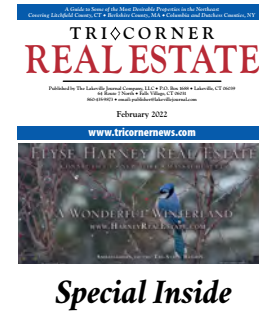




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## Stabbing fatality on South Amenia Road

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AMENIA — Moments before this paper went to press on Tuesday, Jan. 18, New York State Police (NYSP) Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks confirmed that 26-year-old David A. Trotta of Amenia was arrested for Murder in the Second Degree, a class A-I felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor, on Sunday, Jan. 16, for killing 45-year-old Juan C. Cerdillo, just before noon.

Hicks stated that "Troopers were dispatched to South Amenia Road for a report of a stabbing by Dutchess County 911. Once on scene the suspect, David A. Trotta, was immedi-

ately taken into custody."

The emergency call was placed to the Dover Plains substation at 11:51 a.m. Although initial news reports stated three people had been stabbed at a South Amenia Road apartment, Wassaic Fire Chief Tim Shea (working in his capacity as a Northern Dutchess Paramedic at the time), clarified the next day there was only the one victim, who was "on the ground with multiple stab wounds to the head" when he arrived on scene.

"No, we got that report too over the initial response," said Shea. "We were like, 'Where are the other two?' But no other victims were there, just the deceased... There was only one

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, 7-year-olds Isabella Blum and Nora Diamant painted faces on pumpkins during the Millbrook Arts Group's Fall in Love With Millbrook Day, which was held at the Millbrook Library last autumn.

## County awards \$200,000 grant to the Millbrook Library

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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MILLBROOK — Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced on Tuesday, Jan. 11, that the much-loved Millbrook Library will be receiving an infrastructure grant to the tune of \$200,000.

It was welcome news to Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tshalis and her library staff, as it will be used to make the library more comfort-

able for patrons as well as its workers.

"We are absolutely thrilled to receive this funding and want to thank Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) and all those in the Dutchess County Legislature who supported this grant, as well as Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro for recognizing the critical need for funding for infrastructure projects," said Tshalis. "This funding will help make our building more sustainable and accessible."

Houston, whose district covers parts of the Harlem Valley including the village of Millbrook, was recently re-elected to her third term.

"More than ever, many Dutchess County residents need the vital services these important organizations provide," she said. "I'm proud of the County's Agency Partner Grant [APG] Infrastructure Program, as well as my legislative colleagues' support,

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From left, State Sen. Sue Serino (R-41) and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro were among those who toured Harlem Valley Homestead in Wingdale on Friday, Jan. 14, to celebrate the working farm's \$500,000 Empire State Development Grant to expand.

## Wingdale farm to expand thanks to \$500K grant

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WINGDALE — Friday, Jan. 14, was a very good day for the growingly popular working farm Harlem Valley Homestead (HVH) — and it's going to be growing even more very soon — thanks in no small part to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41).

The lawmakers were instrumental in securing HVH \$500,000 from the Empire State Development Grant Program through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council to begin the farm's "hospitality expansion."

The Empire State program offers financial aid to projects that "promote New York State's economic health by facilitating job creation

and/or retention, or increased business activity in the state," according to the www.ny.gov website.

Molinaro and Serino toured the Wingdale farm on the 14th to announce the grant award.

HVH's vision of what it sees "down the road," according to its website, www.harlemvalleyhomestead.com, explains its expansion plans, the very definition of agri-tourism, below:

"In the future, our agricultural production will grow to support our mission to connect guests with transformational experiences around living in connection with land. Guests will stay for multi-day workshops, participate in the work of the farm, share meals with ingredients grown here, and enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Harlem Valley. To support

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### A Year in Review — Part III

## Reflecting on the challenges of 2021

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HARLEM VALLEY — The Millerton News has been reflecting back on 2021 as the New Year begins; last week we ran Part II of our annual Year in Review.

This week we continue our look at some of the key stories that af-

ected those who live and work in the Harlem Valley, and how those who govern the towns and villages in northeastern Dutchess County have worked to make life better for all.

Throughout the state, local municipalities dealt with the new marijuana law in 2021. Last March, New York joined 19 other states across the U.S. in legalizing adult-use rec-

reational marijuana when it passed the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo gave municipalities in New York until year's end to decide to opt in or opt out of allowing cannabis dispensaries and marijuana lounges.

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## Harlem Valley rolls out decisions pertaining to cannabis businesses

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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HARLEM VALLEY — After New York became the 15th U.S. state to legalize adult-use recreational marijuana through its Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) last March, municipalities were given a distinct window of opportunity to decide

whether they wanted to opt in or out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and lounges in their communities.

Understanding this wasn't a decision to be taken lightly, Harlem Valley towns and villages spent months discussing the merits of doing so and soliciting community input at public hearings — all while keeping to the Dec. 31 deadline set by former Gov-

ernor Andrew Cuomo.

By year's end, several local towns (North East, Amenia and Washington) voted to opt out of allowing dispensaries and on-site lounges, while other municipalities (like Millerton) chose to opt in to both and some (like Pine Plains) voted to permit only dispen-

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# MILLERTON

## Hotchkiss students help promote civics education

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MILLERTON — Hoping to instill the next generation of students with the fundamentals of their country's government, students just over the border at Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Conn., are pretty excited about having created a civics education program. It's currently being taught to elementary and middle school students in the area in a collaboration among the Hotchkiss students with the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML), the Star Library in Rhinebeck and the Scoville Library in Salisbury.

As co-head of the program, Hotchkiss student Isabel Su said the idea for the program came to her about a year ago when her then-12-year-old sister couldn't name the three branches of the federal government. This inspired Isabel to think about the lack of comprehensive civics education in the United States.

"Most states require only half a year of civics education, and some have no civics education requirements at all," Isabel said. "Especially today, in an environment so rife with division, I think it is crucial for students to learn about the structure of our government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Without this baseline understanding, engagement with our democracy has declined dramatically, or, as shown by the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, become violent."

Joining Isabel in moving the program forward was her Hotchkiss classmate Chase Dobson, the program's first volunteer and now its co-head.

Responding to Isabel's social media post about starting a civics education initiative, Chase said they had a conversation about young students needing to learn about civics and government, and the lack of such opportunities for education in

both Connecticut and Chase's home state of Vermont.

From there, he said the objective developed into something simple:

"To provide high-quality education regarding the structure of government, the political process and the importance of civic engagement of young learners, and thereby encourage civics participation at the local, state and national levels."

Isabel added that one of their main goals is to make civics education both more accessible and more hands-on.

"I believe that it is impossible for us to continue to uphold the founding beliefs of this nation if our youngest generation isn't even clear on what those are," she said. "Civics education gives people the tools they need to truly participate in democracy, to become active and engaged citizens."

Along with the five dedicated student volunteers who have joined to teach in the program, Isabel and Chase credited Caroline Kenny-Burchfield for connecting the program with local libraries and schools.

Starting Sunday, Jan. 9, just days past the one-year anniversary of the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, the weekly Creating Active Citizens program opened to middle-school students (grades six through eight) on Sundays at 4 p.m., and to elementary school students (grades three through five) on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The program for middle-schoolers will run until Sunday, Feb. 13, while the program for elementary-schoolers will run until Tuesday, Feb. 15.

As they gain an enhanced overview of federal, state and local government and their functions, Chase said participating students are encouraged to get involved in the civics process.

"I hope that students who take part in our program gain an understanding that their government is not something

to observe, but something with which to engage," he said.

Among the lessons being taught, Chase said students will learn about checks and balances in the U.S. Constitution, the function of Congress, the importance of the Supreme Court, the concept of judicial review, how the Electoral College works, how elections work and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States.

Both sessions are being offered via Zoom and are open to all age-appropriate students.

In fact, NEML Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune said the program has had students attend from as far away as Saugerties, on the other side of the Hudson River. She credits part of the program's success in drawing in students from so far afield to its virtual platform. Thus far, she's counted 12 elementary school students and 12 middle school students who have signed up.

When the civics program was offered last May, McClune recalled students taking part in a Meet and Greet with Connecticut State Representative Maria Horn, saying Horn "really enjoyed communicating with young people and it was a great opportunity for them to learn about citizenship and government and at the end of the day meet someone who does this day in and day out."

This year Chase said they hope to bring in more guests.

McClune added one component that sets the program apart is "the sense of ownership and responsibility it builds in students for their roles as citizens at a relatively young age."

"These workshops instill a sense of agency and power in being aware that having knowledge about civics and participating in the decision-making processes and other roles have a measurable impact on the world they live in, both now and in the future," she said.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Working together alongside other members of the American Legion Post 178, Legionnaire John Ingram and Donna Watson prepared tasty meatball subs and fresh salads as part of the Post's takeout dinner on Friday, Jan. 14.

## Mangia, with the Legionnaires

MILLERTON — As the winter day turned frigid and the wind began to blow, members of the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the Ladies Auxiliary invited community members to sink their teeth into something hot and tasty at the Legion's first monthly takeout dinner of 2022 on Friday, Jan. 14.

Running from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Legion Hall off Route 44 in Millerton, this month's takeout dinner featured meatball Parmesan subs. Priced at \$12 a dinner, each takeout meal came with a sub, a side salad with the customer's choice of dressing and either minestrone or creamy chicken and rice soup.

After calling in their orders,

local diners trailed the mouth-watering aroma of meatballs into the Legion Hall's kitchen where they picked up what promised to be delicious dinners.

All proceeds from the takeout dinners went to support the programs that Post 178 provides to local youth, veterans and the Millerton community.

— Kaitlin Lyle

### MILLERTON IN BRIEF

#### Piece together Puzzle Day at library

In celebration of National Puzzle Day, the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) located at 75 Main St., has invited patrons to stop by on Saturday, Jan. 29, to join in the fun, as long as it is safe to do so in light of the COVID health crisis. Call to confirm.

The library will be hosting a day-long puzzle swap, which will include sharing a Millerton-themed crossword puzzle and trivia.

For more information, call 518-789-3340 or go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org).

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## Changing the affordable housing narrative

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MILLERTON — The Millerton-North East working group of the Tri-Town Coalition (TTC) housing group discussed how to change the conversation about affordable housing when it met Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, via Zoom. It drew members as well as town and village residents.

Though he acknowledged the difficulties in changing how people perceive affordable housing, group leader Sam Busselle encouraged members to share what changing the narrative means to them and how they might approach doing so.

In response to one suggestion of better branding, Busselle agreed selling a more attractive message and more appealing brand will be key in the next few months. A community conversation is planned for later this year.

Millerton resident Claire Owens said to her, changing the narrative means understanding the communities that need accessible housing, adding those communities are "not the stereotypical [ones] that we all have in our mind."

Rather, she said, they may include young families, educators and young people recently out of school.

"It's people like every single one of us that really need accessible housing because not of necessarily our circumstances but because of the environment around us," Owens said.

In thinking about its directive, Millerton resident Eliot Ramos said she considered how the group can take its narrative and make it positive, rather than make people feel stigmatized.

"In terms of being positive and thinking futuristically, I know we can already say we care because we're here, we're

trying to do something about a very serious issue," Ramos said.

Sharing what she's read recently on the subject, Ramos spoke about people joining email lists for updates on new rentals available in their communities.

She also mentioned a piece she read written by the head of the Cambridge Housing Authority in Massachusetts to solve the country's housing problem. It was recommended to remove as much private housing stock as possible out of the hands of for-profit-owners and turn it over to nonprofit and public owners.

Ramos said she read municipalities also buy up housing stock to help control local rental prices, and suggested that could be an idea for this area.

Busselle mentioned the TTC's working group has been working with the North East Zoning Review Committee to observe local zoning regulations and make contributions that could benefit those in need of affordable housing.

As a way to alter the narrative, he said the TTC working group could think about approaching segments of the population (such as farmers) to see what kind of zoning they think is necessary to encourage more local affordable housing, specific to their community.

