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# Three new COVID-19 cases at two Webutuck schools

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WEBUTUCK — Throughout the last week of October, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District was notified of three new positive COVID-19 cases within the district. Though he was unable to confirm specifically what days the cases were reported, Webutuck Superintendent

of Schools Raymond Castellani said all three cases involved students, two of which were reported at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and one of which was reported at Webutuck High School.

All contact tracing was completed for the three cases. In a letter he sent to Webutuck families and staff on Friday, Oct. 29, which can now be accessed online at [www.webutuck-schools.org](http://www.webutuck-schools.org), Castellani explained the new cases “may or may not be a sign of an uptick of cases in our area.”

Nevertheless, he assured the community in his letter that Webutuck will continue to update families and staff over the next few weeks about the number of cases reported in the school district.

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# Barrett secures \$40K for NECC programs

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MILLERTON — Continually working to assess and address local childcare needs, the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton expressed its thanks for funding State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) announced to the public that she obtained for the nonprofit on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20.

Totaling \$40,000, Barrett said the money was in the 2021 state budget. It came from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. She said the money became available this past summer and she wanted it to go toward programs in her district.

“I’ve been a longtime supporter and fan of the NECC since I was first

elected,” Barrett said, “and I have long believed that what they do there in one agency to serve our whole region in Dutchess County and even into Columbia County is equivalent to eight or 10 organizations in the western part of the county.”

Observing how childcare and

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**On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20, New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), second from left front row, announced she had secured \$40,000 for NECC’s children and youth programming.**



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**Center, Jonny G, the creator and visionary behind The Music Cellar in Millerton, invited local budding musicians to join him for a photo on the front porch of the building he is now able to call home to his permanent studio thanks to community support, after an invigorating Toddler Jam session.**

# The Music Cellar sings the sweet tune of success

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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MILLERTON — Musical harmony was restored in the village of Millerton this summer as Jonathan Grusauskas (best known as Jonny G, the creator and visionary behind The Music Cellar, located right off the Harlem Valley Rail Trail) succeeded in raising the funds needed to purchase The Music Cellar building this past August.

Located at 14 Main St., the raspberry-colored building along the trail has been a hub for musical instruction and exploration in the community for the last five years.

Before moving into that space, The Music Cellar was previously located in the space where the T-Shirt Farm used to be located at 64 South Center St.; it’s since moved around the

corner to 22 Main St.

From Toddler Jam and Story Hour to Mom’s Morning Out and private music lessons, The Music Cellar offers residents of all ages from around the Tri-state region the chance to explore their passion for music and unlock endless musical possibilities.

Though The Music Cellar managed to weather the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact by switching from in-person to virtual programming, Jonny G acknowledged last spring how the pandemic has cut into their business.

Another impact of COVID-19 was the increase in value in the local real estate market, especially in the Harlem Valley and areas like Millerton, Pine Plains and across the border in

See THE MUSIC CELLAR, A6



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

## Haunted happenings...

**Family fun for the Eades as they stopped by the Town of Washington Park in Mabettsville on Saturday, Oct. 30. From left, dad James Eades, with daughter Aaliyah, 7, and mom, Ann Marie, all dressed for Halloween. For full story and more photos, turn to Page B3.**



## ★ Election Results ★

HARLEM VALLEY — Vote totals from the Tuesday, Nov. 2, municipal elections were not available when this issue went to press.

As soon as they become avail-

able they will be posted at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com). The totals will also be included in our print edition of Thursday, Nov. 11.

The Millerton News thanks all the candidates.



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## Take NECC's Childcare Survey

MILLERTON — Interested in learning more about the community's childcare needs? The North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton has drafted a survey to gain a greater understanding of local residents' experiences with childcare in the Harlem Valley as well as to see if those who live and work in the region have or foresee the need for childcare services either now or in the future. The survey is open to anyone living or working in or around northeastern Dutchess County, and has

been made available in both English and Spanish. All responses are optional and anonymous, unless the respondent decides to add his or her contact information. The survey may be found online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnWxR7gpikcuAqgs6D9zk22KpvwQ-HY-AclpocjyxJmrtEiw/viewform>. For more information, contact NECC Family Program Director Jessica Raymond at [jessica@necmillerton.org](mailto:jessica@necmillerton.org) with any questions.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE  
A group of local teens posed for a Halloween photo in front of their decorated vehicle at Millerton's first annual Community Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday night, Oct. 27.

## Wickwire soars for Eagle Scout rank

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — Taking both his community service and his responsibilities as a Boy Scout to heart, Avery Wickwire, 17, kept his eyes and ears open to the region's needs this fall as he searched for a community service project he could undertake to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

A senior at Webutuck High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 3029, he found the perfect project at the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) Annex at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton, when he heard there was a need for a food pantry there. Leading his troop in a project that will benefit the community in a meaningful way, Avery has since been building shelves that will soon hold food and other essential supplies for community members in need.

Avery's father, Webutuck art teacher Craig Wickwire, currently serves as a member of the NorthEast-Millerton Library Board of Trustees. Asked what first inspired his son's community service project, Wickwire said he happened to mention the need for a pantry at the Annex to Avery while they were brainstorming project ideas. He mentioned the library was looking to renovate the Annex.

It was last spring that Avery said NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson expressed an interest in building a food pantry. Avery said he showed an interest in the idea both as a project and as a means of distributing food to those who need it.

"I thought to myself, 'The closest food pantry is at the church in Amenia, so a more local food pantry would be great,'" he said.

Avery met with Leo-Jameson to discuss it more at length and they soon came up with plans for building the shelf units.

"I think it's great that he works so closely with Rhiannon," Wickwire said, "and the library is always open to working with the community and trying to make the community better — however we can."

As another important component in his son's project proposal to the library committee, Wickwire said Avery expressed his interest and the local need for a place to pick up nutritious food and other personal care items, especially during the current health crisis when access to food and other necessities is critical.

"It means a lot," Wickwire said when asked what his son's project means to him personally, as well as a library board member. "We brought it up at one of the board meetings and all the other board members were instantly impressed he was working on the project."

With Avery assuming the lead role, Troop 3029 started construction during the last weekend in September, cutting boards and fitting them into the small room once used as the book sale area in the Annex.

Due to positive cases of COVID-19 in the Webutuck school district, Wickwire said the troop had to postpone its work schedule. Otherwise, Avery said the project has been coming along nicely and the Scouts haven't run into any problems, aside from an unexpected meeting or two held in the Annex.

At this point in time, Avery said he expects the project will be completed by mid-November.

"I'm really proud of the teens working on this project because they exemplify the very nature of selfless service," said NEML Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune. "We're honored that they chose the library to partner with and are excited that they can have a central role in helping us continue to serve our community members."



From left, Kylee Johnson, Carson Campbell and Caroline Campbell visited the Harlem Valley Rail Trail parking lot for the first annual Community Trunk or Treat while dressed as Stitch, a dragon and a gecko.

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## Trunk or Treating with library & NECC

MILLERTON — Teaming up to bring the magic of Halloween into Millerton a few days early, the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) and the North East Community Center's (NECC) Teen Team Leadership Program invited local trick or treaters and their families to the first annual Community Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Residents, businesspeople and local organizations were invited to decorate the trunks of their cars and give out candy and other treats to local little ones and even teenagers, who were invited to come to the event in costume.

Held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Harlem Valley Rail Trail

parking lot on South Center Street, the event drew a handful of pre-registered cars, and trick or treaters were in the double digits.

Tricks, treats, Halloween music and community spirit abounded as local children added plenty of sweets to their goody bags as they celebrated the Halloween season with their families and friends.

North East Fire District Commissioner Joshua Schultz brought a fire engine from the Millerton Fire Company for the occasion. NEML Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune also set out a table of free books for the children to browse.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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A senior at Webutuck High School, Avery Wickwire, second from the left, led Boy Scout Troop 3029 starting this September in building a shelving unit at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex to earn his Eagle Scout rank. The shelves should be done in mid-November and will house a food pantry to serve those in need who live in the community.

### Correction

Last week's Millerton News ran an article about Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds on Merwin Road on its front page, which referenced the Spanish flu. The article mistakenly wrote the wrong date of the pandemic, which was in 1918. We regret the error.

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# PINE PLAINS/AREA

## Your opinion matters; please take our survey The Millerton News News Coverage

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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 hear from you, our valued readers, on what you would like most to see in your community weekly news. We sincerely ask you to take the time to respond to our survey, here in hard copy or online at www.tricornernews.com, expressing what matters most to

you week to week. In 2019, we received around 300 replies to our survey. It would be great to beat that very good percentage of responses this time around.

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 here for your communities.

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## Town Board passes next year's 2022 preliminary budget, within tax cap

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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Town Board had a brief, but thoughtful discussion about next year's funds after passing the 2022 preliminary budget at its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 21.

The board previewed the 2022 fiscal plan at its workshop meeting on Sept. 1; it passed the tentative 2022 budget in early October, according to town Supervisor Darrah Cloud, who summed up the budget review process in her weekly town newsletter of Oct. 22.

The Oct. 21 meeting began at 7 p.m., in person at Pine Plains Town Hall and was live streamed to the "Town of Pine Plains" YouTube channel, where it can now be viewed.

