbow to elbow with him as his circle of guards pushed us through the masses and propelled him toward the podium.

I wasn't surprised by the grim expressions on their faces. This was, by all reports, a dangerous evening. But I was astounded to see that behind the watchful, officially protective eyes of some, a deep and angry hatred lurked. Faces projected the message loud and clear: tonight they might

need to die for this guy — and they despised him, and they despised his message.

One of them stared straight at us and spit on the ground where the speaker was to walk.

There was a horrendous odor arising from our little circle. I'd never smelled it before nor since, but clearly it was the scent of fear — sharp, acrid, all encompassing.

As we were nudged even closer together, our eyes locked. His were dark, wide, watchful — filled, it seemed, with a combination of dread and determination — with perhaps just a touch of resignation.

I don't remember the specifics of what was said that night, but I will never forget the courage of the man as he squared his shoulders, gave a little shrug and went forward to speak his mind.

I do wonder what that young man would have said about our nation today.

AREA IN BRIEF

Red Cross blood drive Feb. 16

MILLBROOK — A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Millbrook firehouse on Wednesday, Feb.

16, from 2 until 7 p.m.

New donors are needed, along with returning donors, as every donation can save three lives. Blood supplies are at a critical low during the COVID pandemic.

Schedule to donate at www.redcrossblood.org; use the sponsor code: Millbrook.

Children and Teen Book Bundles

MILLERTON — Local children and teens looking for an escape into the world of fiction are invited to check out the Children and Teen Book Bundles available through the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Library staff and volunteers will work together to create a special bundle for young readers based on their interests. Bundles may be picked up at the library or via contactless pick up.

To learn more and to access the Book Bundles request form, visit www.nemillertonlibrary.org.

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Walsh looks ahead with term as new town supervisor

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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PINE PLAINS — Brian Walsh is a person who puts community above most other things.

It's not surprising, then, that he serves as the Pine Plains Fire Company's fire chief, and takes his responsibilities as such seriously. Walsh was re-elected this past December to serve another one-year term for what will be his seventh year as chief. He's been a volunteer firefighter with the department for 16 years; his wife, Ronnie Brenner Chase is a longtime EMT; she is also the captain of the Rescue Squad.

Aside from the Walsh family's dedication to emergency services, it's also dedicated to the town of Pine Plains, with many generations having lived there.

That devotion to Pine Plains spurred him to seek another volunteer post, requiring more of his time, yes, but allowing him to share his love of community with those who live and work alongside him.

"I wanted to give back to my community, and I thought this was the best way to do it," said Walsh

shortly after the Pine Plains Town Board held its first monthly meeting in January. "And I thought it was time for a change."

The recently-sworn-in Republican town supervisor said he thought long and hard before committing to campaigning against two-term former Democratic supervisor Darrah Cloud.

According to the results posted by the Dutchess County Board of Elections on Election Night, Nov. 2, 2021, Walsh received 410 votes while Cloud received 349 votes; with one write-in ballot cast.

Cloud had said immediately after the election that she was "incredibly disappointed" and surprised by the results, as she was hoping to work on a number of large and ongoing projects.

But Walsh said he had a special reason for running, and for having confidence in his chance for success.

"In Pine Plains, the question I always have for people who move to Pine Plains is they always move to Pine Plains to implement change," he said. "It's so drastic; you move to Pine Plains because want to change it or you move to Pine Plains because you

love the way it was. I've always lived in Pine Plains. I'm born and bred here."

When asked if he's going to live there till the end? His response was he's "trying to, hopefully."

Infrastructure needs
To make the town resilient, though, and ensure its infrastructure can withstand future growth and its economy develop alongside it, Walsh has to plan ahead.

While his main campaign promise was "government transparency," to "make sure taxpayers know nothing hidden, nothing secretive is going on," he acknowledged he wants to make improvements in town.

"Mainly we need to fix infrastructure that's broken: water lines are not really broken but older, from the light south on Main Street towards the firehouse," said Walsh, adding town engineers are getting estimates together. "Some of our older buildings need attention. Any project that is started currently I would like to get completed before we start anything new."

Walsh said he's not including the proposed wastewater project in that nor the former Durst Hudson Valley project, which he

chose not to comment on as "we're waiting for their next proposals because they changed from their original build-out plan."

He was referencing the very original Durst proposal dating back to the days when Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) was town supervisor, roughly two decades ago.

Walsh also said 8 and 12 Main St. are in discussion. The two adjacent properties were demolished late last year to potentially be redeveloped for a new Town Hall. He agreed moving Town Hall to the main hamlet is a good idea.

"We definitely need to move Town Hall to the center of town," he said. "I don't know if that's the correct location, it could be. It depends on cost; that's going to be a pretty pricey project. It will come back to taxpayers whether they would like that to happen."

He also wants to see repairs made at the ball fields, where some of the backstops are in bad shape and the fields are starting to show their age.

"It's time," said Walsh. "We have to take care of what we have here instead of start something brand new, before it gets much worse."

Right now the town is seeking volunteers for its Beautification Committee to help with small projects such as the town park. Walsh explained with excitement that "It's actually technically an official committee now," even though residents have been doing the work for years. A chair still needs to be chosen, as do seven members who will have staggering terms.

"I think we're going to have a great year," said Walsh, who added, "my door is always open."



Norman Fulton

Author talk at library

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Always eager to promote the community's local authors, the Pine Plains Free Library invited patrons to stop by the Community Center above the library on Saturday, Feb. 5, for a book talk with Pine Plains author Norman Fulton. A native of Pine Plains and Bangall, N.Y., Fulton recently

published his book "Gaps and Bridges," which offers an exploration of his experience working in a Westchester facility for incarcerated teens.

The book talk and signing was held at 10 a.m., and though attendance was small due to the continued impact of the area's recent ice storm, Pine Plains Free Library Director Alexis Tackett remarked that it worked out well with 12 participants total.

AREA IN BRIEF

Chicken & Biscuits Dinner Feb. 19

STANFORDVILLE — Stanford Grange #808 will serve a Chicken & Biscuits Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners will be take out only at 5 p.m. A donation of \$17 per

dinner is requested. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. All CDC health guidelines will be followed. Call for reservations at 845-868-7869.