While on the subject of farmers and farmland, Millerton Village Trustee Matthew Hartzog, there as a member of the working group, mentioned a number of farm parcels in the village that

have been broken up for land conservancy. He wondered if the TTC could provide some kind of covenant, carve out of a 5-acre parcel and potentially use a half-acre parcel for future affordable housing.

While she liked the idea, Webutuck teacher and group member Monica Baker asked how the group would insure and maintain an acceptable quality of life for residents living there.

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# Arson possible cause of structure fire on Brady Lane in Dover Plains

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DOVER PLAINS — Multiple fire companies from across the region answered the call to a structure fire reported at 12 Brady Lane in Dover Plains on Thursday evening, Jan. 13.

Lieutenant Shawn A. Castano from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) said the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company in Dover Plains was the first on the scene of the structure fire,

arriving at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Assisting the Dover Plains fire company at the burning building were fire departments from Amenia, Wassaic, Union Vale, Pawling and Gaylordsville, Conn. Additionally, Castano reported the fire companies from Amenia, Union Vale and Sharon, Conn., provided fire coverage while units were battling the blaze.

To date, the DCSO Detective Bureau, the Dutchess County

Sheriff's Office Fire and Arson Investigation Unit and the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division are investigating the structure fire's origin and cause; arson has been raised as a possible cause. There were multiple apartment units in the building.

Explaining this is an ongoing investigation, Castano said, "The Fire Investigators are actively working on this case. No additional information will be released until the conclusion of

the investigation."

Reaching out to some of the families displaced as a result of the fire, the local community is attempting to give help those families displaced by the fire. A GoFundMe page was created, called "Let's help my sister rebuild her life," by Dover Plains resident Lucy Duncan. A goal of \$5,000 was set; the page has already received a handful of donations.

The DCSO has asked anyone with information regarding this incident to call its anonymous tip line at 845-605-2583.



PHOTO BY TINA LYNN

Though its origins have yet to be determined, the structure fire reported at 12 Brady Lane in Dover Plains on Thursday, Jan. 13, resulted in severe damages to the property and several families being displaced from their apartments.

# Webutuck deals with COVID challenges, principal search

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WEBUTUCK — Between the rise of the omicron variant of COVID-19 and the district's search for the next Webutuck High School (WHS) principal, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) Board of Education (BOE) was kept abreast of a number of issues at its recent meeting on Monday, Jan. 10.

Starting at 7 p.m., the BOE meeting was held via Zoom and drew more than 20 people.

Prefacing Superintendent of School Raymond Castellani's report for the evening, Business Administrator Robert Farrier reported COVID-19 has been a challenge for the WCSD, not only with trying to keep numbers low but in dealing with the ever-changing guidance.

That guidance comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (DOH). The challenge, Farrier explained, is that Webutuck doesn't institute any COVID-19 guidance unless it's adopted by New York State and then rolled out by Dutchess County.

In terms of what guidance has been made known so far, Farrier said the quarantine term

is now five days long, as long as individuals are symptom-free after five days' time.

If an individual is exposed within a school setting, he said WCSD has three options: the individual can quarantine; the individual can remain in school if they're vaccinated; or the individual can participate in the Test-to-Stay program where they'll test three times for COVID-19 over a period of five days.

To give the BOE a sense of COVID-19 numbers over the past few weeks, Farrier said Webutuck had 23 positive cases the previous week and has already reported 12 cases the week of Jan. 10.

However, he said the number of people the WCSD is actually contact tracing is relatively minimal given the number of people participating in the Test-to-Stay program.

Farrier also talked about the discussion taking place as to what constitutes "fully vaccinated" and whether that includes having received the booster shot. So far, he said "fully vaccinated" means two shots of either the Pfizer or Moderna versions of the COVID-19 vaccine or one shot of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

Both Farrier and Castellani shed a light on staffing issues

taking place across the region and the country and plans Webutuck has put in place to make sure classes can be held in the event of staff shortages.

### WHS principal search

Regarding the search for the next WHS principal, Webutuck created a survey toward the end of 2021 to generate input from the community as to the kind of leader residents would like to see fill the position left open by WHS Principal Katy McEnroe's impending retirement in June.

Since the BOE meeting on Monday, Jan. 3, Castellani reported the district received 10 more applications for the position, totaling between 35 to 40 applicants.

As the survey officially closed on Monday, Jan. 10, Castellani said Webutuck is now in the process of screening resumes and making contact with possible candidates.

This week, the district will conduct its first round of interviews.

As was discussed at the BOE's previous meeting on Jan. 3, Castellani reminded the BOE that there will be two search committees comprised of parent volunteers working simultaneously to assess the candidates, and he said one BOE member will be assigned to each committee.

# Wassaic Fire Company introduces new officers for 2022

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WASSAIC — The Wassaic Fire Company has announced its slate of new officers after holding its annual elections at year's end on Thursday, Dec. 9.

**2022 Fire Company Officers**  
Chief Tim Shea  
Deputy Chief John Snyder  
Asst. Chief Brody Rogers  
Capt. Robert Boyles  
1st Lt. Virgil Shook Sr.  
2nd Lt. Brian Place

**2022 Rescue Squad Officers**  
1st Lt. Keely Shea  
2nd Lt. DeAnna Wiese

**2022 Fire Company Executive Team**  
President David Rosenberg  
Vice President Brian Whalen  
Treasurer Thomas Ackerman  
Financial Secretary Mark Rogers

Recording Secretary Michelle Shelly Maglio  
Corresponding Secretary Susan Whalen

**Departing in 2021**  
Among the officers who will

be stepping down this year, the Wassaic Fire Company saw Doug Corrow step down as fire chief. His position as chief ended on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Corrow thanked his fellow outgoing officers with whom he served in 2021, and said he enjoyed helming the company.

"The last year has been challenging due to COVID," he said. "There were a few intense calls throughout the year. However, we worked as a team and got through it."

In 2021, Corrow reported the Wassaic Fire Company responded to a total of 458 incidents and delivered a total of 2,338 manpower hours.

"I respect the chief's position in any fire company," Corrow reflected. "Most people are not aware of all the behind-the-scenes work in the fire service. Hats off to anyone who steps into a chief's position. I would like to congratulate the officers for 2022 and wish them the best of luck throughout the upcoming year."



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As he wishes the new slate of officers taking over for 2022 at the Wassaic Fire Company well, outgoing Fire Chief Doug Corrow said it's hard to bid his role as chief farewell but looks forward to continuing to serve in the fire company as the New Year gets underway.

# Housing Board examines affordable housing priorities

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Closing the year 2021 with a thorough discussion about local housing, the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) assessed the affordable housing recommendations it received from the consulting firm AKRF on Dec. 14 of last year and which housing priorities mattered to its members last Nov. 9.

Both of those meetings in 2021 were held via Zoom.

At the December meeting, now town Councilman and then AHB lead Leo Blackman raised the recommendations AKRF provided as part of a study on encouraging affordable housing, zoning changes and so on.

Along with considering the financial side of implementing the recommendations in town, Blackman said the AHB must consider which recommendations should be prioritized.

Blackman touched on AKRF's recommendations for financial incentives, accessory dwelling units, additional multi-family zoning and changing Amenia's Comprehensive Plan to accommodate changes to the town's zoning code. He also said it should outline the cost ranges AKRF Planning Consultant Ashley Levy provided for specific tasks.

"I do think if the town is serious about making changes to encourage affordable housing, then they're ready to make some zoning changes and they're going to need to pay some money to do that," Blackman said.

AHB member Jeff Barnett-Winsby suggested using some of the money Amenia is anticipating from Silo Ridge to fund the

zoning changes.

"This feels like planting a seed and it's going to take a little while to get this stuff going," he said, "but if we don't start to incentivize or at least pave the way to put in place an RFP [Request for Proposals] that has advantages for people we're trying to inspire to work with us, if we don't start this now, when do we start it?"

Looking ahead, Blackman said the next step would be to meet with a planning consultant to find out what needs to be changed. The AHB could also work with the Town Board to draft RFPs the AHB can publish to outline Amenia's benefits and needs as well as the AHB's long-term goals.

The AHB's priorities were touched upon at its November meeting, with Blackman emphasizing, "We need to decide what we think is most important to start with in terms of encouraging affordable housing."

As a group, Blackman said the AHB should prepare to make a presentation to the Town Board and request a certain amount of money to see its goals realized, adding AHB members should be mindful of what they want to accomplish.

To keep the board in the loop about housing discussions taking place across the region, Blackman mentioned his participation in the Housing Ambassador Training Program's first virtual training session on Oct. 28, 2021. Describing the session as "interesting," he said, "Part of it was about how to talk to people about housing, to realize there's a benefit to everyone in the community for having affordable housing. Some of it was about why there is inadequate housing now and that there is not strategic production of housing in the region."

Blackman also shared his interest in learning what the median income is in Dutchess County, what that means in terms of what a person can pay per month and what kind of job that income might entail for the average resident.

As an example, he said residents earning in the 50% annual medium income range (with an annual salary of around \$51,500), potential jobs might include hairdressers, landscapers and preschool teachers; for someone in the 30% annual income range, they might have a job as a waiter, food preparation worker or a cashier.

## AMENIA IN BRIEF

### Library temporarily closed, stay tuned

Due to a staffing shortage, the Amenia Free Library, located at 3309 Main St. (Route 343), is temporarily closed.

The library will reassess its options later in the week

and updates will be posted on the library's website, www.amenialibrary.org, and on its social media accounts.

Due dates for library materials will be extended in the meantime.

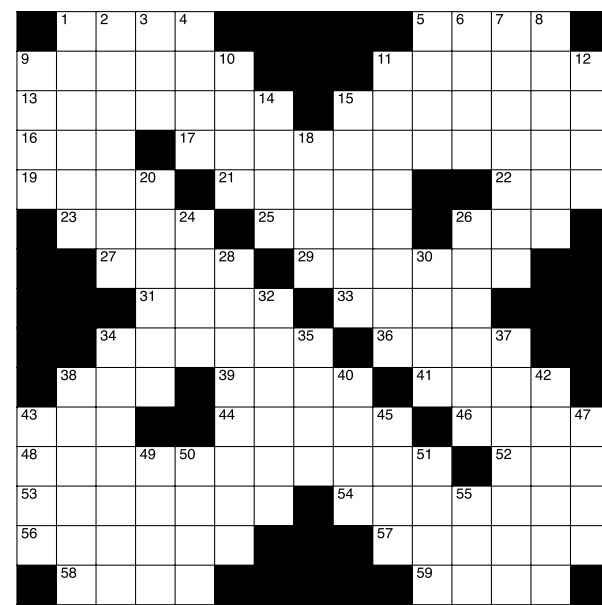
# Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Breathe noisily
5. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island
9. Reddish browns
11. Simple shoes
13. Produce alcohol illegally
15. Home to famed golf tournament
16. Tax collector
17. Famous people
19. Urban area
21. Units of syllable weight
22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
23. Dismounted
25. Actor Damon
26. Vietnamese offensive
27. Retail term
29. Netted
31. Partner to carrots
33. Witnesses
34. Caulked
36. Satisfy
38. R&B performer \_\_\_ Lo
39. Monetary units of Macao
41. Give advice, explain
43. Possesses
44. Turn back
46. Gentlemen
48. One who fertilizes
52. Italian monk title (prefix)
53. Parties
54. Type of horse
56. Cuts in half
57. Raises
58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

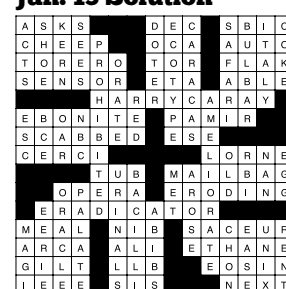
### CLUES DOWN

1. Illinois city
2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory

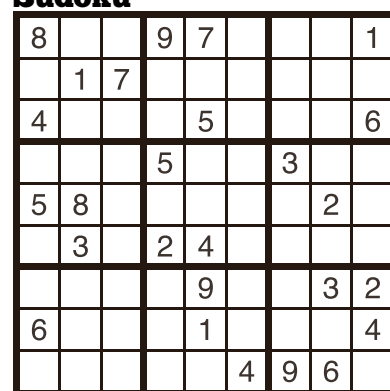


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34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
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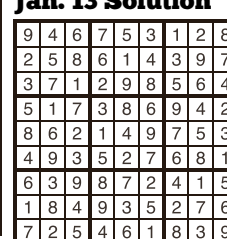
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## OBITUARIES

### Louis Brodeur

NORTH CANAAN — Louis Brodeur, 89, of North Canaan, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Jan. 16, 2022.