Under the agenda's old business section, Cloud called for a motion to accept the preliminary budget. After the budget was

passed, she mentioned she put a report explaining the budget's fund balance in the board members' inboxes. To clarify, she said the balance sheet the board was looking at during its meeting on Oct. 18 contained the figure for the fund balance that was at the end of the 2020 fiscal year.

Cloud explained that the fund balance figure never changes all year and continues to remain unchanged when the board appropriates that fund balance for a needed expense.

She further explained the town's expenses are then counted against the fund balance figure in the town's next audit, "so we know that we have that money and we know that the bonds are in there. We need a spreadsheet to say this is what we're doing with this money," Cloud noted, citing the funds directed toward the town's park and the bond the town successfully paid off as examples.

The supervisor then mentioned she made a list of the items the board has already approved, such as appropriating the fund balance for the 2021 town budget.

In response to a board member's question about leftover money, Cloud said there's no leftover money since the town has appropriated it all. As board members discussed what was leftover from last year's town budget minus what the town has spent, Cloud noted the town has six months of safety emergency money, which it is currently guarding.

A copy of the 2022 preliminary budget can be viewed online at www.pineplains-ny.gov. Now that the preliminary budget has been passed, Cloud said via her newsletter that the budget "can only be changed downward, meaning less money [may be spent], but not upward."

She also noted with pride that the town did not exceed the tax cap again this year.

## Hillsdale's Pumpkin Fest features the best of fall

HILLSDALE — Area residents found themselves engulfed in autumn's embrace on Saturday, Oct. 9, as the town of Hillsdale organized its annual Pumpkin Festival with a plethora of fall events and activities spread throughout the hamlet.

The festival ran from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and featured, among other activities, a variety of performers, musicians and presentations from law enforcement agencies in Hamlet Park; free pumpkin painting with the Roeliff Jansen Community Library; an open house by BridleWood Dressage with free pony rides for children; a pumpkin hunt; and a competition for the best dressed scarecrow, the theme of which was "Superheroes and Villains."

As he gave thanks to this year's participating businesses and the countless individuals who made the festival possible, Pumpkin Festival Organizer Toby Butterfield

said he kept hearing from people from Hudson to Great Barrington, Mass., how much they enjoyed the festival and looked forward to attending.

"Great friends, community, visitors and fall," Butterfield said. "Next year, with donuts and food on site, we hope!"



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Crowds of local residents and area visitors were drawn to Hamlet Park in Hillsdale on Saturday, Oct. 9, by the plethora of fall activities featured in this year's Pumpkin Festival.

### The Millerton News Coverage Survey



How important is coverage of town government, especially meetings of the boards of selectmen or town boards and the annual budget decisions?  
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The Lakeville Journal publishes special issues each year, including Discover Salisbury, Towns and Villages and Holiday Gift Guide. Do you find these special-theme issues valuable?  
No Yes

How interested are you in news of schools and school boards, teachers, students, programs and activities?  
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Do you use the Towns and Villages special section (with its listing of key town services) as a guide to town services?  
No Yes

How interested are you in regional government issues that affect our towns, such as highway safety, faster internet or concerns about cellular technology?  
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How interested are you in what's happening "in Albany," i.e., at the state government level?  
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How important is coverage of activities at libraries or retirement communities; holiday events such as Easter egg hunts; personality profiles; or articles about land conservation or outdoor activities?  
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How interested are you in news in counties surrounding northeastern Dutchess County, like Berkshire in Mass., and Litchfield in Conn.?  
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How interested are you in news about Dutchess and Columbia counties, beyond our immediate coverage area?  
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How strongly do you feel Compass with its calendar, reviews and previews of shows and programs is a valuable resource in planning your event attendance?  
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Do you think more people get information about local products and services from advertisements in The Millerton News or from what they see on local sites on the internet?  
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How much do you value being able to run announcements of your events in the regular news pages?  
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Is there something else that you want more of, less of or that you'd like to see presented differently?  
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Has attendance at an event increased for you because you've announced it on our pages?  
No Yes

Would you be willing to pay a fee to ensure that your announcement is included on the news pages?  
No Yes

The fee to publish obituaries in The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News is dramatically lower than the cost in other publications, even regional ones. Our average cost is between \$50 and \$100. Would you support a change to double that fee?  
No Yes

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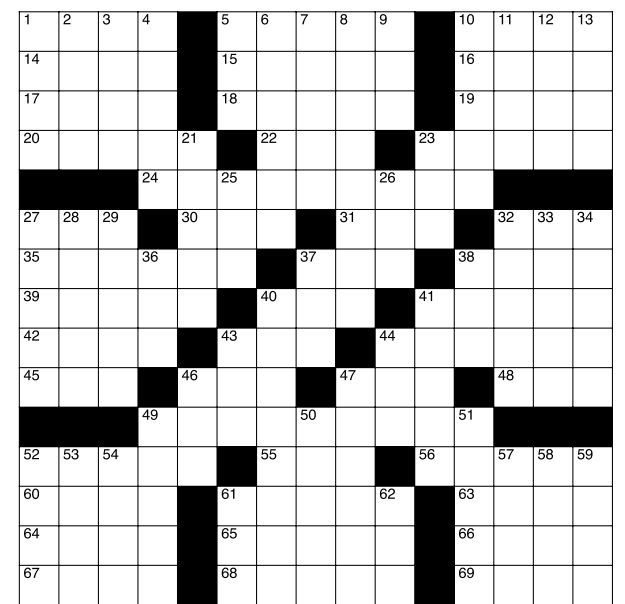
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- "Snow" in Welsh
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- Song
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- Resist authority (slang)
- Antsy
- Wrath
- Spills the beans
- Past
- The woman
- One has 24 hours
- Talk
- It can sting
- Astronomy unit
- Halfway
- Chinese dynasty
- Australian river
- Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- Fabric
- Crucifix
- Defunct European economic group
- "Hotel California" rockers
- Michael Knight's car
- Actress Ryan
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Insecticide
- Scientific instrument
- Golden-\_\_ corn
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Sword
- Ottoman military title
- Aromatic plants
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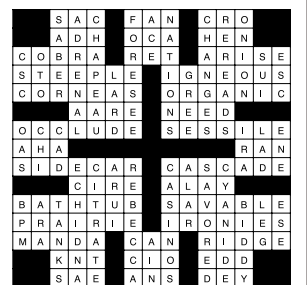
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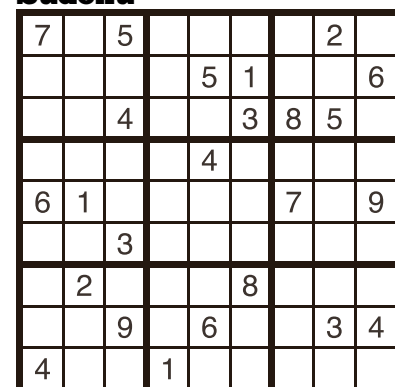


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- Capital of Vietnam
- Fungal disease
- Shelter
- Finished
- Excrete
- Unhappy
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- Coffee receptacle
- Spend time dully
- Makes full
- Snakelike fish
- Take in solid food
- \_\_ student, learns healing
- A way to take away
- Impart a lesson to
- "Transformers" actress Fox
- Spiritual leader
- Every one of two or more things
- Indian city
- 17th stars
- Weapon
- Amounts of time
- Isidor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- Soviet Socialist Republic
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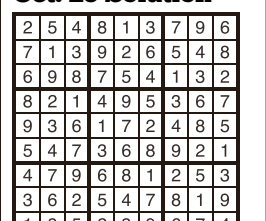
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## OBITUARIES

### Dennis R. Jordan

DOVER PLAINS — Dennis R. Jordan, 78, a 55-year resident of Dover Plains, died Oct. 27, 2021, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Dennis was a professional concrete finisher for over 40 years with Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 5, which is based in Newburgh, N.Y. Following his retirement from Local 5, he worked privately in the concrete construction field for several years.

Born Jan. 27, 1943, in Jersey City, N.J., he was the son of the late Joseph Jordan and Mary Ellen Flynn.

On Feb. 5, 1966, at the Millerton Presbyterian Church, he married Kathleen V. "Vicki" Hoag. Vicki passed away on May 12, 2014.

Dennis was a 49-year life member of the J.H. Ketcham Hose Co. in Dover Plains, where he could often be seen carrying the American Flag during dress parades, as a longtime member of the fire department Color Guard.

He was also a life member of the Dutchess County Volunteer Fireman's Association, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association, the Royal Order of Red Vests, an honorary member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod & Gun Club and a former baseball umpire with the Hudson Valley Umpires Association.

He loved to deer hunt in New York and Maine every year with his friends and was an avid gun enthusiast and shoe collector who loved to shop at Cabela's and Bass Pro.

For many years he bowled at Washington Lanes in Mabbetsville, N.Y., in the men's league and the mixed league with his wife.

He was loud at times and had no problem expressing his

opinion, but he always truly cared about people and especially his many friends who he did so much for. "Den-Den's" passing leaves a void in the many hearts of his dearest friends which will not soon, if ever, be filled.

