



## MILLERTON

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### North East, Millerton & their approach to law enforcement

# Joint Police Committee seeks mission statement

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MILLERTON — The virtual Joint Village of Millerton/Town of North East Police Service Committee (PSC) meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m. drew about 20 community members. They were there to witness the two appointed Village Board members and two appointed Town

Board members discuss the committee's purpose, and its vision of the Millerton Police Department's (MPD) future.

The joint committee was actually created about two years ago, as part of a contract between the town and village. When former Governor Andrew Cuomo mandated all communities with their own police departments re-evaluate their policies

in the wake of George Floyd's death on May 25, 2020, the chore fell onto the pre-existing PSC. The committee was also required to come up with a police reform policy for the MPD.

#### Background

The town of North East contracts with the village of Millerton for police services, paying roughly 20% of

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# Cary Institute receives \$2M gift to complete \$13M renovation

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MILLBROOK — A \$2 million gift received by the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will go a long way toward supporting the renovations currently in process at the world-renowned science institute. The makeover is transforming the Cary's headquarters, updating its facilities and adding much-needed space for the many researchers and scientists to conduct their work.

Dubbed a "leadership grant," the money was donated by husband-and-wife Zibby and Jim Tozer, longtime supporters of the Cary Institute.

"We are incredibly grateful for the Tozers' investment in Cary Institute science and the future of our orga-



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**Jim Tozer and his wife, Zibby, gifted the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook \$2 million to go toward renovations. The funding was announced by Cary President Josh Ginsberg on Tuesday, Jan. 4.**

research. The new Tozer Ecosystem Science Building is stunning and sustainable. We can't wait to showcase it to the community at our open house this spring."

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nization," said Cary President Josh Ginsberg following the donation. "Their gift is helping us transform our Millbrook headquarters into a state-of-the-art facility for ecological



PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Rylan, Jake and Aiden Arold came all the way from Saugerties to watch the rodeo at Keane Stud Farm sponsored by Silo Ridge in October, after which they enjoyed some pizza on the back of a pickup truck together from Four Brothers Pizza in Amenia.

### A Year in Review — Part II

# Reflecting on the challenges of 2021

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HARLEM VALLEY — Last week The Millerton News ran Part I of its Year in Review of 2021, reflecting back on the second year of how Harlem Valley residents enduring living through the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the economy, home life, education, work, relationships and so much more.

This week the paper continues its look at how the northeastern Dutchess County communities we call home fared last year, and some of the top issues our town and village governments dealt with as they worked to ensure our quality of life remained high. What follows are some of the top stories from 2021.

Having raised more than \$1 million

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# Pulver elected to lead DC Legislature for fifth term

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — For the fifth consecutive year, Dutchess County Legislator Gregg Pulver (R-19) of Pine Plains has been elected by his colleagues to lead the Legislature as its chairman. The vote was held at the Legislature's annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 4, during which an overwhelming 18-7 majority placed Pulver back in the chairman's seat for another one-year term.

Pulver has often spoken of his goal of working across the aisle

to get important work done for county residents, focusing especially on those who live in northeastern Dutchess.

"When we come to the Chambers, we come to unite and move our County forward. We will continue to govern together," he stated after being named chairman. "We don't pass budgets or bonding authority without a consensus and support from both parties. It's not the Republican way or the Democrat way — it's the Dutchess County way. I thank my colleagues for their support and let's have a

See **PULVER, A6**

# Transitions at The Lakeville Journal

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — As of Monday, Jan. 17, there will be a change at the helm of The Lakeville Journal. Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender, who has been in that role since 2005, will step down from editing the news and will only edit the weekly Compass arts and entertainment section, as well as some special supplements to The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News. Hochswender has edited both The Lakeville Journal and Compass over the past two years, during COVID-19 restrictions and limitations on events. Before becoming executive editor, Hochswender was a reporter for The Lakeville Journal from 1999 to 2005.

"I've deeply enjoyed spending more than two decades observing, learning about and writing about our community," Hochswender said. "It's time for someone to step in and take a fresh look at our towns and the issues that matter to them, and I'm confident that Debra Alek-

"It's time for someone to step in and take a fresh look at our towns and the issues that matter to them,"

Cynthia Hochswender,  
Executive Editor



PHOTO BY CHUCK ALEKSINAS

**Debra Aleksinas, who has been a freelance investigative reporter for The Lakeville Journal since 2018, will be the new editor of The Lakeville Journal, replacing Cynthia Hochswender.**

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Generous \$2 Million Gift Shows Cary Institute Is Valued; Columns **B4**

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## Officials distribute COVID-19 test kits to local residents at Legion Hall

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — Aiding local residents in securing an urgently needed resource after the holidays, the town of North East and village of Millerton combined forces to distribute their second allocation of COVID-19 test kits on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Even with the growing demand for COVID-19 tests across the country, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan explained New York State has been able to get a hold of thousands of test kits and into the hands of counties to, in turn, distribute the kits to towns, villages and schools at no charge to residents.

Totalling 60 kits between the town and village, the first allocation of COVID-19 tests North East and Millerton received from the state were distributed in a giveaway before the holidays.

Combined with the tests received in the second allocation, 105 tests were doled out at the recent giveaway, which ran between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Millerton American Legion Post 178 on Route 44.

Kennan informed residents about last Thursday's giveaway through an e-newsletter issued on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Similar to the two municipalities' previous distribution, Kennan explained the latest giveaway of COVID-19 test kits would be determined "on the basis of one kit per household, on a first-come, first-served basis."

"In the interest of fairness, priority is being given to those



PHOTOS BY SEAN KLAY

American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay reported that cars were lining up along Route 44 in anticipation of the COVID-19 test kits that were distributed at the Millerton Post building, starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6. All 105 kits were gone within 45 minutes.

who did not receive a test kit in the previous distribution," Kennan wrote via e-newsletter, adding that residents of other communities are advised to check in with their respective municipal offices for COVID-19 test kit availability.

Twenty minutes before the distribution was set to begin, American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay said cars were lining up along Route 44, waiting to pick up a test.

Anticipating a high volume of traffic, Klay said he went down to the Legion Hall to direct incoming vehicles through the parking lot and along the proper lanes of the parking lot.

All while keeping an eye on the number of tests available, Kennan and Millerton Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori greeted residents at the entrance to the Post Hall and checked their address before handing over a kit containing two COVID-19 rapid tests. Within 45 minutes, all of the tests had been given away.

Given how quickly they ran out of kits, Kennan said, "I realized what a demand there is. People really want to be able to



As a joint distribution effort between the town of North East and the village of Millerton, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Millerton Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori handed out COVID-19 test kits to local residents at the entrance of the American Legion Post 178 Hall last week.

know they can visit their friends or older relatives and be safe, so it's very important for people to feel that they have some idea of what's going on because the omicron, in general, seems to be a milder case so it can be a little difficult to tell if it's a bad cold or something else."

Having contracted a mild case of COVID-19 himself before the holidays, Kennan said,

"I think I felt it was probably inevitable that at some point — especially in a job where you do interact with people a fair bit — that I would get it."

Kennan added he knew of others in town who tested positive for COVID. Luckily, he said his experience wasn't severe, so it was more of an inconvenience and a disruption in his work and he has since recovered.

## North East Town Board reassembles, organizes for the upcoming year

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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NORTH EAST — The North East Town Board wasted no time in making appointments and designations for 2022 at its annual organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 3, at 5 p.m.

Gathering at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, all board members attended in-person, save newly-elected Councilman Griffin Cooper who attended remotely.

Town Supervisor Chris Kennan began by appointing Councilwoman Lana Morrison as deputy supervisor.

The board noted its business meetings will take place on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall at 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton.

Salisbury Bank & Trust was designated as the official depository while The Millerton News was designated the official newspaper, with The Poughkeepsie Journal as its alternate.

Warren Replansky was appointed as Attorney to the Town and Michael Torchia of Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill was appointed town accountant.

Lorna Sherman was appointed bookkeeper and budget officer; Sherman was later appointed secretary for the Planning Board office while Debra Phillips was appointed secretary for Planning Board meetings.

Donna Morrison was appointed assessor's aide while John Lloyd was appointed real property data lister.

Virginia Wheatley was appointed town justice clerk.

Patricia Millius was appointed secretary to the Building Department; Judith Carlson was appointed secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Ken McLaughlin was appointed building inspector/code enforcement officer (CEO) for administrative and zoning matters while Michael Segelken was appointed building inspector/CEO for building/fire inspections and field work.

deputy town clerk for office assistance and then deputy registrar. Christopher Virtuoso was named deputy town clerk for tax collection.

After approving a resolution designating the town clerk as the records management officer and adopting the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, the board appointed Virtuoso as scan clerk.

Julie Schroeder was appointed ZBA chairman; Edie Greenwood was appointed vice chairman, as well as to a term ending Dec. 31, 2026.

Schroeder was later appointed to the Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) for a term ending June 11, 2024, as was Ed Downey, who was later appointed town historian.

Dale Culver was appointed Planning Board chairman; Bill Kish was appointed to a term on the Planning Board ending Dec. 31, 2028.

Lance Middlebrook was ap-

pointed to the Ethics Committee for a term ending Dec. 31, 2026.

Robert Stevens was appointed highway superintendent for a term ending Dec. 31, 2023. Shawn Morrison was appointed highway motor equipment operator (HMEO) foreman while Joshua Schultz was appointed highway HMEO assistant foreman.

Richard Prentice was appointed dog control officer.

### Town Board committees

Councilmembers Cooper and John Midwood were appointed to Emergency Services and Building, Grounds & Facilities; Ralph Fedele and Lana Morrison were appointed to Police Services and Personnel; Kennan and Midwood were appointed to Highway; Cooper and Morrison were appointed to Recreation; Kennan and Morrison were appointed to Budget, ZRC and Wastewater District Committee; Fedele and Midwood were appointed to Cemetery; and Kennan, Fedele, Stevens and McLaughlin were

appointed to Hazard Mitigation.

After the salaries of all elected and appointed officers were established along with the wage rates for all other personnel per the adopted 2022 town budget, the board authorized Straus to open bids on public works or purchase contracts.

The mileage rate was set at the standard IRS .58 cents per mile.

The board adopted a resolution for appointed and elected officials to attend the New York State Association of Towns Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20, to Wednesday, Feb. 23, and Kennan was designated as delegate for the annual meeting.

## Millerton Fire Company names officers for 2022

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — Given all the challenges its district and other districts faced in 2021, the Millerton Fire Company was ready to ring in the New Year when it announced its new slate of officers for 2022.

The officers were appointed at year's end on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 2021, when the company reorganized for the new year and held its annual election at the Millerton firehouse at 24 Century Blvd.

### 2022 Millerton Fire Company Officers

Fire Chief Jason Watson  
1st Asst. Chief David Schultz

2nd Asst. Chief William Watson

Captain Jimmy Tanner  
1st Lt. Andrew Schultz  
2nd Lt. Anthony Sarvis

### 2022 Rescue Squad Officers

Fire Police Captain Larry Selfridge  
Rescue Captain Heather Mullen

### Administrative Team for 2022

President Lenny Morrison

Vice President and Treasurer Kelly Roger

Secretary Sharon Stramm  
Board of Director Joe Cawley

Along with welcoming her on board as secretary, the Millerton Fire Company gave thanks to Stramm for her years of service as the company's rescue captain, as was specially noted in a post made on the company's Facebook page on Thursday, Dec. 9.

In 2021, the Millerton Fire Company responded to hundreds of calls, according to Fire Chief Jason Watson, who posted a letter about the volunteer firefighters efforts' in 2021 and posted it on the company's Facebook page.

He wrote the company "responded to assist the Town of Northeast Medic 1,235 [times] for a total of 710 hours." In addition, he stated the company responded to 78 automatic fire alarms for a total of 126 hours; four structure fires for a total of 450 hours; 15 calls on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail for a total of 150 hours; 38 miscellaneous calls for a total of 700 hours; and responded "to standby in another firehouse five times for a total of 61 hours.