Lou was predeceased by his wife, Judith Brodeur. He is survived by his daughter, Kathy and her husband, Tom Hoskinson; his son, Michael Brodeur and Marsha Morey; his grandson, Andrew and Robin Hoskinson and their children, Mason and Connor; his granddaughter, Katlyn and Tim Kinsella, and their children, Emma and Henry.

Lou attended UConn College of Agriculture and was a lifelong

farmer. He was a well-known breeder of Brown Swiss dairy cattle and shared that love with all he knew. Lou was an active supporter and mentor for the local 4-H and FFA organizations and known as Grandpa Lou to most.

Lou is also known for his garden and farmstand filled with strawberries, veggies and gladiolas at his home on Route 44 in North Canaan.

He will be greatly missed by all. A memorial will be held in his honor in the spring. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home.

### Richard L. Ridge

SHARON — Richard L. Ridge, one of the country's leading interior decorators, who was known for his color and comfort, died on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021. He was 93.



His sudden and unexpected death was confirmed by his husband and business partner of 40 years, Roderick Denault.

Richard was born in Kansas City, Mo., on June 22, 1928, to Francis L. and Guy R. Ridge. His father had a banking business in Kansas City and also worked for the government in Washington, D.C.

Richard graduated from Pembroke Country Day School and attended the University of Missouri. He was a member of the XiXi Chapter of Sigma Chi. He served in the Army in Germany for two years during the Korean War.

After getting out of the Army, his father gave Dick and his mother a six-month trip to Europe. This is how his collecting and knowledge of the arts began.

Dick worked for his father's banking business but banking was not to be in his future. He got a job at Ray Bates Interior Design. Clients loved Dick and encouraged him to start his own business. He decided to move to Washington, D.C., where his business took off instantly.

He met his first love, Joe Barrett. They had a townhouse in Georgetown and a home in Middleburg, Va. Joe died at an early age from a brain aneurysm.

Dick decided to make the big leap and move to New York City. He became the darling of the press and had many celebrity clients such as Ruth Warrwick, Susan and David Brinkley, Rex Reed, Aldo Gucci and Nancy Ames. Nancy said, "Knowing and loving Dick Ridge for 63 years simply wasn't

long enough. Our initial appreciation of each other's talent grew into a deep affection, keeping us in each other's lives wherever we roosted."

In 1982 Richard met Roderick and they lived and worked together for the next 40 years. They were co-chairmen of the

prestigious Kips Bay Boys and Girls Showhouse for 10 years. They created nine rooms for the showhouse, more than any other designer has ever done.

In addition to their apartment in Manhattan, they also had a home in Sharon. They were members of the Sharon Country Club. For a few years they had an antique shop in Washington Depot. They have appeared on television, radio and gave numerous lectures around the country.

His great friend, and acclaimed architect, Preston Phillips said, "Dick was a mentor of my fledgling architectural practice in the mid '70s. He told me early on that no matter how successful I become to never believe my own press, an edict I continue to follow."

Richard was a great horseman. Together they had 11 Hackney Ponies. They won the 2-year-old horse of the year award in London. They won horse championships in the United States and Canada. Richard received a posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award from the Devon Horse Show. When he was notified of the award, Rod said, "A Lifetime Achievement Award was like winning an Oscar!" Dick replied "No Rod, it's like winning the Nobel Peace Prize."

In addition to his beloved Roderick, he is survived by their kitty, Reggie Von Schnauzer.

Donations in Richard's name would be most appreciated to the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair Foundation.

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

The first time a representative of the New York publishing world paid me the slightest bit of attention was when Ann Arensberg, an actual editor at the actual Viking Press, invited me to lunch at Luchow's, that cavernous German restaurant near Union Square.

I'm sure she chose that picturesque but fundamentally ridiculous restaurant because she knew it was close to the national offices of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, where I had a 9-to-5 job.

We both ordered the wiener schnitzel, and when I mentioned something about potato pancakes, Ann reminded me that Viking Press was paying

for lunch and that perhaps we should have the potato pancakes as an appetizer. A publisher was putting food in my mouth! How extraordinary! It was like a dream for me.

And to be there in that insane restaurant with someone so elegant, so capable of throaty, complicit laughter. She gossiped with me as if I was not a recent arrival from the Midwest working in the linoleum scented offices of a dying union, but a writer on the cusp of recognition.

We never got to work together — but I have always thought of Ann as the editor who launched my career.

Scott Spencer

Rhinebeck

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

To her many devoted friends in Salisbury and the Tri-state area, in New York City and around the globe, Ann Arensberg, who died at age 84 at the Sharon Health Care Center on Friday, Jan. 13, was a uniquely enchanting person.

Winsome and brilliant, with an adorable snort of a laugh and irrepressible spirit, her speech peppered with endearments and mock exclamations, every visit had the air of a happy picnic.

After graduating from Radcliffe in 1958 and obtaining a Master's Degree in French Literature from Harvard in 1962, Ann worked as an editor at The Viking Press from 1967-1974 editing such stellar writers in the world of theater as Eric Bentley and John Lahr and discovering fiction writers of the caliber of Laurie Colwin.

Her stories "Art History" and "Group Sex" were chosen for inclusion in O. Henry Award volumes in 1975 and 1980 respectively, and then Ann came to Alfred A. Knopf, where I was privileged to be her first editor, succeeded by Victoria Wilson when I migrated to The New Yorker in 1987.

As a novelist Ann announced her special powers with "Sister

Wolf," winner of the National Book Award for best first novel in 1981.

That triumph — the reception was amazing to her — was followed by "Group Sex," a sophisticated romantic comedy (and marvelous expansion of her original story) demonstrating unusual novelistic range and verve; and "Incubus," a main selection of the Book of the Month Club in 1999, set in a small town such as Salisbury. Ann had moved here in the 1980s with her equally dazzling husband, Richard Grossman, prodigious writer and editor famed for his early championing and editing of Ralph Nader, and later in life a cherished therapist here and in New York City.

In this stressful and isolating time, it's been hard to see much of those we love. I'll be forever grateful that I barged in on Ann (with the blessing of the place) a few days before Christmas, bearing an Irish woolen throw, Harney's "Paris" tea, and a Mickey Mouse back scratcher—she loved all things Minnie and Mickey. She looked as pretty as ever, and it was heaven to be with her.

Alice Quinn

Millerton

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

I can still hear Ann's raucous laugh. She was always laughing at something and making you laugh, too.

Ann Arensberg and Dick Grossman were a dazzling couple, consummate hosts and guests. (Dick was publisher of books my husband, Donald, wrote with Ralph Nader.)

They were generous contributors to our community, and Ann was selfless in helping other writers, including me.

She was the epitome of style, looking glam even in jeans meeting you for pancakes at O'Hara's Landing.

Ann's unique style came through on the page. She perfectly captured the zeitgeist of marriages, small towns, and

friendships, winning her a National Book Award.

She was not a screen person. She didn't like computers, though she'd submitted to using one. I was appalled when she told me she made appointments at Visionary to open new file folders. But her resistance to virtual existence accounted for one of many joys of being with her, making her fully present with you, as if in that moment you were the person she most cared about in the world.

Missing Ann as I write this, I go to my book shelf and how grateful I am she is still with us on the page.

Helen Klein Ross

Lakeville

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

The first thing to be said about Ann Arensberg straight away was that she was crush material. She had a kind of classic 20th-century beauty about her ... the girl next door — but with a dazzling quality of fun and spirit. She was full of girlishness with a kind of prankster spirit about her. She was not a receded beauty.

She was generous about herself, though somewhat shy, and she pushed through that shyness and went out to you and drew you to her. She was hard to resist and why would you?

In back of the country gaiety and charm, the girlishness and slight sense of conspiratorial naughtiness, Ann was a deeply serious, deeply private person.

She felt deeply, and lived with equal intensity. At heart, she experienced the world in knotted ways and expressed that in her writing, which was as she was, on the surface, a reassuring patina of everything as it should be. Further in, things were askew, dark, complicated with dangers lurking in unforeseen places.

Ann was disciplined as a writer and she was deadly serious about it — about her work, about the dailliness of it, about the thinking of it. It was meditative and she gave it the room in her life and insulated and protected it. She was a dazzler.

Victoria Wilson,

VP Executive Editor,

Alfred A. Knopf

New York City

## AREA IN BRIEF

### Taconic Hills Science Presentation Jan. 21

COPAKE — On Friday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., Taconic Hills High School's Science Research program will share the culmination of three years of intensive research work completed by student scientists Imogen Drake and Ellie Yang as they present their research findings at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

Drake has been working with a psychology professor from the University of California on the impact of traumatic brain injury on the development of psychological disorders, while Yang

has been working with Dr. Claudia Knab-Vispo from the Hawthorne Valley Farm-scape Ecology Program for the past three years to study the differences between duckweed grown in a laboratory setting and duckweed growing in the wild.

Masks are required to attend the presentation, though there is a possibility that the program will be moved to Zoom.

For updates, go to www.roejanlibrary.org; www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary; or www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary.

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

Ann was an exemplar of the perfect gamine.

She presented in a way that revealed childlike innocence: boyish, short hair, petite, very attractive, and with exquisite taste in what she wore and how she wore it.

In one-on-one conversations, and like a natural writer, her sharp attention to the other suggested a deep interest in whomever she was with.

With her charming girl-

ish femininity she radiated playfulness, intelligence, and a wicked sense of humor — qualities her colleagues, readers, and friends treasured.

Her perennial promise to herself was to never grow old and those who knew her appreciated that she always intended to be here and now.

I took this photo, above, of Ann and her husband, Dick Grossman, in 2013.

Mary Lanier

Falls Village

### In appreciation:

#### Ann Arensberg

Many of us called her Annie. Partly because she was so accessible: friendly, funny, at times coquettish, other times schoolgirlish. I adored flirting with her. But underneath the Annie was a person of remarkable sophistication evident

in her writing. Her curiosity about everything and everybody was boundless. She was the most inquisitive person. I always knew that Annie, well, just knew.

Dan Dwyer

Salisbury



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## PINE PLAINS/AREA

# Pine Plains BOE thanks bus driver, stays alert to COVID-19 guidance

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — Determined to stay vigilant for the latest district news and COVID-19 health guidelines, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) showed its readiness to take on 2022 at its first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

## Bus driver praised

BOE members met via Zoom at 7 p.m. To start, BOE President Anne Arent read aloud a letter from the board addressed to PPCSD Department of Transportation Bus Driver Jill McKibben in acknowledgement of her "extraordinary actions surrounding the unfortunate incident she encountered while driving the district's bus on Oct. 7, 2021 on Route 82."

As reported by Captain John Watterson of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) at a later date, the bus driven by McKibben was driving south on Route 82 near Attlebury Hill in Stanford when a truck backed unsafely out of a driveway.

Unable to avoid the truck, the DCSO reported the school bus struck the truck and continued on, striking a road sign before coming to rest on the westbound shoulder of the road.

In addition to the DCSO, both

the Pine Plains and the Stanford Fire Departments responded to the incident. Three minors were reportedly transported from the bus for medical care with non life-threatening injuries. Two students were treated at Northern Dutchess Hospital while the third student was treated at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital.

"There are things you train for and there are safety protocols that can be learned," Arent said in reading aloud the BOE's letter, "but it's not until a real accident occurs that a person's ability to react under difficult circumstances come to the floor."