The Importance of Focus workshop

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library invites patrons to join a Zoom workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 23, called "The Importance of Focus — For Getting More of What You Want in Life." Cosponsored by the Claverack Free Library, Hudson Area Library, Philmont Public Library and Roe Jan Library, the

program will begin at 6 p.m. Former illusionist Greg Dwyer will lead the interactive hour-long online workshop and show guests how to create real magic in their life to get more of what they desire. For more information or to register, call the Roeliff Jansen Community Library at 518-325-410 or email director@roejanlibrary.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Nationwide Seminars LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 1/26/22. Office location: Dutchess County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to the registered agent, Kerri L. Yamashita, 251 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck NY 12572. The registered agent is to be the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Legal Notice

Village of Millerton 2022 Elections
Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton designates the following offices as vacant position(s) at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election, to be held on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, for the following terms:

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By order of the Village Board
Kelly Kilmer
Village Clerk/Treasurer
02-10-22

Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

Notice is Hereby Given That Eileen Ciaburri the Tax Collector for the Town of Pine Plains, has received the Tax Roll for 2022 and will be collecting taxes during the month of February 2022 at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199 East, Pine Plains N.Y. 12567, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00pm and during the months of March, April & May on Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM

to 1:00PM. Taxes collected through the month of February 2022 are without penalty through March 1st, 2022. Penalties are levied as follows: March 2%, April 3% and May is 4%.

Take Further Notice, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Pine Plains will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the first day of June, 2022.

Eileen Ciaburri
Tax Collector
Town of Pine Plains
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PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board shall conduct a special meeting and public hearing on the adoption of proposed Local Law No. B of 2021 entitled: "A Local Law Amending the Boundaries of Certain Town of Pine Plains Zoning Districts as Established by Article XI of the Town of Pine Plains town Code, and the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Map Pursuant to 975-5 of the Town Code and Amendment of Other Portions of the Town Code" on February 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Community Center, 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, New York, to be followed by a regular meeting of the Town Board at 7:00 p.m. at the same location on that evening. The purpose of the Local Law is: (i) to effect a remapping of a portion of the Hamlet Residential District (H-R) to the Hamlet Center Residential District (H-CR); (ii) to slightly expand the Hamlet Business District (H-BUS); (iii) to create a new Light Industrial District (L-I); and (iv) to effect a small expansion of the H-MS District to include portions of two parcels to better reflect their existing uses.

A copy of said Local Law is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Clerk's office at regular business hours. A copy of said Local Law will also be available on the Town's website at www.pineplains-ny.gov and at the Town Public Library.

All persons desiring to be heard on said Local Law shall be provided with an opportunity to do so at said public hearing. Dated: December 16, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE
PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.
MADELIN DAFOE,
Town Clerk
02-03-22
02-10-22

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 Zoning Board of Appeals on the 22nd day of Feb 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 area variance application submitted by Steven Neil and Elise Quasebarth for property located at 342 Mount Ross Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6673-00-772170.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum front yard setback for a proposed garage to be 7 feet, 11 inches, in lieu of the required maximum of 75 feet and for the setback of a structure. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of:
Scott Chase,
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As usual big corporations don't seem to care or want to truly hear what kind of services the community needs.

The community needs to be involved in this."

With gratitude to Peggy Kelehan, retired nurse from the northwest corner, Sincerely, The Committee for Our Rural Hospital Remaining.

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his proper disclosure forms, according to the NYSBOE website, www.publicreporting.elections.ny.gov.

Some candidates reportedly began to register their committees, but never followed through or did so on time. Vitiello said it's fairly common, as candidates had until the 4th to "clean up their act."

Much ado...

"I think this is much ado about nothing," he said in an interview before the Feb. 4 deadline. "It happens literally thousands of times across the state. I didn't know and I didn't file some relatively benign things, so I got something from the BOE... there's no conspiracy here. I'm sure Julie and Brad will file the appropriate things for themselves, then it will be closed... All it is, the BOE sends a letter that says clean up your filing, then the three of us clean up our filings before the deadline, then it's closed."

Candidate filings are public on the NYSBOE website listed above, which has its own enforcement division to ensure the law is followed.

No filings found

On Thursday, Jan. 27, NYSBOE Spokesman John

Conklin researched the site simultaneously with this reporter, and found no filings for Amenia Strong or its three candidates.

"That suggests they did not file a committee with us or at the very least you could not find one in the state listing or in the state search engine," said Conklin of AS.

Searches for the other five Amenia candidates took place later and likewise found no filings (none of whom responded to email interview requests).

When called for an interview, Rebillard confirmed he was contacted by the NYSBOE, adding he filed his disclosure forms.

Rebillard says 'I filed'

"I filed," he said on Friday the 28th, though he couldn't confirm when. "I don't know [when]. I saw the email that came through [from the BOE]. Whoever is trying to stir the pot, all I know is that I filed and I acknowledged that I filed. Check with the [BOE] again, they're not exactly on top of things."

"They give you a little grace period, especially for new candidates," confirmed Dutchess County Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner

Hannah Black, noting the state is in charge of enforcement. "The state contacts people if there's a complaint filed."

Candidates obligated

Blackman's Campaign Treasurer Ken Montiero said it's up to the candidates — and the committees — to know the rules when mounting a campaign.

"If you're going to run for office you have an obligation to find out what your duties are as a candidate," he said. "Those are basic good government requirements for good government disclosures."

AS has 'special obligation'

In the case of Amenia Strong, which ran on a platform of transparency, he said its candidates had a special obligation to follow the rules as they campaigned on being open and honest. That should include letting voters know who funded their campaigns.

"I think people should know that these candidates, who talked on their campaign mailings about transparency, well, I don't see any transparency," he said. "I do think the BOE should force them to reconstruct their contributions and expenditures and do the filings they should have done. They should make them do the

disclosures even if it's too late for voters to make a decision, and it's up to the board to decide if they should be fined or not. I'm mostly concerned about the information getting out."

Hefty penalty after Feb. 4

While current election year information on violations and regulations was not available, according to www.elections.ny.gov, the New York State Election Law will change in November, following the General Election.

Come Wednesday, Nov. 9, "Enforcement and penalties for violations... of any provisions regarding public campaign financing... shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not in excess of \$15,000 and such other lesser fines as the Public Campaign Finance Board may promulgate in regulation."

Other campaigns called out

Vitiello, meanwhile, said he could have criticized his opponents' tactics but had hoped relations would be more civilized.

"There were mailings from the other side against Amenia Strong... it was against the three of us," he said, "and it didn't say who paid for it,

if I recall. It simply said, 'Not paid for by...' which is patently illegal."

'100% illegal mailings'

"We didn't file a complaint with the BOE," he said, noting there was no political committee listed on the mailings as required by law. "During when it was happening, we said, 'Should we call the BOE?' But we decided it wasn't worth it to create more acrimony. It was 100% illegal, but that's small town politics."

Committees are listed at the bottom of political ads and mailings to let would-be voters know who's funding which candidates.

Follow the money

That's important, because it discloses who is bankrolling whom. In the case of New York State elections, candidates must divulge any contribution or fundraising of \$1,000 or more.

"There's the laudatory goal of transparency, but it's also required by law," said Conklin. It's been required in New York since the 1970s. "The people in the town want to see who is making contributions to people running for public office; if there are large developers, I suppose they should be aware of that; they want to see who is making contributions."

