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Many of the headstones at Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds need to be cleaned and righted, which is a large part of the project the new not-for-profit FRIENDS group is taking on and for which it's beginning to fundraise, with help from the North East Historical Society.

Digging into the history of Millerton's burying grounds

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MILLERTON — Keeping in synch with the ghoulish thrills and chills that just seem to go along with the end-of-the-month Halloween theme, the Friends of Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds (FOSCBG) group was thrilled to death to announce that on Oct. 1 "we were officially registered as a not-for-profit corporation 501(C)3," according to group president, Claire Goodman.

What that means exactly is the FRIENDS of the lovely, nearly 320-year-old, roughly 2-acre cemetery that's identifiable by a low-stone wall off of Merwin Road in the town

of North East will be able "to engage in charitable activities that qualify it for exemption from taxation," according to paperwork Goodman provided explaining the status from New York State. She further explained that FOSCBG "is made up of individuals from the local community interested in the preservation and conservation of the historic" burying grounds.

In addition to Goodman, fellow history buff volunteers on the FRIENDS group include Vice-President Ralph Fedele (a North East Town Board member who also brought the 1858 one-room Irondale Schoolhouse to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail head on Main Street in Millerton); Jim Campbell; Peter Buchholz; Alice

Quin and Millerton Village Trustee Laurie Kerr. Chris Baetz, Carol Sadlon, Cathy Fenn, John Hicks, David Shapiro and Lyman Terni serve in an advisory capacity.

The group has been brainstorming for the past year on how to best pre-

See BURYING GROUNDS, A8

Prop. No. 6 may shrink Legislature

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — When voters head to the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2, they will be making a number of decisions other than who will be sitting at the board tables at their local Town Halls and banging the gavel at their local justice courts. On the back of their ballots, voters throughout Dutchess County will be asked to decide on seven additional proposals, including Proposal Number Six, which seeks to shrink the size of the Dutchess County Legislature from 25 to 21.

Technically the amendment is a local law amending Article II of the Dutchess County Charter, as it pertains to Section 2.01, according to the sample ballot.

That local law would lessen the number of lawmakers in the

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Silo Ridge housing development

Pays first 10% fee vs. build affordable units

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also available on YouTube.

Payment in Lieu of Affordable or Workforce Housing

AMENIA — The Amenia Town Board dealt with a couple of issues pertaining to the luxury housing development, Silo Ridge Field Club, located off Route 22 at its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 21, at Town Hall. It's

The town of Amenia is desperate for affordable and workforce housing for its residents, which is why its Zoning Code has a provision that allows for developers to either build affordable units or to make what is

See SILO RIDGE, A8

NE Fire District holds off on passing budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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to come.

MILLERTON — Having recently laid out the reality of how much the inevitable shift to a partially and eventually fully paid fire service will cost — and the 58% increase in fire district taxes called for in the 2022 North East Fire District's budget, the public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 19, was understandably lively.

The hearing was held at the North East Fire Annex at 6 p.m., drawing about 17 people at the start with more

As the first speaker to directly address the budget increase, Millerton business owner Rob Cooper asked if the increase was meant to put the district "back in line" and what future years will look like for the district.

"I think our anticipation is not to have another 58% increase," said North East Fire District Commissioner Joshua Schultz.

Schultz explained that what the district is doing is preparing its fire-

See NE FIRE DISTRICT, A8

Pine Plains Cemetery Tours share stories to die for...



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PINE PLAINS — Shedding a light on the intricate stories and characters surrounding the town of Pine Plains, the Pine Plains Free Library and the Little Nine Partners Historical Society joined together to host the 2021 Evergreen Lantern Cemetery Tours on Friday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 23.

Featuring six local actors in elaborate costumes, the town's history was brought to life from the grave side of some of the most storied historic characters. The actors kept their audience captivated until the end.

For more on the 2021 Evergreen Cemetery Tours, make sure to turn to Page 7 of this week's edition and to go to www.tricornernews.com.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Catherine Howard prepared for her role as Margaret Amelia Deuel in the 2021 Evergreen Lantern Cemetery Tours on Friday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 23.

Candidate profiles inside

HARLEM VALLEY — Election Day 2021 is just days away. It falls on Tuesday, Nov. 2, this year, which is when registered voters throughout the Harlem Valley will have the opportunity to head to their designated polling places and select the candidates of their choice. Voters also had the ability to send in absentee ballots by mail if they met the deadlines.

To find out exactly where to vote, and what times local polling places are open until, go to the Dutchess County Board of Elections' (BOE) website, www.elections.dutchessny.gov, or call the BOE at 845-486-2473.

This year there are a number of hotly contested races in our region. The Millerton News has asked those running for their Town and

Village Boards to write 100 words about why they want to serve their community, and how they think they could improve life for their future constituents, if elected.

Those candidate profiles can be found throughout the newspaper this week. Please make sure to read them to learn more about the people who are running for office and asking for your vote.

To read the candidate profiles of those running for the Dutchess County Legislature, go to www.tricornernews.com. In addition to the profiles already published on the candidates for District 19 and District 25, this week readers will also be able to find profiles on the candidates running for District 24 online.

— Whitney Joseph



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AMENIA

Elections

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Amenia Town Board

Brad Rebillard (R, Amenia Strong)

A life-long resident of Amenia and owner of Dutchess Country Realty, my priority is making our town more desirable for businesses and, in turn, affordable to those who work in our service industry and are the backbone of small businesses. That's the future for our children and residents. Not only does it provide jobs, but it inspires community, and we need to pull together.

I believe in a long-term vision, transparency and fostering an environment of open communication. So I'll be accessible and prioritize working together.

Endorsed by Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall and Dutchess County Legislative Chair Gregg Pulver.

Katherine Lee (D)

I'm Katherine. This year, I'm running for Town Board to represent the fast-changing needs of Amenia. I bring more than 12 years working with businesses to navigate change, listen to people and find ways to better connect.

I will: Work for you. I'll represent everyone who calls Amenia home, not just the big money.

Connect the community. I'll bring technology to improve communication and transparency about what's going on with public projects, where your tax dollars go, and the local culture.

Build infrastructure for growth. I'll work for the economy through better wastewater/sewage management, faster broadband and greener energy.

Jamie Vitiello (Amenia Strong, C)

Despite increases in tax receipts, Amenia hasn't addressed the needs of its working class, seniors, youth or its business community. Services have been cut while taxes have gone up. Businesses don't want to come here. These things are all fixable.