Addressing McKibben via the board's letter, Arent said, "This board is extremely thankful to you for the handling of this incident. We offer our deepest thanks for your efforts maintained under duress."

Looking at the video of the accident, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said due to McKibben's actions, the district avoided what could have been a much worse situation.

"She reacted quickly and couldn't avoid the collision, but avoided having it as a worse incident than what it was."

Handler later remarked on how all the emergency agencies were instrumental in getting the students the medical care they needed quickly and efficiently.

As well as voicing the BOE expressing its gratitude in having McKibben as a bus driver in the district, Arent marveled at how successfully she handled the emergency and then came right back to work, adding, "What an impressive woman."

## COVID update

In light of the recent COVID-19 spike and the rise of the omicron variant, Handler discussed the PPCSD's ability to hold classes in-person, which he said has been made possible through its administrators, nurses, health and teaching staff. Though it hasn't been an easy situation and the district's attendance has had around 20% absenteeism, Handler said the PPCSD has been fortunate and has been able to piece together coverage for its classes for when staff members are out.

Handler spoke of district efforts to get COVID-19 test kits from New York State distributed to Dutchess County on Sunday, Jan. 2. He extended his thanks to staff members Julia Tomaine, Tricia Adenine and Janine Babcock for giving up their Sunday afternoon to help distribute the kits. That day, Handler said Pine Plains gave out 372 test kits and has distributed more than 100 additional kits since then.

Handler also brought up the spike in positive COVID cases

among students and staff, adding many of the student cases were detected using the state-provided COVID-19 test kits.

He said he was pleased to see parents using the test kits. Talking about the district's mitigation efforts, Handler said Pine Plains is continuing its Test-to-Stay program and offering regular surveillance testing.

He said the the Test-to-Stay protocols have been modified so instead of having unvaccinated students tested every day over a period of time and remain in school, testing can be done three times at the beginning, middle and end of the testing period.

Handler mentioned that he and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm talked about updating the BOE on the new COVID-19 guidance issued by the state, which he said changes almost momentarily. He said once they receive guidance, they'll inform the BOE as well as district parents.

Given the challenge of sorting through the guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, Handler said they're hoping to get all the guidance tied together in a cohesive way.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Inspired by Curious George's adventures at the museum, one of the many children who attended the Pine Plains Free Library's Story & Craft Time program on Wednesday, Jan. 12, created his own dinosaur craft out of paper and Q-Tips.

## Crafty & Curious George inspires young library patrons to get creative

PINE PLAINS — Taking inspiration from Curious George and his trip to the museum, the Pine Plains Free Library invited its young patrons to learn about dinosaurs and create bone crafts during its Story & Create Time program on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Beginning at 10 a.m., local children gathered in the Community Room above the library to hear new Youth Ser-

vices Coordinator Samantha Moffett read aloud from the classic book, "Curious George and the Dinosaur."

After reading from the popular book and talking about the always fun dinosaurs, Moffett guided the children through a craft activity in which they built their own dinosaurs out of construction paper and Q-Tips.

— Kaitlin Lyle



For the Pine Plains Free Library's recent Story & Create Time program, the library's new youth services coordinator, Samantha Moffett, read aloud from "Curious George and the Dinosaur" to a group of children in the Community Room above the library.

# Dutchess residents get 60-day grace period for federal support after Ida storm damage

NEW YORK — It's been four months since the remnants of Hurricane Ida impacted the state and our region. To date, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration and the National Flood Insurance Program have disbursed nearly half a billion dollars to help New Yorkers recover and rebuild.

Nearly 40,000 New Yorkers from the Bronx, Kings County, Queens, Richmond County, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties have been approved for FEMA disaster assistance since the Sept. 5, 2021 major disaster declaration. Orange County was added to the declaration on Dec. 1.

As of Jan. 5, FEMA approved \$191.1 million for housing and other essential storm-related needs under the Individual Assistance program. This amount includes \$171.9 million approved for temporary housing, rental assistance, home repair and replacement for eligible survivors and \$19.2 million approved for other needs assistance, which can help eligible survivors pay for medical and dental expenses, childcare and other disaster-related necessary expenses.

The Small Business Administration has approved 4,010 home and business loans for a total of more than \$196.5 million to help homeowners, renters and

businesses recover. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds. The low-interest loans extend to homeowners, renters, businesses and certain nonprofits.

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program has paid more than \$110.1 million to New York policyholders and closed 3,032 claims for flood damage caused by the storm.

The application period for Dutchess County residents ended on Jan. 4, however, individuals from Dutchess and eight other counties have a 60-day grace pe-

riod to submit late applications. To do so, a letter must be sent to FEMA explaining the extenuating circumstances that prevented the application from being sent during the standard period.

To apply for FEMA assistance, go to [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), use the FEMA mobile app or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

Applying for an SBA loan assures that all available disaster assistance options remain open to you. If you are not eligible for an SBA loan, this may open the door to additional assistance

from FEMA.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [www.DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov](http://www.DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov) or call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339. For more information, email [DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov).

For more information on the recovery effort, go to [www.fema.gov/disaster/4615](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4615). Follow FEMA on Twitter at [twitter.com/femaregion2](https://twitter.com/femaregion2) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

### Domestic dispute

Sunday, Jan. 9, Deputies responded to 13 Summit Ave. in the Village of Pawling for a domestic dispute.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of John Berryhill, age 42, for Assault in the Third Degree.

The subject was arraigned and is to appear in the Village of Pawling Court at a later date.

### Disturbance in Dover

Saturday, Jan. 15, Deputies responded to 160 Holsapple Road, Lot 151, in the Town of Dover

for a disturbance between two males.

The matter was resolved upon the arrival of the Deputies without further incident.

### Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email [dcsotips@gmail.com](mailto:dcsotips@gmail.com). All information will be kept confidential.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to [editor@millertonnews.com](mailto:editor@millertonnews.com).

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## The following letter was sent to Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy in opposition to Nuvance's plan to close Sharon Hospital's ICU. See Docket Number 32504 at <https://dphconwebportal.ct.gov/Report>

Dear Ms. Martone:

As one of the community physicians who admits to the Sharon Hospital ICU, I am against the shutdown of the ICU and substitution of a progressive care unit. Since 1978, after completion of my internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at the University of Rochester, I have successfully cared for patients in our ICU. Also, there are two other intensivists with ICU training who capably care for critically ill patients. There have never been board-certified intensivists here. All the community practitioners, not just one, refer patients for admission to the SH ICU. If a patient needs an intensivist in a tertiary care center, they are transferred to a tertiary care center.

Critically ill patients and their families want to stay in the ICU at SH. In inclement weather, it may be impossible to transfer these patients to Vassar or Danbury Hospital. Without an ICU, ICU nurses will leave and there will be a shortage of nurses with the skills and desire to care for these patients that require a special expertise. There is already a shortage of ICU nurses. For about a year, the administration has announced its plan to shut down the ICU, scaring several ICU nurses away. At times, the ICU has had to be shut down due to a lack of ICU nurses. Their plans to train med-surg nurses to care for critically ill patients are flawed. You cannot give an in-service to a floor nurse on arrhythmias, monitoring respirators, and titrating pressor drips and expect a safe outcome, as Nuvance plans. The seriously ill, ICU level of care patient may be neglected. Patient mortality and morbidity could increase. Our hospital has had a Five-Star rating with CMS with the present ICU arrangement and that may be lost with a progressive care unit. The administration has already "jumped" to close the ICU. As an admitting physician, I am not allowed to order "admit to the ICU." Instead, I must order "admit to telemetry."

Nuvance is obligated to keep present services in place for five years per the last CON approval. Without a fully operational ICU in its present location, the SH will not be a full-service hospital and patients in the service will suffer.

Respectfully yours,  
David R. Kurish, M.D., DRK/Ida

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**FATALITY**

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stab victim.”

CPR was administered by the Rescue Squad and medics, but the victim was pronounced dead on the scene about 20 minutes after EMS arrived.

“We tried life-saving measures,” said Shea, but to no avail.

The incident took place at 173 South Amenia Road, near the Benton Road intersection.

Along with the NYSP, Capt. John Watterson of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) confirmed the DCSO “had Deputies on the scene assisting initially, however they cleared pretty quickly once the scene was secure. Watterson noted the NYSP is lead agency in the murder investigation.

Also on scene, added Shea, were the Wassaic Rescue Squad, Amenia Town Medic 1, Dover Town Medic 1, NDP and a number of other emergency crews.

Shea said he didn't know what triggered the stabbing.

“I don't have any information on what the catalyst was all about,” he said. “When we arrived, the state police had arrived about four minutes before we got there. We had to [wait] until they made it secure. We didn't see any other residents at all.”

Both Trotta and Cedillo appear to have been residents of the South Amenia Road apartment, according to Hicks.

Trotta was arraigned before the town of Amenia Court and remanded by the Honorable Judge Christopher Klingner to the Dutchess County Jail without bail.

He is next scheduled to appear before the court on Jan. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Hicks noted the defendant's bail/bond status can always change. He added Trotta's defense attorney will likely make a plea before the judge to modify his bail.

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which made it possible, enabling these nonprofits to deliver these critical programs.”

Tshalis said the money would be used to help the library replace its “aging heating and cooling system with an electrical system that is more energy-efficient.”

She added, “Our HVAC system does pretty well during the winter, but cannot handle summer heat and humidity — in some parts of the building it can reach 80 degrees during the summer. It's uncomfortable for both patrons and staff.”

Molinaro announced last week's award in this first round of grants; \$904,500 will be divided among six different projects to be doled out by the county for important infrastructure projects.

The grant was supported by the 2022 Dutchess County APG infrastructure program. APGs are awarded to local nonprofit agencies to use for capital and operate infrastructure initiatives, which the county said are “vital to cover service gaps and other needs.”

In December 2021, the Dutchess County Legislature allocated \$3 million in the county budget for the APG program. The county plans to announce additional grants in the near future.

The Millbrook Library also received funds from Dutchess Invests, the Learn, Play, Create grant program in June of 2021, also allocated by Molinaro.

In that instance, \$50,000 was used to update the library's children's space with new furniture, technology and books.

The Learn, Play, Create grant was part of a \$3 million one-time grant for local nonprofit groups in Dutchess to help lessen the burden of organizations struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Molinaro's office stressed

that the importance of local libraries cannot be overstated. Along with books and other reading materials, the county executive reminded his constituents that libraries have much to offer their communities.

The Millbrook Library provides access to computers, CDs, DVDs and games, space for groups to meet such as the Historical Society and also offers

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this vision we are in the process of creating sustainable facilities so that more people can come and experience this place more fully.”

**Harlem Valley Homestead**

The 250-acre farm that employs eight full-time workers and has been holding community volunteer work days year-round since its founding, is located at 147 Old Forge Road in the Dover hamlet of Wingdale.

It's lovely, with wide-open acreage where it raises cows that “feast on fresh pasture during the summer and fermented hay in the winter.”

It also uses sustainable practices such as rotational grazing to sequester carbon and to improve the health of its soil and the quality of its pastures.

The farm also grows a variety of vegetables and flowers “bred for taste, beauty and abundance,” and uses both organic fertilizer and manure from its own animals.

HVH breeds non-GMO pigs, which are raised in the woods eating roots, nuts and berries and living what sounds like an ideal life for animals ultimately headed to the butcher. It also raises chickens in pastures that eat grasses, foliage and bugs as well as certified organic grain.

The homestead keeps bees as well, whose honey is unpas-

teurized and unprocessed. As the honey comes “straight from the hive,” it promises to be as sweet and as flavorful and as nourishing as everything else produced from this local farm.

Lest we forget that mushrooms are also cultivated at this treasure trove in Wingdale, where “a diverse variety of seasonal gourmet mushrooms” are grown from May through November on sawdust and organic grain that gets harvested daily.

OK, so is it any wonder that HVH, which began the homestead's mission around 2018 on land snugly nestled between the Appalachian Trail and the Tenmile River, has been selected as the recipient of the what Serino's office is calling “the largest grant in Dutchess County [which] was assisted in the process by letters of support from [Sen. Serino] and [the] county executive?”