"Altogether, this totals 375 calls and 2,197 hours served in 2021. There's also the 2,094 hours the company spent on training, work details and arranging parades for birthdays.

"On behalf of the North East Fire District and Millerton Fire Company, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication," Watson stated in his letter. "Without endless hours of training and volunteering, we wouldn't be who we are today."

As of this time, the Millerton Fire Company and North East Fire District are on the lookout for volunteers. Those interested in helping are welcome to stop by the North East Fire Annex at 29 Century Blvd. on Monday nights between 6 and 9 p.m. to pick up an application.

Interested candidates may also email chiefnefd@gmail.com for more information.

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# Amenia Town Board organizes for the year ahead

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AMENIA — Calling their meeting to order at 7 p.m. sharp, the Town Board held its annual organizational meeting for 2022 on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Gathering via Zoom, the meeting was live-streamed on the "AmeniaTV" YouTube channel. Though the oaths of office was listed at the top of the agenda, Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner explained they were unable to administer the oaths by electronic means, so each newly-elected representative was given the oath by the town justices to be sworn into office before the meeting.

Klingner swore in returning town Supervisor Victoria Perotti; newly elected Councilmen Brad Rebillard and Leo Blackman; returning Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin; and her husband, newly elected Town Justice Christo-

pher Klingner.

Clerk Klingner also informed the board about Town Justice Norman Moore's retirement, which became effective on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

The board accepted Moore's retirement with regret and thanks for his many years of service in court.

Maureen Eales' resignation from the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) was later accepted by the board as well.

One by one, board members read aloud the town's list of appointments and resolutions.

The board established its business workshop meeting for the first Thursday of the month and its regular meeting for the third Thursday of the month; both meetings will occur at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall at 4988 Route 22.

Ian Lindars was appointed at-

torney to the town while Shane Egan was appointed attorney for tax certioraris matters.

Marge Arnold was appointed bookkeeper with Lorna Sherman as alternate per diem bookkeeper.

Michele Somogyi was appointed bank reconciliation clerk for the supervisor while Victoria Jasmine was appointed treasurer of the Water District and Nancy Nowak was appointed clerk of the Water District and as a typist.

Hilarie Thomas was appointed town court special prosecutor while Kimberley Rea was appointed attorney for the Old Amenia Landfill.

Perotti was appointed director of finance while Annette Culligan was appointed secretary to the supervisor.

Michael Segelken was appointed code enforcement of-

ficer (CEO), followed by Joan Roberts' appointment as building clerk and Klingner's appointments as tax collector and registrar of vital statistics.

Erica Howard was first appointed deputy town clerk, and later deputy tax collector and deputy registrar of vital statistics. Patricia Sawicki was appointed records management clerk.

Robert Boyles Jr. was appointed chairman of the Planning Board while John Metcalfe was appointed chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Town Board members appointed the volunteer members of the Planning Board and ZBA later in the meeting and Judy Westfall as secretary of both.

Dawn Morrison was appointed as the assessor's clerk with Amanda Chamberlin as assessor's aide, while John Lloyd was appointed as a real property data lister.

After appointing the town's constables, a resolution to au-

thorize the constables to carry identified firearms was approved.

Klingner and Maureen Moore were both appointed justice clerks.

Paul Voorhees was appointed working supervisor and Darren Peterson, Preston Vincent, John Williams and Jay Spock were all appointed highway equipment operators.

Judith Carlson was appointed account clerk typist; James Morse as custodian; Shawn Howard was appointed recreation groundskeeper with Charles Mayville as an assistant recreation groundskeeper; Kelly Milano as recreation supervisor; Michael Flint as audio visual technician; Maria Genovese as animal control officer; and Michael Hagerty as grant writer.

The board executed an agreement to spend highway funds totaling \$232,761.67. The highway mileage reimbursement rate was set at the federal rate of .585 cents per mile.

The town renewed its contract with SEBI Environmental Services Inc. for the Water District; it designated M&T Bank and Salisbury Bank & Trust as its depositories; and it designated The Millerton News as its official newspaper.

### Town committees

The board appointed Blackman and Councilwoman Vicki Doyle to the Recreation Commission, Amenia Housing Board and Enhancement Committee; Rebillard and Councilman Damian Gutierrez were appointed to the Emergency Response Safety Committee, the Board of Ethics and the Industrial Commercial Incentive Committee; Doyle and Rebillard were appointed to the CAC; Blackman and Gutierrez were appointed to the Wastewater Committee; Doyle, Rebillard and Blackman were designated as emergency interim successors; while Perotti was appointed to represent Amenia at the 2022 Association of Towns meeting.

## Amenia Fire Co. announces new slate of officers for 2022

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Just before the year ended, the Amenia Fire Company succeeded in re-electing its line and administrative officers for 2022 at the company's annual election on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Following its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Amenia firehouse at 36 Mechanic St., the company set its sights on the election.

Amenia Fire District Chief Aaron Howard Jr. said the officers generally serve a one-year term, adding there's no limit to how many terms one can serve.

### Amenia Fire Company Line Officers for 2022

Fire Chief Aaron Howard Jr.  
Asst. Chief Matthew Deister  
Asst. Chief Christopher Howard

Captain Andy Murphy  
1st Lt. Richie Howard  
2nd Lt. John Macura  
3rd Lt. Tom Ford Sr.

Rescue Captain Dawn Marie Klingner  
Rescue 1st Lt. Christopher Klingner  
Rescue 2nd Lt. Zachary Klingner.

**2022 Amenia Fire Co. Administrative Officers**  
President Rich Howard  
Vice President John Macura  
Treasurer Mary Maillet  
Financial Secretary Tom Ford Sr.

Recording Secretary Christine Thompson

"This year, we are looking forward to maintaining our readiness with high quality training, equipment and modern rescue and firefighting tactics," Howard said. "We are also hopeful to be able to host community events when it is safe to do so."

"Our members are extremely dedicated to providing volunteer emergency service in an efficient and professional manner," he added.



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### Amenia Fire Co. gets new 'Jaws of Life'

Gathering just before year's end on Dec. 20, 2021, above, members of the Amenia Fire Company lined up to celebrate the purchase of new auto extrication equipment funded by Dutchess County's 2021 Municipal Investment Grant program. Fire Chief Aaron Howard Jr. explained it includes Amkus rescue tools, known as the "Jaws of Life." They are used to help extricate victims from automobile accidents when the most powerful tools are necessary to quickly rescue car crash survivors.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Annex of the North East Millerton Library, 28 Century Blvd., Millerton, New York, on the application of Jackson Wandres and Nera Cruz, owners of tax parcel # 7271-00-770442, for an area variance in order to erect a fence on a side property line when at least ten feet from the side property line is required. The parcel is located at 86 State Line Road in the Medium Density Residential (R20,000) Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Julie Schroeder  
Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
01-13-22

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 25th day of January 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Leanne Fremar for property located at 381 Skunks Misery Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID#134200-7071-00-766436.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum front yard setback for a proposed garage and gym structure to be 19 feet, 9 inches, in lieu of the required maximum of 75 feet and for the setback of a structure. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of:  
Scott Chase,  
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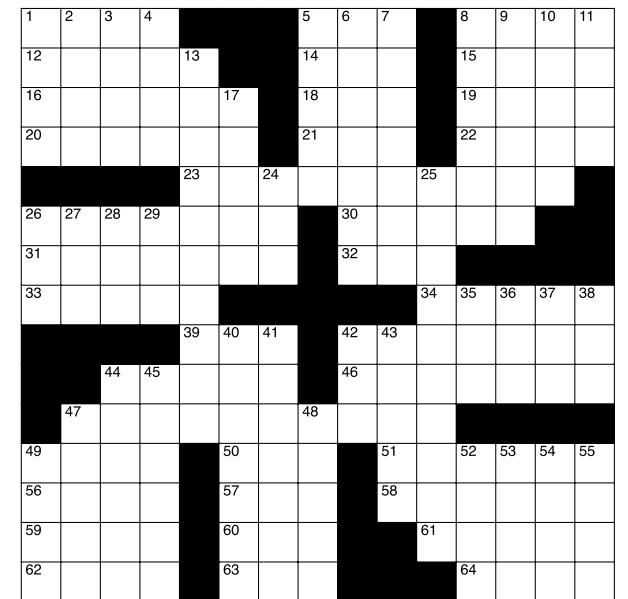
## Brain Teasers

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- Requests
- Calendar month
- Invests in little enterprises
- Bird sound
- S. American plant cultivated for tubers
- Car
- Bullfighter
- Hill (Celtic)
- Strong criticism
- Detector
- When you hope to get there
- Having the skill to do something
- Legendary MLB broadcaster
- Vulcanite
- C. Asian mountain range
- In a way, healed
- Midway between east and southeast
- Small appendages of insects
- Greene, "Bonanza" actor
- A place to bathe
- Postal worker accessory
- Classical music
- A way of wrecking
- Terminator
- You eat three a day
- Pointed end of a pen
- NATO official (abbr.)
- Genus of clams
- Boxing's "G.O.A.T."
- A colorless, odorless gas used as fuel
- Covered thinly with gold
- Bachelor of Laws
- Red fluorescent dye
- Engineering group
- Female sibling
- Adjacent

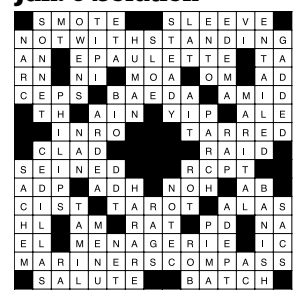
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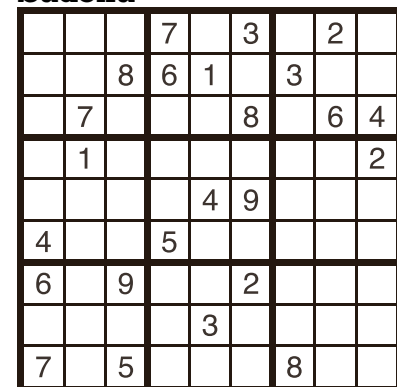


- Excluded from use or mention
- Speak
- Bloodshot
- Make better
- Keyboard key
- Type of degree
- Paddle
- Peacock network
- Not young
- Baseball stat
- One's grandmother
- Breakfast food
- Bathroom features
- Disease-causing bacterium
- NY ballplayer
- Got up
- Prophet
- Part of the mouth
- Unnatural
- Acronym for brain science study
- Three are famous
- Languages spoken in Patagonia
- Freedom from difficulty
- Widely used OS
- Many people pay it

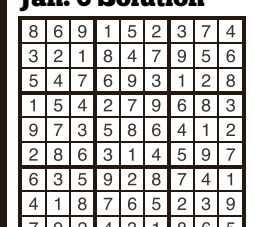
### Jan. 6 Solution



### Sudoku



### Jan. 6 Solution



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## OBITUARIES

### In appreciation:

#### Mark Niedhammer

Mark Niedhammer and I went to high school together in upstate New York. Somehow we both ended up in Salisbury.

Our paths did not cross until about 30 years after our youthful days in high school.

A solicitation from our school ended up in my post box, which was addressed to Mark. We connected after that and gleefully reminisced... That long-ago familiar bond brought us together every time our paths crossed.

When I went into The Lakeville Journal office, Mark's greet-

ing was as pleasant and warm as if we were long-lost cousins.

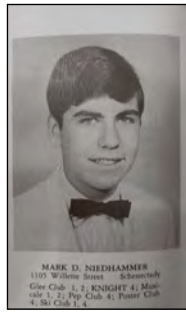
At the transfer station booth, he would give me the thumbs up greeting with a wide grin and a tip of his hat.

It was these simple gestures from Mark that made you feel very special, and that feeling stayed with you longer than you expected.

I will miss that wonderful warm personality that I stumbled across several decades ago.