I grew up in a single-parent household that didn't always have money to keep the heat on; I know that better services and lower taxes can really make a difference in peoples' lives.

I've spent a lifetime in public service in Dutchess County and can help fix these things, and more. That's why I'm running for Amenia Town Board.

James Morris (R)

Incumbent
Running for second term

I am a graduate of Villanova University and St. John's University, School of Law. I have practiced law for over 50 years and have experience in various areas of the law, including litigation, real estate, zoning, labor, insurance and corporate matters.

I hope that with my experience and background I have made a significant contribution to the Town Board.

I believe the success of the Wastewater Project is critical to Amenia as is the restoration of downtown.

I'm opposed to the sale of recreational marijuana in the town. Cannabis poses real risks that can adversely impact one's health and life.

Leo Blackman (D, WFP)

After volunteering in Amenia for the past 18 years, I want to join the Town Board to make some of the projects I've been working on happen.

One is affordable housing — a big need locally for working people, families and seniors.

Another is wastewater — without a system, there can be no economic development.

I love and believe in our town, and expect it to thrive again.

I do not trust the Silo candidates can that for us.

We must all work together to determine our future. I plan to listen, use my experience and bring new energy to the board.

Michele Somogyi (Write-in Candidate, R)

Incumbent
Running for second term

I'm a 40-year Amenia resident. Being retired, I have the time and energy to devote to the town by attending all meetings at Town Hall every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Amenia Town Hall has the resources to aid its residents.

The current Town Board has supported all recreation events, senior programs and the current skate park. I've served on the following:

1. The Emergency Response Committee — Supporting the Town Hall sign and kitchen.
2. Liaison to the Amenia Veterans.
3. Amenia Seniors Chairperson: Senior Bus Trips, Free Senior Picnic and Holiday Party. Refined the Star Program.

Stacy Mantel (WF)

Everyone has the right to understand how our town works. I'll strive to make it easier to access information and understand procedures.

I encourage your ideas and participation.

Goals: Let's invigorate Town Hall and the Green with services, resources, fairs, farmers markets, performances. Wastewater systems and Workforce Housing are essential. Better, more affordable broadband for everyone. An overnight patrol. Improvement to all our parks. A transfer station. Incorporate green energy. Encourage special project committees.

I offer my experience as a retired paralegal of 25 years by researching and finding solutions to our quality of life issues. Let's do it!

Amenia Town Supervisor

Victoria Perotti (R, C)

Incumbent
Running for fifth term

As Town of Amenia Supervisor since 2014 with a Marist College Business Administration degree while attending local government classes, I have gained the experience and knowledge to administer town business.

Grants were and continue to be prioritized for projects and reduced taxpayer costs. Town Hall and street lighting changed to LED saved thousands of dollars.

Negotiations with state agencies resulted in the transfer of 5-acres of DEC land for a new highway garage. Planning highway garage design and construction with an engineering firm, upgrading Water District infrastructure and wells, and providing workforce housing are future goals.

Julie Doran (Amenia Strong)

With a 30-year background in management and real estate, I'm the right person at the right time to lead Amenia in a better, more transparent direction.

We must prioritize our residents and be watchful of their tax dollars. I'll take a proactive approach utilizing my extensive contacts, while partnering with other agencies as well as the county, to support our local workers, businesses, the school and fire department.

If elected, I'll be laser focused at eliminating over-spending. The town's reckless spending must end.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti's priorities are in the wrong place with over-spending while she cuts vital programs.



Sgt. Tom Olsen visited with Zoe, one of the resident horses at Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, during the special Veterans Lunch held at the sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Lucky Orphans honors, thanks veterans with luncheon & tour

DOVER PLAINS — Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue recognized those who have fought for their country while shedding a light on the various equestrian and other programs available to veterans at the sanctuary. The horse rescue joined with the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services to host a special Veterans Lunch on Sunday, Oct. 3. It also gave local veterans a tour of the sanctuary grounds.

Held at the sanctuary in Dover Plains, the event ran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch served at noon. Along with exploring the sanctuary's 42-acre farm and meeting some of the four-legged residents, veterans and their families were provided information and an opportunity to ask questions about local veterans organizations and New York State Veterans benefits with help from Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services Director Adam Roche.

Lucky Orphans offers many special services to veterans as a way of saying thank you for all they have done to protect the country and keep peace.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Running from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, in partnership with the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services, hosted a special Veterans Lunch for local veterans and their families at the sanctuary in Dover Plains on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Correction

Last week's article about the Amenia Free Library construction project and proposition on the Nov. 2 ballot mistakenly said that construction will cost \$1.8 million. It will actually cost \$1.18 million. The total project will cost taxpayers \$1.21 per month over the next three years for expanded library services. We regret the error.

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC MOLINARO



James **VITIELLO**
TOWN COUNCIL

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*Dear Voter,
I'm respectfully asking for your support this Tuesday Nov. 2nd in my bid for Amenia Town Supervisor.*

*Thank you,
Julie Doran*

Julie DORAN
FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR

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Amenia Housing Board preps for affordable training session Oct. 28

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Assembling at 5:30 p.m., the Amenia Housing Board's (AHB) discussion gravitated toward the upcoming Housing Ambassador Training Program (HATP) as well as toward housing formulas and concepts at the board's monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Meeting remotely, the board initiated its discussion about the HATP with guidance from a special guest, Hudson River Housing Director of Strategic Initiatives Elizabeth Druback-Celaya.

Funded by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF) through Hudson River Housing, the HATP focuses on advocacy for affordable housing and will include three virtual training sessions divided into one training a month, starting Thursday, Oct. 28. The

focus will be on vocabulary or how community members define affordable housing. The training will be conducted by Regional Plan Association (RPA) Vice President Melissa Kaplan-Macey and RPA staff.

Druback-Celaya announced Hudson River Housing is extending stipends to people who participate in the workshops as "we want to make sure that we are acknowledging the value of people's time that they're giving to participate in the training."

AHB Chairman Leo Blackman clarified there's no charge for the training workshops themselves and the stipends are to give people "some payment for attending the three sessions."

For the training session on Thursday, Oct. 28, Druback-Celaya said they have about 28 people signed up — the majority of whom are from North East and Millerton. She encouraged more Amenia residents to sign

up and to encourage their neighbors, friends and colleagues to participate.

Ideally, Blackman said the AHB should ask people connected to a larger community, who are leaders represented or connected to people who would be affordable housing clients. Though they haven't yet finalized the second and third training dates, Druback-Celaya said they're looking at Thursday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 20, right now.