Dennis is survived by his sons, Jeffrey J. Jordan and his girlfriend, Tammy King-

don of Millerton, Brian M. Jordan and his wife, Amber, of Millerton and Christopher S. Jordan and his wife, Ashley, of Copake Falls, N.Y., Cole Jordan, Cooper Jordan, Tyler Jordan and Breana Smith and Sidney and Sierra Surdam; his brother, Jeffrey Jordan of Oregon; his sister, Audrey Beauregard of Florida; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Summers of Millerton; and his dear friends, Mark Z, Scott and Robin and his buddy Colton, Brad and Melissa, Brock and Sara, Frank and Nicole, JP and Tee, Larry, Doug and Maureen, Bruce and Carmen, Rob and Carolyn and many more whom he loved and enjoyed spending time with.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomeko in Millerton (follow Route 22 to McGhee Hill Road to 222 Silver Mountain Road). The J.H. Ketcham Hose Co. will conduct services at 11:45 a.m. during visitation. Funeral services will begin at noon with the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

A reception will follow at the J.H. Ketcham Hose Co. in Dover Plains.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. We wish to thank our friends John Beck and Jim Childs for their assistance and care.

### Richard Eric Dell

SALISBURY — Richard Eric Dell, 69, a lifelong resident of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at Noble Horizons on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021. A full obituary will appear in the Nov. 11 Lakeville Journal and Millerton News.

## Bombers face defeat in final game Pine Plains/Rhinebeck football team ends season

PINE PLAINS — Determined not to end the 2021-22 athletic season without a fight, the Pine Plains/Rhinebeck varsity football team battled Spackenkill in the team's last game of the season on Friday, Oct. 22.

While the team from Stissing Mountain High School and their compatriots in Rhinebeck may not have won the contest, the players certainly gave it their all and their coach said they should be proud of their effort in the high-scoring game that night and throughout the season.

The Bombers faced off against the Spackenkill Spartans at 7 p.m. on the football field behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School.

The Bombers were led on the field by Sid Stracher with 218 yards rushing and three touch-

downs on two runs of 20 yards and one run of 70 yards. Sid also caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Bombers teammate Richie Lamping.

Leading the Bombers on defense, Logan Lydon made seven tackles. His teammate, Liam Bower, also made seven tackles for the Bombers while Sid and Jeremy Dolansky made six tackles each.

"Our kids battled tonight and hung in tough against an excellent Spackenkill football team," said Pine Plains Football Coach and Athletic Director Rob Scott.

Following a fierce battle on the football field, the Stissing Mountain Bombers lost to the Spackenkill Spartans with a final score of 46-26.

— Kaitlin Lyle

## SPORTS

### Guertin Gym offers great options

# Pickleball remains the cure-all for those looking for some activity in Millbrook

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Pickleball has been popular for a while now, but many in this area only started to hear about it a couple of years ago, before the COVID-19 pandemic hit — that's when the Town of Washington Recreation Department first proposed setting up a Pickleball court for adult play, and who would have guessed — it caught on.

It might have taken some time to pull all of the pieces together, but when it did finally coalesce it surprisingly seemed to become a favorite for all ages.

Now, year two into the coronavirus pandemic and the oddly-named sport is a staple at the Guertin Gym at Millbrook Village Hall on Sundays and a much-needed break during the days of the health crisis that is wearing on some people's nerves.

Pickleball can be played as a singles game or as doubles; it is a delightful mixture of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It is fast, furious and fun, and allows families, friends and casual acquaintances to come together with their paddles.

Using a complicated set of rules, players typically put in an hour or so of whacking at a hard little ball to get out all of their frustrations.

Unlike many court games, Pickleball is American and fairly modern, first played on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

It started out as a means to engage the families of three men: Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum, in an attempt to free them from an afternoon of boredom.

According to (modern day)

Lois Petrone made points on the Pickleball Court at Guertin Gym in Millbrook on a Sunday morning in 2020. She still likes to play when she can these days with her friends.

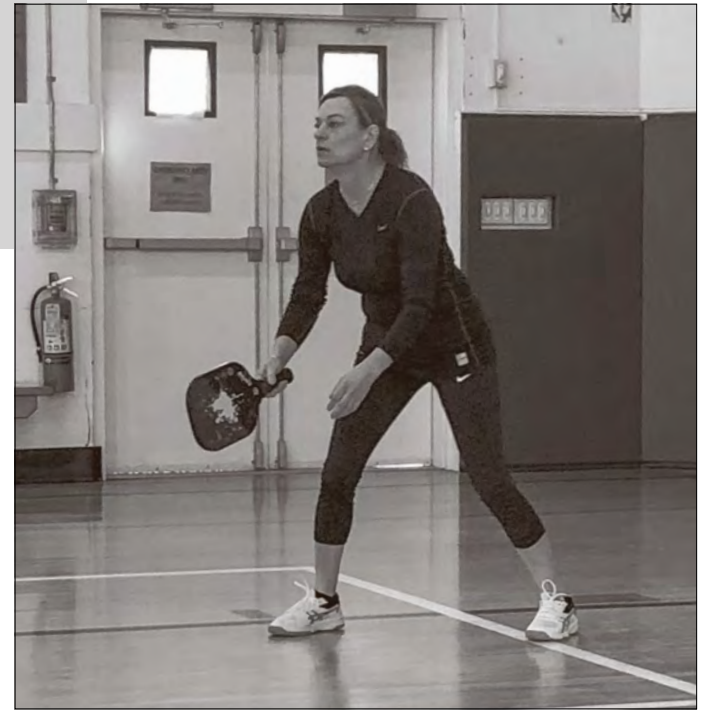


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legend, what was intended to be a badminton game became something else when the threesome realized they couldn't find the shuttlecock. They used a Whiffleball instead, made the net a little lower and made paddles out of some available plywood. Someone said it reminded her of a "Pickle Boat," where crew members were chosen from the leftovers of other boats.

From there, McCallum reportedly made the original paddles for the game on his band saw, and in 1972 he officially incorporated "Pickleball."

His son David now runs the company, although there are many other companies now producing the paddles, balls and nets for the game.

Since then the game has become quite popular. In fact, Pickleball has become so popular that there are lessons, rules, locations and tournaments widely available, although it is not an official sport as of now. It is also not seasonal, and can be played indoors or outdoors.

Games are currently being sponsored by the Town of Washington Recreation Department and held at Guertin Gym, located at Village Hall. They are for adults only. Court time costs \$20 an hour for the full court, and can be reserved online at recdirector@washingtontny.org; for more information, call 845-677-8278.



Getting ready to play pickleball at Guertin Gym on a Sunday morning prior to the pandemic hitting were, from left, Lynn Winklebauer, Theresa Wright, Lois Petrone and Eileen Pucci. Millbrook is still offering pickleball today, as the fall season gets underway in 2021.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### TOW Recreation offers basketball clinics

WASHINGTON — Basketball Skills Clinic: Practice playing competitive games, shooting, dribbling, game situations, scrimmage and more.

Clinics will be held on Mondays, Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 28.

The sessions are for students in grades one through four, from 5 to 6 p.m.

### Participate in a professional dance video

NEW YORK CITY — Mark DeGarmo Dance is currently seeking submissions for its next "Global Dance Circle" video.

This installment's theme is "Celebration" and professional and recreational dancers are all invited to submit a circle to show how, what, when, why and with whom they celebrate.

To be included in Mark DeGarmo Dance's next video, dancers should email a

10-second clip of their best moves to info@markdegarmodance.org.

They should include their name as they'd like it to appear in the video; their Instagram to be tagged in the IGTV video; their location (city, state/region, country); and a few short sentences about themselves.

DeGarmo is a Pine Plains native and professional choreographer who lives in NYC and Anram.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

## Worship Services

*Week of November 7, 2021*

**Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.**

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson <b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <b>In-Person and on You-Tube</b> <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <b>AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE</b> 50 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30</b> <b>IN-PERSON AND ONLINE</b> Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 <b>VISITORS WELCOME!</b> <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. "The Discipline of Gratitude" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialo1@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mngates125@gmail.com">mngates125@gmail.com</a> for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 <a href="http://Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church <b>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</b> Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="http://canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a></p>
<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 <a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>	

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AMENIA/DOVER



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Parading ahead of All Hallow's Eve

Something spooky passed through the hallways of Webutuck Elementary School on Friday, Oct. 29, during its annual Halloween parade. On Friday afternoon, students and staff walked in costume across the street from the elementary school for a parade through the Webutuck High School parking lot bus loop as middle and high school students and staff waited to greet the younger students passing by. When they headed back, the elementary students delighted in having celebrated Halloween a few days early with their classmates, teachers and new friends in the higher grades.



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Driving through the campus of Maplebrook School in Amenia last weekend, local families were amazed by its haunting transformation for the Drive Thru Spooktacular, from the cobwebs and gravestones that gave it a spooky vibe to the ghosts, ghouls, skeletons and other creatures there to greet those brave enough to make the trek.

Creepy, kooky, and spooky

AMENIA — The students and staff at the Maplebrook School weren't afraid to embrace the season of thrills and chills for a great cause as the school hosted a Drive Thru Spooktacular at its Amenia campus off Route 22 for the entire community from Thursday, Oct. 28, through Saturday, Oct. 30.