While candidates who spend less than \$1,000 don't have to file disclosure reports, they must still file a CF-05 form with the BOE to qualify for an exemption.

Despite the difficulties of getting out the vote in 2021, the election of Blackman and Rebillard to the Amenia Town Board seems to be going well.

Looking forward to their Thursday, Feb. 17, meeting at 7 p.m., the councilmen said they feel the governing body has been able to put politics aside and get to work. Both said they look forward to accomplishing much during their terms.

"All of it is good — very good. Politics doesn't really consider what it takes to do a job like this," said Rebillard, who has been busy training with the Association of Towns to learn the ins-and-outs of being a councilman. "Politics is one thing and doing a job like this is another thing. Everything I am seeing and hearing people say is very positive on the board; I think it's going well."

Blackman also said he's pleased with their progress thus far, even though it's only the start of the new year.

"There's a huge amount to learn, but the long-term members have been patient in explaining. We seem to work well together," he said. "There is much I want to accomplish, so I need to figure out how I start to actually make those changes. I've already gotten a bunch of calls from residents with specific problems. I've been kept busy trying to find solutions."

MAIN STREET *Continued from Page A1*

ing and vibrant village those familiar with it know it to be.

Possibilities abound for Lower Main Street

Katie Shanley owns and runs Moonwake Millerton, the yoga studio at 5 Main St., on the floor above where The Dig used to operate. She was asked about the impact its closure has had on her business, and how it might affect that section's future growth.

Shanley said her studio has "been there throughout so many phases of business in Millerton."

During a year-long gap between businesses in 2018, she recalled how her utilities doubled with no one operating downstairs. There was also the impact of COVID-19. In the summer of 2020, Moonwake Millerton lost 85% of its revenue because of the pandemic and was forced to switch to an online membership model.

Since last spring, Moonwake Millerton has been rebuilding its business. After closing its apothecary in 2020, Shanley said the apothecary reopened this past fall and

is now selling thrift and vintage clothing in addition to its homemade products.

Yet through all the hurdles encountered during the past year and all that still remains unknown, Shanley is focusing on her opportunities rather than her losses — not only for herself and her business, but for her special corner of Main Street.

"There's so much opportunity for that part of Millerton," she explained. "I don't think it's a dead part of Millerton — I think it's a transition spot. I think it's a part of Millerton that has the most opportunity — an opportunity for someone to come in and decide what this town needs."

Of course, just steps toward the east there is Railroad Plaza, with the very popular Harney & Sons Tasting and Tea Room, Golden Wok restaurant, Country Gardeners Florist and Leslie Flood Interiors; a few more steps away stands Taro's restaurant, The Oakhurst Diner and Merwin Farm & Home, before one can work their way up the remainder of Main Street.

While Shanley said she un-

derstood how people are feeling a bit uncertain about the future — especially in light of the pandemic — she wants to flip the script.

Instead of focusing on what isn't available toward the bottom of Main Street, she's focusing on what is there and what could be there. Otherwise businesses like hers won't be able to remain, she said.

Shanley added she's trying to remain creative, and empha-

sized how collaboration among merchants who can better succeed by building each other up and supporting one another is key to breathing life back into the currently less-active lower Millerton.

"I think The Dig was really great with that," Shanley said. "It's really sad that they closed, but I think they showed us what was possible... I think there are so many creative, like-minded individuals in Millerton."

STORM LANDON *Continued from Page A1*

"our Poughkeepsie District (which constitutes our customers in Dutchess County from Poughkeepsie north), a little over 5,000 customers were impacted from this storm in that area. Outages really began to tick up across our service area early Friday morning, around 4 a.m."

He explained that power outage totals for local towns and villages are not expected to be available until later in the week as Central Hudson's restoration teams focused on the lengthy process of clearing downed trees and repairing damaged lines.

According to Jenkins, the job was made possible as always by community effort. He said, "even though it has been a trying time for everybody - to see everyone sort

of lend their hand in the best way they know how has been a silver lining in an otherwise challenging situation."

Giving credit to all Jenkins said, "We can't say enough. It really does take many hands to engage in restoration efforts. Every storm comes with its own challenges and this one was no different."

Commenting on the vast numbers of workers who traveled "far distances and left their families over this weekend" he concluded, "we cannot thank enough the mutual aid crews — the hundreds the hundreds and hundreds of line workers who came to our assistance to really aid in our efforts and help expedite these restorations and get power restored to as many folks as we could."

FIRE *Continued from Page A1*

of their neighbors, are now homeless because of the fire.

"I'm Extremely great full [sic.] that nobody got hurt physically but there's so many other aptments [sic.] that probably could have lost more than me!" Hewlett wrote. "But honestly I'm great full [sic.] that everyone made it out alive... U don't realize what u had till it's all gone... I'll tell ya whom ever was involved in this disaster In which we all lost so much. I just don't understand how people can have so much hurt to do such a thing to anyone."

According to a statement from the DCISO on Monday, Feb. 1, Keenan was charged with one count of Arson in the Second Degree, a class B felony.

He was arraigned in Town of Dover Justice Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail until his next court appearance.

"The alleged actions of this defendant not only endangered the lives of the residents in the apartment building but also the lives of the firefighters who responded and extinguished this fire,"

stated Sheriff Kirk Imperati. "We will not tolerate lives or property to be threatened by the crime of arson and we will continue to work diligently with the fire departments, the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division and the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office to investigate and prosecute these acts to the fullest extent of the law."

Imperati praised the strong teamwork among the DCISO, Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division, the NYSF and the Dover fire department.

Though he preferred not to speak about any criminal issues, Dover town Supervisor Richard Yeno commended the efforts of the Sheriff's Office in the investigation.

"They have always done a great job and they are some of the most dedicated people I know," he said.

The investigation into the structure fire is ongoing at this time. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Pete Gerardi at 845-486-3835 or the DCISO confidential tip line at 845-605-2583 or dcso-tips@gmail.com.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Teen Dungeons and Dragons at library

The NorthEast-Millerton Library's Teen Dungeons and Dragons program will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

To get on the waitlist for this program, email Kristin McClune at kmccclune@nemillertonlibrary.org.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

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OUTTAKE, FEBRUARY 18, 1971
This photo was taken when top ski jumpers from all over the world came to Satre Hill to compete in tryouts for the 1972 Winter Olympics. Perhaps because the lead climber is smoking [then, cigarette brands sponsored sports events and celebrities] the picture didn't make it into the paper. But it's in our collection of 280,000 analog photos that document local events from 1950 through 1999. We're working on how best to preserve and digitize negatives and contact sheets. (Ideas and other contributions welcome.) A dazzling selection will be unveiled at an exhibit we're preparing with the Salisbury Association to be shown there this August.

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Watch this space for a look back through our reporting history.