At the AHB's previous meeting on Sept. 12, Town Planner Ashley Levy from the environmental, planning and engineering consulting firm AKRF offered to identify changes in Amenia's zoning code that were the simplest to make in order to encourage workforce housing.

At the AHB's most recent meeting, Levy generated a discussion among members about what other communities are

doing with regard to their zoning codes to encourage more housing.

She also raised possible affordable housing routes and concepts that could be applicable in Amenia — such as updating the zoning code on an annual basis — and how these concepts have been applied in neighboring communities.

Blackman suggested looking at things that would make it easier for not-for-profit developers and for building affordable housing. Emphasizing that they need to be clear about what counts as affordable housing, he also suggested they consider what information is needed by the Amenia Town Board and Planning Board to move forward with developing properties.

Blackman later talked about an algorithm that Hudson River Housing Executive Director Christa Hines created to allow people to plug in information about a property and get a "green" or "red" light that will tell them whether to stop or go forward with a project.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Equipment stolen

The DCSO's Detective Bureau is investigating an incident involving the theft of sanding and plow equipment from a local business in the town of LaGrange. The incident occurred on Oct. 15 at or about 7:45 p.m.

The following items were stolen by an unknown subject(s): One Western Snowplow, Model 810 Wideout Plow; three Western Snowplows, 9'6" stainless steel V-Plows; three stainless steel sanders, possibly Western.

The DCSO is requesting the public's assistance with finding anyone who may have been involved in this incident as well as locating the stolen equipment.

Landlord-tenant dispute

Wednesday, Oct. 20, Deputies responded to 339 McGhee Hill Road in the town of North East for a landlord-tenant dispute.

DWI arrest

Saturday, Oct. 23, Deputies arrested Gordon W. Johnson II,

age 71, for DWI subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in the town of Dover.

The subject was released with a Uniform Traffic Ticket, returnable to the Town of Dover Court on Dec. 2.

Aggravated DWI arrest

Saturday, Oct. 23, Deputies arrested Leonardo Popba for Aggravated DWI, with a Blood Alcohol Concentration justifying the arrest subsequent to a single-vehicle crash on Prospect Avenue in Amenia.

Popba is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

Report crime tips

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

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



Hailing their heroes

Members of the Dover-Amelia VFW 5444 got together on Saturday, Oct. 23, to hang banners from their Hometown Heroes program. Among those who helped hang the banners with photos of local war veterans throughout the town of Dover were VFW Cmdr. Madison Fletcher, Dover town Supervisor Rich Yeno, VFW Quartermaster Steve Monica and Jeff Shelters from JLS Electric.



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WASSAIC IN BRIEF

Haunted Hamlet and Monsters' Ball Saturday, Oct. 30

Embracing the season of tricks and treats, The Wassaic Project invites the community to a thrilling outdoor Halloween event, the Haunted Hamlet and Monsters' Ball on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The Haunted Hamlet will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Maxon Mills and the Luther Barn Field while the Monsters' Ball will be held from 7 p.m. to late at The Lantern.

Open to folks of all ages free of charge, the Haunted Mill will feature seven PG-rated art installations and trick-or-treating stations around Maxon Mills at 37 Furnace Bank Road and the nearby Luther Barn Field — including an all-encompassing banana invention hut from Paul Belenky, a mutant forest from Melinda Kiefer and Christopher Santiago, a Halloween-themed "Let's Make a Deal" game led by a game show host zombie by

Katrina Majkut and much more.

At 7 p.m., those 21 years and older are invited to head over to The Lantern for the triumphant return of the Monsters' Ball, featuring live bands, DJ sets by Taraka and a costume contest. Tickets to the Monsters' Ball must be purchased in advance.

To RSVP to this year's Halloween events, go to www.wassaicproject.org.

VOTE

DEFENDING AMENIA

Victoria Perotti
Supervisor

Write In
James Morris **Michele Somogyi**
Town Board

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Advocates For Tax Fairness

Julie Doran and Silo Ridge lawsuits to reduce their taxes cost taxpayers over \$150,000 in attorney fees to date

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North East Town Board Member

Meg Winkler (NOP)
Town Board Candidate

I'm a native New Yorker. I've lived in Millerton six years. My career is in the Textile/Garment industry; started my own business here in 2020.

In Millerton, I've run a non-partisan Voter Registration table at the Farmers Market, volunteered to design a Town Newsletter, and promoted the 2020 Census. I'm on the Tri-Town Coalition — Housing Outreach Committee.

I am an NOP (No Official Party-Independent). Town governance should be non-partisan, serving and listening to all community members.

My focus is on: community outreach, improved communications, transparency, encouraging a wider range of housing and businesses and researching a future Recycling/Transfer Station.

Ralph Fedele (D)
Incumbent

North East Town Board member
Running for third term.

I came to town almost 33 years ago as a weekender but soon decided to make this my permanent home. During this time, the town has changed dramatically. I have served on the Town Board for almost eight years and am seeking another four.

My focus will be to complete important projects, like the completion of the joint town/village garage, while controlling expenses and improving our quality of life.

I will be at the post office on Saturday morning to answer your questions.

I hope you will support me and Griffin Cooper in the November election.

Griffin Cooper (D)
Town Board Candidate

As a lifelong area resident and a young resident of Millerton, I am grateful for the opportunity to present myself as a candidate for Town Board to those who call North East home.

Growing up on my father's tree farm in Hillsdale and my grandmother's farm in Ancramdale, I respect the hard-working traditions that have shaped our area.

I look forward to representing those values should I be elected in November.

I hope to make myself into a good neighbor by helping to keep North East an affordable place to live and raise a family.

Local volunteers needed to train for housing program

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — With the first Housing Ambassador Training Program (HATP) session coming up this week, the Millerton-North East working group of the Tri-Town Coalition (TTC) launched a discussion on how the group can gather a more robust community representation to participate in the program sessions at its group meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

As was discussed at its previous meeting on Sept. 14, the HATP is funded by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation through Hudson River Housing and focuses on advocating for affordable housing. The program will include three virtual training sessions with one training session a month.

The first will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, and will focus on the vocabulary or how community members define affordable housing.

Though the dates for the next two sessions have yet to be finalized at this time, the second training will focus on data (or how communities benefit from affordable housing) and the third training will focus on tools (or what communities can do to solve the housing crisis).