Driving through the yellow-colored campus from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evening or from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, those brave enough to do so said they were amazed by the school's flair for the frightful. It decorated a variety of Halloween-themed zones, offering treats for children and fun for

the families that attended. All of the proceeds raised as a result of the Drive Through Spooktacular benefited the Sunday in the Country Food Drive, which provides full Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey meals to families in need throughout the Tri-state region. — Kaitlin Lyle

Trunk or Treat moved to firehouse

AMENIA— Though Halloween was just one day away, trick or treaters in the town of Amenia didn't have to wait long to get their scare on as they stopped by the Trunk or Treat event held on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Originally set to be held at Beekman Park, Amenia Recreation Supervisor Kelly Milano thanked the Amenia Fire Company for opening the firehouse to the town just in case it rained.

Running from 3 to 4 p.m., local trick or treaters and their families admired the cars that had been decorated for the event and added candy to their Halloween bags and sacks.

Delighted by the success of this year's Trunk or Treat, Milano said they had 10 cars and a staggering 90 children participate in Saturday's event.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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From left, Kase Lawrence, Krew Lawrence, Bella Milano, Kody Lawrence, Eli Milano, Kogan Lawrence and Jeffrey Ellis posed in costume for a Halloween photo in front of a decked-out car at Amenia's Trunk or Treat.



From left, Eli Milano, Anthony Russo and Jonathan Russo gathered in the parking lot next to the Amenia firehouse to do some early trick or treating while dressed as a Creeper, a Ghostbuster and Luigi, respectively.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Renny Abrams Jr. and Renny Abrams Sr. of Renny's Store & Deli in Dover Plains celebrated its 50th anniversary in October

Renny's celebrates half a century in business in Dover Plains

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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DOVER PLAINS — Weathering the test of time, the changes in the convenience store industry and even the COVID-19 pandemic, Renny's Store & Deli founder Renny Abrams Sr. and his son, Renny Jr., have taken on each day at their family business with both a positive attitude and gratitude for the community that welcomed them to Dover Plains half a century ago.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary in October, father and son sat down with The Millerton News to share their story behind their beloved store.

It was on Oct. 8, 1971 that Abrams Sr., known to many in town these days for sitting behind the bench at the town court — he was then only 25 years old — purchased the building that would become Renny's Store & Deli at 3379 Route 22 in Dover Plains.

He and his wife Helen and their two sons, Renny Jr., 4, and Christopher, 2, lived above the store until 1974 when they welcomed son Shane into the family. That prompted their move down the street.

"It started out with a man with a dream and a lot of energy," said Renny Jr., "and it's taken a person with a lot of empathy for people around him and for a community matched with a lot of energy to build a following."

As Renny's, as the popular store is usually referred to, thrived and the Abrams family grew with the birth of daughter Erica and son Kurt, Abrams Sr. said they adopted a business model based on their personal philosophy: Whether customers stop in to refuel their

vehicles, to pick up a cup of coffee or to strike up a conversation, they are always greeted with warmth and familiarity.

"That's our approach... recognizing them as human beings and relative to our world and our community," he said.

Abrams Jr. said locals seemed to respond in kind and often remark on his family's good fortune.

"People have allowed us to be part of their lives and thus be a part of the community for 50 years here in this building," he said.

Along with running Renny's, the Abrams family has been an active part of the community since planting down roots in Dover: Abrams Jr. has served on the Town Board while Abrams Sr. has served as town justice for 31 years and ran Nov. 2 unopposed for another four-year term.

Throughout its five decades of business, thousands of local teens have worked at Renny's, and parents have lined up to have their children learn the values and skills that the store's founder has to teach.

Today, Abrams Jr. works as the owner, manager and CEO of Renny's Store, often opening up shop at 3 a.m. and leaving around 4 p.m. Currently, it employs 10 people.

From a financial perspective, father and son attribute their business success to baking a pie: instead of relying on a single part, it's about looking at all the parts and how they add up. When COVID-19 arrived, Abrams Sr. took the year off while Abrams Jr. ran the store; when COVID-19 restrictions improved, the patriarch returned, having recognized the store as an important part of himself from which he couldn't

remain away.

Asked how they've stayed so optimistic with the hurdles of the last 50 years, Abrams Jr. said, "It's like anything else: it becomes a habit and our habit has been to continuously be a positive moment in somebody's day."

Renny's Store & Deli is open from 3 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and from 3 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

To call Renny's, dial 845-877-6331; masks are required. A website is under construction; it will soon be available at www.RennysDover.com.

AMENIA IN BRIEF  
Town has open volunteer posts

The town is seeking applications for anticipated 2022 volunteer positions for the following: Board of Assessment Review; Planning Board; Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); ZBA alternates (two positions); Recreation Commission; Board of Ethics; Amenia Housing Board; Wastewater Committee; Conservation Advisory Council (CAC); Enhancement Committee. Town residency is required.

Send a letter of interest and resume via email to townclerk@ameniany.gov or via mail to Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501, by Wednesday, Nov. 17.

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**COVID-19 CASES** *Continued from Page A1*

To date, Castellani said Webutuck has had about eight to 10 cases since opening for the 2021-22 school year in September.

However, he voiced his confidence in the health and safety protocols the district has enforced, between its contact tracing system, students wearing masks and staff making sure protocols are being followed.

Taking the new cases into consideration and anticipating that more cases will pop up with

the arrival of the holiday season, Castellani said, "I think we have a good handle on managing them."

That being said, Castellani said parents have been reminded that if their children are sick or show any symptoms, they should be kept at home.

He added Webutuck currently offers weekly COVID-19 testing for students. Parents interested in having their children tested should contact the district office at 845-373-4100.

**NECC PROGRAMS** *Continued from Page A1*

youth programming has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Barrett remarked on children who are home during the day instead of in school.

Many daycare and early childcare programs have closed or are limited due to COVID restrictions. Parents are also struggling to find balance between their jobs and their families.

Looking at how NECC can address such issues and serve the community's needs, she said, was her motivation to secure

this funding.

Reflecting on how the NECC has fared in continuing its operations and programming during the past year, Barrett said, "I think they have been as responsive as they could possibly [be]... It was obviously a very challenging time for all non-profits because their normal fundraising events and outreach, were curtailed [during the pandemic], so that's why it was important to them to bring state money to them to continue

the important work that they do."

Barrett added her hopes that the center is valued by those who have access to it.

"I hope that people will continue to recognize what a treasure they have in the North East Community Center and support and partner with them in many different ways," she said.

Though Barrett and her team had notified NECC of the funding beforehand, it was only on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20, that they were able to get to-

gether in Millerton to make a public announcement.

"This funding, along with a small pilot grant from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, is the reason why we can finally take steps to assess the childcare needs of the community and consider NECC's potential role in providing solutions to these needs in our area," said NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent.

Sergent stressed how key the funding is to the assessment NECC began and will be conducting in the next two months, which will help enable it to contract for space, should its Board of Directors choose to vote to move forward with its "great new endeavor."

That endeavor is NECC's partnering with Astor Services for Children & Families and the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. to hold focus groups in English and Spanish. It has met with various providers and regulating agencies related to childcare; and has begun to develop a business plan for the NECC Board to review.

Coming up, Sergent said NECC will be sending out a survey of childcare needs and issues, which it hopes everyone in the community will complete, share with others or do both.

In the Oct. 7 Millerton News, Sergent said NECC is looking to start a nonprofit childcare center in the former Astor Head Start site at 11 Park St. It recently received some start-up funds to begin the project.

"It's still a work in progress, but we want to be something that benefits the families in the area and the businesses in the area that are striving to attract employees," she said at the time.

The Astor site housed its early childcare development center on Park Street for 30 years, but recently transitioned to a home-based program due to low enrollment.

To learn how to take NECC's Childcare Survey, turn to Page A2.

**THE MUSIC CELLAR** *Continued from Page A1*

neighboring Salisbury and Kent, Conn., which led to the building being placed on the market. Responding quickly to his landlord's announcement that she wanted to sell the building, Jonny G decided he wanted to buy the hot piece of property. He set up a GoFundMe page this past March to raise the necessary funds with the community's help as he didn't have the money for a down payment all by himself.

Thanks to an overwhelming amount of support and generosity, The Music Cellar was able to raise the funds needed to put down the down payment on the building. Jonny G said the studio met its goal by August, raising \$18,000.

When The Millerton News previously reported on The Music Cellar's fundraising campaign this past spring, the total fundraising goal was \$25,000. With \$18,000 raised through the GoFundMe page, Jonny G attributed the remaining \$17,000 to generous support from his family and donors, with the rest coming from his personal savings.

Extending his gratitude to all those who contributed to the fundraiser and allowed The Music Cellar to secure its home



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**Helping to foster a love of music at an early age, Jonny G, center, led a group of local toddlers in drumming to their own beat at the Toddler Jam session on Wednesday morning, Oct. 27.**

base of 10 years, Jonny G said, "In a world where school budgets so often suffer, and the arts are considered extracurricular luxuries rather than the integral piece of humanity that they are, it gives me hope to see so many

coming together to show their support and valuation of music education. It makes me proud to live in a community that sees the importance of music and creativity."