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

NACHOS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

For Sports and a Romantic Weekend, Nachos Are the Answer

This weekend offers a trifecta of excuses for making nachos: The Olympics, the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day. Whether you're having a gaggle of friends over to watch sports communally, or you want to make something special (and easy) so your mate can take a day off from cooking chores, nachos are the answer.

Nachos have become culinary anathema through the years as movie theaters and gas stations have begun to serve a variation that features hard chips drowning in fluorescent yellow sauce, perhaps with some hot jalapeno slices on top.

A more pure and IMO delicious version is simple to make at home.

The first and hardest part might be finding a ripe avocado. You can often find one at the Sharon Farm Market in Sharon, Conn., and at stores that serve the area Latin community.

I like to use fresh tortillas for my nachos, and my preference is corn not flour, but you can use either. You can use chips too, if you like.

To make the tortillas warm and tender, and please use extra care when you do this, heat the tortillas over a low flame, such as you'd find on a gas cooktop.

If you have an electric cooktop, you can wrap



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

the tortillas in foil and heat them in a toaster oven or even really in your fireplace. Keep an eye on them, they cook quickly. And, again, be very careful (flames).

Preheat your oven to 350.

Slice your avocado in half, remove the pit, squeeze on some lemon juice to keep it from turning brown, then use a fork to mash the flesh.

Spread about half an avocado on one of your

warm tortillas and then sprinkle (generously) finely shredded cheese on top. I like to use the cheddar and colby mix that you can find at most grocery stores.

I don't add hot peppers but you can. You can also set out some salsa or hot sauce and people can adjust the heat profile as they wish.

Put your nachos on a baking sheet lined with foil and bake (briefly) until the cheese melts.

Nachos are the traditional centerpiece of an American Super Bowl Sunday. This fresh homemade version is delicious, fast and easy.

FOLK TO BAROQUE WITH CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

From High Baroque to village dances, South American indigenous flavors and ethereal liturgical music, and from the jig to the tango — Close Encounters With Music presents a program bridging worlds that grew out of common ground, Saturday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. Compos-

ers and works include Bach, Scarlatti, Villa Lobos, Dowland, Schubert, Stephen Foster, French folk songs arranged by Matyas Seibert —and a Hungarian Czardas.

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**VALENTINE'S DAY:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

Warm Hearts, Cold Hands and A Hudson, N.Y., Valentine's Day

It's that cold outside these days that I can barely stir myself to go get coffee at The White Hart, minutes from my house in Salisbury, Conn., wrapped in fleece and topped with a Carhart beanie.

So Hudson, N.Y., doesn't seem very inviting to me right now. Somehow the cold wind seems to really dagger through me as I walk down the main drag — and that's how I feel there in summer.

But the Hudson Jazz Festival is extremely tempting, and seems to be one of the main festivities in the region planned specifically with a nod to Valentine's Day.

The two-weekend long festival mixes music, cinema, spoken word and a really enticing menu from Kat Dunn's Buttercup pop-up restaurant in Hudson. The arts events will be in the historic Hudson Opera House, curated by Cat Henry, formerly of Jazz at Lincoln Center. And yes, it is funny that everyone has cat names.

The jazz festival is Feb. 10 to 13 and 17 to 20 and is being called "Lift Every Voice," in honor of the Black national anthem.

The eight-day festival "conveys a message of hope and revival and celebrates the artistry of Black jazz musicians and their innovation of the genre," according to the festival website.

Some of the performances are already sold out; you're encouraged to call 518-822-1438 for more information; you can also go online to <https://hudsonhall.org/>.

It seems to me that many of the highlights of this coming weekend are sports-related. There is ski jumping in Salisbury from Feb. 11 to 13, a curling introductory class at the Norfolk Curling Club in Norfolk, Conn., on Saturday, Feb. 12, the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 13, and of course the ongoing excitement of the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

The Hudson Jazz Festival seems to be one of the only events that has the classic romantic combo of Dinner and a Show.

And the dinners sound very enticing, especially after two years of not dining out (or barely).

Kat Dunn opened her Buttercup catering company right at the start of the pandemic and (fortunately for her) did not commit to opening a full-scale restaurant before everything shut down. She's been doing small, fun pop-ups with hot dogs, lobster rolls, crab cakes.

For the Hudson Jazz Festival, Dunn and Buttercup are the food concession. You order your food and sexy cocktails ahead of time. There is not a lot of information online about how and when you pick up your meal but you can call 518-945-8224 or email buttercuphudson@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more.

But, oh, what a menu! So enticing. I'm not a big cocktail person but I love the idea of the Sexy Funk Velvet Jazz cocktail, and A Love Song cocktail with two of my favorite ingredients: persimmon and lemon.

For actual dining, you can order crab cakes, shrimp

COCKTAILS & VALENTINE SHOPPING

Enjoy craft cocktails and do your Valentine's Day gift shopping at Tent on Route 22 in Amenia, N.Y., on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tent is partnering with Wassaic-based Tenmile Distillery for the party, to showcase its handcrafted, small-batch gin and vodka in two delightfully crafted cocktails.

Joel LeVangia, one of the owners of Tenmile, will be on hand to answer questions about the distillery, which is also now producing its first single malt whisky under the watchful eye of Scottish Master Distiller Shane Fraser.

RSVP is preferred; email info@transmedia.consulting or at <https://www.facebook.com/events/680342879998480>.

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STREAMING: ED FERMAN

True Crime: Strange and Stranger

“LANDSCAPERS”
Susan and Chris Edwards were a devoted couple who lived a quiet life in London and later in France. In 2013 they were ordered home by British police and arrested for killing Susan’s parents 15 years earlier and burying them in their backyard garden. Their story is told in four compelling episodes. The first three alternate between the interrogation and the backstory, from their marriage up to the killing. Susan was a dreamer, obsessed with Hollywood films, particularly Westerns; Chris was more grounded. In one scene she gazes at a simple line between a sofa and a wall and sees a fantasy horizon and a plain on which they are riding horses. “I can’t ride a horse,” Chris says. The crime is no fantasy; is it murder or a provoked manslaughter?

This haunting production unfolds as a love story, a tragic one but not without its comic moments. It moves seamlessly from reality to scenes from Susan’s movies and back. Susan is played brilliantly by Olivia Colman (“The Crown,” “The Favourite”). David Thewlis plays Chris and is more than her equal. The final episode is part courtroom drama and part Hollywood fantasy. In the dock, Chris calls Susan fragile; she says, “I’m not fragile, I’m broken.” In the end they are both dreamers, the last ones standing in a fantasy Western gunfight. And Chris is on a horse. Stream on HBO Max.