Initiating the discussion about the program, Sam Busselle, a working group member, encouraged everyone to find more folks who represent different groups to join in order to get a more robust representation of all the communities in the tri-town region (North East/Millerton, Amenia and Pine Plains).

He said he's talked with Nathan Briggs about how many people they can get from different jobs and backgrounds, and how many people they can solicit from each of the three towns. Busselle then turned the discussion over to Briggs, who outlined the structure of the three sessions.

Briggs explained the pro-

gram wants to train participants in the literacy surrounding affordable housing "and then how to take that literacy and use it." He said ambassadors will be trained to take what's often considered a "contentious topic and craft it in a way that it becomes less contentious and more productive."

In terms of advocacy, Busselle said advocating for affordable housing isn't going to happen without people "representing the needs of the individuals sectors of the community. It's very exciting to think we could get a substantial number of advocates and ambassadors to talk it up in their own circles."

Moving forward with encouraging more people to join the program, Busselle, Briggs and the rest of the working group spoke of the voices missing from the housing conversation and how they could go about collecting those voices so they have an opportunity to tell their stories.



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From left, Taconic Regional Commissioner Edgar Masters, New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), Taconic State Park Manager Chris Rickard, Copake town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler, Regional Parks Operations Manager Ray Doherty, HVRTA Chairman Dick Hermans, HVRTA Board Member Vicki Benjamin, HVRTA Executive Director Lisa DeLeeuw and Parks & Trails New York Grants Coordinator Jonathan Duda were presented with a check for \$75,000 in September for improvements to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Donation will help improve Rail Trail going northward

COPAKE FALLS — The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) in Millerton received a little extra financial support in September, when it was awarded \$75,000 through the Park and Trail Partnership Grant program to repair 4 miles of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail running through Taconic State Park in Copake Falls. The section north of Millerton will

be improved, making the entire trail more of a pleasure for its many users.

Representatives from the non-profit Parks & Trails New York presented the check to the members of the HVRTA, which has its home base in Millerton, on the morning of Sept. 1 at the Copake section of the Taconic State Park. Funded through the Environ-

mental Protection Fund, the Park and Trail Partnership Grants are coordinated by Parks & Trails New York in collaboration with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, according to a statement issued by Parks & Trails New York Grants Coordinator Jonathan Duda.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Correction

In the Oct. 21 edition of The Millerton News, it was incorrectly reported that Dutchess County Legislative candidate for District 19 and Millerton resident Claire Owens is currently serving on the North East Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Owens was appointed to the ZBA in 2011 and resigned in 2014. We regret the error.

Correction

In the Oct. 21 edition of The Millerton News, it was incorrectly printed that the late Jan Gilmor spoke at a Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) meeting on Oct. 6. Gilmor had actually passed away in July. Due to the number of people speaking at the MBA meeting it is unclear who specifically spoke. We deeply regret the error.

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning. Notice of such error must be given to us after the first run of the advertisement.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Legion's Sunday Pancake Breakfasts

Monthly Pancake Breakfasts are back on at the Millerton American Legion Post 178. The next one is on Sunday, Nov. 7, with another on Dec. 5, then Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

The monthly breakfasts will consist of pancakes, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, and will cost \$8 per meal. Meals will be available for eat-in or take-out. Breakfast sandwiches will also be available for \$5.

The Legion will serve from 7 to 10 a.m. Please call 518-789-4755 to place orders.

The Post 178 Legion Hall is located at 155 Route 44, Millerton.

Harlem Valley Ag Ride Oct. 30

The North East Community Center (NECC) will hold its inaugural Harlem Valley Ag Ride on Saturday, Oct. 30, with a rain date of Saturday, Nov. 6.

The ride will be a gently rolling, 10-mile no-drop bike ride along quiet roads running through local farmlands and along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. at the NECC at 51 South Center St., Millerton, the route has several beautiful view sheds of the valley and will finish at the NECC Farmers Market on Dutchess Avenue.

The community is welcome to join in.

Community hike at Rudd Pond Oct. 30

The NorthEast-Millerton Library invites the community to join Rudd Pond Park Manager Chris Rickard on an intermediate community hike at Rudd Pond on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Running from 1 to 3:30 p.m., this hike is open to children and adults. Hikers will go up the Rudd Loop Trail to an overlook on the South Taconic Trail, down to the Iron Mine Pond waterfall and back to Rudd Pond, totaling 2.5 miles. Hikers can bring backpacks with a snack and water.

To RSVP, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org.

Terni Family Exhibit

By request, the North East Historical Society's exhibit on the history of the Terni family will be on display again at the NorthEast-Millerton Library until the end of October.

Community members stopping by the library at 75 Main St. can learn more about the family's legacy in the community through the exhibit's three main elements: a chronological, biological narrative told in a series of poster boards; a video recorded interview featuring the recollections of Don Hastings, a friend of Phil Terni; and a collection of artifacts from the Terni family.

The exhibition "The Terni Family: Building a Legacy in a New Land" was first put on display in June and will now be on view throughout October.

Enjoy Halloween at Millerton Library

Embracing the season of tricks and treats, the NorthEast-Millerton Library will celebrate Halloween with the community, so make sure to stop take part.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the library will host Halloween Happenings at the NECC Farmer's Market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Farmers Market is located at Millerton Methodist Church, at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street.

To participate in the library's costume parade along the market, sign up at www.nemillertonlibrary.org.

Wednesday Teen Coding Workshops

The NorthEast-Millerton Library is hosting an Online Teen Coding Workshop on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. through Dec. 1. This program is for students in sixth through eighth grade; if space allows, younger or older students can participate.

To sign up, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org.

Pokémon Club

The NorthEast-Millerton Library is hosting a Pokémon Club on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

This program is open to children ages 8 and up.

To sign up, visit the library's website at www.nemillertonlibrary.org.



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Ray Eli Decker Jr.

MILLERTON — Ray Eli Decker Jr., 92, a resident of Millerton since 1984 and formerly of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died Oct. 25, 2021, at his home in Millerton.

Mr. Decker was a retired groundskeeper who worked on Murphy's Farm, a property located on Hooker Avenue in Poughkeepsie and owned by Vassar College.

He retired following a 30-year career from Vassar College. While living in Millerton, he served as chairman of Benwood Knolls Mobile Home Park for many years.

Born Dec. 30, 1928, in Pine Plains, he was the son of the late Ina (Whitney) and Ray Eli Decker Sr. He attended school in Pine Plains and served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War. He married Alta Woodin in Ancram. Mrs. Decker passed away in 1996.