Considering how coveted the Empire State Development Grant Program is, and how tough it is for a farm — make that a farm in the oft-forgotten northeastern section of the county — to rake in half a million bucks — but taking into account all that HVH has to offer, then not really. Especially once you add the lure of agri-tourism into the mix.

“The Harlem Valley Home-

stead is a true Hudson Valley gem,” stated Serino. “With agritourism on the rise, this working farm takes a unique approach to preserve farmland, engage visitors and help them form a direct connection with the land... This major grant will enable HVH to become a premier tourist destination, and to inspire countless others to develop an appreciation for our natural environment and a respect for the tremendous amount of work that goes into operating a farm and homestead... I am looking forward to seeing their unique vision become a reality.”

The county executive clearly agrees.

“Since Dutchess County's founding, agriculture has played an integral role in our community's heritage, and agriculture continues to contribute to our local economy to this day — employing our friends and neighbors while feeding an untold number of residents, both within our county and outside our borders,” Molinaro stated in a press release. “This grant will allow HVH... to welcome even more visitors — from around the corner and around the world — who will enjoy the splendor of this magnificent farm.”

Josh Viertel, co-founder of HVH, added that he is excited about how many more people

being offered, though at the moment all programs are only available online; materials needed for specific programs may be picked up at the library.

To learn more about the Millbrook Library, located at 3 Friendly Lane, to see its current schedule of events or to register for an activity, go to [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org) or call 845-677-2099.

the farm will be able to impact thanks to the grant.

“Today, our farm feeds more than 150 families in Dover and the region,” stated Viertel. “This grant will help us to create an enduring institution, a place that brings people to the region so that they can connect to the land and the story behind their food.”

“If we are going to keep farmland in this region, it is vital that farms survive; farmstays, educational programs and sharing great local food and drink are all key to creating the conservation-based economic development that our community deserves and our farms need,” he emphasized.

A number of local residents took to Facebook to thank the lawmakers for helping to obtain the grant for HVH, and for bringing the money and the attention to the Harlem Valley.

Stacy DuHamel, a member of Dover's Conservation Advisory Committee and also of the Dutchess Land Conservancy's Advisory Committee, was among them.

“Thank you Senator Sue Serino and Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro,” posted DuHamel, “for supporting a project that showcases everything that's good about our town.”

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**Alban June came to Millerton to check out the autoflowers while touring the Harney hemp fields in 2021.**

After careful consideration, the towns of North East, Amenia and Washington decided to opt out of allowing both cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site lounges; Pine Plains decided to opt in to allowing cannabis dispensaries, but not lounges. (For more, see article on Front Page.)

Countering the happy milestones reported, the Harlem Valley also experienced its share of trials and tragedies in 2021. State and local authorities addressed issues concerning anti-Asian bias, anti-masking concerns and even an anti-Biden banner hung in full view of passing motorists and school buses in Millerton.

Local school districts faced COVID-19 outbreaks and concerns about state mask mandates; the Pine Plains Board of Education dealt with harsh complaints from parents about mask breaks for their children.

In Amenia, more than 42 lawsuits were refiled against the town by residents of Silo Ridge Field Club, who claimed they were unfairly assessed.

In early November, the Millerton Fire Company responded in minutes to a devastating house fire on South Elm Avenue that claimed two lives. The community pulled together in support of the families affected by the blaze, organizing fundraisers, food drives, clothing drives and even finding some of the displaced families housing.

While dealing with the on-

going pandemic, Harlem Valley residents received their COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at pop-up clinics held by Dutchess County agencies, local pharmacies and school districts.

Following the historic national election last Nov. 2, the 2021 local elections could be considered calm by comparison, but perhaps not everywhere.

A new independent party formed called Amenia Strong (AS) in Amenia. Its slate of candidates ran in the Republican Primary with some success, and AS candidate Brad Rebillard even won a spot on the Town Board in the General Election ousting incumbent Republican James Morris by a few votes.

The other two AS candidates were Town Board candidate Jamie Vitiello and Julie Doran, the office manager at Silo Ridge and its candidate for town supervisor. Both lost their races in 2021 in what was a bitter battle at the ballot.

Doran, her estranged husband, Peter, and Silo principal Juan Torres, filed a joint lawsuit against the town of Amenia also challenging the town's tax roll for inequitable assessments.

New York State experienced a change in leadership in August when former Governor Andrew Cuomo resigned amid multiple reports of sexual harassment — all of which he denied. Then-Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) stepped up as New York's first female governor. Hochul plans to run for a full term in 2022.

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saries but not lounges.

What made this opportunity especially unique was that if a municipality didn't decide by the Dec. 31, 2021 deadline, the state would automatically make the decision for it, and opt the municipality in, thereby allowing cannabis to be sold commercially and smoked publicly in lounges within its town or village limits.

However, even if a municipality does opt in, that does not guarantee it will receive a license to operate a commercial cannabis business, given the limited number of licenses New York State plans to distribute.

Local leaders have mentioned on various occasions that the state intends to distribute roughly 700 licenses throughout New York. A handful of local municipalities said that low number of open permits has motivated them to opt in for both businesses, to make sure they can get a license while they're still available.

“We thought that having the option for both might put us higher up on the list,” Millerton Trustee Matthew Hartzog said about the village's decision to allow both cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption lounges within its borders.

Millerton passed its decision with a majority vote of 3-2, with Hartzog, Mayor Jenn Najdek and Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori voting in favor of opting in and Trustees Dave Sherman and Laurie Kerr voting against the move.

Along with New York's plans to be “fairly strict” with the number of licenses issued, Najdek spoke of the potential revenue the village might draw in, adding Millerton might be “one of a kind” by opting in for both permits.

“We just thought we'd like to get out in front of it and deal with everything else as the legislation comes out,” Najdek said.

In nearby Pine Plains, the Town Board weighed the benefits of permitting cannabis dispensaries at its public hearing on the subject this past September.

Councilman Matthew Zick was among the first to say he was not in favor of having lounges in

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Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri

town where people can consume pot on-site, like a bar where people drink alcohol.

Yet Zick said he felt the revenue from dispensaries could benefit Pine Plains. Former town Supervisor Darrah Cloud also supported dispensaries in town, adding at the time she felt the town might “lose out completely” if it waited on doing so.

Asked his reasons for supporting dispensaries but not lounges, Zick said, “I feel that people are doing it anyway, but why have them all go to Great Barrington, Mass., when it's the tax revenue that we can get here at home, and I feel people want to buy it and go home with it and use it on their own free time.”

Pine Plains Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky confirmed Zick's interpretation by explaining a dispensary's retail operations would entail the sale of cannabis, which would be taken off-site after purchase, whereas at lounges cannabis would be purchased and consumed on-site.

As for the municipalities that voted against allowing marijuana

businesses in their communities, local officials voiced confidence in how they are planning for their constituents' futures.

“I think it was a good decision for the town,” said Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, “and we had many people at the public hearing who were concerned about there being a dispensary or lounge in our town; we felt it was the best decision for the town of Amenia.”

Town of Washington Supervisor Gary Ciferri echoed that sentiment.

“We had a public hearing... and hardly anybody showed up, but nobody expressed dissatisfaction with our decision. So I think we made the right decision and we'll stick by it,” he said.

That said, The Millerton News asked each town if it might revisit its decision in the future. While some leaders weren't certain, others, like North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, considered the possibility.

“I know there is interest from people I've talked to in possibly opening a dispensary in the town,” Kennan said, “and that's

something the board wants to consider because of the potential tax revenues that the town could realize.”

“If we could only predict the future, we'd all be better off,” Ciferri said, “and if you want my honest opinion now, I would probably say we're not going to change our position. Obviously the money is good, but that's not what drives us: We're more concerned about the community and the people that live here.”

For those wondering about the cannabis industry's license application process, a Q&A Chair the New York Cannabis Control Board Tremaine Wright, held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, as of early January there was no set date for when license applications will become available.

According to [www.cannabis.ny.gov](http://www.cannabis.ny.gov), the board “is the approval and oversight body of the Office of Cannabis Management. [It] is responsible for approving the comprehensive regulatory framework for New York's cannabis industry, including issuing applications and licenses to cannabis businesses and approving the rules and regulations which will govern the new industry.”

There is a tentative 18-month time line; recreational dispensaries are expected to be licensed and operational by next summer.

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# COMPASS

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RESTAURANTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Until It's Safe to Travel, There Is Exotic Take-out Food

My friends are all making plans to travel the world again in the coming weeks. I'm still waiting until COVID-19 is less of a thing, so my travel plans for the moment mainly include forays to Torrington, Conn., which my daughter and I consider to be as exciting (in our lives) as Paris, France.

There is always shopping and errands to be done in Torrington but, to make your visit to the Big Town feel more exotic, why not pretend you're on vacation and just get something exotic to eat?

If you're like me, you probably aren't keen on sitting down to dine yet; but there are several excellent options for take-out that you can explore.

### TEQUANNA'S SOUL FOOD AND SWEETS

If you're driving through the center of town to get to, for example, Five Points Gallery or the Warner Theatre or the mall with Staples and TJ Maxx, you are likely to pass by a tiny little storefront on Main Street (next to the historic Howard's storefront, which is now a bookstore). In the middle of that row of storefronts is Torrington's first soul food emporium, called Tequanna's Soul Food and Sweets.

When Tequanna Tyson opened her restaurant last August, according to an article in a local newspaper, there were lines down the street and people crying when they saw the food choices. I stopped by late on a Thursday afternoon and it was fairly quiet.

Tequanna was out of town and her sister, Tiara, was running the steam table while their mother, Regina Tyson, cooked in the unexpectedly large kitchen behind the dining area. Tiara and her mother



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**Tiara Tyson dished up soul food at the Main Street, Torrington, restaurant opened by her sister last August: Tequanna's Soul Food and Sweets.**

were very friendly and were happy to show all the foods hiding beneath steel lids on the steam table. As Tiara lifted the lids, the scent was mouthwatering.

Regina said that the most popular dishes are the ribs and collard greens (a rib dinner is \$12). You can also get pulled pork, mac and cheese, "rasta pasta" and more; the menu is posted on Facebook daily ([www.facebook.com/Tysonfamilysweets](http://www.facebook.com/Tysonfamilysweets)) along with the restaurant hours, which are basically noon to 9 p.m. three days a week, noon to 7 p.m. three days a week, closed Mondays.

### YIAYIA'S GREEK KITCHEN

My friend Wendy, who is an exceptional cook and a fussy eater, has been raving about the new YiaYia's Greek Kitchen, owned

by a young Greek couple who offer the classics of their native country's food repertoire, but with some healthy modern updates. The spanakopita (spinach pie) for example is made with spinach, leeks, Greek cheese and homemade phyllo dough. There are dips including hummus and the yogurt-based tzatziki (which in this version includes fresh goat's milk). Of course there is gyros (lamb or chicken). But unexpectedly there is saganaki, which is the most exciting dish to order at the Greek eateries in my hometown of Chicago: They light it on fire as they serve it to you and exclaim, "Ooopa!" There is no such combustible excitement at YiaYia's but it's still delicious.

Get the menu and directions at [www.yiayias.net](http://www.yiayias.net).

But, be warned that this tiny restaurant in the back of a small strip mall is very hard to find. At the edge of its strip mall is a Smoke Take shop (don't judge this extremely cute little restaurant by its less stylish neighbor).

### VIENTIANE THAI

If you know me, then you've probably sampled the excellent Thai food at Vientiane Thai in the Stop & Shop mall on High Street. This restaurant has been open now for many years and is very clean and delicious. It's always busy — which of course also means that the food is very fresh.

My daughter and I generally order one of the curries with a side order of the sticky rice. I also love an item from the grill portion of the menu, listed very simply as "steak." It comes with chili sauce but I suggest you order a side of the peanut sauce that comes with the satay sticks. Satay of course is one of the standards of the Thai menu, as is pad thai; both here are excellent.