Lakeville

Bill Willis



MARK D. NIEDHAMMER  
1946 - 2022

#### Peter Demarest Adams

LAKEVILLE — Peter Demarest Adams, 77, died peacefully at home in Ashfield, Mass., from Parkinson's disease on Dec. 24, 2021.

He was born in New York City to Demarest Adams and Elizabeth (van Bibber) Adams on April 7, 1944. Peter's father died suddenly when Peter was just shy of 6 years old, his mother remarried, and he and his mother and sisters moved to Hartford, Conn., where he became one of seven children.

Peter spent his high school years at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, went on to Brown University, graduating with a B.A. in 1967, and then returned to Hotchkiss, where he soon became Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, a position he held until 1980 when he left Hotchkiss for graduate school.

Motivated to help teenagers and their parents navigate both adolescence and education, Peter pursued his M. Ed. from Harvard University and opened his Educational Counseling practice in 1981, work he continued until he retired in 2011.

Always one to think resourcefully and thoughtfully, Peter helped hundreds of students find ways not only to enhance their education, but also to broaden their dreams for a future they might not have considered possible. Peter particularly enjoyed working with students for whom education was a challenge and not always a linear track, teenagers who felt they didn't fit anywhere.

Creative in making a match of the most appropriate schools for a wide range of students, Peter co-founded I-Way, a consulting firm in Germany, which helped European students experience American independent schools and colleges.

Peter had a unique, compassionate understanding of adolescents' diverse learning styles and a kind calmness that built trust and confidence in

the families he came to know. He wanted to listen to, and learn about, every person he met — and he wanted everyone he met to thrive.

During his career Peter sat on the boards of The Ben Bronz Academy in West Hartford, The Cobb School in Simsbury, ASSIST Inc. in Suffield and A Better Chance in New York City.

Peter was a genuine altruist, intuitive, curious, insightful, gracious, kind and positive.

Just as Peter never met a person he didn't want to help, he never found a problem around the house he didn't want to make right.

He sought the outdoors, whether in a canoe or on a beach or ski slope, in the garden or on a dirt road, or just reading the paper in the shade on a summer afternoon.

Most of all, Peter loved his family, and his bright blue eyes sparkled when he was with them. The only thing that ever confined Peter was Parkinson's disease, a cruel diagnosis that robbed his body and his mind of the physical activity and the intellectual mobility he had always prized. Even then, he continued to be the kind, thoughtful man he always was; he never once complained.

Peter is survived by his wife, Nancy Henderson; his daughters, Kit Bayer and Beatrice Adams; his sons, Jack Henderson-Adams and Alexander Adams; his sisters, Sally Vaun, Judy Lee and Elizabeth Adams; his brothers, Tim Lee and Spencer Lee; his mother-in-law, Patricia Henderson; his brother-in-law, Jack Henderson; his sister-in-law, Marnie Henderson; and his son-in-law, Sean Bayer.

A memorial service will be held in the Chapel at The Hotchkiss School at 2 p.m. on June 19, Fathers' Day.

Donations in Peter's memory may be sent to The Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, P.O. Box 161, Ashfield MA 01330.

For another obituary, see Page A5.

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

#### Emma K. (Luminati) Craft

NORTH CANAAN — Emma K. (Luminati) Craft, 104, died Jan. 8, 2022, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was the widow of Howard Craft.

Emma was born Feb. 19, 1917, in Salisbury, daughter of the late Celesta (Guiliani) and Louis Luminati.

Emma was employed as a teller for the former Industrial National Bank now known as Bank of America, in Rhode Island. She also worked in the bond department of Fleet Bank.

Emma is survived by her two daughters, Carol Poyet of North Canaan and Carmen Hardman of Hudson, N.H.; her brother, Peter Luminati of North Canaan; six grandchildren, Melissa Poyet Borys of Lincoln, R.I.,

Bobby Hardman, Michael Hardman, Kathy Hardman, Michelle Hardman and Patricia Hardman; eight great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Tyler, Sean, Grant, Jesse, Stephanie, Kyle and Jacob; and five great-great-grandchildren, Tatley, Jaslynn, Braxton, Gemma and Jameson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church in North Canaan. Burial will follow the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box 897, North Canaan, CT 06018.

#### George Reid Jr.

SALISBURY — George Reid Jr., 91, passed away peacefully on Jan. 3, 2022.

Born on Dec. 10, 1930, in New York City, he is the youngest and last of four siblings who preceded him in death.

George went to Taft School ('49), and Oberlin College ('53), embracing history and jazz as well as becoming an All-American soccer player.

He had the fortune to go on as an educator, touching the lives of many young people throughout the U.S. and Swit-

zerland.

His love for New England, specifically northwestern Connecticut, kept him here for most of his adult life — hiking, canoeing and enjoying the bird life of the area were some of his treasured pastimes.

He is survived by three sons, Michael, James and Samuel; plus many grandchildren, who love and will miss him very much.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



### In Appreciation:

#### Joanne Wojtusiak

I was deeply saddened to read that Joanne Wojtusiak had "ceased her earth walk," as she might have described it. And what an earth walk it was — at least from a slight remove, since I live in Warren.

I am not sure if Joanne and I ever formally met but we did speak on the phone (landlines) once or twice, and I did see her at a few Cornwall public hearings over the years. She struck me as a rather unique institution in that town, functioning as faithful watchdog over the town's governance process — sometimes welcomed, other times maybe not so much.

She certainly did her factual homework and went right to the heart of problems that many did not yet recognize. Her long-view analyses were rarely personal — rather, always principle/issue oriented.

But I did sense a touch of personal heartbreak regarding the subject of citizen participation in public matters when Cornwall's BOS and P&Z decided to cease public participation in spoken form during official meetings, opting instead for written comments only. She thought something of utmost participatory vitality had been lost.

I told Joanne that Cornwall, compared to many other towns in our area, was a 10 in terms of being open to public input. I pointed out that she may have simply gotten used to a process of speaking as a member of the public during town meetings

that is actually quite unusual, in regard to how such meetings are generally structured.

The general model is that written comments are accepted and read into the record and public comments are taken too at the beginning of meetings. Warren now allows comments at the beginning and end of meetings.

I even added that I sometimes wondered how Cornwall's boards ever made a decision with the public commenting constantly throughout their deliberation process.

But, but, but, I added, they had gone whole hog in the opposite direction with no in-person public comments at all. While that might be appropriate in certain large city public venues, it's usually considered anathema in small towns.

The general model is that written comments are accepted and read into the record and public comments are taken too at the beginning of meetings. Warren now allows public comment at the beginning and end of BOS meetings. Joanne carved out a unique activist role for Cornwallians and non-Cornwallians alike. Sometimes the thorn in our side is the best field guide to where the nettles thrive. Such thorns, though vexing to some, are to be cherished for the clarion call they provide in democracies. She will be sorely missed and certainly not easily replaced.

B. Blake Levitt  
Warren, Conn.

#### Janis Elizabeth Downey

SHARON — Janis Elizabeth Downey, 83, died Jan. 3, 2022, in Sharon.

She was the loving wife of the late John A. Downey, MD.

Janis was born on June 14, 1938, in Uxbridge in Middlesex, UK, the only child of Arnold and Katherine (née Procter) Piggott.

Following completion of her education, including secretarial training in Oxford, Janis moved to London, where she worked for various Members of Parliament. She always fondly remembered her nine years working for Baron Richard Luce, former Lord Chamberlain to the Queen and a Conservative Member of Parliament.

While on vacation in Italy in 1980, Janis met her future

husband, John. After a long-distance romance, they married in New York City in 1983.

They then split their time between their home in New York and their farmhouse in Sharon, where Janis was able to indulge her lifelong love of animals.

A memorial service will be held at the Sharon Congregational Church on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Congregational Church, P.O. Box 6, Sharon CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

The memorial service will be available to watch online at [www.sharoncongregationalchurch.org/downey-memorial](http://www.sharoncongregationalchurch.org/downey-memorial).



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Livestream at 10:30 am  
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The Rev. Heidi Truax  
[trinity@trinitylimerock.org](mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org)  
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[sharonumc5634@att.net](mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net)

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Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary  
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We hope you will join us!

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Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
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SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart  
WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart

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11 a.m. Worship Service  
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Rev. Lee Gangaware  
860-824-5534  
[canaanct-umc.com](mailto:canaanct-umc.com)  
[canaanctumc@gmail.com](mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com)

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Rev. John Kreta  
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[allsaintsofamerica.us](http://allsaintsofamerica.us)

### In Loving Memory of Peter C. Roosa

October 12, 1950 to January 11, 2019

Time slips by and life goes on  
But from our hearts you're never gone.  
We think about you always, we talk about you too, we have so many memories but we wish we still had you.

You are deeply loved:  
Phyllis, Jamie, Nonnie,  
The Petkovich and Roosa Family



### In Loving Memory of Jeffery Jay Petkovich

May 12, 1968 to January 20, 1990

May the wings of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear  
How much we Love and Miss you and Wish that you were here.

You are loved deeply:  
Mom, Jamie, Nonnie

# Pine Plains organizes for 2022

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — In less than 10 minutes, the Pine Plains Town Board got itself ready for 2022 at its annual organizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Starting at 7 p.m., the board met in-person at Town Hall and live-streamed the meeting on YouTube. A recording of the meeting can also be viewed on [www.pineplains-ny.gov](http://www.pineplains-ny.gov).

Following the acceptance of the 2022 town salaries, town Supervisor Brian Walsh read aloud the list of board and department liaisons, which was approved unanimously.

## Liaisons

Councilwoman Sarah Jones was appointed liaison for both assessment review and the Planning Board while Councilman Matthew Zick was appointed liaison for the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) and recreation. Councilman Robert Ambrose was appointed liaison for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

For department liaisons, Jones was appointed to the Justice Department, the Pine Plains Free Library and the town clerk. Ambrose was appointed liaison for the fire district and the Highway Department, while Councilman Don Bartles was appointed liaison for the As-

sessors Department and the town engineer. Battles and Zick were appointed liaisons for the Water Department, while Zick and Walsh were appointed liaisons for the Pine Plains Central School District. Zick was also paired with the Beautification Committee. Walsh was appointed liaison for insurance, town attorney and the town police.

## Appointments

Next Walsh proceeded to read a list of appointments, which were promptly approved. Following Walsh's appointment as chairperson to the Town Board, James A. Smith III was appointed deputy supervisor while Town Clerk Maedelin D'foe was appointed clerk to the Town Board, registrar of vital statistics and marriage officer.

Judy Harpp was appointed deputy town clerk/registrar while Eileen Ciaburri was appointed tax collector.

Walsh was appointed budget director while Karena Frenzel was appointed bookkeeper to the supervisor.

Warren Replansky was appointed attorney to the town; and the firm Clark, Patterson & Lee and Ray Jurkowski was appointed town engineer/Pine Plains Water Improvement Area (PPWIA) engineer.

Robert Lee Couse was appointed to Building and Grounds.

Karen Pineda was appointed secretary to the highway superintendent and Debra Phillip was appointed clerk to the PPWIA.

Richard Diaz was appointed chairperson to the assessors with Lynda Wisdo as secretary to the assessors. Patrick MacMurray, Scott Chase and Anne Noone were appointed to the Board of Assessment Review, followed by Drew Weaver's appointments as code enforcement officer and zoning enforcement officer.

Maryann Lennon was appointed justice court clerk while Robert Harpp Jr. was appointed court clerk and Kerri L. Yamashita was appointed town prosecutor.

John Hughes was appointed police officer-in-charge of the Pine Plains Police Department with Michael Beliveau, Steven Camburn and Mark Perotta as patrol officers.

Richard Prentice was appointed animal control officer and all hazard mitigation plan representative.

Michael Cooper was appointed recreation director and Gerald Parlman was appointed recycling attendant.