Mr. Decker is survived by two sons, Michael A. Williams and his companion, Barbara Denerstein, of Pine Plains and Frank E. Williams and his wife, Diane, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; his daughter, Raena Shaffer and her husband, Lee, of Stanfordville, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Kristy Lee Barto and her companion, Douglas Shave,

Michael Williams and his wife, Marlene, Jason Williams and his wife, Tracy, Jeremy Williams and his wife, Vanessa, Jennifer Stapleton, and Neil Shaffer and his wife, Erica Montalbo-Shaffer; 10 great-grandchildren, Chloe Barto, Calli Barto, Christopher Barto, Cristian Williams, Brooke Williams, Braeden Williams, Holden Williams, Hunter Williams, Miles Williams and Madison Shaffer; his longtime companion, Donna O'Neil; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Decker was predeceased by his sisters, Nina, Marie and Hilda; and his brothers, Frank, Harold and Walter Decker.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30, at noon at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Olga Kennedy

KENT — Longtime resident and Kent businesswoman, Olga Kennedy, died Oct. 24 at age 99. Well known as the founder and owner of Foreign Cargo for 50 years, her life was a journey from small town girl to world traveler, and her great ability as a raconteur allowed many strangers and friends alike to go along on her adventures as she shared her stories.



Born in Adams, Mass., to Austrian immigrants Anton Sommer and Olga Wurzer Sommer, Olga was the eldest of seven children. Keen intelligence and drive led to her success in school and a scholarship to the Univ. of Vt. It was there she met John Kennedy, a medical student. Upon his graduation the two were married in 1942. They lived in Colorado Springs as John trained for his role in WW II. After his return from service as a surgeon in Europe, the couple with their young daughter, Kathy, moved to Bloomfield, CT, where John acted as town health officer and general practitioner with offices in their home and Olga served as his medical assistant while raising four young children. Six years later the couple accepted a post overseas on the remote island of Palau in Micronesia, beginning decades of public health service in the Pacific, Asia, and Africa. During these years Olga worked at such jobs as postmistress, nursery school teacher, and homeschooling mother to her 7 children.

Their move to Kent in 1962 allowed the Kennedys to have a base for their large family during home leave. They fell in love with their historic house

in the Flanders section of town and Olga resided there until her death. In 1967, she began her import business, putting to good use the talents she and John had developed collecting antiques and handicrafts. John sadly died in 1983 but Olga continued her career as shop owner and buyer into her 90s, engaging her customers with her effusive smile and twinkling eyes! Foreign Cargo continues under the management of her son and business partner Jeffrey.

Besides her husband and infant son, Michael, Olga was predeceased by all of her siblings except for her brother, Donald Sommer of Adams. She is survived by children Kathleen (Filmore) Enger of Edina, MN, John (Kathleen) Kennedy of Nobleboro, ME, Karen (Robert) Wilson Derry, NH, Gretchen Kennedy, of Cornwall Bridge, CT, Clytie Kennedy, Pine Bush, NY, Robert Kennedy, Kent, CT, and Jeffrey (Apple) Kennedy of Kent. Her life was enriched by 17 grandchildren: Olga, Filmore, Gretchen, and Gabriel Enger, Adam and Ian Kennedy, Josh and Katie Wilson, Dylan Roberts, Ben, David, and Pieter Bain, Rebecca Laycock and Emily and Sam Thaler, and Lanna and Lincoln Kennedy and numerous great grandchildren.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Olga's memory may be made to Kent Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 355, Kent, CT 06757. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

George Joseph Sanders Jr.

WASSAIC — George Joseph Sanders Jr., 56, a longtime area resident, died Oct. 21, 2021, in Hartford, Conn., following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Sanders owned and operated Sanders Excavation and was also a professional mason at the time of his death.

Born May 21, 1965, in Mastic Beach, Long Island, N.Y., he was the son of the late George Joseph Sanders Sr. and Mary Elise (Vassil) Smith. George attended schools locally and graduated in 1983.

George is survived by his daughter, Brittany Sanders and her companion, Drew Clapper;

his grandson, Logan Clapper; his stepfather, Donald L. Smith of Sharon (formerly of Dover Plains); two uncles, Philip Vassil of Jersey City, N.J., and George Vassil of Shirley, N.Y.

Calling hours were held Oct. 26 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Burial took place on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Center Moriches, Long Island. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



OBITUARIES

Donald Joseph Hatch

NORTH CANAAN — Donald Joseph Hatch, 87, died Oct. 19, 2021, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Don was born Dec. 16, 1933, son of the late Linda (Malcarne) and Manfred Hatch.

Don proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict as a member of the USAF.

He was employed by the former Southern New England Telephone Company. He worked for the company as a linesman and repairman for 42 years. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan. He loved to travel and to research his family genealogy. He was able to trace his ancestors back to the Mayflower and Malcarne, Italy.

Don is survived by his niece and caregiver, Donna (Hatch) Guzzo of Pittsfield, Mass.; his nephews, Michael Goewey of Sellersville, Pa., Manfred Goewey of Prospect, Conn., Robert William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Rock Hill, S.C.; his nieces, Linda (Goewey) Nadeau of Williamstown, Vt., and Roseanne (Hatch) Cote of Hinsdale, Mass.; seven great-nieces and -nephews; and 10 great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Don was predeceased by his sister, Betty (Hatch) Goewey; his brother, Robert Hatch Sr.; his nieces Mary and Meg Goewey; his great-niece Shannon Nadeau; and his great-nephew Jason Hatch.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Don on Friday, Oct. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, from 9:30 a.m. until the procession leaves for the church. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Geer Village. Memorial donations may be sent to the Couch-Pipa Post, VFW #6851, 104 South Canaan Road, North Canaan, CT, 06018, in Don's memory.

Barbara J. (Duntz) McGhee

SALISBURY — Barbara J. (Duntz) McGhee, 87, passed away with family by her side on Oct. 23, 2021. She was the wife of the late Tilden Richard McGhee.

Barbara was born June 9, 1934, in Hudson, N.Y., daughter of the late Nina (Wyble) and Raymond Duntz.

Barbara worked for 38 years at Becton Dickinson in North Canaan, and at time of retirement she was the longest tenured employee at the company. Barbara was happiest when she was spending time with and caring for her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was very proud of her gardens and spent time sewing, knitting and even baking wedding cakes for family and friends.