I could go on and on but check their website at [www.torringtonthaicuisine.com](http://www.torringtonthaicuisine.com) and know that you pretty much can't go wrong with anything you order here.

### BANANA BRAZIL

If Torrington is not exotic enough for you, consider taking a trip to one of the four Banana Brazil restaurants, in Danbury, Waterbury, Hartford and Meriden, Conn.

You have to enter the shops to order, but you will be rewarded with authentic South American grilled meats and side dishes. If you can, eat at the restaurant while the meats are hot. To find their locations and see some photos, go to [www.bananabrazilgrill.com](http://www.bananabrazilgrill.com).

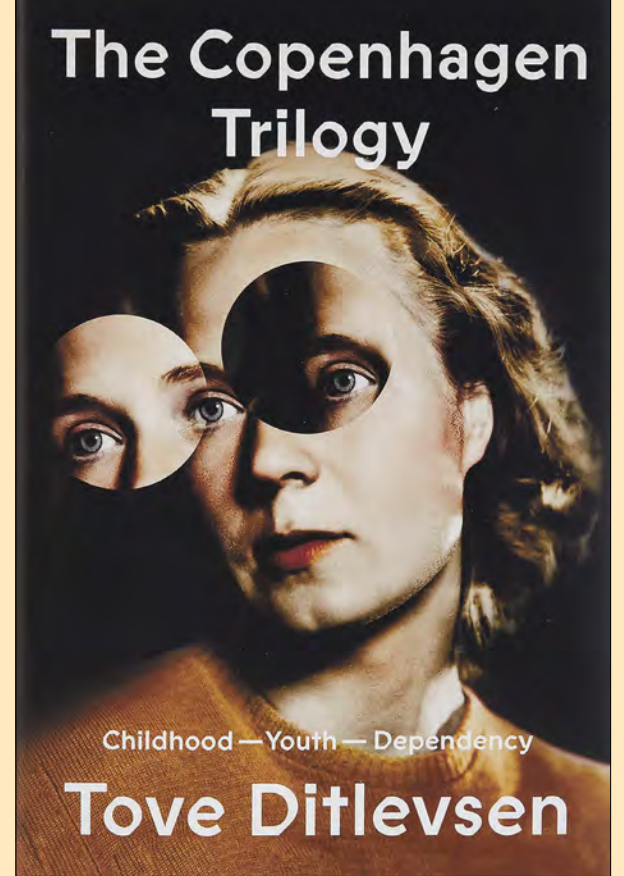


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**Michael Favala Goldman brought the conclusion of Tove Ditlevsen's tragic trilogy to English language readers last year.**

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## How 'The Copenhagen Trilogy' Came To Be The Book of the Year

Winter has truly begun, a perfect time for a deep dive into the work of authors from cold and snowy parts of the world.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. three Connecticut libraries together present a talk by Michael Favala Goldman about the challenges he faced in translating the third section of the acclaimed "Copenhagen Trilogy" by Danish poet and author Tove Ditlevsen.

The first two portions of the autobiographical book ("Childhood" and "Youth") were translated into English in the mid 20th century. Goldman's new translation of the third portion of the book, "Dependency," has never been published before in English. This section of the book tells of Ditlevsen's drug addiction, enabled by her doctor husband, leading up to her suicide in 1976 at age 59.

The three parts of the

trilogy were published together, in English, for the first time in 2021 and sparked what Amazon.com describes as "Tove fever."

The talk on Zoom on Jan. 27 is hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, the Essex Public Library and the Norfolk Library.

Goldman will talk about how he discovered Ditlevsen's work and decided to translate it, and how the book became an unexpected publishing sensation.

A resident of Northampton, Mass., Goldman is a respected translator as well as a poet, educator and jazz musician.

*This program is free, but requires advance registration at [hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/copenhagen](http://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/copenhagen).*

*For more information, contact the Hotchkiss Library at 860-364-5041 or go online to [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org).*

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**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org) Winter Watercolor, Jan. 5 to 26.

### BOOKS

**Noble Horizons**, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org) Ari Satok: "Love Too Can Spread", Jan. 26, 7 p.m. (online); James B. Flaherty:

"Dear Old Friends", Jan. 29, 11 a.m. (online).

### KIDS

**The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center**, 38 Curtis Road, Washington, Conn. [www.iaismuseum.org](http://www.iaismuseum.org) Sunday Fun Day: Owl Edition, Jan. 23, 1 to 4 p.m.; Snow Snake Workshop, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Norman Rockwell Museum**, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org) Zoom, Draw & Read with Jan Brett! (Via Zoom), Feb. 12, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

### MOVIES

**Gilson Cafe & Cinema**, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. [www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com](http://www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com) Spider-Man: No Way Home, playing through Jan. 15.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)

Bolshoi Ballet: Jewels, Jan. 23, 12:55 p.m.; Metlive: Rigoletto, Jan. 29, 12:55 p.m.; The Velvet Queen, opens Jan. 21; Parallel Mothers, opens Jan. 28; Flee, opens Jan. 28.

### TALKS

**D. M. Hunt Library**, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org)

Zoom event: Mighty Moose of Connecticut with Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist, Jan. 22, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)

Scott Eyerly's Virtual Met Opera Lecture: Verdi's Rigoletto, Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m. (online).



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# A Lawyer's View of the Absurdities of Tort Law

Bill Littauer interviewed Tom Morrison's "Please Pass the Tort\$," the follow-up to "Torts 'R' Us," on a Zoom meeting sponsored by Noble Horizons Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The two "Torts" novels are legal farces, following the adventures of Pap and Pup Peters, the brothers who decide to chuck their traditional law practices and dive headfirst into the zany and lucrative field of class action and patent lawsuits.

Littauer, a Salisbury, Conn., resident who had a 50-year career in journalism, led off by asking if finding humor in the practice of law isn't oxymoronic.

Morrison replied: "Most lawyers take themselves way too seriously."

He should know, having spent 50 years in the profession. An attorney who now lives in Salisbury, Morrison has quipped that everyone likes to make lawyer jokes, so the legal profession lends itself naturally to comic fiction.

He said he conceived of a farce about modern litigation — "especially class action lawsuits."

Such actions rely on the notion that "every perceived slight in life" is a legitimate cause.

The result is a lot of frivolous lawsuits, he added.

Morrison said he tried to do to the legal profession what Joseph Heller did to the Army Air Corps in "Catch-22."

Asked about where he finds his raw material, Morrison said he drew on news and legal reports, and from his experience.

The novel relates the tale of a lawsuit against the makers of blueberry Corny Flakes, in which the plaintiff opened 21 boxes of the product without finding a single berry.

"There are hundreds of cases where similar claims have been made," said Morrison, adding there is an attorney on Long Island who specializes in such matters.

Such cases are frivolous, he continued, not because companies should be allowed to mislead consumers, but because "the consumer is going to get a coupon and a couple of bucks."

The big money goes to the lawyers.

Morrison noted that

certain jurisdictions, notably California, are fertile ground for class action lawsuits because they have broad consumer protection laws.

In "Please Pass the Tort\$" the Peters Brothers, who work in New York but live in Connecticut, try to convince the state Legislature to pass a similar law so that the federal courts in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford get an increase in the volume of class action suits, and thus bring economic prosperity

and tax revenue to those cities as legions of lawyers and their entourages pack hotels and restaurants.

Littauer asked about Morrison's writing process.

"I wrote all my life," responded Morrison, referring to his legal career.

"I wrote both books fairly quickly."

The court dialog came easily. "I did it all my life."

"Please Pass the Tort\$" is available at Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., and at the Salisbury General Store on Main Street.



PHOTO FROM AMERICAN MUSEUM OF TORT LAW

Ralph Nader's American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn., uses Roy Lichtenstein-style graphics to explain famous David versus Goliath lawsuits.

MUSEUMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Ralph Nader Shows Why Tort Law Matters

If Salisbury, Conn., resident Tom Morrison's new book, "Please Pass the Tort\$," makes you want to learn more about laws designed to protect the public, perhaps it's time to finally check out the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn.

The museum was created by Winsted native and four-time presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who is most famous for his work as a consumer advocate.

The museum is on Main Street in Winsted and is closed for the winter until April. But the website at [www.tortmuseum.org](http://www.tortmuseum.org) offers a virtual tour through the history of some of

the most famous law of wrongful injury in cases in the history of American jurisprudence.

The 6,500-square-foot museum is the first dedicated to the law in the United States. It is in the former Winsted Savings Bank and opened in 2015. Like Morrison's book, it treats serious subjects in an engaging, friendly way, with comic book-style drawings that inform visitors about famous cases of individuals versus corporations.

Some of those cases are vaguely familiar (the scalding hot McDonald's coffee, the dangerously combustible Ford Pinto); the museum exhibits, all of which

you can see online, explain concisely and simply what the issues were and how they were resolved.

However you feel about Ralph Nader and either his campaigns for the presidency or his strong advocacy for consumer rights, there is one thing that no one should ever doubt, and that is the immensity of Nader's heart and his love for his Northwest Corner community. Nader has been unfailingly supportive of The Lakeville Journal and on many occasions reached out to help us in our process of converting to nonprofit status.

People sometimes scratch their heads and wonder why Nader thought it was a good idea to open a tort museum in Winsted at 654 Main St. (across the street from the ambulance garage, which many people seem to find very comical).

It only takes one conversation with Nader to understand that his intention in opening the museum was 100% to create an institution that might conceivably draw visitors to his beloved hometown; and that would help regular citizens to understand that they have rights and power in the face of big corporations, thanks to tort law.

### BE AWARE OF POSTPONEMENTS

The fast spread of COVID-19 and the omicron variant is causing many entertainment and dining venues to make last-minute changes to plans. It's always advisable to check websites before going to an event.



CINEMA: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## A Smorgasbord Of Vintage Films, from 1953 to 2000

Of course there is a full schedule of first-run films and special events at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. But there are also screenings planned for the winter months at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in downtown Great Barrington, Mass.

The four films scheduled for the next two months don't seem old to viewers of a certain age; they seem positively current. Nonetheless, the two films from 1980 did come out 42 years ago — which is nearly a half century.

One of the 1980 films is, "The Gods Must Be Crazy," an independent film that was an enormous success when it came out. It tells the story of what happens when an airplane drops a glass soda bottle while flying over a South African village — a gift of sorts from the heavens. This film will be shown on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

The other choice from 1980 needs no introduction, as they say on nighttime television. "The Shining" by Stanley Kubrick has to be one of the most famous and most-quoted films of cinema history. This film will be shown on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. It's possible that screenings of "The Shining" will someday be like screenings of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," with audience members bringing toy axes and speaking all the dialogue aloud.

This selection of four films is incredibly diverse. If you had to think of a film that is the complete opposite of both "The Shining" and "The Gods Must Be Crazy," what better choice could you have than "Roman Holiday," the first film starring Audrey Hepburn. Filmed in black and white and released in 1953, it pairs Hepburn as young princess bursting with purity and Gregory Peck as a crafty older journalist, prepared to take advantage of the young woman — until, of course, he falls in love with her. This film (photo above) will be shown on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

And rounding out this quartet of very diverse cinematic experiences, "Remember the Titans" from the year 2000 (which is practically yesterday compared to the other three titles on the roster) will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Denzel Washington is Herman Boone, the coach of a high school football team during its first season as a racially integrated squad.

Tickets are \$8 each, or \$5 for ages 12 and under. All tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org) or by calling 413-528-0100 Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

Proof of vaccination or a recent COVID-19 test and ID are required; masks must be worn at all times in the theater.

## A TALE WORTHY OF A WHARTON NOVEL, AT VENTFORT HALL

Historian and author Cornelia Brooke Gilder will tell the story of Constance Cary Harrison, theatrical producer and best-selling author in Lenox's Gilded Age, at Ventfort Hall in Lenox, Mass., on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 3:30 p.m. The lecture is also offered on Zoom.