One by one, the board appointed the chairpersons, secretaries and members of the Planning Board, ZBA and CAC. Lastly, Little Nine Partners

Historical Society was appointed town historian.

## Meeting dates & times, designations

The board established its monthly meeting date as the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. with its working meeting date scheduled for the Monday before its regular meeting at 7 p.m., if needed.

The Planning Board will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. while the ZBA will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

The mileage reimbursement was set at 0.56 cents per mile per IRS standard, and the courier fee was established at \$35 per trip plus mileage.

The Millerton News was established as the town's official newspaper with The Poughkeepsie Journal as its alternate. Both Bank of Millbrook and Salisbury Bank & Trust were appointed as the official banks.

Before entering executive session, the board authorized Walsh to enter into contract with the Pine Plains Free Library and the Pine Plains Veterinary Association P.C. for its respective services.

Walsh was also authorized to enter into contract with Dutchess County Department of Public Works for shared services for diesel and gas.



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From left, music teacher Erin Marlow congratulated Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School sophomores Gabriel Hieter, Milo Francavilla and Max Heggenstaller on their acceptance into the 2021 Area All State Band. Sophomore Sarah Griffin (not pictured) was accepted into orchestra.

## Students soar to new musical heights

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) was enlivened with the sound of music in November as four of its students were selected to participate in Area All State Band and Orchestra.

On the statewide level, Erin Marlow, a music teacher at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, said 2021 was Pine Plains' 85th year participating in Area All State. Area All State competition was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students were elected for Area All State based on their performance of a solo in which they demonstrated their vocal, orchestral or band abilities. Marlow said the students in an evaluation that took place earlier that May, and their performance scores were submitted to a committee representing Zone 10 of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).

Zone 10 of NYSSMA includes Dutchess, Columbia and Putnam Counties. Once selected for Area All State, students are given the chance to compete against their peers from varying high school levels and musical abilities.

All sophomores at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, the four students selected in 2021 auditioned for band,

including Max Heggenstaller on saxophone; Milo Francavilla on clarinet; Gabriel Hieter on percussion; and Sarah Griffin on French horn. Marlow said Sarah was accepted into Area All State Orchestra while Max, Milo and Gabriel were accepted into Area All State Band.

Following their acceptance, the four Stissing students worked with guest conductors from Ithaca College throughout the weekend of Nov. 19 to prepare the music they planned to perform in the Area All State Festival.

Their rehearsals later culminated in a concert performance held at Brewster High School on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

It's been two months since the students competed and Marlow said they're now looking to audition for Conference All State this year in Rochester. She said the competition selects the top students in the entire state rather than just in Zone 10.

Considering last year was her first year as a high school band director, Marlow said being able to send students to Area All State was an eye-opening experience for her as well as for her students.

"It was a great learning experience for them as students and for me, because they've been my students since sixth grade," she said. "They've been bitten by the bug and it was a big encouragement for them and they want to do All State [again]."

## DUTCHESS COUNTY 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.

### Stolen sneakers

Sunday, Jan. 2, Deputies responded to 173 Route 292 in Pawling for a larceny of a FedEx package containing sneakers

that occurred in the past that remains under investigation.

### DWI arrest

Sunday, Jan. 2, Deputies arrested Mark J. Brennan, age 58, of Connecticut, for Aggravated DWI. It was his first offense. The arrest was subsequent to a complaint of an erratic vehicle driving on the roads.

Brennan was processed and released with an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of North East Court at a later date.

### Disturbance in Dover

Monday, Jan. 3, Deputies responded to 74 Hoags Corners Road in the Town of Dover for a disturbance between room-

mates.

The matter was mediated by the Deputies on patrol and brought under control.

### 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 [dcso\\_tips@gmail.com](mailto:dcso_tips@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).

## OBITUARY

### Janice M. 'J.J.' (Stupak) Lorenzo

NORTH CANAAN — Janice M. 'J.J.' (Stupak) Lorenzo, 67, died suddenly on Jan. 6, 2022, after an extremely hard-fought battle with lung disease.

Janice was born March 24, 1954, at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, the daughter of the late Larry Ball Sr. (her biological father) and Skip Stupak Sr. and Nellie (Bunce) Stupak.

A graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Janice had many accomplishments in her life. She was part owner of On the Run in Lakeville. She then worked at a few other restaurants in the surrounding area.

Janice also owned her own housekeeping business. Most recently she worked as a private duty home health aide. She worked with many clients throughout the Northwest Corner. Her pride and joy, though, was owning and operating her

nail, hair and tanning business in Taconic, Pretty Woman Salon.

Her kind and caring spirit was well-known in the community. Janice always went out of her way to help everyone she could. She tried to adopt every stray animal she came across and treated every child who came into her home as her own.

Janice is survived by her two daughters, Donielle Lorenzo and Nicole Lorenzo, both of Salisbury; a stepson, Peter Lorenzo III of Salisbury; two brothers, Larry Ball Jr. of Hillsdale, N.Y., and Skip Stupak of North Canaan; three sisters, Lil Hankey of New Marlborough, Mass., Jane Eichstedt of Sheffield and Ann McDermott of Stockbridge, Mass. Janice is also survived by her "adopted children," Kayleigh Golden, Dylan Hickey, Sarah Hawver, Casey Mazeralle and Hannah

Riva, along with many others.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to her caretaker, Quin Texidor; Dr. Michael Parker in Sharon; Yale New Haven Health; and the extremely kind and caring staff of Sharon Hospital and North Canaan Ambulance.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan from 4 to 8 p.m. A Celebration of Janice's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018; or the Lakeville Hose Company #1, P.O. Box 1969, Lakeville, CT 06039.

For more obituaries, see Page A4.

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Two years later, after two highly successful appeals to our readership for contributions that saved your local community newspapers, this small media company is in a very different place. Your generosity kept us alive, even during a worldwide pandemic, and we were able to apply for and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS as a public charity. Your contributions to The Lakeville Journal Foundation are now tax deductible to the extent permitted under the law. Now it is time to regroup again and make a new plan to take this media company into a successful future.

During COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, this company was able to obtain two PPP grants from the U.S. government, which, combined with our readers' generous support, helped us remain in place to report the news of your communities. Your wish for local news is what drives our mission, which publishes in the newspapers every week:

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We sincerely ask you to be a Community Contributor, donating whatever you can to support local news, to The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Unlike the last two years, your donations are now tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you for keeping track of your local news in our publications, and profound gratitude for your support that kept The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com) here for your communities.

*Noreen Doyle*

Noreen Doyle, Chair

*Janet Manko*

Janet Manko, CEO, executive director

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the MPD's annual budget. For the village's fiscal year of June 1 through May 31 of 2022, in which the MPD's budget came to \$115,000, North East paid \$26,500, up \$500 from 2021.

Looking at its financials, the question was raised at last week's meeting if it makes more sense to contract with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to patrol the village of Millerton and town of North East rather than pay for a part-time police department.

Millerton Mayor Jenn Nadjek has said previously on multiple occasions, insuring the MPD poses a "huge liability."

Currently the MPD has nine part-time officers, all of whom work other jobs to make ends meet, according to MPD Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder.

The joint committee's chairman, Village Trustee Matt Hartzog, said assessing the idea of contracting with the DCSO was certainly a topic of interest on Jan. 6, but not one he wanted to be a focal point.

**DCSO contract factors**

"I just wanted everyone to start with baseline information, and said that the Millerton Police Department does not have the budget of the Beverly Hills Police Department," said Hartzog days later, giving details about possibly switching services from the MPD to the DCSO.

"The response time from the DCSO is, if they're coming from the Amenia Substation, about 17 minutes," he said. "In the evenings, when the DCSO patrols, there are eight different patrolling districts in Dutchess County for the Sheriff's Office in the evening; we would have between six to eight cars avail-

able in the evening spread all over the county. So if they happen to be sitting in the Wassaic station, they would be ready to go. It would be 17 minutes to the village of Millerton."

**NYSP another option**

The committee chairman said if Millerton were to contract with the New York State Police (NYSP), which has its Troop K barracks at Salt Point roughly 25 minutes away, and a substation even closer in Dover, that could also provide the village another option to its part-time force.

Hartzog said the NYSP "has not made available" information about how many units it puts on patrol on a nightly basis in Dutchess County.

Either way, he said, he didn't want to get bogged down in the details, as dissolving the MPD is not the joint committee's task.

"That's not really in our remit; our remit is about the existing police department. But we did say the Village Board would be looking into how much it would cost, what the options are and gathering information about it, to see what services might be available and see what the cost might be," he said. "Because we are a reform committee, and it's not up to us to say whether or not, that would ultimately be a Village Board decision, and a Town Board decision, because they pay 20% of the budget, but the Millerton Village Board would be the lead agency on that."

**Committee members speak**

The other three committee members, Village Trustee Dave Sherman and Town Councilmembers Lana Morrison and Ralph Fedele, also spoke to those who tuned in to the meeting.

Sherman and Morrison both expressed a great interest in hearing from the community. Sherman said he wasn't completely clear on what the group's goal is.

Meanwhile Fedele spoke briefly about the history of Millerton, when three trains used to run through the village and it was one of the largest communities around. At the time, he said, there was a real need for strict law enforcement, especially as New York had a lower legal drinking age than its neighboring states of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

After giving his mini-history lesson, the councilman said he was especially interested in hearing what kind policing local residents would like.

**The public speaks**

Hartzog said those who spoke gave responses that were "all over the place," with comments ranging from one person suggesting that "it would be wonderful if we could have some sort of mental health quotient that was in larger cities trying out having mental health professionals [willing] to help diffuse situations, domestic violence situation or injuries, etc.," to another resident bringing up "that there seems to be overlapping coverage; we will see the DCSO talking to the MPD. There is an overlap when a call goes into 911, and 911 will dispatch the closest unit; it could be the sheriff, the MPD or the NYSP. But if it's a dangerous situation, hopefully there will be more than one respondent, because you may need that if it's dangerous."

Hartzog also said, "There was talk of encouraging the creation of a mission statement for the committee, and I guess by ex-

tension that would lean into what came up with the MPD. I suggested that we would like to hear from folks, to email me things they would like to see included — anything — that's the purpose of the committee — to hear what the community would like to say. The easiest way to do that is to email to us at mhartzog.villagemillerton@gmail.com."

He noted that the village of Millerton is about to have its website revamped, and when it goes live all of those who work for the village, including Village Board members, will have new email addresses. He didn't know when that will be though.

Hartzog brought up a comment made by town resident Bill Kish, who is one of the community members who was reportedly interested in creating a citizens' police committee.

He said Kish had suggested information be included about monthly police reports; apparently in May of 2021 the MPD posted a police report that had a different format with more detailed information. He said he would like to "shoot for that format" if possible.

"We're not trying to hide anything," Hartzog said.

Kish, who confirmed at one time he had considered forming a citizens' committee, no longer feels it's necessary as the joint PSC serves the purpose. He added the committee really should start providing feedback from a much broader audience.

"I'm happy they met," said Kish. "I also feel it's really important they meet more than the minimal requirement [of twice a year]; it's really important this committee have a well defined mission, otherwise they're not a going to accomplish anything."

**A YEAR IN REVIEW** *Continued from Page A1*

for Phase One of the temporarily-renamed Millerton Community Park's revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park off Route 22, local leaders, volunteers and supporters celebrated the ground-breaking last August.

The roughly \$8 million project will completely redo the park as a massive recreation space for the entire community, with a brand new ADA-compliant pool, playground, soccer field, baseball field, basketball courts, trails, pavilion and more. Most of the money to pay for the project is being raised through donations, grants and other contributions.

In Millbrook, demolition of the former Bennett College campus began in October to make way for the 32-acre Bennett Park, which will connect to the soon-to-be-done Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC), a multi-purpose community center that will provide various creative spaces for the whole community. The village finally handed over the Thorne Building to the 501(C)3 nonprofit TBCC. The project has been years in planning and the entire



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**Alex Worthington of Millbrook rounded a barrel in a barrel racing event at Silo Ridge's community rodeo on Oct. 3, 2021.**

community has been involved in the process from the get-go.

Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia sponsored a community rodeo in October at Keane Stud Farm, also in that town. A couple of thousand attended, although some animal activists were not very happy about the event.

*Look for Part III of The Year in Review in next week's issue of The Millerton News.*

**TRANSITIONS** *Continued from Page A1*

who has written many in-depth articles for The Lakeville Journal Co. newspapers since 2018, will take over the position of Lakeville Journal editor. A long-time Litchfield County resident, Aleksinas has more than 30 years of experience as a journalist. She has held editorial and management positions at numerous weekly and daily newspapers throughout Connecticut, including The Litchfield County Times, Housatonic Publications and the Republican-American.

In addition, Aleksinas was hired as publications manager for hibu, Inc., based in King of Prussia, Pa., where she was responsible for the start-up, editorial content and layout of five monthly, hyper-local community magazines in Connecticut.

Prior to assuming her new role at The Journal, Aleksinas was the assistant worksite manager for the nonprofit LARC (The Arc of Litchfield County, Inc.) in Torrington, where her primary responsibilities in-

cluded community outreach and competitive job placement for individuals in the agency's Vocational Program.

"I am excited to join the talented and dedicated staff at The Lakeville Journal and look forward to continuing the newspaper's longstanding tradition of journalistic excellence," said Aleksinas. "Over the years I have developed a deep appreciation and passion for community journalism and its role in informing, engaging and entertaining readers. As editor of The Lakeville Journal, my goal is to balance what readers want to know with information that they might not necessarily anticipate but need to know."

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See The Journal's editorial this week for more on this topic.

— Janet Manko

**CARY INSTITUTE** *Continued from Page A1*

Zibby Tozer served on Cary's Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2013 and aside from recruiting new trustees, she also helped found the Leopold Society, which provides invaluable support to the institute.

"I've greatly admired the Cary Institute and its work since first learning about the science in 1993," she said. "Jim and I have enormous respect for its scientists, who are working to make the world a better place for all of us. We are incredibly impressed with Cary Institute's legacy of strong leadership, including its wonderful President Joshua Ginsberg and Chairman Scott Ulm, as well as its talented and dedicated Board of Trustees."

Her husband, Jim, serves on the President's Advisory Committee. He was likewise all too happy to support the science foundation located in the same community as his second home in Millbrook.

"We are proud to have this world-class scientific research institute headquartered in the Millbrook area," he said. "Our gift is a celebration of the expanding success of the Cary Institute and a thank you to the Millbrook community where our family has spent its weekends for 35 glorious years and expects to do so for many years to come. We are honored to make a major legacy gift to an organization whose expertise in such areas as aquatic ecology and disease ecology is of increasing national and global importance."

The Tozers' daughter, Farran Tozer Brown, is a current Cary trustee, continuing the family's ongoing legacy of support at the Cary Institute. The new building will be named The Tozer Eco-system Science Building once construction is completed.

Friday, April 8, has tentatively been set as the date to reintroduce the institute to the public.

Plans for the renovation were made some time ago, well before the pandemic hit and \$12.3 million of the \$13 million estimated for the project had already been raised, which left \$700,000 needed to be raised through a Capital Campaign launched in 2020.

The Tozers' gift brings the Capital Campaign fund over its

original goal.

The renovation will add about 570-square-feet to the building, for a total of 1,200-square-feet of space for scientists to work in. The redo also reclaimed an old squash court that was being used for storage.

Expected to take between 12 to 18 months to complete, there have been a few construction delays due to COVID, but mainly the work has been on schedule.

A Topping-Off Ceremony was held last March to celebrate the renovations. The institute has mainly been able to stay open during renovations and hold virtual events for the community, functioning as normal.

The original 1973 facility included a saw-tooth roof that allowed much natural lighting; the redesign includes plans bring back the original saw-tooth roof. It will also add offices, space for visiting scientists and post doctorates and conference rooms that can support virtual and hybrid networking.

Architects Becker and Becker worked with Emeritus Cary Trustee, architect Allan Shope, who has a well-known reputation for his work in sustainable architecture and currently works out of Hudson.

Local vendors and labor have been used whenever possible, including Consigli Construction Co., Inc. in Pleasant Valley, which served as construction

manager. The Cary Institute stated that it wanted to use the project as a way to contribute to the county's economic recovery after being hit so hard by COVID-19 pandemic.

Many features in the building are geared to protect the health and wellbeing of workers, including the addition of or upgrading of various systems.

Separate air handling systems are among those, as all indoor spaces have their own filtered outdoor air that will not be recirculated. The building will also use low-VOC products throughout, hands-free doors and fixtures and antimicrobial surfaces. Administrators are asking workers to respect social distancing.

The most recent renovation at the institute was its lower level, known as the Sir Patrick Bateson FRS Conference Center. Community groups will once again have access to the center, including its auditorium, once the renovation is complete. It will include updates with features that protect the health and safety of visitors who for years have shared the space with local and like-minded individuals.

"The Tozers' gift is a catalyst for the last phase of the campaign," said an appreciative Ginsburg. "We are a small but distinguished institution, and a gift of this magnitude is exceptional. The staff are energized to be returning to a highly en-

ergy efficient, light-filled headquarters with state-of-the-art air handling and the flexible spaces needed for collaborative science."

To learn more about the Cary Institute and the Tozers' gift, go to [www.caryinstitute.org](http://www.caryinstitute.org) or call 845-677-5343.

**PULVER** *Continued from Page A1*

great 2022."

He was nominated by Legislator Michael Polasek (R-3) of LaGrange.

"Gregg is genuine, compassionate and cares very much for his community and the 300,000 people that call Dutchess County home," said Polasek. "He has demonstrated characteristics of being a servant leader. I am proud to work alongside Gregg and enthusiastically nominate him for chair of this body."

Pulver, the only working farmer in the Dutchess County Legislature who serves the largest and most rural of the legislative districts, has earned high marks during his tenure as its chairman. For years he has worked closely by County Ex-

ecutive Marc Molinaro's side.

"Gregg's vision and leadership have helped this body reach heights never before attained, and his eagerness to work on the behalf of Dutchess County residents is unparalleled," Molinaro said in a statement released through his office the day of Pulver's election. "Gregg has been a tremendous partner in governing since first becoming chairman, and I value his insight and years of experience as we continue to guide Dutchess County through this pandemic."

Pulver even earned the support of one Democratic legislator in his quest for the chairmanship, Randall Johnson of Poughkeepsie.

Legislators serve two-year


terms, but leadership positions in the Legislature are only on a one year basis, with elections held during the annual organizational meetings in January.

The Legislature's Republican caucus elected Legislator Will Truitt (R-7) of Hyde Park to be its majority leader and Deirdre Houston (R-25), who represents portions of Washington, Amenia, Pleasant Valley and the village of Millbrook to be its majority whip.

The Legislature's Democratic caucus, meanwhile, elected Yvette Valdés Smith (D-16) of Wappingers Falls to be its minority leader and Barrington Atkins (D-10) of Poughkeepsie to be its minority whip and assistant leader.

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**BALLET: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## Balanchine and his Influence On Ballet in the 20th-Century

Anyone interested in classical ballet will know the name of choreographer George Balanchine; even those of us who are only familiar at a glance with the history of dance at least know who he is and understand that he was one of the towering figures.

Perhaps as important as his artistic vision and his choreography is the impact he had on ballet through his teaching.

The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., offers a chance this weekend and next weekend to get a more intimate understanding of who Balanchine was as a person, teacher and choreographer; and to see a performance by the Bolshoi Ballet of Balanchine's "Jewels."

On Sunday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m., there will be a screening of a film called "In Balanchine's Classroom," directed by ballerina Connie Hochman. The film includes interviews with 90 former Balanchine dancers, who share their memories of what they learned, how they learned it and how working with the master changed their

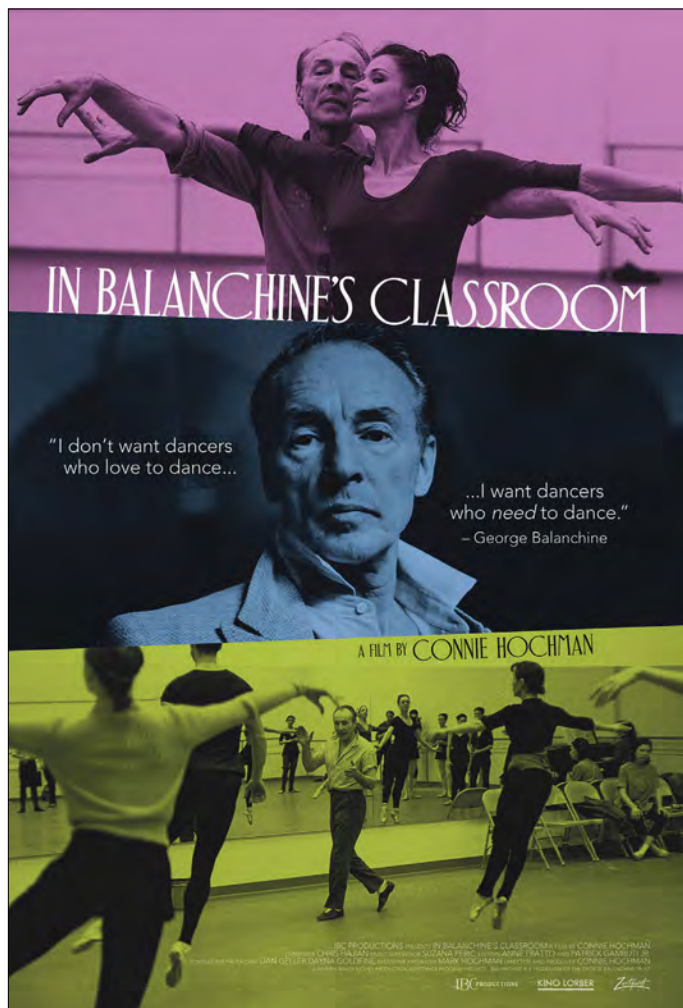


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**The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., combines a screening of "In Balanchine's Classroom" with a panel discussion with former Balanchine dancers, and then a Bolshoi Ballet performance of "Jewels," on Jan. 16 and 23.**

lives and careers.

Some of the names included in the film will be familiar to anyone even remotely interested in dance

in the mid to late 20th century: Jacques D'Amboise, Merrill Ashley, Gloria Govrin, Suki Schorer, Edward Villella and Heather Watts.

Adding to that, there will be a panel discussion after the film led by Miriam Mahdavian, who danced for the New York City Ballet under the direction of Balanchine, Jerome Robbins and Peter Martins. She will be joined by John Meehan, who was a principal dancer and is professor of dance and director of Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre as well as Frances Daly Fergusson Chair in the Humanities at Vassar College; Peter Naumann who is also a former New York City Ballet principal, choreographer and is current Ballet Master at New Palz Ballet Theater; and Lisa Chalmers-Naumann, who was a Balanchine protégée, a former New York City Ballet principal and is now Ballet Mistress at New Palz Ballet Theater.

All this leads up to the performance, "captured live," of "Jewels," choreographed by Balanchine and featuring the music of Fauré, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky. That performance on Sunday, Jan. 23, begins at 12:55 p.m.

For more information and to order tickets, go to [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net).



PHOTO BY ESTHER LOPEZ

**Jim Flaherty, the man who rescued Troutbeck from decades of neglect in the mid 1970s, has now written a memoir that finds the fun in growing older.**

**LOCAL AUTHOR: LEILA HAWKEN**

## Finding the Joy In Aging, With Jim Flaherty

Hospitable to the core, author Jim Flaherty has invited old friends and new to share in his life-affirming aging philosophy and along the way to laugh, to nod in recognition and amusement, to think, and to follow his wise advice.