Barbara is survived by her children, Debra Lavalette and her husband, James, Joann Garfield and her husband, Mike,

Barbara McGhee, Pamela K.M. Carlson and Theodore R. McGhee and his wife, Kasey; her brother, Raymond Duntz; and her sisters, Nina Brammer and Leona Reid.

Barbara is also survived by her grandchildren, Jessica, Koren, Anthony, Heather, Dylan, Kyle, Catherine and Richard; and her great-grandchildren, William, Alyssa, Addison, Brenden, Maddison, Gabriel, Kylee and Katee.

Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Memorial donations may be made in Barbara's memory to either the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018; or the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Deirdre Mead

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON — Deirdre Mead, 70, a Village of Millerton resident since 2015 and formerly of Manhattan, N.Y., died peacefully on Oct. 15, 2021, at her home in the village.

Deirdre worked as a secretary from the early 1970s through the late 1980s for United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), an agency responsible for providing humanitarian and development aid to children worldwide, founded in 1946 and headquartered in New York, N.Y., with its parent organization being the United Nations General Assembly. She then went on to work as a special assistant to American investment banker and diplomat Felix G. Rohatyn at Lazard Freres & Co. at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in New York prior to retirement in the 2000s.

Born Oct. 15, 1951, in New York, she was the daughter of the late Jennie (Nicholson-Browne) and John P. Cohane. She attended high school and

graduated in Paris, France. Her marriage to David Mead ended in divorce.

Deirdre was an avid reader with a vast book collection. She enjoyed gardening and caring for her home and her beloved cat, Jeremy, in her spare time.

She is survived by relatives in New York, France and Italy as well as her dear friend, Renee Kohn of New York and many friends locally.

A memorial luncheon in Deirdre's honor will be announced in the near future and will be held at her favorite restaurant in the Village of Millerton.

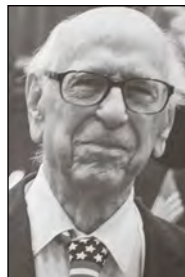
Memorial contributions may be made to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Lt. Colonel Albert H. Hintenach

SHARON — Lt. Colonel Albert H. Hintenach, RET, member of the team who designed the Space Shuttle.



Born on Sept. 3, 1915, he served most of his professional life in the U.S. Air Force. He was the Captain of a B-29 Bomber in World War II that was named "Round Trip Harry," because in 50 sorties over Nazi Germany, the only injury suffered by his crew was one cut finger. After the war, he was Commander of an island off the coast of Japan, and following the Korean War, he commanded a base in Alaska. His war memories were recorded and are part of the collection of taped World War II veterans at the Smithsonian Institution.

He worked in the aerospace industry after his retirement

from the Air Force. He was a member of the team who designed the Space Shuttle.

He and his wife spent many years traveling the world. At age 80, he took up windsurfing with his wife, Clare, and daughter, Sherie, at Twin Lakes. He continued to drive and work out at the gym until he was well over 100. His energy and devilish sense of humor delighted many people and his devotion to his wife, Clare, set an inspirational example of what it is to be a stand up guy. He visited her every day at Noble Horizons for 14 years.

He will be buried later this year at Arlington National Cemetery. On his most recent birthday, his 106th on Sept. 3, the Secretary of the Air Force attended his party and personally congratulated him. He passed away peacefully in Annapolis, Md., on Oct. 18, 2021. Donations may be made in his name to the Sharon Ambulance Fund.

 Worship Services Week of October 31, 2021	
Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.	
The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442	Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org
St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290	Greenwoods Community Church 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 www.greenwoodschurch.com
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC 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 AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHERS & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality
The Sharon United Methodist Church 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	Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org
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The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com 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!	The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net
The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE 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
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Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com	Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002
Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138	All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us

Dedication of benches in honor of Tim Riley is on Nov. 4

SHARON, Conn. — There will be a memorial service in honor of Tim Riley on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m. at Veterans Field, with benches dedicated to his memory in appreciation of his many years of involvement in sports in Sharon. The benches were paid for with memorial donations made to the Park and Recreation Commission in Riley's honor.

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SPORTS

Senior players honored

Webutuck boys soccer team hammers Highland High School

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — Closing a rocky athletic season, the Webutuck boys varsity soccer team redeemed itself on the field on Wednesday, Oct. 20, by defeating Highland during its senior game.

Beginning at 6:15 p.m., the game was held on the field behind Webutuck High School. Having merged with the varsity team from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains, six seniors were honored, including Webutuck's Tyler Howard, Ashtyn Whitehead and Teyvon Thrasher and Bombers Ryan Grom, Patrick Giesler and Matthew Arent.

Looking back, Webutuck Coach Nicholas Barnes said, "This was probably our best game that we played our entire season."

Webutuck scored in the fifth minute of the first half, thanks to Webutuck eighth-grader Alex Caldiero.

Barnes noted the team played with a man down when one of its players got a red card. Tyler scored another goal for Webutuck in the 15th minute.

Highland soon caught up when one of its players scored a goal, and then another player scored a goal.

By the second half, Barnes said nobody scored on either team, though he said Webutuck did "a really great job" at holding it together, playing as a team and



Back row, left to right, high school seniors Ashtyn Whitehead, Matthew Arent, Patrick Giesler and front row, from left, Teyvon Thrasher, Tyler Howard and Ryan Howard celebrated their final season on the soccer field at the Warriors' soccer team's senior game played with the Bombers on Wednesday evening, Oct. 20.

persevering.

"It was really a test of our willpower and our strength and our determination," he said, "and it went into double overtime."

Teyvon scored a goal for the Warriors in the second half, making two saves against a penalty

kick that Barnes said would have led to Webutuck's loss had Teyvon let it in. Patrick also scored for Webutuck in the last 30 seconds of the game, leading to the team's victory over Highland at 3-2.

Asked how the team evolved during the 2021-22 season, Barnes

said, "I have a completely different outlook on it since the first game. Especially coming from the beginning of the year, we merged with the schools, so it was a wrench thrown into everything and we had to adjust to a whole situation.

"We started the year a little bit shaky but slowly throughout the year we built on it," he continued. "They improved on a lot of things, so the last game it was very good for both programs... It was a good way to revitalize a program that's dying out — a morale boost for next year."

Pine Plains volleyball crushes Rhinebeck on the court, 3-0

PINE PLAINS — The Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School varsity volleyball team recently scored a win for its overall season record after defeating Rhinebeck High School on the court on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The game was set in the High School gymnasium at 4:15 p.m.