Elsewhere in the community,

local residents and long-time supporters of the studio were equally delighted to see The Music Cellar reach its goal.

"[My husband] Greg and I were thrilled to see the outpouring of support from the community," said Brooke Lehman, co-director of The Watershed Center in Millerton, who rallied the community to contribute to the GoFundMe page, "and we weren't surprised because Jonny and the rest of the crew at The Music Cellar have been such a gift to the community for so many years. It's really heartwarming to see so many people showing up and giving back."

If things had gone differently and The Music Cellar had disappeared from the village, Lehman said the community would have lost the heart of its cultural programming.

"My hope is that The Music Cellar serves as a nucleus for other forms of creative endeavors to anchor themselves in Millerton in the future," she said. "For Millerton, really having a building or a cultural institution devoted to music right in the heart of town — right on the Rail Trail — serves us as a community well into the future."

"They are an important part of what makes this community so vibrant and fun," said North-East-Millerton Library Director

Rhiannon Leo-Jameson. "It really shows you how much they mean to Millerton and to our local creative community, that they were able to rally behind them like this."

Jonny G often volunteers to sing and perform at the library, and is a regular part of its programming for children of all ages there.

"The Music Cellar has provided some of our youngest library patrons — infants, toddlers and preschoolers — with the ability to connect with music during their early childhood years, which are some of the most pivotal years in socio-emotional learning and development," said North-East-Millerton Library Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune. "The impact of that is not insignificant, and knowing that they will continue to be a resource in our community brings me a lot of joy for their organization and for Millerton as a whole."

Jonny G and those who work at The Music Cellar have also volunteered with the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton frequently over the years. They've also made it a point to participate in other community events, always contributing to the vibe of the village and promoting Millerton in the most musical of ways.

**Sharon Hospital****Discussions & protests planned**

SHARON, Conn. — In addition to a meeting on Friday, Nov. 5, in Sharon, three other events are planned for discussion of NuVance's proposed plan to close the obstetrics unit at Sharon Hospital.

Sharon Hospital will host two in-person roundtable discussions to provide an open forum for community members to ask questions and provide feedback on the facility's transformative plans.

Sessions will meet at the following locations and are limited to no more than 15 people, in compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols. Advance registration is required on a first

come, first served basis. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced.

Because of the limited capacity available, community members are respectfully requested to register for only one session.

Meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sharon Town Hall.

- Thursday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville.

To register, email SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org or call 845-554-1734 with your name and phone number.

Community members are encouraged to go to [www.nuvance-health.org/sharonhospitaltrans](http://www.nuvance-health.org/sharonhospitaltrans)

formation for the latest updates on the hospital's transformational plan, including a recording of the Sept. 29 Community Update presentation.

To ask questions or schedule an additional small group conversation to discuss our plans, email [SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org](mailto:SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org).

The town of Sharon will offer a Zoom link to the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8727483273>; the meeting ID is 872 748 3273.

There will also be an event on the Green in Sharon by the grassroots group Save Sharon Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

# SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

SATURDAY, NOV. 6th  
at 3pm

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**A trio of trick-or-treaters**

Students from Webutuck Elementary School marched over to Webutuck High School to show off their Halloween costumes and celebrate the spirit of the spooky holiday with the upper-classmen on Friday, Oct. 29, during the school's annual Halloween Parade. These three schoolmates made sure they were dressed for the occasion.

**Veterans Day events**

HARLEM VALLEY — Towns and villages throughout northeastern Dutchess County are honoring local veterans and their service to our country on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. with traditional Veterans Day observances. Below is a list of local ceremonies.

**Amenia**

Fountain Square War Memorial, 4958 Route 22, Amenia. Hosted by VFW Post #5444 and town officials.

**Millerton & North East**

Veterans Park, intersection of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue. Hosted by Millerton American Legion Post #178.

**Pine Plains**

American Legion Hall, 9 North Main St. Hosted By VFW Post #5519 and American Legion Post #426.

**Millbrook**

VFW #908, Along Franklin Avenue, with a ceremony to follow at the Village Green.

— Whitney Joseph

# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ETIENNE DELESSERT

## Only Fortune Makes Us Different from Them

For some of us life can be relatively normal — even if for days there might be a limited selection of cat food on the grocery shelves, or no baking soda. Perhaps some money problems here and there. Or encountering people who refuse the COVID vaccine because they want “the freedom of dying ...”

Chris Pouler, a resident of Lakeville, Conn., since 1999, is shy: the kind of man who can auscultate a world situation for 15 years, be haunted by the immigration crisis, and express a different normality — that of the people who attempt to change their lives by walking, or crowding onto a raft in search of our kind of life.

We should perhaps remember that for centuries immigrants have broken from their environments to come to the U.S. (from Germany or Kenya — the family origins of two of our recent presidents).

We have flourished ... with immigrants.

Pouler is a great painter of faces that tell personal stories. In this exhibition, he also orchestrates scenes with several characters, isolated in empty landscapes, who wonder if they have the courage — and the despair — to leave. They have seen the rage and the violence, storms flooding the streets, earthquakes breaking their towns, drug cartels



IMAGE COURTESY CHRIS POULER

**Kristina, an Iraqi refugee, is the subject of one of a series of paintings by Chris Pouler focusing on the life and struggles of refugees.**

kidnapping their children, and lack of work.

Their misery and anger should darken their expressive faces. But Pouler's humble secret is that the hundreds of faces in a show of his work called “Relativity,” at the Warren Family Gallery at the Berkshire School look straight at you, with sadness and hope in their eyes; they look relatively normal. Like our own children, like our friends. The paintings reflect that once there was happiness; each pale smile

paints a glimmer of hope.

It is a “political” exhibition, but in fact all the faces of children, mothers, proud fathers and trembling grandparents hold the weight of the decisions to improve their conditions. They came from Syria, from Myanmar or Sudan, Kosovo and Columbia, Haiti or Mexico. They feel deeply that their odyssey will finally be understood.

Oddly, a few faces are painted with closed eyes. Perhaps lost in their thoughts. I recognized

among them a young Mohammad Ali; he was also some kind of migrant, an “other” who proclaimed he was “the greatest ever.”

In this multimedia installation, Pouler has a very skilled way of encouraging us to reflect upon a world which, in 10 or 20 years, will find millions and millions of people leaving the continents of Africa and Asia, or the Middle East because there is no longer enough water: a “relatively” big crisis! Let's get ready!

I especially like Tryptic #2: a melancholic image that reminds me of some of the best canvasses of Eric Fischl, before his innocence turned to vile cliché. And Kristina, The Girl from Iraq, among a field of glorious marigolds. She crumbled at the hands of ISIS, picked a flower from the grave. Her spirit is triumphant!

“Relativity,” a show of paintings by Chris Pouler, is at the Warren Family Gallery at the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., until Dec. 18. The show can be seen Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment (call 413-229-1265). All visitors must be vaccinated and masked.



PHOTO BY MARK WEINBERG

New York Times Magazine food writer Dorie Greenspan will take about her 14th book, which includes a recipe for the caramel-apple crisp in this photo, in a Zoom talk Nov. 6.

### TAKING YOUR BAKING UP A NOTCH WITH DORIE GREENSPAN

One of the loveliest things about Dorie Greenspan as a cook-book author/food writer is that she's very chatty and encouraging and gives detailed explanations that are sufficiently fun to read that you don't skip over them. Learning should always be this easy.

This wonderfully conversational food coach will be featured in a Zoom conversation hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. She will be chatting with another famous foodie, Priscilla Martel; mostly they will be talking about Greenspan's new (and 14th) book, “Baking With Dorie: Sweet, Salty & Simple.”

If you want to give

Greenspan a test drive before the Zoom, we have a recipe from the cookbook at our website at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com). A caramel-apple crisp, it will give you an excuse to go to a farmstand near you and buy some of the apple bounty that our region is offering right now. It's also a more sophisticated and surprising version of something we all love (apple crisp), that's a little less sweet, a little more complex and less “white,” with whole wheat flour and old-fashioned rolled oats.

—Cynthia Hochswender

To register for the Zoom talk, go to [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/baking](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/baking).

### BROMBERG, KAUKONEN AND CASADY ONSTAGE TOGETHER AT THE MAHAWE

The David Bromberg Quintet and Hot Tuna will perform together in a concert on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

It will be an evening of modern appreciation of historic blues music by two iconic American bands.

David Bromberg is a musician's musician, adept at guitar, fiddle, Dobro and mandolin in multiple

styles. The seminal blues guitarist Rev. Gary Davis claimed the young Bromberg as a son.

Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady founded Hot Tuna in 1969 as a side project during their Jefferson Airplane days.

Today, Kaukonen is a leading practitioner and teacher of fingerstyle guitar. His contemporary performances carry on the work of the Rev. Gary Davis.

Casady is known for having broadened the range and scope of electric bass playing, taking it out of the rhythm category and bringing to it a world of complex and complementary melodies.

Tickets for the concert are \$41 to \$86 (\$5 off for Mahaiwe Members) and must be purchased in advance at [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org) or 413-528-0100 from Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.