The advice packs a wallop, cajoling readers into rekindling latent energy and applying it to whatever large or small passion awaits.

This little book has a long title: "Dear Old Friends: A loving reminder the band won't stop playing till you stop dancing."

It was actually written as a memoir 44 years ago, set aside in early middle age and forgotten. Flaherty (who is now 86) recently came across the manuscript and realized that its words speak to his older self — and should be shared with others who had matured along with him.

The result is a readable stroll through decades of valued friendships, first with personalities who were decades older than he, and later with progressively younger friends who listen well to his 86 years of positive warmth and wisdom.

The book will no doubt sell well, if for no other reason than that Flaherty has had so many friends and acquaintances in the region through the years. Many of those bonds were formed during the decades during which he and his late partner, Bob Skibsted, trans-

formed the historic Troutbeck estate in Amenia, N.Y., into a resort hotel complex known for fine dining and comfortable traditionally furnished rooms. The downstairs rooms include multiple fireplaces, a cozy library, stone walls, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and acres of trails, many of them winding through exquisitely landscaped grounds. Troutbeck was sold in 2016 to Alexandra, Anthony, and Charlie Champalimaud — leaving Flaherty at last with some time to polish up the chapters and share his book with the world.

Flaherty peppers the manuscript with aphorisms — serious and humorous gems that he has collected over the years. It all adds up to a satisfying jaunt through many golden years.

This book teaches readers that growing old can be instructive and even rather funny. Made so attractive, growing older may be something readers will want to try for themselves, maybe discovering something new along the way. Why not?

This deeply and literally friendly book is available on Amazon and Kindle.

Jim Flaherty will talk about his book, "Dear Old Friends: A loving reminder the band won't stop playing till you stop dancing," in a Zoom presentation hosted by Noble Horizons on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. More information and a Zoom link are available at [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org).



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**The Kent Memorial Library begins its centennial celebration with a history presentation on Jan. 29.**

## BRINGING TO LIFE THE HISTORY OF A CENTURY-OLD LIBRARY

The Kent Library Association in Kent, Conn., begins the celebration of its 100th birthday with the staged reading of "Bricks and Books: A Dramatized History of the Kent Memorial Library," on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. in the St. Andrew's parish hall in Kent.

The story begins in the 1880s and continues up

through the dedication of the library building on Nov. 11, 1925. It comes alive with diary excerpts and personal reminiscences from early members of the Library Association, letters from the period (including one from a president of the United States) and more.

Six readers will bring the creation of the library to life and talk about important figures from the town's history including Orinda Pratt and Helen Roberts Bull.

The reading was compiled and written by Georgianne Ensign Kent and will be directed by Jane Farnol. There will be a reception following the show, with light refreshments.

Proof of vaccination is required for attendance, and audience members are required to wear masks; register in advance at the library website at [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org). The snow date is Saturday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m.

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**BIRDS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

# Bringing Rex Brasher's Watercolors of Birds Back to Life

The people we most admire can sometimes do things that deeply disappoint us. Such is the case for many ornithologists, who have had to balance their admiration for the bird paintings of John James Audubon with his racism and other offenses.

As a young boy, Rex Brasher was disappointed by Audubon for another reason: He and his father had traveled to see the great nature painter, who had granted them "an audience."

When father and son arrived, they were told that Audubon would not see them after all, because he was too busy. According to legend, the young Rex

Brasher poked his head through a door and saw Audubon at work, painting a dead bird hanging from the ceiling. At that moment, according to the biographical sketch at [www.rexbrasher.org/life](http://www.rexbrasher.org/life), "Rex resolved to be better than Audubon."

He had already made up his mind at age 8 that he would paint every bird in North America, a goal that he reached by the end of his life. Brashers was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but traveled all over the world, living what his website calls "a colorful life."

In 1911 he bought a 150-acre farm in Kent, Conn., and named it Chickadee Valley. Different histories of Brasher's life describe

*He had already made up his mind at age 8 that he would paint every bird in North America, a goal that he reached by the end of his life.*

several residences and it's not completely clear whether they're all the same property or not. But the Rex Brasher website says he had a 116 acre property in the hamlet of Amenia, N.Y., called Wassaic (there is a map of the property at the website); and a biography of the painter says he died at his home in Gaylordsville, which is a town on the southern end of Kent.

At any rate, from his home in the Tri-state region, Brasher contin-

ued to dedicate his life to painting every bird on the continent — and reached his goal in 1924, with 874 watercolors that met his exacting standards.

Not that anyone is keeping track, but Audubon only completed paintings of 489 species. And while Audubon painted birds that were "posed" (presumably post-mortem), Brasher painted his in the wild, using extensive notes about the birds and their habitats.

He also wrote text to

accompany his drawings. Hoping to gain a wider audience for his work, he published the text and watercolors in a 12-volume book called "Birds and Trees of North America."

Brasher sold the entire collection to the state of Connecticut in 1941, expecting that the state would build a museum to house and display his work. World War II put an end to those hopes; eventually the University of Connecticut took ownership of Brasher's work. It is

now stored at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center in Storrs; the entire collection is rarely seen.

The painter had two great-nieces, Melode (who died in 2019) and Deborah (who died in February 2021 at the age of 84). The sisters had lived at Chickadee Hill as young girls and again at the end of their lives, and they were founding members of the Rex Brasher Association.

The nonprofit is based in Kent, and last year began a task almost as epic as the actual painting of all those birds: Its members are digitizing every part of the 12-volume "Birds and Trees of North America." When it's completed, the pages will be available online. As one can imagine, this is expensive work. The association is seeking donations, which can be made at the website ([www.rexbrasher.org](http://www.rexbrasher.org)).

## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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### ART

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
DRAWING CLOSER: SNOW DAY, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Norman Rockwell Museum**, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org)  
VIRTUAL PROGRAM – Martin Luther King Jr Day – Imprinted: Illustrating Race, Jan. 17, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
American History Book Club: A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir by Donald Worster, Jan. 19, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

**The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center**, 38 Curtis Road, Washington, Conn. [www.iaismuseum.org](http://www.iaismuseum.org)  
As They Speak: Native Voices in Today's Literature – Virtual Book Club, Jan. 26, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)  
Oblong Online: Brett Bevell, HEALING RACISM WITHIN: A LIGHTWORKER'S GUIDE, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. (online).  
Movies

### KIDS

**Kent Memorial Library**, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)  
TAB & Book Club, Jan. 19, 12:30 p.m.

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)  
Virtual School Visit & Book Launch: Nancy F. Castaldo, WHEN THE WORLD RUNS DRY: Earth's Water in Crisis, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.

### 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)  
In Balanchine's Classroom, Jan. 16, 1 p.m.

### MUSIC

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
I/O ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE, Jan. 13, 4 to 5 p.m.; I/O FEST FEATURING JACQUELINE KERROD, Jan. 14, 4 to 5 p.m.; I/O FEST FEATURING THE BLACKBOX ENSEMBLE, Jan. 15, 3 to 4 p.m.; I/O FEST 2022: THE MUSIC OF NOW, Jan. 16, 1 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

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

### TALKS

**The Cornwall Library**, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org)  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND CONNECTICUT BLACK HISTORY WITH JEREMY BRECHER, Jan. 17, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

**Norfolk Library**, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. [www.norfolklibrary.org](http://www.norfolklibrary.org)  
Dianne Pierce: Thomas Jefferson and Slavery at Monticello, Jan. 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (online).

### THEATER

**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).

**ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## A Show of Work by a Pioneer of Computer Art

Bill Gates famously was an early user of computer technology. He taught himself to program and went on to become one of the richest men in the world by creating Microsoft.

Mark Wilson took a different direction along the same path. He also taught himself to write computer software at a young age, and became a pioneer of digital art.

Wilson's work isn't really of the NFT variety that we hear so much about today.

His work is created by writing software that combines a creation of random patterns (the patterns he uses often look like a computer motherboard of tiny circuits) with his own tastes and judgment as an artist.

The images are printed on canvas using large-format archival ink jet printers.

A native of Oregon, Wilson has lived and worked for many years in West Cornwall, Conn. There is now a show of his work on display at the Cornwall Library, which opened Jan. 8 and remains up until Feb. 19.

The show is called "Mutable by Mark Wilson." The library hours, information on the exhibit, and COVID-19 protocols can be found online at <https://cornwalllibrary.org/art-exhibits>.

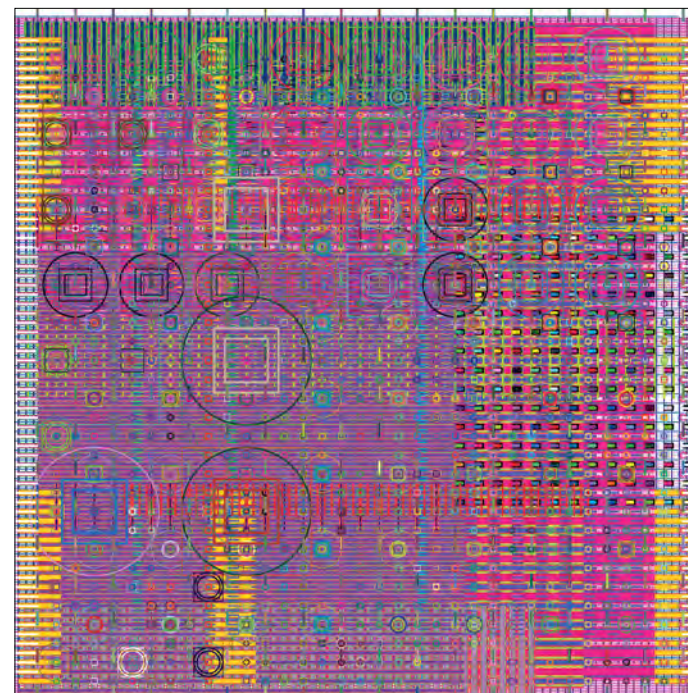


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The ink-on-canvas work "m1174" by Mark Wilson is included in his exhibition at the Cornwall Library, "Mutable."

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## MILLBROOK

# Village Board gets department reports, preps to ask county for \$150,000

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Repairs in the village was one of the topics discussed during the Village Board's last meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Mayor Tim Collopy opened the meeting held at the Millbrook firehouse at 6 p.m.

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) was present, and reported the county has passed its 2022 budget as presented by County Executive Marc Molinaro.

The mayor's wife, Cecilia Collopy, reported on the Parade of Lights, which she spearheaded. It went smoothly and was well attended. She thanked the many volunteers while noting the strengths and weaknesses to better plan for future parades.

Reports were given from the Millbrook Fire Department (MFD) and Rescue Squad by Fire Chief Ted Bownas. There were a total of 89 incidents in November, including a car accident, 60 EMS calls, one furnace malfunction, a hazardous condition call and one carbon monoxide call. Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) responded to 58 calls; MFD and the Rescue Squad handled eight calls, and its members responded to 40 calls. Mutual Aid was given on three fire calls and nine EMS calls. Mutual Aid was received on one fire call and one EMS call.

Millbrook Police Department (MPD) Sgt. Jared Witt gave his November department report. There were 129 incidents, with the MPD assisting the New York State Police (NYSP) twice; the Millbrook Fire Department eight times and its EMS 17 times; the MPD had nine record requests; five domestic incidents; four animal complaints; three Town of Washington (TOW) Court assignments; and five calls to the Millbrook Central School District.

Highway Superintendent Bob Collacola also presented a report that included his department installing 80 Christmas trees and holiday decorations throughout the village, including the Nativity at the Village Green.

The highway crew also installed sanders on its dump truck; completed an in-house repair on its backhoe; installed a stainless steel plate on the body of the 2011 dump truck to provide reinforcement where there was rust damage; picked up fallen leaves; and salted the roads after a recent snowfall.

Workers also cleaned village streets and moved the dog station at the Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue. Collacola said he has found a person who will be available to be on call for the Highway Department if needed.