“THE INVESTIGATION”
On Aug. 10, 2017, Kim Wall, an attractive Swedish journalist, boarded a small submarine to interview its owner, Peter Madsen. The submarine

sank and was found the next day. Madsen was rescued from the water. There was no trace of Wall until weeks later when her torso, filled with stab wounds, washed ashore. This Danish miniseries tells the story of the painstaking effort to find justice for Kim’s family. Copenhagen head of homicide Jens Moller (Soren Malling) leads the team of investigators; they are sure that Madsen is guilty of murder, but he cannot be convicted without firm evidence. That includes finding the rest of Kim’s body. In episode four, a crew of frogmen, led by cadaver dogs and an oceanographer, scour the bottom of the sea searching for Kim’s head and limbs. Directed by Tobias Lindholm, who wrote the popular political series “Borgen,” the tone here is pure Scandina-



vian noir. The landscape is bleak, skies are gray, dialogue is stripped to the bone, and there is little attempt at characterization. The pace is as measured as the investigation, at times

frustratingly slow. But it is worth watching. The scenes at sea are breathtaking. Despite the lurid details, it is a restrained and absorbing example of careful Danish justice, which leads to a conviction and life sentence for the killer. Stream on HBO Max, rent on Amazon. **“WHEN THEY SEE US”** Criminal justice can be more like the Wild

West in the U.S., as dramatized in this powerful miniseries about the 1989 Central Park Jogger case. A woman is sexually assaulted in the park; the NYPD quickly arrests five Black and Latino teenagers, and harsh and lengthy interrogation pressures them into confessions. Despite the lack of any substantive evidence or DNA matches, they are convicted. Donald Trump buys full-page ads saying, “Bring back the death penalty. I hate these murderers.” Many say the ads poisoned the minds of New Yorkers and played a role in the convictions. All five serve years in prison before this miscarriage of justice is corrected, and the case is recognized as an example of reckless police work and racial profiling. Creator Ava DuVer- nay packs this complex story into four fast-paced, eye-opening episodes. Her show and its young ensemble actors won critical acclaim and many Emmy nominations. Stream on Netflix.

THEATER: KAITLIN LYLE

The Joy of Reading Plays (At Home)

With COVID-19 still running rampant, it’ll likely be many months before we all feel comfortable going to a theater to see a play or musical unfold onstage. Yet with a little imagination, there’s a way you can savor the sensation of a drama come to life from the comfort of your home. All you need to do is crack open a script and get comfortable. My love for reading plays goes as far back as high school, when my freshman English class was assigned, “12 Angry Men” by Reginald Rose and given roles to read aloud in class. That love for drama-on-the-page grew in college, when I was introduced to plays like “The Little Foxes” by Lillian Hellman and “Machinal” by Sophie Treadwell, and then when I reviewed



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Among the plays on Kaitlin Lyle’s bookshelf are “Equus” by Peter Shaffer, “The Normal Heart” by Larry Kramer, “Dinner With Friends” by Donald Margulies and “Love Letters” by A.R. Gurney.

plays during my early reporting days with Central Connecticut State University’s student newspaper. Between the assigned readings and the live performances on campus, I’d pick up a few scripts in my free time, diving into tragedies, comedies, farce and more.

Over the last few years, I’ve added an assortment of plays to my reading list, some of which I collected through my own research and some of which were recommended by friends. Some plays I devoured with rapture: Tennessee Williams’ “Cat on

a Hot Tin Roof,” David Margulies’ “Dinner With Friends,” and David Auburn’s “Proof.” A few plays broke my heart: “The Normal Heart” and “The Laramie Project.” Some plays stopped time for me while I absorbed the action taking place on the page, especially Peter Shaffer’s “Equus.” And then there were the plays that I struggled to form a connection with but still appreciated for their contributions: most of David Marmet’s work and Eugene O’Neill’s “A Long Day’s Journey Into Night.” I admit to reading the lines aloud, not just to absorb their meaning but to fully understand the emotional depth an actor has to embody to deliver the lines effectively to their audience. And though it’s a pale substitute for the thrill of watching a playwright’s ideas brought to life by actors and sets, it can be powerful nonetheless to have a story revealed to you in that context. If I let the words overwhelm, I can imagine the action taking place on stage as described in the text. Even as I read the stage directions for blocking scenes and characters, that magic of observing a shift in scene, of characters and of emotions is tangible and has me turning pages to find out what will happen next. There are even times when I close the book on the final page and find myself sitting stunned, just as I would be in person at the moment the curtains are lowered.

...Valentine’s Day

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cocktail, salmon rilette, which is kind of a French hash (served with creme fraiche, herbed butter and crostini). You can get a black bean chili or a grass-fed beef chili — or you can order the entrée that is now inhabiting my imagination: A super creamy and luscious seafood stew with cod, shrimp, crab, leeks

and “exotic mushrooms.” On top of the stew is a small garden patch worth of microgreens, and of course some lovely old-fashioned chowdah crackers. There’s more, on the menu and on the roster of performers: <https://HUDSONHALL.ORG/>. Happy Valentine’s Day!

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Send items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
VALENTINE’S DAY: ART CARDS, Feb. 10, 1 to 4 p.m.
Salisbury Association, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org
Salisbury’s Olympians, Feb. 11 to 28.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Oscar Wilde: A Life by Matthew Sturgis, Feb. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).
The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
JONATHAN SAFRAN FOER: “We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast,” Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Online Teen Writing Club, Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Licorice Pizza, Parallel Mothers, Sundown, Moonfall, now playing; Death on the Nile, opens Feb. 10.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
The Guthrie Brothers – Scarborough Fair, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

THEATER

Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. www.shakespeare.org
Knock Me a Kiss, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.



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MILLBROOK

Owner of Stewart's Corp. in Millbrook to share the scoop

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Wednesday, Feb. 2, was a big day at the Stewart's Shop at 3292 Franklin Ave. in Millbrook, as the owner and president of the Stewart Corporation, Gary Dake, was on hand to work a three-hour shift, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. He was filling in for store manager Samantha Daprile.

In a Facebook post Daprile shared what it was like to have the big man on campus, so to speak, and why he came.

"We did so well with holiday match this year that he's coming to town! Please come in and meet him, have him scoop you ice cream! Bring positive vibes with you and meet the face of the company we love so much! Hope to see you in the shop!"

Many customers did stop

by to meet Dake and said they had a very pleasant experience.

Dake and his popular Stewart's Corporation are known for being community-minded. The corporation has 354 stores in 322 counties between New York and Vermont.

With her vibrant personality, Daprile has been welcoming loyal customers with a big smile since she started working there in 2018.

Dake said he appreciates the hard work of all of his employees. About once a year he personally works at three of his stores.

"I learn something new each time," he said. "What a wonderful crew and a wonderful group of customers here."

Daprile, originally from Rhinebeck, travels more than an hour each way to get to Millbrook from Kherhonkson where she now lives. But she loves her job, her customers

and Millbrook.