Competing for Pine Plains, Stissing Mountain senior Emily Lindquist made 15 assists and three kills. Fellow Bomber, senior Skylee Effect, made two aces and four kills while freshman Molly Effect made an ace, two assists, a block and a kill. Also competing for Pine Plains, Chloe Baden, a junior at Stissing

Mountain Junior/Senior High School, made five kills.

Stissing Mountain beat Rhinebeck 25-19 in the game's first set. The team later beat Rhinebeck with a score of 25-14 in both the second and third sets, resulting in their win of 3-0 over Rhinebeck.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Get ready for chowdah season

In Boston, you don't drink the Kool-Aid, you swallow the Red Sox "chowdah." Youngsters, used to winning World Series and bringing home Super Bowl trophies, may not know the feeling. But we old timers, we know what that "chowdah" tastes like, and we keep trying to swear off it.

Still, we swallow it, hook, line and clamshell, over and over again. Our Puritan ancestors would have figured we were paying for some past sin, but I think it just comes with the territory.

Let me try to give a hint of what the whole thing feels like. Say you were getting married. You had reserved the green church on the Fens for the occasion. The reception reservations were all set. The food was ordered, and the champagne was on ice.

Came the big day, and you walked up to the altar at home plate, hoping that everything would go according to plan but having this itchy feeling at the back of your neck — you know, that creepy, crawly little niggle that said, "Don't count your trophies before their time and always expect the other foot to fall. You are, after all, a New Englander."

And just as it seems that things might work out, your spouse-to-be tugs at your arm and says, "You know,

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

this is not what I meant at all. This is not it, at all." (OK, maybe Prufrock said it first, but it sounds better than what I can come up with.)

Then, "POOF." You look around, and the big green church on the Fens is empty, the guests have gone home, the dugouts are deserted, and the season is just plain over and done with.

And you are looking around in consternation and saying, "What happened? Where did everyone go? We have all this champagne, and I'm all dressed up."

Oh well, that's life in the big city by the airport. I guess we have to light up the hot stove and wait for next year. It's not like we haven't done that before, but this was such a nice run, and it would have made such a nice story.

"BOOM." Did you hear that, I think it was the sound of the other foot. Chowdah anyone?

Millerton resident and Maine native Theodore Kneeland is a former teacher and coach — and athlete.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Basketball Clinic in Millbrook this fall

MILLBROOK — A Basketball Clinic will be held on Mondays at Guertin Gym at Millbrook Village Hall, at 35 Merritt Ave.

The clinic will run Nov. 1 through Nov. 29 for grades one through four from 5 to 6 p.m. and grades five through eight from 6 to 7 p.m.

For fees, registration and further information, call 845-667-3419 or go to www.washingtonny.org.

Easy registration with TOW Rec. Dept.

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Recreation Department has a software program to make it easier to sign up for activities as the coronavirus pandemic begins to subside.

Residents will be able to go to www.towrecreation.

Bridge Club to meet at Millbrook Library

MILLBROOK — In partnership with Millbrook at Home, the Millbrook Library will be 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 provide the cards and the space. Sign-up early or feel free to just show up the day of. For more information or to register, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611.

com and click on the Create New Account link to open an account and gain easier access to program registrations.

New accounts will provide subscribers with registrations history, financial history and more. Call 845-667-3419 or go to www.washingtonny.org for details.

Dance in a 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 professional choreographer and a Pine Plains native who splits his time between NYC and Ancram.

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Elections

The Millerton News' candidate profiles for Town Board and town supervisor follow below. The candidates each wrote 100 words about themselves to share with voters why they should be elected.

Pine Plains Town Board Member

Diana Woolis (D)
Town Board candidate

I am a proven leader, who finds creative solutions to challenging problems through listening, engaging others in the process and respecting a diversity of opinions.

Successful leadership in government, nonprofits and as founding partner of a digital company, I have served Pine Plains, State and City government, and now work globally to assure quality education for all.

My goals include: sustainable economic development and building on what's here (farm, table and tour to bring visitors and new businesses); affordable housing (to keep families and attract newcomers); and strengthening town infrastructure (broadband, waste management, sidewalks and a vibrant town center).

Matthew Zick (NOP, endorsed by Republican and Democratic parties)
Incumbent

Town Board member
Running for second term.

I'm proud of my first term on the Town Board and am running for a second. My wife and I and our two young daughters live in the hamlet.

There are current projects I hope to see to completion.

I successfully helped settle a long unresolved tax issue with the Fire Company.

I'm very active with the Recreation Committee and passionate about strengthening our programs and facilities.

I helped purchase the outdoor winter ice rink, install it and maintain it for two successful seasons.

I'm always open to talking with voters and would appreciate your support this Election Day.

Brian Walsh (R)
Pine Plains Town Supervisor Candidate

Born and raised in the town of Pine Plains, I have felt it to be my duty to work tirelessly to support my community.

For five years I held the title of fire commissioner and the past six years, of fire chief.

As supervisor, I plan to start by tightening the budget to relieve taxpayers, upgrade recreational fields and improve sidewalks.

I will focus on one project before moving forward to the next, keeping our community informed while being open to any opinions or concerns.

My leadership and dedication are proven.

Pine Plains Town Supervisor

Darrah Cloud (D)
Incumbent Town Supervisor
Running for third term.

I do not have a political agenda — I have a Pine Plains agenda: To bring Town Hall back into town; to find funding and permission to build a small central septic system in Pine Plains for the business district; to continue the Town Board's collaboration with the developer of the Hudson Valley Project; to protect and develop economic strategies that are sustainable for both generations and the environment; and to fulfill the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

I have the experience and the time to continue the work I have already done toward accomplishing these things.

Robert Ambrose (R)

Pine Plains Town Board candidate

My name is Robert Ambrose, a Pine Plains native for 45 years running for Town Board. I want to give back to



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From left, Sarah Jones, Marie Stewart, George Keeler, Dave Owen, Andy King, Suzanne Ouellette and Brian Gerber performed Donn Potter's play, "The War Trial of Robert S. McNamara," on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17.

Local Produce series at The Stissing Center

PINE PLAINS — Collaborating with Oblong Books in Millerton (owned by Pine Plains resident Dick Hermans) to bring engaging stories to life, The Stissing Center (TSC) recently launched Local Produce Readers' Theatre. It's a new series of play readings written and/or performed by community members about things that matter to the town of Pine Plains.

Starting with the play, "The War Trial of Robert S. McNamara," by Donn Potter on Sunday, Oct. 17, this series will feature full-length plays presented in a readers' theatre-style where actors read from the script on a bare stage.