Harrison's story is unique and worthy of an Edith Wharton plot. In the late 1860s, penniless but well-connected, she came to New York from Richmond, Va., after her husband's release from solitary confinement in a military prison. Together they reinvented their lives, and she became one of the most popular novelists of her day (a decade before Edith Wharton's rise to success.)

Tickets are \$20 per person. To attend at Ventfort Hall reservations are required by calling 413-637-3206. To attend via Zoom, go to [ventfort02052022.eventbrite.com](https://ventfort02052022.eventbrite.com) to purchase a ticket. Tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Proof of vaccination, ID and masks are required.

Ventfort Hall is at 104 Walker St. in Lenox, Mass. For more information, go to [gildedage.org](http://gildedage.org).

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## MILLBROOK

# Millbrook Village Board gets technical as it organizes for the year ahead

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The Village Board met the evening of Wednesday, Jan 5, for its annual reorganization meeting. Mayor Tim Collopy swiftly got the meeting underway.

Village Clerk Sarah Witt administered the Oath of Office to the mayor and the recently-elected trustees. Newly-elected Trustee Peter Doro was sworn in for a one-year term. Trustee Vickie Contino was appointed deputy mayor.

Collopy reappointed Kay Vanderlyn to the Planning Board (PB). Vanderlyn will serve until 2026; she will take her oath at a later time.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reappointments were tabled for later.

Per shared services, the TOW will be used for additional snow removal, highway support and animal control.

The official daily newspaper is the Poughkeepsie Journal; the official weekly newspaper is The Millerton News.

The official depository is the Bank of Millbrook.

Business meetings will be held on the second and fourth (if needed) Wednesday of each

month at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse, Village Hall, or via Zoom for virtual meetings. Special meetings may be called by the mayor or two trustees acting together. Board members must be properly advised; the village clerk must notify the news media to the extent possible, as well as the community, as per the proper channels.

The mayor shall preside at all board meetings; if absent, the deputy mayor, then the trustee with the most years of service shall preside. Minutes will be taken by the village clerk. The agenda will be prepared by the mayor no later than by the Monday before the meeting and will be posted on the website that Monday; trustees may add agenda items before or during the course of a meeting.

Each trustee has one vote. The mayor may vote on any item but must vote in the case of a tie. Motions may be made by any member of the board and require a second in order to be considered for a vote. As per state guidelines in-person public participation will be at all village meetings on agenda items as well as at the mayor's discretion.

Others items addressed in-

cluded advance claims notices; vendor and labor charges, etc.

Attendance at school and conferences (including webinars) by any trustee or village official at annual training and conferences must be approved in advance by the Village Board.

Breach Policy; Civilian Complaint Procedure, Credit Card Policy, Computer Backup Policy; Official Undertaking, Procurement Policy & Quote Form and Health Emergency Plans may all be found on the village website.

Also on the website: Shade Tree Commission By-Laws: Electronic Devices and Information Technology (IT) Policies; and Violence in the Workplace Policy, which must be completed annually by all staff and board members; along with Sexual Harassment Training.

Code of Ethics: Conflict of Interest Forms are to be filled out annually by all members of the board and given to the village clerk. The Board of Ethics shall have the powers and duties prescribed by Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and any Code of Ethics adopted pursuant to such article under the rules and regulations as the board may prescribe.

The Community Review Board shall be comprised of the village's police officer in charge or alternate senior officer, a Village Board member and an appointed resident of the village. This board will meet as necessary to review any complaints but at least once a year to make recommendations to the Village Board for changes in policy or procedures. A formal complaint form will be created for use to register any complaints by the deputy mayor.

The general responsibilities of the Shade Tree Commission is for its members to serve in an advisory capacity to the Village Board, to assist the village highway superintendent in management of the tree inventory, to plan and conduct Arbor Day activities and to participate in special projects such as tree plantings.

The fee schedule for Millbrook's Building Department and water and sewer rates are listed on the website, www.villageofmillbrookny.com. VRI was designated as superintendent for both the water and sewer departments. The fees for the Building, Planning and Zoning Department are also listed on the website.



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Tiffany Becker of Salt Point is the recipient of a nursing scholarship The Fountains helped her attain, and said she is looking forward to a long career as an LPN. Becker works at The Inn at The Fountains in Millbrook, where she has come to know and love many of her patients.

## Dream comes true thanks to Fountains

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MILLBROOK — "When COVID-19 hit, Tiffany was the first caregiver to raise her hand and say she would care for our COVID-positive residents," said Executive Director at The Inn at The Fountains Linda Lomangino. "During this time she signed up to live on our property and worked 12-hour shifts daily under difficult circumstances as residents were separated from their families and each other."

That's high praise indeed, for a young lady who is just barely 20 years old — especially since it came from her boss at The Inn at The Fountains in Millbrook, an independent-living retirement community not far from where Tiffany Becker herself lives in Salt Point.

Becker was only 17 when she began working part-time in the kitchen at The Inn, a job she said she loved because of her appreciation for the nurses and caregivers there.

She also loved the patients she served and got to know while working there. That's the primary reason why she decided to continue on at The Inn, and was determined to become a nurse. Becker is now enrolled in the Dutchess BOCES School of Practical Nursing in Poughkeepsie.

Her direct manager at The Inn, Lomangino, BSN, RN, wrote a letter to the Empire State Association of Assisted Living, a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening New York State's assisted living sector. She nominating Becker for a nursing scholarship to help finance her studies.

In her letter, Lomangino stated the following:

"The pandemic year 2020 brought out the best and worst in people. I am sure you are aware of the staffing struggles that COVID-19 put upon the long-term care communities. Many assisted living associates were not up to the challenge of working in an environment with an unknown virus. The Inn at Millbrook was fortunate to employ people who not only rose to the expectations, but thrived during that time.

"Miss Tiffany Becker was one of those people. Tiffany is one of my caregivers who listened, observed protocols, and worked diligently to ensure the health and safety of our residents. She volunteered to work directly with our COVID-positive residents on a 12-hour shift. Tiffany lived on our campus for weeks to be available, even on her time off, if we found a shift that needed more staff. She always showed professionalism in her work. Tiffany's demeanor and work ethic surprised me at times because she was still only a teenager."

Becker is proud to be the recipient of the annual award,

named in honor of Benay Phillips, a leader in the assisted living industry and an advocate for staff training. The program that allots \$2,000 and is in its 14th year.

She is also very grateful to the nurses at The Inn, who often help with her studies. She thinks it's their support that encouraged her to pursue nursing.

She will finish her studies this spring. While working during the worst of the pandemic might have deterred some people, it only strengthened Becker's resolve to remain in the field.

"The Inn is small, and we were all very close; the patients had no access to their families or each other," she said. "It must have been so hard for them, and they must have been scared; we wore masks, PPE, with face shields and long gowns. There was no community life, no activities, just full-out isolation."

Becker added the staff did whatever it could to comfort patients, which for her included not going home to nearby Salt Point for six months for fear of bringing the COVID virus to her family. The Inn lost six of its residents to the disease, a loss keenly felt by all.

"It was like losing family members, we were that close," said Becker sadly.

She added she loves working with the elderly, not just because she likes caring for them, but for practical reasons as well.

"You can learn so much from them," said the enthusiastic nursing student. "Working with the elderly there are a variety of conditions that you need to learn about: How to treat wound care and diseases specific to the elderly, but also [those] found in younger patients."

Although not certain of her plans after graduation, Becker knows the base foundation of knowledge she's received at The Fountains has provided her with a well of information in the fields of nursing and healthcare that will prove invaluable as she moves through life. For that, she said, she will always be grateful.

## Town of Washington plans ahead for 2022

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WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board met on Thursday, Jan. 13, for its annual re-organization meeting.

Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the meeting at 6 p.m., greeting newly-elected Councilwoman Leslie Heaney, and thanking outgoing Councilman Stephen Turletes for his more than 20 years of service to the Town Board. Turletes lost to Heaney in a court battle over the vote count by a single ballot.

The Oath of Office was administered to Ciferri, Heaney, and returning Councilmen Michael Murphy and Joseph Rochfort. Also upon the recommendation of Ciferri, Councilman Robert Audia was appointed as deputy supervisor and Lois Petrone was again named bookkeeper to the supervisor.

Other appointments included Chelsea Edson as recreation director; James Finley as building inspector; James Brownell as constable. Anthony De Bonis was named animal control officer; Kathleen Moro was named clerk to the assessor; and Michael Olivette was named data collector. Many were returning to their posts.

Edvard Jorgensen was named Planning Board chairman; Nicole Drury was appointed to the Planning Board; Frank Redl was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); and Katherine Briggs was appointed to fill an unexpired seat on the ZBA through Dec. 31 of this year.

The town historian will again be David Greenwood. The Conservation Advisory Commission was appointed, and it will in-

clude: Greenwood, Lisa Conger, Walter Jacob and Howard Schuman, all through Dec. 31, 2023. Greenwood resigned as chair of the committee.

The board established the second Thursday of each month as its designated meeting date, with meetings beginning at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Van De Water and Van De Water was appointed attorney to the town.

The official mileage rate is the IRS rate of .58 cents per mile for town employees.

The supervisor was authorized to invest town funds as authorized by the Town Board.

The Poughkeepsie Journal and/or The Millerton News were named the official newspapers of the town. Legal no-

tices will be published in either paper dependent on publication needs.

The board approved a blanket undertaking from a duly authorized corporate surety covering the officers, clerks and employees of the town, and must indemnify against losses caused by the officers or employees to faithfully perform their duties by fraudulent or dishonest acts.

Compensation was approved for all employees within limits of the appropriated funds as established in the 2022 budget.

The Bank of Millbrook is the official depository for town funds. (Councilman Audia abstained from this vote as he is on the board of the bank).

Ciferri appointed the fol-

lowing Town Board members as liaisons to the following committees: Audia will be liaison for Buildings and Grounds; Heaney will be liaison to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, with Rochfort; Murphy will be liaison to the Board of Ethics and Recreation Commission; and Rochfort to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and Killlearn Road Review Committee.

The reorganization portion of the meeting concluded at about 7:35 p.m. It was followed by a public hearing on a renewal of a contract between the TOW and Altice, the cable television provider, and the town's regular monthly meeting, both of which will be covered in an upcoming issue of The Millerton News.

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The CTDEEP is now offering a free online training program to explain the responsibilities of the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commissions. Each Town in CT has a local Wetlands Commission tasked with the balancing of both supporting their communities economy and the need to protect their inland wetlands and watercourses resources. A difficult task to say the least. What will make things easier is if more community members are familiar with the wetland regulations and what they are trying to accomplish. This training program will help, it is in partnership with UConn CLEAR and the link is: [http://clear.uconn.edu/training/DEEP\\_IWA\\_training.htm](http://clear.uconn.edu/training/DEEP_IWA_training.htm).



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EDITORIAL

# County grants are a lifeline in our towns and villages

While the world's attention has been keenly focused on the coronavirus for the past two years, understandably so, our elected officials have had to continue to do their jobs beyond dealing with the pandemic — a monumental chore in and of itself.

Among the many tasks for our local leaders: obtaining critical (and may we add, hard to come by) funding for the numerous programs and services we rely on as residents of the Harlem Valley.

In the past, northeastern Dutchess County has often found itself to be the recipient of the smallest piece of the pie when it came to receiving coveted grants and other funding from the county, state and elsewhere. That's changed in recent years, especially under the watch of Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. He has done an excellent job helping procure cold hard cash for our small corner of the world.

In fact, in 2021, the Harlem Valley fared quite well when considering how many grants it received. Please, read on...

The Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program was created last November and was a major county initiative. It awarded \$3 million, funding 147 projects throughout Dutchess to local nonprofit organizations serving children impacted by the COVID pandemic. The money came from the federal government's American Rescue Plan.

Some of that \$3 million came directly into our region. Nearly \$18,000 went to Hope Rising Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in Millerton to help it buy special equipment for its many young riders.