The Millbrook Stewart's earned the visit from Dake by doing so well in the annual Holiday Match program from Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. Every donation made by customers was matched by Stewart's; the Millbrook store showed the most gain in donations this year, thus earning the visit from Dake.

Donations go toward local children's causes, including the children's department at the Millbrook Library. Stewart's has also worked with the Millbrook Police Department, giving out ice cream to local youths who do good deeds.

"We stay small, we're community and family based," said Dake.

Stewart's is known to reward employees: managers can share in company profits and workers can earn shares in the company.

Delgado and Barrett hand out masks and COVID tests

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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STANFORDVILLE — On the frigid Monday morning of Jan. 31, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) and State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) joined with some of their staff members to hand out COVID tests and masks to residents who visited the drive by station set up at Stanford Town Hall.

From 9:30 until about 11 a.m., they handed out the items, and spoke to those constituents who came to receive the masks and tests. All Dutchess County residents were eligible.

Delgado said, "It's been incredible to see our communities step up and help each other out during this global health crisis. Recently, it has been difficult for folks to find at-home tests and masks, so I was glad to work with local officials and get out in the district to help distribute these essential supplies."

Barrett echoed his sentiments, saying, "I think it's really important to look after each other in the spirit of community while we wait to hopefully see better days ahead."

Stanford town Supervisor Wendy Burton and Town Clerk Ritamary Bell stopped by to give moral support as they went to their offices. There were 366



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), left, and U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19), right, took a moment to pose for a picture on Jan. 31 at the Stanford Town Hall.

rapid self-tests and 150 N-95 masks available and in spite of the extreme cold, most of the items were handed out.

The town has previously given out these items, and

Delgado has been at other events to distribute goods. This was Barrett's first distribution event, but there are plans for more in the future.

TOW addresses senior exemptions, COVID tests, building fines

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — Following both the reorganization meeting and the public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 13, the Town of Washington (TOW) conducted its regular monthly meeting led by town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, and attended by Councilmembers Robert Audia, Michael Murphy, Joseph Rochfort and newly-elected Leslie Heaney, who was sworn in at the start of the session.

Highway update

Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola submitted the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies to the board for approval, and it was quickly signed by the entire board.

Spagnola also discussed problems on town roads impacted by water runoff and other issues associated with private properties. He asked if it is possible to notify the property owners in question so they cover the cost of the repairs. Spagnola said he will make an inventory of the sites and have Attorney to the Town Jeff Battistoni prepare the proper document to allow Spagnola to approach the property owners.

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Lois Petrone requested a resolution to approve the budget adjustments submitted by the board, which was done. She then submitted her monthly report.

Tax exemptions, tax bills

Town Assessor Lisa Evangelists requested a resolution to allow senior citizens age 65 and older to apply for a partial tax exemption for real property as stated in the real property tax law, section 50-A, article 4, title 2 by March 1, even if the senior citizen is not yet 65, but will be by Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. The resolution passed.

Town Clerk Mary Alex did not attend, but her report was submitted. The 2022 tax bills were mailed the week of Tuesday, Jan. 18. The annual audits of the accounts will be done at the February meeting so that all stakeholders can be present.

A 2022 Land Use and Economic Planning Program \$5,000 grant was approved from Dutchess County Planning in conjunction with Pace University to conduct an initial evaluation and analysis of the existing land

development process.

COVID tests

Alex also reported that the town has had two COVID at home testing kit distribution days, with the tests provided by the county. A third distribution day will take place soon, with the day posted on the town's website, www.washingtonny.org.

Town Board reports

Councilman Audia made his annual disclosure statement announcing that he serves on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Millbrook. He also reported that he has been in discussions concerning the electric vehicle charging stations with Livingston Energy. He said that the generator bids have been revised and he requested that bids be sought in early March for a return by the end of April.

Audia made other recommendations, including to invite the Millbrook Library director to the February meeting to discuss the annual update and to discuss the concern of TOW residents over the Union Vale residents using the library with no compensation or tax revenue.

He also recommended setting a date for a meeting to address possible zoning code updates.

Councilman Murphy has several projects going; he's the new liaison for the

Recreation Commission. He will also be reporting on the progress of the Ethics Committee and will be sharing long- and short-term rental information with the members of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

Murphy mentioned the new state legislation that was signed in November by Governor Kathy Hochul that states property owners who repeatedly violate building codes and fail to correct potentially dangerous conditions will face mandatory penalties.

The law adds to the current penalties by imposing a minimum fine of \$25 a day after 180 days of a property being in violation. The law also states after 360 days, an unaddressed violation brings a minimum penalty of \$50 a day. The maximum code violation penalty remains \$1,000 a day, which would be levied by a judge.

Councilman Rochfort is the town liaison to both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, which met on Tuesday, Jan. 18. He will be working with Councilwoman Heaney on the two committees.

The next Town Board meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Town Hall. Go to www.washingtonny.org for the Zoom link and other details.



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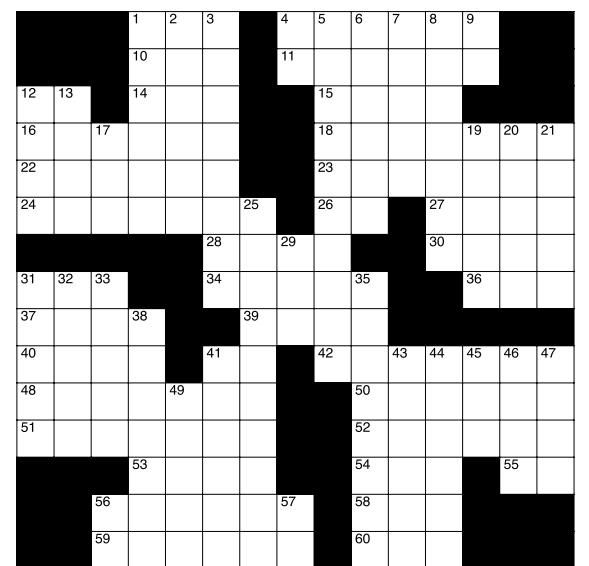
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

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4. City in Maine
10. Inquire too closely
11. Make dirty
12. Small Greek island
14. Bitterly regret
15. Millisecond
16. ___ the ante
18. Without value
22. Eurasian ryegrass
23. Authentic
24. Having a mournful quality
26. Not out
27. Salvador ___, Spanish artist
28. Cargo (abbr.)
30. This (Spanish)
31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Helps you hear
37. Steer a boat
39. British School
40. Genus of olive
41. Computer term (abbr.)
42. Horse gear
48. Give off
50. A type of salt
51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
52. One who watches birds
53. Sailboat
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55. Sodium
56. American state
58. Soak in water
59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
60. Affirmative