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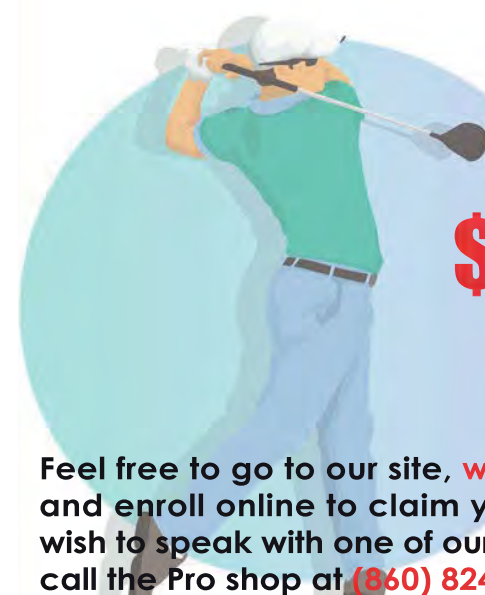


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**Christophe Landon, one of the world's premier luthiers, will talk about and demonstrate the magic of stringed instruments in a fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 7, for the Hudson Valley Philharmonic.**

## WHAT MAKES THE STRINGS SING, WEEP AND LAUGH

Christophe Landon, one of the world's leading luthiers, will give a talk on "Mysteries of the Great Instruments" at Revel 32 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., hosted by the Bardavon, on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m.

Landon will bring his collection of priceless violins, violas and cellos, with demonstrations on each by members of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

All seats are \$100 and seating is very limited. This event benefits the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and includes hors d'oeuvres and a wine toast, plus cash bar.

For information on COVID restrictions and to purchase tickets, contact the Bardavon or UPAC box offices at 845-473-2072 or 845-339-6088 or go to [www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org).

## MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Exploring the Roots Of French Cabaret Music

Mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe will sing French cabaret songs at a fundraising event for the Bard College Conservatory of Music and Graduate Vocal Arts Program on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Fisher Center's Sosnoff Theater in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. Tickets for the live performance start at \$25. Virtual livestream tickets are pay what you wish. All ticket sales benefit the Bard Conservatory Graduate Vocal Arts Scholarship Fund. Blythe has performed

on many of the world's great stages, such as Carnegie Hall, Metropolitan Opera, Covent Garden, Paris National Opera, San Francisco, Chicago Lyric, and Seattle Opera. Joining her in the performance Nov. 6 will be pianist Kayo Iwama, who has performed at venues including the Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, DiMenna Center, Merkin Hall, The Morgan Library, Jordan Hall, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Tanglewood, the Kennedy Center,

Tokyo's Yamaha Hall and the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris.

Blythe and Iwama will be joined by members of the Vocal Arts Program and Conservatory Collaborative Piano Fellowship in a program that explores the beginnings of the world of French cabaret, a musical movement that was born to explore an exotic and bohemian ideal, expressing social and political satire through song.

The evening's program includes a repertoire of French cabaret songs spanning 1866 through

1968, and includes "Les temps des cerises" (1866) by Jean-Baptiste Clément (1836-1903), "La Vie en rose" (1945) by Louiguy (1916-91), "Le serpents qui danse" (1957) by Charles Baudelaire (1821-1867), and "Les moulins de mon coeur" (1968) by Michel Legrand (1932-2019) among many others.

To purchase or reserve tickets, go to [www.fishercenter.bard.edu](http://www.fishercenter.bard.edu), call 845-758-7900 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or email [boxoffice@bard.edu](mailto:boxoffice@bard.edu).

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## ART

**100 Main**, 100 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [www.100mainst.com](http://www.100mainst.com)  
Custom Shades, Nov. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Argazzi Art**, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. [www.argazziart.com](http://www.argazziart.com)  
Collection of Gallery Artists. Featuring works by Ewa Bathelier, Sandrine Kern, Victor Mirabelli, Antonio Murado, Richard Segalman, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
OPENING LECTURE FOR COMPETING CURRENTS: 20TH-CENTURY JAPANESE PRINTS, Nov. 6, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

## BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
Author Talk With Dorie Greenspan: "Baking With Dorie: Sweet, Salty & Simple", Nov. 6, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)  
Virtual Book Launch: Kal Penn: You Can't Be Serious, Nov. 5, 7 p.m. (online).

**The Cornwall Library**, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org)  
READING MIDDLEMARCH WITH MARK SCARBROUGH, Nov. 9, 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## KIDS

**American Mural Project**, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. [www.americanmuralproject.org](http://www.americanmuralproject.org)  
StopMotion @AMP (virtual program), Nov. 10, 17, 24, 5 to 6 p.m. (online).

**Kent Memorial Library**, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)  
D&D Adventures, Nov. 5, 19, 3:30 p.m.  
Writing a Children's Book with Caroline Nastro, Nov. 6, 2:00 p.m.

**Millbrook Free Library**, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)  
Outdoor Art Group, Fridays, 3:10 to 4:30 p.m.

## MOVIES

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Now playing: No Time to Die, Velvet Underground, Dune, Bergman Island, Lamb.

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)  
THE WIZARD OF OZ (1939), Nov. 26, 4 p.m.

**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)  
FRAGILITY ETUDES: MUSIC BY SUSIE IBARRA, FILM BY YUKA C. HONDA, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.

## MUSIC

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)  
PERFORMING ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE CONCERT, Nov. 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**Close Encounters With Music**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.cewm.org](http://www.cewm.org)  
Café Music—Jazz, Rap and Grand Reopening!, Nov. 21, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

**Scoville Memorial Library**, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Women in Jazz presented by Flute Juice artist Galen, Nov. 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (online).

## TALKS

**Noble Horizons**, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org)  
Helping Seniors with Home, Financial and Legal Needs, Nov. 11, 7 p.m. (online).

**The Salisbury Forum**, Salisbury, Conn. [www.salisburyforum.org](http://www.salisburyforum.org)  
SHERRY TURKLE: A Zoom Webinar, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. (online).

## THEATER

**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)  
Teen/Adult Beginner Tap: Teen/Adult (12 and up), Nov. 8, 15, 22, 6 to 7 p.m.

**Warner Theatre**, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org)  
Dogfight, Nov. 6 though 21, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m.



IMAGE COURTESY ALEXIS ROCKMAN

This 1988 painting by Alexis Rockman was inspired by the artist's love of amphibians, including this snapping turtle.

## FOR THE LOVE OF TURTLES (AND ART)

Alexis Rockman, known for his contemporary paintings and works on paper, will talk about one of his favorite subjects — turtles! — in a live event at the library in Cornwall, Conn., on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m.

Rockman, a new resident of Warren, Conn., will talk about the eastern painted, snapping, spotted, bog and wood turtles, as well as their far-flung relatives — and will also show images of and discuss some of his paintings that feature turtles.

Rockman has developed a cult following for his often-apocalyptic artwork that focuses on the impact that humans have on our planet.

Registration and COVID vaccine are required. Maximum attendance is 60 people. Register at [www.cornwalllibrary.org/events](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org/events).

## WORKS BY CHALEFF AND KENRO & YUMIKO IZO AT NEW GREAT BARRINGTON ART GALLERY UNTIL NOV.28

Artist and entrepreneur Carrie Chen, creator of the Casana cashmere line, has opened a gallery at 16 Railroad St. in Great Barrington, Mass. The gallery's first exhibit, which opened Oct. 30 and remains on display until Nov. 28, features the work of internationally award-winning sculptor and pottery artist Paul Chaleff, a Hudson River Valley resident.

Chaleff's work has been exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York's Museum of Modern Art, the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian and Muju

Sculpture Park in South Korea.

On the walls are photos by Kenro and Yumiko Izu, who are longtime friends and collaborators with Chaleff. Also residents of

the Hudson River Valley, the Izus' photographic work focuses on subtleties of nature.

The gallery will be open every Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Village Board meets at firehouse Ballot mishap dealt with, tennis court repair bid accepted

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The Wednesday, Oct. 20, meeting was held at the Millbrook firehouse and opened by Mayor Tim Collopy (D) at 6 p.m.

Earlier this year, two residents were appointed to fill vacant trustee positions on the Village Board: Buffy Arbogast (D) replaced Collopy when he was elected mayor and Leslie Anson (NOP) replaced Kevin McGrane (D) when he resigned due to personal reasons.

The paperwork was submitted to Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) before it was informed of McGrane's resignation, so the November ballot only lists one open trustee position when there are actually two.

Two candidates are running for the two trustee positions: Arbogast and Peter Doro (R).

The Village Board decided the fair response to this mix-up is for the runner-up in the election to be appointed to the second vacant position while the winner will take the first vacant position. Both trustee positions will be up for election in November of 2022 for full four-year terms.

### Monthly reports

Millbrook Fire Department (MFD) Chief Ted Bownas reported 60 EMS calls, including a brush and structure fire; there was one haz-mat call and nine flood calls. Of the EMS responses, Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) responded to 57 and MFD responded to three. Mutual Aid was given three times by the MFD; 12 times by EMS; mutual aid was also received, two times by the MFD and six times by EMS.