The Building Department submitted a report that stated it issued nine building permits; one sign permit; one certificate of occupancy (CO); and one municipal search, which brought in \$2,742 in fees in November.

The report also noted that both the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Planning Board are working on an ongoing project at Russell Knolls.

The mayor stated that the Retaining Wall Project is out for bid and responses were due back that month.

There was also a proposal to upgrade the rear of Marona's Market; The Millbrook Restoration Board agreed to help. Approval was pending an independent appraisal and final approval and payment were expected in November.

It was also reported that there had been movement on the Flagler monument that was damaged in a car accident in 2020. The insurance reimbursed the village for the full cost of the repair, which was estimated to be \$9,760 by Gnazzo Company.

Collopy also said that AT&T requested to add antennas to the cell tower on top of the water tower, which is under preliminary discussion. It needs to go through a technical review and an agreement is required with VRI & Delaware Engineering, said Collopy.

Other trustee reports came from Deputy Mayor Mike Herzog; he will be working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

in Millbrook on the Climate Smart Resiliency Plan to gain village certification, for no cost. He also reported there are minor changes being made to the Shade Tree Policy.

VRI Plant Manager Scott Osborn said he's been working with Trustee Leslie Anson and Deputy Mayor Herzog on upgrading the Water and Sewer Codes; they hoped to have the final wording for the code by December.

Herzog related that a Community Development Block Grant application has been submitted to Dutchess County requesting funds to help repair and/or replace some of the sidewalks in the village. Block grants give up to \$150,000 per community for specific infrastructure projects based on a priority list.

Trustee Buffy Arbogast said she's working on the Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan. Meeting dates for that project will be listed on the village and town websites.

Trustee Vickie Contino said the Christmas decorations totaled about \$1,500, which will be paid by the HNL fund.

Anson thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to serve; it was her last meeting as a trustee as newly-elected Trustee Peter Doro was sworn in at the Jan. 5 reorganization meeting at the Millbrook firehouse. There was also a regular board meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 12.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Newly elected Washington Councilmember Leslie Heaney, center, surrounded by her children, won her seat by one vote.

## Finally, a winner

# TOW election settled in court by one vote

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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WASHINGTON — At long last, the Town of Washington (TOW) has an answer as to the question who won the Nov. 2 General Election to become a councilmember on the Town Board — and it was decided by a single vote.

The victor was newcomer Leslie Heaney, who ran on the newly formed independent My Millbrook (MM) party.

The final decision was made on Thursday, Dec. 30, by Judge Christi J. Acker in the Dutchess County Supreme Court, Ninth District.

Heaney won the seat over former long-time Councilman Stephen Turlletes (R), who has served on the Town Board for more than 20 years.

The race was only settled after mail-in ballots were counted by the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE).

And it took time. That's because one vote was in question, and the matter had to be settled in court. There were a series of court dates during which arguments were made by both sides; the vote in question was finally allowed to be counted, and it was ruled in favor of Heaney.

After some deliberation, and some wondering if it would go on to the Appellate Court, Turlletes decided to let the matter go, and Heaney was declared the winner.

The final vote count was 634 votes in favor of Heaney and 633 votes of favor of Turlletes.

Others who ran for the Washington Town Board included incumbent Mike Murphy (R), who earned 660 votes and clinched the other open seat in the election; incumbent Joe Rochfort (R), who garnered 649 votes and won the seat for an unexpired term that was up for election; Doug Giles (MM), with 630 votes; and Andrew Spence (MM), with 511 votes.

The original petition was filed on Thursday, Nov. 11, nine days after the Nov. 2 election, naming Heaney and Giles against Murphy and Turlletes.

On Dec. 16, the witness whose ballot was in question testified virtually.

Those who were involved said the experience was an important reminder of how essential each and every vote is.

It also raised some questions of whether mail-in ballots work and the legitimacy of signatures, among other issues.

Following the town election, there were 109 mail-in votes, and an unknown number of other paper ballots that needed to be counted, according to the BOE.

**A little about MM, Heaney**  
While some voters said they were surprised by the outcome, others said they were pleased.

My Millbrook was an outgrowth of the controversy surrounding the proposed renovation for the Migdale estate in Mabbettsville by well-known restaurateur Will Guidara known as the Second Moun-

tain project.

A large portion of the community has objected to the project, which is currently on hold, and has seen it as a threat to the character of the town.

The proposal has caused the town to re-evaluate its comprehensive plan and the very definition of "hospitality." The town even formed Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, which is currently in the midst of gauging how to tackle the hospitality issue.

The My Millbrook party advertised itself as independent and nonpartisan.

"We called our line My Millbrook because we believe that Millbrook is special and loved by each and every one of us that is lucky enough to call the Town of Washington home," said Heaney, who was registered as a Republican before joining MM, "and we believe that the town's future should be determined by its residents, not predatory developers."

Heaney is a mother, small business owner and attorney.

She campaigned promising to protect Millbrook from "harmful, ad-hoc development while attracting responsible commercial development and enforcing the ethics code."

She also spoke of the importance of transparency and accountability and hopes to improve local internet service.

Town residents, meanwhile, expressed gratitude for Turlletes' two decades of service.

### Reorg, public hearing

The Town Board's annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, followed by a public hearing on if it should continue its contract with Cablevision. An Altice representative is expected to answer questions. A regular board meeting will follow.

*The following information was provided by the New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K in Salt Point. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Copper stolen from Central Hudson

Friday, Jan. 7, the NYSP are investigating several larcenies of copper from Central Hudson substations in the northern Dutchess area.

The suspects are removing in use copper ground wires, which destabilizes the electric substations.

Not only is this dangerous to the suspects, but the repairs to ground wires are extremely dangerous and could lead to transformer explosions, causing injury or death to workers as well as interruptions in service.

Central Hudson is offering a reward of \$5,000 for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any individual responsible for breaking into the Smithfield, Hibernia and Stanfordville

substations.

Anyone who may have any information regarding the identity or location of the persons responsible, should contact the New York State Police immediately at 845-677-7300.

### Possible hate crime

Dover, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, the NYSP from the Dover Plains barracks responded to a possible robbery in the town of Dover.

Troopers were dispatched to a home on Market Street at approximately 11:53 p.m., after a caller to 911 reported that a group of men attacked them, and one attacker armed with a handgun fired a single shot. None of the victims was seriously injured, and the at-

tackers fled on foot with stolen jewelry.

An intensive investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation determined the perpetrators, Joshua A. Benson Jr., age 23; Nicholas L. Gast, age 34; and Darius L. Robinson, age 19; all from Dover, apparently targeted the victims based on their race. All four suspects were arrested for Robbery in the 1st Degree as a hate crime, a class B felony.

All four subjects were arraigned before the Town of Dover Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail pending future court proceedings.

Robinson and Benson Jr. were remanded in lieu of

\$50,000 cash bail, \$100,000 secure bond or \$200,000 partially secure bond. Gast and Benson were remanded without bail.

### Crime Watch

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, or you suspect criminal activity, send an e-mail to New York State Police Crime Watch at crimetip@troopers.ny.gov. All information will be kept confidential.

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EDITORIAL

Generous \$2 million gift shows how highly Cary Institute is valued

Set quietly amid the affluent community of Millbrook, you might be surprised to find one of the world's most elite ecological scientific research centers. It focuses on some of the most critical environmental issues of our day — delving into such subjects as disease ecology and urban ecology — especially relevant as society is currently battling a global pandemic. It's the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

The Cary Institute is an outgrowth the late Mary Flagler Cary's passion for the natural world.

Cary passed away in 1967, leaving her vast estate (and the forested land where the Cary is now located) to a charitable trust with the directive for it to continue to focus on the conservation and preservation of natural resources.

Her trustees began a relationship with the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), and in 1971 they asked the NYBG to oversee her property. At that time it was called the Mary Flagler Cary Arboretum.

In 1983, Gene Likens, a pioneer in long-term multidisciplinary ecological studies who was affiliated with the NYBG, was approached. He helped found the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook as part of the New York Botanical Garden. It became an independent nonprofit center for ecological research with Likens as its director and president.

As it so succinctly states on its website, www.caryinstitute.org, "Since 1983, our scientists have been investigating the complex interactions that govern the natural world and the impacts of climate change on these systems. Our findings lead to more effective management and policy actions and increased environmental literacy. Staff are global experts in the ecology of: cities, disease, forests and freshwater."

The Cary Institute has drawn much support throughout the years, locally and from farther afield, including Zibby and Jim Tozer of New York City and Millbrook.

Just last week, the husband-and-wife team announced their plans to donate \$2 million to the institute. The money will help the Cary complete its renovations of its Millbrook headquarters and ready it for the 21st century.

The Tozers are longtime supporters of the Cary Institute and its important work.

Zibby served on the Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2013; was chair of the Development and Trusteeship Committee; was chair of the Aldo Leopold Society; and initiated a program among trustees, donors and Cary scientists.

Jim is on the President's Advisory Council.

Their daughter, Farran Tozer Brown, is a current trustee. In recognition of the Tozers' ongoing support and generosity, the Cary Institute will name the redone space the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building, and plan to celebrate with an open house on Friday, April 8.

It's no wonder why the Tozers have been so supportive of the Cary Institute for so long. Its research has led to vital discoveries in how to treat debilitating chronic illnesses, including tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease, which has devastated regions like the Hudson Valley.

New York has the third highest number of confirmed cases of Lyme disease in U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), falling behind only Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The CDC further states on its website, between 2000 and 2018 within the Empire State, Dutchess County had the highest number of confirmed cases of the disease at 11,519; Columbia County had the second highest number of confirmed cases in the state with 7,017; and Greene County had the ninth highest number of confirmed cases.

Cary researchers and scientists also tackle global challenges as seemingly insurmountable as climate change, doing extensive work in that area.

They have also done research into the current COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, Barbara Han, a disease ecologist at the Cary, worked on a project to predict the likelihood that different species can harbour Sars-CoV-2, and transmit it between them.

Through her analysis, "Han and her colleagues identified a number of creatures that appear to be particularly susceptible to becoming infected with Sars-CoV-2 and then transmitting it," explained the Cary website.

Her work is among that being contributed by scientists worldwide, in an around-the-clock effort to save lives and stop the current pandemic. If successful, it could help end the health crisis and bring about an eventual return to normal.

This is just a small sampling of what it is that goes on at the Cary Institute, tucked away quietly off Sharon Turnpike in Millbrook.

It's a beautiful 2,000-acre campus that can actually be hiked between April 1 and Oct. 31. The trails are open to the public between sunrise and sunset, with the internal roadway gates open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

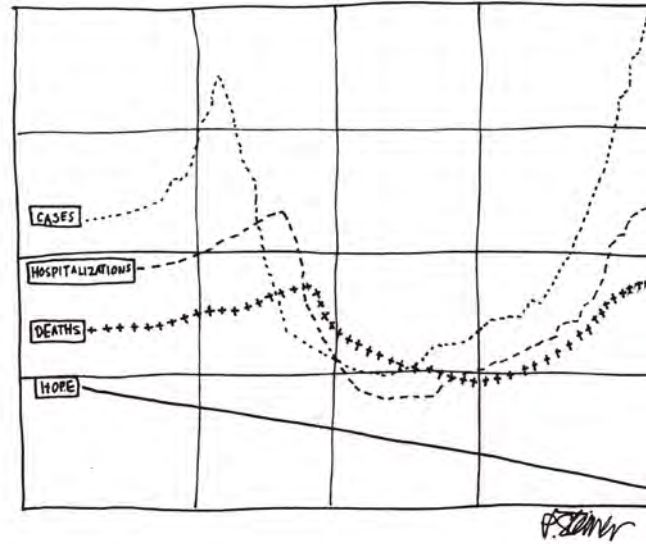
The Cary's hiking trails are immersive and range from old fields and upland forests to wetlands. They're perfect for peaceful nature walks or just to enjoy the soothing sounds of bird song.