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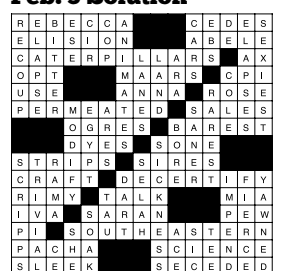
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4. College degree
5. Soldiers need it
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7. A way to address
8. Obstruct
9. Atomic number 45
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13. Opaque gem
17. Indicates before
19. Remove



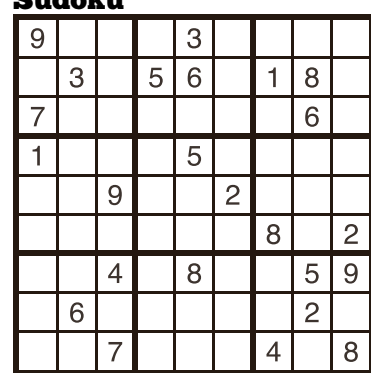
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25. Rich dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Footwear
32. Famed Alabama city
33. Sheep's cry
35. Arrogance
38. Clerical vestment
41. Serving no practical purpose
43. An evening party
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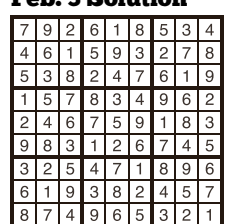
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WE ARE THE WEATHER: SAVING THE PLANET BEGINS AT BREAKFAST



Jonathan Safran Foer

The *NY Times* bestselling author will share his views on the existential challenge of saving the planet – the human reluctance to


sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of the future. Amy Sidran, The Hotchkiss School's Farm Education Coordinator, will interview the author.

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EDITORIAL

Now, time for nourishing the spirit

In this time of vaccination and boosters, more events are happening than in 2020 or 2021, giving all the opportunity to find some inspiration even during this deep winter moment that was harder to come by last year. As we enter February, it's a good opportunity to overcome cabin fever (which it can seem we've experienced over too many months of the past two years) by getting out, even if masked, and gathering once again. If that doesn't do the trick, there are additional ways to increase the goodwill to all so necessary to enjoying the lengthening but still bitterly cold days of the year. You will have your own ideas, and this year we would really like to hear about them through letters on our opinion pages, but here are a couple of suggestions to get you on your way.

Take a look through Compass this week to see calendar listings, as well as briefs throughout the newspaper, to find things to do that will get you out of your cocoon. The Ski Jumps in Salisbury are coming up Feb. 11-13, and there will be accessory events happening that can help with easing the soul through this end of winter. There are also art exhibits and concerts, as well as movie openings. Attending any of these will go a long way toward gathering some good feelings for the rest of the season. And after all, the days are getting longer, the sun higher in the sky, so we should be halfway there.

One important thing to remember at this time of year, though, is that area nonprofit organizations have gone through another year without the large events that help fill their coffers annually. These include not only the churches, food pantries and day care centers, but also the libraries, historical societies, fire companies and more. Many of them may just wish to break even, yet would benefit from greater support at this time of year, especially after a time of extended pandemic-limited activity.

Our plea to readers to support nonprofits will include, of course, this newly minted media nonprofit. The Lakeville Journal Foundation is now an approved nonprofit organization, and as noted in our ongoing advertisement of appeal for support, any donation to it will have tax benefits as allowed by law. So thank you to all our readers who include us in your annual giving. It means so much to all of us who are working to keep local journalism alive in the region.

Thinking about our neighbors who could use some help getting through the cold winter months, can help give us all some reasons to feel good about giving to worthy organizations.

If we find ways to help those in our communities who are struggling, and carry that sense of community into the months ahead, that spirit will mean even more and have longlasting effects for those around us, and for ourselves.

Lorraine Hansberry: memories

A friend telling me she is reading James Baldwin's "Giovanni's Room" gets me thinking about an iconic photo of Baldwin and Lorraine Hansberry, sitting on a couch with cigs and drinks before them, when people did those sorts of things.

Hansberry had written "A Raisin in the Sun," done on Broadway with Sidney Poitier, who died recently in Beverly Hills at age 94. (Surely he would have preferred to expire in Barbados, as would I ...)

With the success of "Raisin," which later became a musical, entitled by the shortened name, Hansberry was besieged by the press to give her thoughts about Blacks in America. She very succinctly said that she did not want to opine about her race. She wasn't writing generally about them, but quite specifically writing about one family on Chicago's Great South Side on one block in one specific apartment. Nothing general about it.

A memory surfaces: Poitier and Harry Belafonte on the Johnny Carson show. The occasion: Both Black men, both from the islands, were turning 50. Carson asked Belafonte what it felt like. He went on. And on. Carson looked as if Harry would never stop. Finally, he did. Carson, not easy to ruffle, turned to Poitier, who stood up, went right down to the camera, did a perfect pirouette and returned to his seat, having uttered not a syllable.

I have heard that Poitier

SOVEREIGN STATE

Lonnie Carter

and his wife came to Salisbury, looking to buy a house. They stayed with people on Salmon Kill Road. They did not buy a house. O, what we missed!

Hansberry and Baldwin. Both gay. A Black friend, who has been living with HIV for decades — I am not talking out of school, he is quite open about this — and who, on his third try just won a Tony, said to me years ago that if the Black community could ever get over its homophobia and realize the power and wealth that Black gays have, then finally some things could get accomplished.

I don't have time or space to recount the anti-gay, anti-women attitudes that rappers and others have expressed. I can only say I believe my friend is right.

A classmate's father was the Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. At his funeral service, my friend gave the eulogy at Temple Beth Immanuel in Manhattan, the most stirring eulogy I have ever heard. I was in the back and I noticed the great Bayard Rustin, stalwart of the Civil Rights Movement, and a gay man. A man who was largely ostracized by the Movement. I remember his silver-tipped cane.

Baldwin felt he had to leave

the country and went to France; Hansberry died in her thirties.

He kept writing and one of his many haunting books is "The Evidence of Things Not Seen," an exploration of the multiple child murders in the Atlanta area, supposed to have been done by one Wayne Williams. A 23-year-old Black man. Baldwin is not at all sure.

The title is taken from "Hebrews," perhaps St. Paul: "Faith is the thing hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

But something else seemed perfectly possible to Baldwin, too: Given the panic over Williams's alleged homosexuality, either fate, murdered or accused, might just as easily have been Baldwin's. "We all came here," he writes, "as candidates for the slaughter of the innocents."

Williams remains in prison, having been convicted more than 30 years ago. The children's relatives are, like Baldwin, not convinced.

The mayor of Atlanta, Keisha Lance Bottoms, has opened up a re-investigation.

We need Baldwin to look at it again. Again and still. And Hansberry as well.

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A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

GPS controlled, can cover fields with different concentrations of fertilizer matched to soil samplings the farmer does ahead of time. The idea is to minimize waste and save money. Time is money and nothing sprays faster than an airplane.