The Millerton American Legion Post 178 received \$20,000 for its Shooting Sports Education and Safety program to buy materials, equipment and supplies for its archery and shooting sports pop-up educational events throughout the county.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County in Millbrook received \$20,000 for its Agriculture Education for Kids program to purchase learning labs and supplies, including embryology kits and anatomy models for its staff and volunteers.

The Stissing Center, an up-and-coming regional performing arts center in Pine Plains, received \$20,000 for its Student Theatre to purchase room-darkening curtains and a lighting system to provide local students an authentic theater experience, in collaboration with the Stissing Theatre Guild.

According to Molinaro's office, the 2022 county budget includes \$500,000 for Learn, Play, Create grant funding.

These are but a few examples; 2021 also provided for Community Development Block Grants, funded by the federal government's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Dutchess County awarded \$2.2 million last year for 21 projects, with \$99,000 going to the town of Dover for the J.H. Ketcham Memorial Park Walking Track; \$150,000 went to the village of Millerton for a sidewalk infrastructure repair and replacement project; and \$25,000 went to the Northeast Community Council (aka the North East Community Center) for its Youth Development Teen Team and for its CPSB internship program.

The county also helped garner more than \$2 million for 28 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) projects throughout Dutchess last year. The town of Amenia received \$35,000 for critical upgrades to lifesaving tools; the town of North East and village of Millerton earned \$250,000 for Phase III of its Shared Highway Garage; the town of Pine Plains was awarded \$70,000 to create a Wheelchair Accessible Playground at Stissing Lake Park; and the town of Milan got \$70,000 for a Four in One Baseball Field at the Milan Recreation Park.

Coming up this year, the county's 2022 budget has \$3.5 million earmarked for its Agency Partner Grant (APG) program. The APG awards are given to local nonprofits for capital and operating infrastructure initiatives.

A total of six were announced last week for the first round, amounting to \$904,500. Molinaro's office happily shared on Tuesday, Jan. 11, that \$200,000 of that APG money is destined for the Millbrook Library to improve its building.

Also last week, Harlem Valley Homestead, a 250-acre working farm in Wingdale looking to expand and create sustainable facilities that welcome guests in an agri-tourism model, was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Empire State Development Grant Program through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

While those are state funds, not county monies, both Molinaro and State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) were instrumental in helping secure the grant for this northeastern Dutchess agricultural treasure.

What it all boils down to is that we believe Molinaro deserves a big thank you for the work he and his office have been doing, nonstop, all while the biggest health crisis in the past century has been looming overhead. They've secured — and continue to do so — critical funding so our Harlem Valley communities can function smoothly and our families can access essential services during a difficult time — no easy task.

As our parents loved to say, "Money doesn't grow on trees." It doesn't, and governments and other organizations don't like to dole it out without demanding a lot of work behind the application process.

Of course, the county executive is not the only elected official who has been working hard behind the scenes to win our communities grants. Plenty of others should be commended for their efforts, too. This week, though, it is Molinaro and his team we thank, for those county dollars have gone a long way here in the Harlem Valley.

We hope they will continue to flow in our direction, as we will continue to welcome them with open arms and do our best to ensure that when we spend them we help as many deserving people in our community as we can.



## Everything you thought you knew about warfare is about to change

In WWI, Germany launched a Zeppelin and conducted aerial bombing of London. In WWII, the Axis and then the Allies conducted devastating non-military-target bombing raids on each others' cities and populace in an effort to bring the enemy to its knees. The culmination of this warfare tactic played upon civilians was the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. To a lesser degree — but just as ruthless — was the Napalm bombing of villages in Vietnam. What is clear is that "taking the war to civilians" — a "scorched earth" policy — has become a tactical imprimatur of any war scenario.

All that is about to be eclipsed is a more selective, but also more lethal, way.

You all know that the phone you have contains a memory card. In fact, you may even have added memory with those tiny micro-SD cards... each one holding more memory than a computer 10 years ago. What you should also know is that the micro chip (the brains) have also been downsized... but what you may not know is that that tiny SD card? It's 100 times as large as the most advanced memory

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Peter Riva

cards, and so are the new brains' chips.

And along comes Artificial Intelligence (AI). A couple of all those micro components and a "smart" AI program and you have the perfect lethal weapon. How perfect? Imagine a plane (even a commercial airliner) flying over a city, a gatling gun sticks out the side and fires off 200,000 rounds in a matter of minutes. Each one of those bullets, equipped with AI, infra-red sensors and a memory card with programming and data, can seek out every male above the age of 18 (for one example). AI can do that based on its ability to calculate heat signatures, postulate likelihood of target and rain down terror. And that's one plane, one gatling gun. And that's currently becoming all-too-possible.

So, while folks will proudly show you the B-21 Bomber shortly, that's for old-fashioned

## Reminiscing about a tough 2021, but 2022 doesn't look much better

A tough year just ended, and now another one is upon us. This past 2021 was a conundrum, full of problems, not unlike dining, asking for a steak dinner and being delivered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. It was disappointing.

The COVID-19 pandemic took center stage, followed by out-of-control crime and government spending. The printing of endless currency by our government fed this nation's inflation. High inflation triggered the recession, which will now be with us for a few years.

The rampant homelessness and maligning of police in cities and states that are failing thanks to their governments that con-

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Larry Conklin

trol them, continues to plague our nation.

Failed foreign policy has also emboldening our enemies and strained our relationships with our allies across the globe.

Here at home, our southern border is completely out of control and taxing our agents placed there to secure us: ICE, the military and our national security. Our borders are open to drug and human trafficking.

An estimated 100,306 citizens have died from fentanyl and methadone overdoses in 2021 from drugs that were delivered across our southern border, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics.

Meanwhile, supply shortages resulting from ill-advised stimulus funding have encouraged people in this country who should be working to instead become couch potatoes.

Our government has coddled the federal teachers' unions to retain their support and it has resulted in suppressing the education of our children.

China and Russia are poised to test our resolve and I fear they will succeed. Hundreds of American citizens and thousands of our allies who were abandoned in Afghanistan are being hunted and terminated by the Taliban, thanks go our State Department.

Meanwhile, gas and heating prices are soaring; expect big increases in 2022. And we can't blame this on Trump — President Biden wears the Big Boy pants now.

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

## Avoiding the post-holiday slide into depression

### GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

It may not have been a jolly holiday season for seniors who live alone. Two out of every seven American seniors live alone, according to a recent estimate from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) — and with more than 60,000 seniors living in Dutchess County, that would be more than 17,000 of our senior friends and neighbors living on their own.

Being alone for the holidays, and through the winter, can bring an even heavier burden of loneliness — equivalent to a 15-cigarette-a-day smoking habit, according to NCOA. As a risk factor, loneliness has more impact on seniors' mortality than even obesity or a sedentary lifestyle.

It doesn't have to be that way.

The Office for the Aging (OFA) plays a key role in helping seniors maintain social connections and keep loneliness at bay, most notably with our eight Senior Friendship Centers, in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Red Hook, South Amenia (Wassaic), the City of Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley, where our Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center reopened last fall.

Visit a Friendship Center and

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the first thing you may hear are seniors laughing. There could be a furious game of mah-jongg happening at one table. At the next table over, seniors are debating how the Knicks look this season. At another table, it's an exchange of advice on which stores have been able to keep cans of cat food stocked.

There's also a nutritious mid-day meal and a regular variety of informative and entertaining presentations. If a senior you know is interested in finding out more about Senior Friendship Centers, contact information is available at [www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition](http://www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition) or by calling 845-486-2555.

### Good nutrition can defeat the winter blues

As the glow of the holidays fades, feeling a bit blue may seem normal enough — but there's reason to be concerned if the feeling continues for more than a couple of weeks. It may be Seasonal Af-

fective Disorder (SAD). Even pets can suffer from SAD, according to researchers from the University of British Columbia.

While a call to a healthcare provider may be in order, there's a good chance a senior could be prescribed good nutrition rather than an antidepressant, especially if the senior is already taking several other prescribed medications.

This month's issue of the OFA Nutrition News contains a trove of useful information on nutrition's role in preventing depression, in-

cluding the foods that can help and those that can't.

There's also an easy recipe for Portuguese caldo verde, a hearty green soup containing potatoes, collards or kale and chicken or beans. You can find each Nutrition News at [www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition](http://www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition).

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

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Due to the inclement weather, The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have rescheduled the year end 2021 lot owners and general business meeting to January 29, 2022 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567

01-13-22  
01-20-22

### Legal Notice

#### Public Hearing Zoning Board of Appeals Village of Millerton

Please take notice that the Village of Millerton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, to invite the public for input on the Variance application put forward to the ZBA for a variance at 21 Highland Street (parcel # 7271-14-320456). All members of the public having interest in this matter are invited to attend.

By order of the  
Village of Millerton Zoning  
Board of Appeals  
Kelly Kilmer  
Zoning Board Secretary  
01-20-22

#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT 2022

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Dawn Marie Klingner, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Amenia for the year 2022, and that I will attend at 4988 Route 22, Amenia from

January 3, 2022 to February 28, 2022, 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon on each day, excepting Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2022. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be an additional one percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

January to February 28, 0% (percent) penalty;

March 1 to March 31 - 2% (percent) penalty;

April 1 to April 30 - 3% (percent) penalty;

May 1 to May 31 - 4% (percent) penalty;

June 1 until settlement with County Treasurer, 5% (percent).

In addition, after May 15, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Amenia will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the 1st day of June. Dated December 28, 2021.

Dawn Marie Klingner  
Collector of taxes of the  
Town of Amenia  
01-20-22  
01-27-22

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pine Plains Fire District held its 2022 reorganization meeting on January 4, 2022 at the Pine Plains Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, NY. Regular monthly meetings in 2022 will be held at the Fire

House on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Board of Fire  
Commissioners  
Pine Plains Fire District  
01-20-22

#### TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Article IX of the Town of Amenia Zoning Law and NYS Town Law Sections 274-a and 274-b, a public hearing will be convened remotely by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022 to consider the application of Siland Commercial Property, LLC (the "Applicant") for the construction of a new recreation facility (the "Project") to be located at 4391 Route 22, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Grid #132000-7066-00-910219-0000) for site plan and special permit approval (the "Application"). The subject property is located in the Office/Commercial/Industry Mixed-Use zoning district and the Scenic Protection and Aquifer overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing on the application will be conducted remotely via Zoom in accordance with emergency authority provided by New York State. To participate in this public hearing, either personally or by an agent, please send an email to [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov) and instructions will be provided.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Town of Amenia Planning /Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during

normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov).

Dated: January 12, 2022  
Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
Planning Board  
01-20-22

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Article IX of the Town of Amenia Zoning Law and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened remotely by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022 to consider the application of Amenia Fire Company for site plan approval of the proposed construction of a new truck bay structure to serve an existing firehouse (the "Project Application") located at 36 Mechanic Street, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Grid #132000-7167-14-279456-0000) (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Hamlet Mixed Use Zoning District, the Hamlet Exclusion Area of the Stream Corridor Overlay District, and the Priority/Primary Valley Bottom Aquifer. The Site is in an area of special flood hazard, Zone AE, with base flood elevation 545'.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing on the Project Application will be conducted remotely via Zoom in accordance with emergency authority provided by Executive Order of New York State Governor Hochul. To participate in this public hearing, either personally or by an agent, please send an email to [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov) and instructions will be provided.

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Dated: January 13, 2022  
Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
Planning Board  
01-22-22

#### TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX BILLS AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly

received the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the collection of property taxes within the Town of North East for fiscal year 2022. Collection of taxes will begin with the receipt of taxes through March 1, 2022 at the Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave, Millerton, New York, on the following days and times: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays during February 9:00 a.m. - noon. Checks are to be made payable to North East Tax Collector.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before March 1, 2021 without penalty. All taxes received after that date shall have an added interest of 2% for the month of March, 3% for the month of April, and 4% for the month of May. In addition, after May 15th, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that after June 1st, all unpaid taxes will be turned over to Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Dated: December 29, 2021

Elizabeth Strauss Town  
Clerk/North East  
Tax Collector  
01-13-22  
01-20-22

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