### Parade of Lights is on!

Bownas and MFD President Matt Rochfort also noted that the Parade of Lights, which was canceled for the past two years because of the COVID pandemic, will take place this year. The mayor said later that John McDonald has offered to take charge of it.

Millbrook Police Department (MPD) Sgt. Jared Witt gave the MPD report. It issued 10 traffic tickets, seven parking tickets and handled 12 complaints. Three arrests were made, and court duty was performed twice. There was one DUI, one intoxicated juvenile and three orders of protection issued. There were two larcenies and four disorderly conducts, among other incidents.

Witt requested the village purchase two radar speed signs at a cost of \$5,800; the board voted in favor of the purchases.

### Commercial cannabis

A resolution for Local Law No. 6 of 2021 was requested, Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing Retail Cannabis Sites in the Village. The mayor and the four trustees all voted in favor of passing the law.

A public hearing was opened: there were no public comments and the hearing closed. Marijuana will not be permitted to be sold commercially in the village.

### Tennis court update

Anson reported that having achieved not only the original goal of \$25,000, but with a second donation from the Tribute Garden Foundation a total of \$28,709 was raised. The board approved Anson proceeding to accept the bid from Oval Tennis to resurface the courts next spring for \$28,000.

The village is still accepting donations, as the cost may continue to rise between now and then. Any community member who would like to donate may go to [www.villageofmillbrook.com/tennis](http://www.villageofmillbrook.com/tennis) for more information.

Two other companies showed interest: Sport Tech bid \$68,000 for the project and American Sports Builders Association showed interest but didn't enter an actual bid.

### Highway update

Supervisor of Public Works Bob Collacola reported on all of the repairs his department has been making, included from recent storm activity. The new plow for the 2011 dump truck arrived. His crew repaired several catch basins around the village and painted all of the crosswalks on Franklin Avenue. He also advised that leaf pickup has begun.

The Highway Department also assisted Millbrook Electric in fixing the street lights on Franklin Avenue that have not been working, and made a plan for all the wiring to be done for future repairs. A full list of the work being done by the Highway Department may be found on the village's website, [www.villageofmillbrookny.com](http://www.villageofmillbrookny.com).

Trustee Vicki Contino reported that she is working with the MPD on "drive arounds," and forming recommendations for the traffic codes with Sgt. Witt. She is also working with Millbrook Business Association (MBA) President Kevin McGrane on Christmas decorations and festivities, some of which may need funding support.

She said she identified possible government funding to help with repairs for the village's retaining wall and is coordinating with the Town of Washington on electric vehicle charging stations.

Contino is working on the best use for the village's American Rescue Act (ARA) funds. She also reviewed the Ethics Code with counsel at the New York Conference of Mayors, noting that Millbrook's code appears to be consistent with the state's mandates.

### Block Grant

Deputy Mayor Mike Herzog discussed making a request for CDBG grant money for sidewalk repairs and replacements, as well as to repair the retaining walls. He proposed sending a letter of intent to the county with the ideas; a public hearing notice will follow.

Earlier in the meeting, County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) offered to help the village with the required Community Block Grant (CDBG) application.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse.



With blue balloons overhead, from left, Asher St. Germain, 7, Henry Boettger, 8, and Molly Boettger, 5, all classmates at Elm Drive Elementary School, stopped by to get some candy at the Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 30. Brandon Patane helped decorate the car in honor of the Halloween festivity.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Maggie Spafford, 12, and her brother Leif, 9, moved to Millbrook in July to attend local schools, just in time to enjoy the Trunk or Treat at the Town of Washington Park.

## Tricks and treats for children, plus pumpkins to paint at Town Park

MABBETTSVILLE — In spite of the cool temperatures and some rainfall, the annual Trunk or Treat was held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Town of Washington Park in Mabbettsville.

Although only five families showed up this year to decorate their vehicles and offer candy to local children, which was a low turnout compared to years' past, and the stream of costumed children was also lighter than usual, those who did attend appeared to have a wonderful time.

Children of all ages collected treats to enjoy for the Halloween holiday, which was the next day. They also got to chat with Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tshalis and Children's Librarian Abby Gallagher. The two were on hand to share spooky Halloween tales and decorate pumpkins while enjoying cider and doughnuts.

The Town of Washington's Recreation Department helped organize the event, which is always a popular one with parents and children alike.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



From left, Fiona Patane, 3, with friends Everleigh Dwyer, also 3, and Ashland Dwyer, 10, got their fill of Halloween candy at the Trunk or Treat event at the Town of Washington Park in Mabbettsville on Saturday, Oct. 30.

### MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

#### Bridge Club at Millbrook Library

In partnership with Millbrook at Home, the Millbrook Library is hosting a Bridge Club on Thursdays.

Whether you are a bridge pro or a beginner, come by the library to play a rousing hand of the classic game.

The library will be providing the cards and the space to play. The club meets at 2 p.m.

Sign-up early or feel free to just show up the day of. For more information or to register, go to [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org) or call 845-677-3611.

#### Update from Lyall Memorial Church

The Lyall Memorial Federated Church is conducting worship services live, in-person each Sunday at 10:25 a.m. Services are also being live streamed and are available to view in real-time from the church's website, [www.lyallmemorial.org](http://www.lyallmemorial.org).

Services are also recorded and archived, and may be viewed at a later time by clicking on the live stream link and searching for the date of the service.

For more information, call the church at 845-677-3485 or visit the church at 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook.

#### Millbrook at Home keeps connected

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook at Home senior group wants to stay connected with local residents, so it's sharing a link to its website where seniors can find out about programs and meetings through the popular online platform called Zoom.

The website is [www.millbrookathome.org](http://www.millbrookathome.org).

Also, the group's newsletter is available. Meanwhile, if there are any questions, suggestions or concerns, seniors can email [connect@millbrookathome.org](mailto:connect@millbrookathome.org).

Millbrook at Home seeks to create and deepen connections among those who remain in their homes as they advance in age.

### Realtor® at Large

Falls Village now offers a wonderful opportunity to view both beautiful art and to enjoy excellent food in the center of Town. Kathleen Kucka is the curator of the art gallery Furnace - Art on Paper Archive located at 107 Main St in Falls Village. The gallery focuses on contemporary art on paper and features many local artists. Visit their website at: [www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com/](http://www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com/) current. And while there, enjoy the food and coffee at the Falls Village Café, which is also in the same building. Their web site is: [fallsvillagecafe.com](http://fallsvillagecafe.com).



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EDITORIAL

Thanks, Didi, for going to bat for NECC

There is no question that the North East Community Center (NECC) provides essential programs and social services, not just for its hometown village of Millerton, but to the many communities it serves throughout the Harlem Valley.

Among its funders and collaborators, according to its incredibly well laid out and newly updated website, www.necmillerton.org, in addition to the town of North East, are the towns of Amenia, Dover, Pine Plains and the village of Millbrook; the Webutuck Central School District; the Foundation For Community Health, Inc.; the Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network; the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region; the Dutchess County Office for the Aging; the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation; and a slew of others.

As the history section of the website explains, NECC began in 1988 under the auspices of The Northeast Community Council Inc. NECC was established in the winter of 1988 as a dba, thanks to Millerton residents Wendy Curtis and Sam Busselle.

Curtis and Busselle, long passionate advocates for improving Millerton and the quality of life for all who live here, urged the North East Town Board to pass a local statute.

According to the website, NECC's "original purpose was to respond to the lack of social support services for Millerton and North East residents, who reside far from county services in Poughkeepsie."

The community center was incorporated as a nonprofit in New York in 1990 and received federal recognition as a 501(C)3 nonprofit in 1994.

Being a nonprofit, of course, means it had to find and must continue to find alternative and ideally lucrative funding sources willing to sponsor the many creative programs NECC offers.

Under the superb guidance of Executive Director Christine Sergent, those services have grown to include programming not only at its 51 South Center St. headquarters (the building was purchased in 1993 thanks to a generous and far-sighted donor), but have also stretched out to Amenia, where its K-eighth grade after-school programming is housed at the Webutuck Elementary and middle school buildings at the Haight Road campus (which NECC permanently leased in 2017).

In fact, NECC's budget is now operating at more than \$1 million and its staff includes 12 full-time workers and 14 part-time workers. That budget helps the community center fund programs ranging from Toddler & Youth Programs to Family Programs to Community Programs to Food Access Programs to Transportation Programs to After-School Programs to Job Programs.

Among the vital services NECC has focused on during the past three decades has been childcare. That's why just two weeks ago, State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) said she was excited to have secured \$40,000 for the nonprofit as it provides for families in the region needing such assistance. Barrett shared news of the award on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20.

Barrett said she found the money in the 2021 state budget. It came from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The funds became available this past summer and Barrett was insistent they go toward programs in her district.

"I think they have been as responsive as they could possibly [be]," said Barrett about NECC. "It was obviously a very challenging time for all non-for-profits because their normal programming, as well as their normal fundraising events and outreach, were curtailed [during the pandemic]."

Which is another reason why she wanted to give the \$40,000 to the community center, to help bolster its coffers and give it a boost for its childcare programming.

"I hope that people will continue to recognize what a treasure they have in the North East Community Center," said the assemblymember.