Except now there are new contenders: Drones. Farmer-operated, electric motors with rechargeable batteries, with every conceivable micro-chip ready for programming (GPS, soil data, specific crop needs), these new farmers' tools are up and running. The moment the aviation community actually started bringing farmers into the design and planning stages of these new drones, farming took a leap ahead.

Farmers know their fields. This hollow has too much water for alfalfa, that top of field cannot grow good corn, that slope needs more lime, that piece of bottom pasture has bees and needs to avoid any pesticides. It's like your garden, you know which plant needs more water, fertilizer, less fuss and so on. Now farmers can pre-program their drones and fly precise field routes to only spray where needed, what is needed, on target. Suddenly a farmer can split a field between corn and wheat, soy and lettuce, applying exactly what the other needs and no more. Accuracy counts, precision counts and drones deliver.

The forestry service is already testing these new drones. Equipped with tree recognition software, a drone can fly over a forest of mixed woodland, pinpoint elms, for example, hover, spray, and move on without spraying neighboring pines or maples. Tree-by-tree, relentlessly seeking out their target, autonomously, with only one operator instead of a team of experts searching the forest, these drones are about to enter service across the nation, with auto-program sorties including altitude, speed, drop point, swath width and volume — including terrain following, obstacle avoidance and auto return to base.

You may ask, what was the holdup? FAA regulation of drones was necessary and delivery systems had to be designed and tested. LEAT's AG drones, 200 strong and growing every day, lead the way. But they are not alone.

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

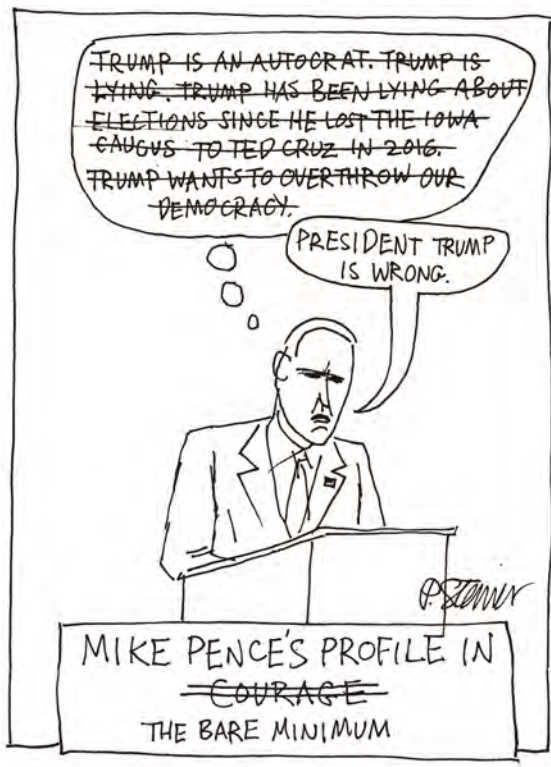
Without crop-sprayers, you might not eat

A little over 100 years ago, a pioneer aviator, Lt. John Macready (first to solo across the USA, first to fly to 40,000 feet), bolted tanks of pesticide to an old plane and flew above an Ohio Catalpa forest infested with Sphynx Moth and sprayed the forest. It was the first ever insecticide spray from a plane and it was totally successful. Maybe that telephone pole near you came from that forest.

From there, aviation has played a key part in crop spraying, crop planting, and even crop ripening. Over the years converted WWII bombers were adapted, then special crop, low-altitude planes were developed, specially built for short take-off and landing, quick refilling of tanks, and rough airstrip take-offs and landings.

Many people complained, over the decades, of drifting spray and pesticides that were not ideal. But year by year the crop spraying industry got better and better — and kept food prices down.

Today, with GPS narrowing down chemical and fertilizer release to square inches, less and less spray is off-target. Like the automated GPS tractors, aerial crop sprayers on autopilot, all



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wassaic a wonderland, welcoming to Willy

I can't think of a single reason why the winsome, wild and wily Woodchuck Willy wouldn't want to come out and wend his way through

the wonderful, wacky wonderland of Wassaic! I'm sure he'd be welcomed!

Donna Durbridge Wassaic

Black History Month and nutrition for older adults

February is both Black History Month and American Heart Month, and an opportune time to address conditions like diabetes that are common among older adults, and disproportionately affecting older African Americans among the general older-adult population — 52 hospitalizations per 10,000 African American New Yorkers, compared to 17.7 per 10,000 for the general population, according to the New York State Office for the Aging (OFA).

Unmanaged diabetes is linked to increased risk for other diseases common in older adults, like cardiovascular and kidney disease, along with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The encouraging news is that by addressing diabetes, we can reduce the risk of many other diseases. Just as diabetes has a larger presence among African Americans, so will addressing diabetes bring about larger improvements among African-Americans.

Good nutrition and staying active are the keys

The Office for the Aging's Nutrition Services division publishes monthly menus and newsletters for clients of OFA's Friendship Centers and Home Delivered Meals program, and you can read them yourself at www.dutchessny.gov/OFA-Nutrition. February marks the start of "candy season," which begins on Valentine's Day and can continue right through Easter season to Mother's Day and Father's Day. It's a lot of temptation: but rather than try and fail to avoid sweets altogether, it's helpful to have healthy options available. They'll keep one's sweet tooth from taking too much control.

This recipe for dark chocolate-covered figs is included with the February menu:

Ingredients:

- ½ cup dark chocolate chips (dairy free, if you can find it)
- 12 fresh Mission (aka Black Mission or Franciscana) figs
- ¼ cup finely-chopped raw walnuts

Directions:

Melt chocolate in double

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

boiler or microwave.

Dip figs into melted chocolate, sprinkle with nuts and place on parchment-lined pan.

Refrigerate about 30 minutes, until chocolate and nuts are set and figs are cold.

Calories: 80; Total fat: 4g; Saturated fat: 1.5g; Trans-fat: 0g; Cholesterol: 0mg; Sodium: 0mg Total carbohydrate: 13g; Dietary fiber: 2g; Sugars: 10g; Protein: 1g

Compare that to what's in a small box of mass-produced commercial chocolates: well over 200 calories; 18 or more grams of fat and trans fat; 20-50 grams of sugar; additives of questionable-at-best nutritional value; and negligible amounts of anything potentially healthy like fiber, vitamins and/or protein. But if you really must have a bit of candy, something produced locally will be far tastier. Savor it, and maybe you really will be able to hold yourself to just one.

Want more simple, healthy recipes? Go to www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition. Each recipe is in printable, large-print PDF format.

Exercise is the second part of the health equation, and OFA hosts safe, socially-distanced exercise classes throughout the county. Interested in tai chi? OFA offers those classes as well. And there's an "A Matter of Balance" class getting underway this month in Fishkill. For more information about classes near you, or on becoming a volunteer exercise class leader, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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

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