Clearly we think the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies is an incredible asset for the residents of the Hudson Valley (and for those who come to visit, as many do), but think about how fortunate we are to have a world-class scientific research facility in our midst. It's really an amazing resource.

It's also wonderful that fact is not lost on those who can afford to support the Cary Institute, its work, its staff and its facilities, like the Tozers. Their generosity should not go unmentioned, as it could help lead to an unknown discovery that could one day help millions, perhaps even you, one of our readers, perusing this very editorial.

We certainly want to thank the Tozers for supporting such an important local resource like the Cary Institute, which we hope will be able to continue its good works for many years to come.

To learn more about the Cary Institute, go to www.caryinstitute.org or call 845-677-5343.



COVID: The silver lining

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

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Peter Riva

In times of extreme duress and deprivation — such as we've all experienced for almost two years now — you always need to look for the uplifting, the positive and future healing. And, like my family, I am sure you know of horrors and stupidity of friends and acquaintances that pepper these past months. Those recent memories force the optimistic question: What is the benefit to come out of all this? Surely, there must be something to be thankful for, no?

This process of looking for past outcomes to improve your future reminds me of NASA and the oft-posed question: What were the benefits of the race to the moon? Was it only Velcro? Answer (only a handful): CAT scans, new aluminum alloys, printed circuit boards, microchips, LCD screens, fleece, Gore-Tex... in fact every aspect of modern life relies on those inventions and developments in science incubated during the moon program.

COVID (and SARS before) forced science to pick up the challenge and invent — almost out of thin air — new biology protocols to be able to develop vaccines, treatments, anti-viral medications, ventilator redesign and a whole host of other medications (not least helping to treat COVID-caused long-term other ailments). Whilst those miracles (if I can call man's ingenuity that) may seem obvious there are a few things to remember here: like the Apollo program inventing the microchip and all the changes this has brought the world ever since, the scientifically engineered messenger RNA technology is changing the very way we seek to treat all illnesses, including cancers, Parkinson's, MS and a

host of otherwise treatable but currently not always curable ailments.

Another invention you may not have heard about is a way to mass-manufacture lipid nanoparticles — the tiniest of particles carrying medicine in a targeted way. For the COVID vaccine, they invented manufacturing methods (at Polymun Scientific Immunobiologische Forschung) to make these lipid nanoparticles for everything (in the future) needed to deliver targeted chemotherapies, to nerve rebuilding, to brain tumor eradication.

These nanoparticles can be coded to apply only to the needed area. In other words, why treat the whole bloodstream when you can use the bloodstream as a carrier, dropping medicine only where it is needed? Like the Apollo program, these are not merely jumps in technology, they are leaps over huge obstacles in medicine.

And there is one other benefit of these past two years: You — every one of you — have proved to yourselves and your family that you can deal with the most stressful ordeals, you can adapt your lifestyle, change your eating habits, take control of your individual world, to get through these tough times. Such enforced proving of your capabilities may not have been your choice, but you should be proud, recognize your newfound capabilities, and build from there.

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

Dutchess County High Speed Internet Survey

If you use the internet, you may have more than a passing hunch that the service you're paying for is neither as fast nor as reliable as advertised, even if you're not an advanced internet user.

Poor internet service is much more than an inconvenience.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, access to services like telemedicine was no longer just a "nice to have" feature for seniors. Telemedicine use experienced years of growth in a few weeks in 2020. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reported that the number of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries using telemedicine jumped from 15,000 at the start of 2020 to over 2 million by May of that year.

From then on, the number of beneficiaries using telemedicine has remained over 750,000: a clear indication telemedicine is here to stay as an essential part of seniors' health care.

Reliable high-speed internet is also key to public safety. Here's just one example: Advisories and alerts can be sent directly to individuals in the path of a dangerous storm. Those people will be much more likely to receive the alert on a mobile device and act on it than they would've been when terrestrial radio was the quickest communication option. But that's only true if the internet service carrying the advisories is reliable. Somebody involved in

an accident in a rural area is in enough danger without having to worry that the responding ambulance can't find them or communicate with the emergency room because of "dead spots" in coverage.

Poor broadband coverage was a problem before the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it's a crisis.

To meet the challenge of improving broadband coverage in Dutchess County, we first need to measure the extent of the issues — and that's where your help is vital. Go to www.dutchessny.gov/highspeedinternet and complete a quick survey about internet access at your home or business. If you have questions, email broadband@dutchessny.gov. If you're not online, your help is also essential. Get a paper version of the survey by contacting Dutchess County Emergency Management at 845-486-2080.

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

State should prioritize alternatives to contain COVID-19 pandemic

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 Dutchess County's newest commissioner of the Department of Behavioral & Community Health, Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD FACEP, appointed one day previously by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro on Dec. 20, penned the following letter to Mary T. Bassett, MD, MPH Acting Commissioner at the Empire State Plaza Corning Tower in Albany. It follows below.

GUEST COLUMN

Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD

two hours. The concomitant nursing shortages that have plagued much of our state complicate this further. However, hospitals and clinics have in many cases failed to prioritize this service to our communities, perhaps choosing not to direct resources to this endeavor.

Many hospitals have been hard-hit in the last 22 months: lost revenue, workforce contractions, disrupted flow and poor efficiency in the face of ever-changing policies arid conditions on the ground in the midst of a pandemic. Their focus now is on trying to regain financial ground, directing their scarcer-than-usual resources to ensuring services such as elective surgeries proceed. In doing so, they are left with little bandwidth to participate in vaccination, testing or treatment. Treatments in particular seem to have been relegated to oblivion, and access to antibody infusions, the only outpatient treatment in our arsenal, has been exceedingly limited. In some cases, hospitals have leaned on their emergency departments, but this practice inappropriately places further strain on emergency departments that are bursting at the seams.

This is also inappropriate, however, as monoclonal antibodies are indicated for stable COVID positive patients who do not require emergency care.

Perhaps the needle could be moved if the State were to issue specific guidance in this regard. We ask that you strongly urge hospitals and clinics to prioritize the provision of access to interventions geared to contain this pandemic, and specifically to ensure they have mechanisms to provide monoclonal antibody infusions for appropriate patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD FACEP, was appointed as the new Dutchess County's new commissioner of the Department of Behavioral & Community Health on Monday, Dec. 20. Her expertise is in emergency medicine and she was involved for almost two decades in leadership, change management and advocacy. Dr. Santiago-Rosado lives in LaGrange.

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## The king of cool

Remember what it was to be cool? Do you remember telling someone, "Be cool, man!" Actually, it was more like one word, "Becoolman!" One word, but drawled out — because that was really cool. "BeeCoooolMan!"

To do it properly, you had to tilt your head a certain way to look past the curl of your cigarette smoke as you hung on to the butt with the corner of your mouth. For another thing, you looked at everything a bit sideways anyhow, because that way nothing could sneak up and surprise you. Being surprised? Not cool.

Whatever happened, man, you play it like you've been there — done that — and probably more than once. You looked, well, capable, maybe a little dangerous. You could be a spy, or an undercover cop, or a jewel thief on holiday. You might look like a nice person, but underneath? Hidden depths, man. And that's cool.

You don't see much cool anymore. Everybody high fives, hugs, dances around. People are even seen crying, for heaven's sake. Coaches go on rants, players skip out of stadiums, every player who makes a touchdown look like he just won the lottery. Not cool!

There is one cool guy left, though, and every so often he reminds us that he's been cool for a long time. Tom Brady can still pull his Ice Water in the Veins act out of hiding and break your heart, if you happen to be rooting for the wrong team, with only seconds remaining in a game.

At the end of the Tampa

**BLEACHER VIEWS**  
*Theodore Kneeland*

Bay Bucs recent game with the woebegone New York Jets, Brady got hold of the ball with 2:12 remaining, an absolute eternity. Tom Cool did what Tom Cool does and has done ever since he got the job: He ran his team down the field and scored the winning touchdown with 15 seconds remaining. He never got excited; he never panicked. He just won. Cool.

After the game, a young fella who had intercepted Tom Cool earlier in the game stopped him on the field and asked him if he would autograph the ball. Now this youngster had undoubtedly been watching The King pull his act for as long as he could sit up in front of the TV. Some player may have Super Bowl rings, but this guy will have this ball to dine out on the rest of his life.

Tom never hesitated. He acted as though players from other teams asked for his autograph all the time. He just signed. Now that is cool on top of cool.

Steve McQueen has always been considered the King of Cool. Sorry Steve. There's a new sheriff in town, and he guns footballs, not bullets. Now that's really cool.

*Millerton resident Theodore Kneeland is a former teacher and coach — and athlete — and has been known to write with ice in his pen instead of ink. Now that's cool.*

# Dover, Millbrook scholar-athletes honored for feats in fall of 2021

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**NEW YORK STATE** — In recognition of their hard work in balancing their athletics with their academics, some hard-working athletes enrolled at Dover High School and Millbrook High School were among the students and teams featured on the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) list of Fall 2021 Scholar-Athletes noted for their outstanding accomplishments last year.

NYSPHSAA released its list of selected Fall 2021 Scholar-Athlete teams and scholar-athletes at year's end, on Dec. 13. As its website, [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org), explains, the organization honors sports teams and student athletes that excel in the classroom at the end of each sports season.

## Help wanted for Junior National ski competition

**SALISBURY, Conn.** — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) is hosting the 2022 Junior Nationals this year at Satre Hill in Salisbury, from Feb. 22 to 26. Volunteers are needed to help with this national ski jumping event, which is separate from the annual Jumpfest (which will be held this year Feb. 11 to 13).

As the name implies, the Junior Nationals is a national event that SWSA hosts every five years. This competition will draw some of the best junior ski jumpers from around the U.S. for five days of jumping and cross-country skiing competition.

During the Junior Nationals,

To qualify for Scholar-Athlete team recognition, the team's average grade-point average (GPA) for 75% of its roster must be greater than or equal to 90 — which means the team would take 75% of its roster and then average the GPAs.

Additionally, even if a team doesn't meet the Scholar-Athlete team criteria, the student athletes on the team who have a GPA of 90 or higher are still eligible to be considered Individual Scholar-Athletes.

According to the association, 2021 marked its 30th year conducting the Scholar-Athlete program, and a total of 625 schools across New York State participated in it. Out of those schools, the association recognized a total of 3,825 Scholar-Athlete teams and 48,023 individual scholar-athletes.

Featured on the list of Fall 2021 Scholar-Athlete teams,

the Dover High School Dragons were honored for its boys cross-country team, football team (which merged with Millbrook High School), game day cheer team, girls cross-country, girls soccer and girls volleyball.

The Millbrook High School Blazers also made the Scholar-Athlete team list with its boys cross-country team, boys golf team, boys soccer team, girls cross-country team, girls soccer team and girls volleyball team.

For the number of individuals recognized as Scholar-Athletes per team, Dover High School had five student athletes on its boys cross-country team; 10 student athletes on its football team; six student athletes on its game day cheer team; two student athletes on its girls cross-country team; and 13 student athletes on both its girls soccer team and girls volleyball team.

Millbrook had four student athletes recognized on its boys cross-country team; three student athletes on its boys golf team; 17 student athletes on its boys soccer team; seven stu-

dent athletes on its girls cross-country team; 13 student athletes on its girls soccer team; and 17 student athletes on its girls volleyball team.

Reflecting on the how determined his young athletes were during the fall of 2021, Dover Director of Athletics Paul Kenny said, "With the added pressures of today's society, to be able to be an athlete and maintain a high academic standard is an incredible feat, and these kids are doing a great job balancing school and athletics."

Kenny also took into account the number of students who are balancing school and sports with part-time jobs and other responsibilities.

"They're doing a great job being student athletes," he said, commending them for working so hard on and off the field. "[They're excelling] exactly [at] what the job description is: students and athletes."

The winter 2021-22 Scholar-Athlete submission period will begin on Monday, Jan. 31; the deadline for submissions is Monday, March 14.

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