Sergent explained that the funding from Barrett's office is being paired with a small pilot grant from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. She said it's "the reason why we can finally take steps to assess the childcare needs of the community and consider NECC's potential role in providing solutions to these needs in our area."

In the upcoming months, NECC will conduct childcare assessments to plan for possible expansion, if its Board of Directors decides to do so. It's also developing a business plan for the board to review and drafting a survey of childcare needs to send out community wide to solicit more input.

The Oct. 7 issue of The Millerton News interviewed Sergent, who said NECC wants to start a nonprofit childcare center in the former Astor Head Start site at 11 Park St. In early October, the Head Start program announced it would shift to a home-based program due to low enrollment after more than 30 years of operating out of its Millerton base.

"It's still a work in progress, but we want to be something that benefits the families in the area and the businesses in the area that are striving to attract employees," said Sergent, noting NECC received some start-up funds to get the project going.

We believe anything NECC can do to help support the community's youth, as it has for the past 33 years, would be well worth the effort — just like the many other endeavors the community center has undertaken in the past three-plus decades.

We support NECC wholeheartedly, along with its fearless leader, Sergent, and her many trusted employees, volunteers and board members, with whatever they set their minds to do. We are certain it will be for the greater good.

We also want to thank our assemblymember, Didi Barrett, for once again remembering the Harlem Valley and working to squeeze every penny out of the state budget she could for us.

Thanks, too, to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation — which is always around with the just the right grant to fill in the gaps at just the right time.

This is the perfect example of a community coming together to get a deed done for the common good. And what better "good" is there than our children? Well done, everyone. Well done indeed!



'Priceless' maternity ward should be promoted, not closed to community

My name is Karline Moeller and I gave birth at Sharon Hospital on June 17, 2021.

The maternity ward doctors and nurses of Sharon Hospital are an incredibly magical bunch. I met almost all of them, as I was in labor for almost 60 hours and then had a c-section — I arrived at Sharon Hospital on a Tuesday morning and did not leave until Saturday evening.

Over the course of those five days, my life changed completely. I went on the most important personal journey, that of becoming

a mother, and to accompany me on that journey were the doctors and nurses.

It is quite difficult to put into writing how meaningful they were to me; their unwavering assistance, their knowledge and guidance, their insight and honesty, their warmth and compassion, their presence and positivity.

These words only scratch the surface in describing the angelic nature of everyone working in the Maternity Unit at Sharon Hospital.

If Nuvance shuts down the La-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cut maternity and you 'remove incentives for new families to set roots'

My name is Amy Scheim. I am a resident of Millerton, and my daughter was born at Sharon Hospital in July of 2021. On Sept. 29 I tuned in to Nuvance Health's Zoom meeting to unveil their Sharon Hospital transformation plan.

To call this plan a transformation somehow gives one the impression that these changes are a positive thing, yet the biggest changes (the proposal to phase out labor and delivery and cut ICU and surgical services) are only transformative in the most negative way — eliminating vital services to the community.

I grew up in Oneonta, N.Y., and as a lifetime upstate resident, I know how important it is for rural communities to have access to quality medical care. Part of my and my husband's interest in buying a home in Millerton was because of Sharon Hospital; we knew we could start our family with the resources of the hospital nearby, and felt reassured knowing that emergency care (if we needed it) was only 10 minutes from our home.

When I gave birth at Sharon Hospital this summer, the experience of the Labor and Delivery Department was unlike any other. The quality of care we received at the hospital was above and beyond what I could have expected. The care from the nurses and staff was truly wonderful, and I feel so lucky we were able to have our baby at Sharon Hospital.

Nuvance claims that there aren't enough births per year to warrant keeping Labor and Delivery open. However, closing Labor and Delivery, along with cuts to ICU and surgical services, is a self fulfilling prophecy: to remove these services is to remove incentives for new families to set roots in the area and invest in the community in a multitude of ways, firstly by giving birth at Sharon Hospital. Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital is an asset that Nuvance needs to market.

If only more people knew of the high quality care, more families would make the choice to deliver at Sharon and invest in the surrounding community, as my family has done.

Our community is fortunate to have such an amazing Labor and Delivery Department, and to close it would be a disservice to the safety and health of the residents, not to mention a disservice to the talented doctors, nurses and staff who devote their time to caring for the families.

My family and I will attend the Save Sharon Hospital rally this Saturday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. at the Sharon Town Green to support Sharon Hospital medical staff and to oppose Nuvance's plan to close maternity and cut surgical and ICU services.

I hope others in the community will join us to show how much these vital services matter, and to voice opposition to Nuvance's plan.

Thank you,  
**Amy Scheim**  
Save Sharon Hospital  
Millerton

bor and Delivery Unit, they will be robbing women and families from birth experiences like this. This kind of medical intimacy is priceless, and Nuvance should consider advertising and promoting this unit instead of closing it down.

I vehemently oppose Nuvance's transformation plan, which would phase out Labor and Delivery along with cuts to ICU and surgical services.

**Karline Moeller**  
Save Sharon Hospital  
Millerton

Help save Sharon Hospital's Labor & Delivery, ICU & Surgery Departments

Nuvance Health has announced plans to close the Labor and Delivery Department at Sharon Hospital, as well as to make drastic cuts to the Surgery Department and the ICU.

This closure will affect everyone in our community, not only if you're pregnant or planning to become pregnant. If Labor & Delivery closes, it will lead to further downsizing of Sharon Hospital. As the hospital will no longer be required to keep anesthesiologists and surgeons on call for births after normal operating room hours, there will be no more evening or overnight emergency surgeries.

As more departments are cut to skeletal units or closed completely, we will be left with a glorified urgent care center that transfers emergent patients to other hospitals an hour away.

The Labor and Delivery Department is a particularly outstanding unit that should not be shuttered. I gave birth to our first son in April of 2021 at Sharon Hospital. The nurses and doctors who cared for me there were above and beyond amazing and helped me through an otherwise complicated and scary experience. They made me feel comfortable and well cared for, and I was also extremely impressed with their progressive methods. Not only did they keep my comfort and safety foremost, they also chose the least invasive methods during my labor whenever possible. They had birthing balls and other props on hand for use during labor, and a massage therapist went door to door to see if any of the laboring women were in need of a massage. After delivery, they

offer new parents a special "celebratory dinner." Ours was delicious beyond hospital standards and a thoughtful touch.

We are lucky to have such a fantastic facility in our area, and Nuvance should be marketing it, rather than trying to shut it down. Having a full-service hospital in our community is not only important for the health of every individual who lives here but is also key to attracting businesses and families to our area.

A rally is taking place on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. on the Sharon Town Green. My family will be in attendance and we hope you will join us, in speaking out against Nuvance Health's proposed cuts to Sharon Hospital. The well-being of our community depends on it.

**Meredith Murphy**  
Lakeville

Save Sharon Hospital wants to save maternity unit for future generations living in the Tri-state region

This past week, Save Sharon Hospital gathered testimonies from families who recently delivered at Sharon Hospital. Responses poured in — heartfelt, intimate stories of profound experiences that were unique in their details, but one mother from Millbrook probably summed up the testimonies best: "It was an incredible experience for many reasons...but specifically because of the amazing support during my pregnancy and professional decisions [my doctor] made in terms of my baby's and [my] health. I felt like I [was] his family."

I felt the same way when I delivered my two babies at Sharon Hospital — the medical team there makes all patients feel like we are special, and not just numbers on a list. Giving these testimonies to the nurses and doctors felt like the least we could do to thank and support them as once again their lives are upended as Nuvance threatens to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital, among other cuts.

In 2018 when the previous owner of Sharon Hospital, HealthQuest, merged with WHCN to become Nuvance, Connecticut permitted the merger with the stipulation that Nuvance agree to not close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital for the next five years. Yet here we are, not even three years later, and Nuvance is

planning to close Labor and Delivery, and considering cuts to the Surgical Service and the ICU.

Instead of drastically cutting vital health services, we ask Nuvance to use the remaining time to find long-term, sustainable solutions, working with community input.

One suggestion is to promote and advertise for pregnant patients. I have met several new mothers who weren't aware that Maternity at Sharon Hospital is still open. Nuvance must also look outside the box, and as before, our group is here to help.

During the pandemic surge in the spring of 2020, members of Save Sharon Hospital helped organize a large community project to sew homemade face masks, hundreds of which we donated to Sharon Hospital to help keep their employees safe when N95 masks were in short supply.

We also organized a meal train for Sharon Hospital employees to help lift their spirits. We were the masterminds and facilitators behind local schools submitting artwork from children that was placed on large banners to support Sharon Hospital staff. Our community has so much to give.

Save Sharon Hospital represents a diverse group of stakeholders across this community, and we want to work with Nuvance to find a long-term solution for our hospital.

THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 6th, AT 3 P.M., we will gather on the Sharon Town Green in support of the medical staff at Sharon Hospital, while standing together to oppose Nuvance's planned closures.

Scheduled speakers include elected officials from across our

New York and Connecticut region. We will have petitions ready to sign, asking the state to hold Nuvance to its agreement. We ask everyone in the community to JOIN US!

**Lydia Moore**  
Save Sharon Hospital  
Sharon

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Amiee C. Duncan  
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11-04-21

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