The series includes nine plays and the performances will be offered on designated Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. at TSC at 2981

Church St. in Pine Plains, now through June. They will pick up again in the fall of 2022.

"We are thrilled to be presenting Local Produce Readers' Theatre," said TSC Executive Director Brian Keeler. "We were looking for a way to bring plays to The Stissing Center and Lenora Champagne and Darrah Cloud stepped forward. They are curating this series from local talent, making this a true community effort. Then Oblong Books, a local bookseller, stepped forward as our presenting sponsor. This collaboration makes perfect sense on so many levels."

For more information on upcoming performances and buying tickets, go to www.TheStissing-Center.org/LocalProduce.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Evergreen Cemetery Lantern Tours ignite imagination of history buffs

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — For one weekend in autumn, characters from the town's past returned to cast light on its storied history at the 2021 Evergreen Cemetery Lantern Tours, on Friday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 23.

A treasured fall tradition and annual fundraising event organized by the Pine Plains Free Library and the Little Nine Partners Historical Society, the tours reflect the hard work of those dedicated to sharing local history.

Tour Director Lenora Champagne and Historical Society President Dyan Wapnick selected the featured characters after extensive research. A script for each character was developed by Wapnick while Champagne recruited the actors. The show was then gradually brought to life by six locals who embodied their roles in costumes provided by the high school's Stissing Theatre Guild.

A notable feature this year, Champagne mentioned two of the scripts were developed with community members, including Scott Chase, who wrote and performed a script about his ancestor, Enos Jordan Chase. Another script, Champagne said, was based on an oral history of Esterina Peppe that resident Rosie Lyons Chase did with her youngest daughter, Evelina Peppe Lyle.

Selling out both nights, organizers, guides and actors couldn't have been more thrilled by the turnout of residents, visitors and history buffs. All embarked to the cemetery at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Friday night and at 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night. A limited mobility tour was offered on Friday at 5 p.m. to bring the tour and its actors to those who couldn't make the journey in the dark.

Pumpkins carved with precision and glowing with candlelight lit the path to the cemetery. As they followed their guide through the woods peppered with headstones, the path back through time was met first by Isaac Hunting.

Seated atop his gravestone, Hunting (played by Thayer Durrell) leaned forward to tell his tale of the Little Nine Partners Patent, his war service, his travels in and out of Pine Plains and his recognition as an authority of the Little Nine Partners.

Next, those taking the tour came face-to-face with William Owens (played by Patrick Tretteno), who told the tale of why he and his beloved wife were not buried together. Offering a colorful story of fortune and misfortune, Owens spoke of his life as an animal trainer for Barnum & Bailey Circus, a railroad breaker, a lamp-lighter and even of starting Pine Plains' first taxi service.

Catching her dancing to music played on guitar, the tour met Esterina Peppe (played by Martine King), the matriarch of one of Pine Plains' first Catholic families. She shared her family's work in the



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This year's Evergreen Cemetery Lantern Tours offered another year of vivid oral histories and sold out for two nights.

community while honoring their Italian and Catholic roots.

Embodying his ancestor's words, Chase narrated Enos Jordan Chase's work as owner of the town's general store. With family roots in Pine Plains since the 1700s, he illuminated his ancestor's business know-how and how, at age 23, he opened his own store in 1863. He started with a small stock of groceries and medicine and graduating to a larger general store.

Playing the oldest citizen of Pine Plains whose only wish was to lead "a perfect life," Catherine Howard detailed Margaret Amelia Deuel's life as a well-to-do society matron and mother of scions of the Deuel family, listing her wide-reaching community involvement and the two scandals that check-

ered her otherwise perfect life.

As the last stop on the tour, the audience was introduced to Dr. Henry Clay Wilbur (played by Andy King), a leading country doctor in Pine Plains for 52 years.

Remembering the long hours and low pay, the terrors of the night calls and overnight stays at patients' homes, Wilbur revealed how a country doctor is, to quote tour guide Marie Stewart, just as important as men fighting on the battlefield. Even as he remarked on the difficulties of treating patients and the marvels of the advances in medicine, Wilbur was proud to say he never refused medical services to a patient who couldn't afford them, recognizing medicine as a profession about giving and not taking.

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serve and restore the site — and fundraise. It took nearly \$1,500 just to raise the money to file for the FRIENDS 501(C)3 status, said Fedele. Next, the FRIENDS will have to fundraise for real, to collect funds to hire professionals to clean the roughly 500 people who are buried at the historic cemetery.

"The work won't begin until springtime, because it all takes so much time — it's amazing we can get anything done at all," said Fedele. "It's just to respect the history of this area. There are a lot of veterans buried there. One of the things we need to do is credit the American Legion, who has volunteered over the years to come and put flowers and remembrances on the veterans who have passed away who are buried there."

Like Post 178, others in the community have made it a point to visit Spencer's Corners throughout the years and visit the many gravestones to honor those who have passed before them.

"The first monuments go back to the 1700s," said Fedele. "It's one of the oldest burying grounds around here."

In fact, the first tombstone at Spencer's Corners is marked with the date of 1701.

"I'm very interested in old cemeteries; the thing really is to restore it, and we need to raise funds to do that," said Goodman. "We are working, and did have a meeting, with somebody, and sent details, to see the problems. Some of the stones have just heaved up, they're so old some of them. The upright stones sort of heaved up because of weather and age... also some of them may have been vandalized over the years."

"You can read some of them, some of the inscriptions become clear, I think, when you do some restoration," she added, "but you don't want to do so much because you don't want it to look too new because a patina, a grunge on the stones, adds to the aesthetic."

Goodman did say the FRIENDS wants to make sure the stones are all put upright and properly placed in the burying grounds.

"The process of restoration is going to take years," said Fedele. "That word is very important. Process. It's not going to happen overnight. Just the way the Irondale Schoolhouse project was a process that took eight years to complete."

In addition to the physical restoration, Goodman said

there's the "educational and historic reasons, really, to promote research, although it's very difficult to find any information. I do have some material lists. In the library there was a listing of names from about the early 1800s."

In her research, Goodman said "one thing that caught my attention," which she said Fedele saw "when he was poking around," were six little gravestone markers in a row. Most likely, they were all from the same family. The two local history buffs believe they were likely victims of the Spanish flu, as the dates of their deaths were all 1819, which was the time of that era's pandemic, mirroring "the pandemic we're experiencing now," Goodman said.

"One of the things I would like to do is find that row of monuments and show how that entire family had been destroyed in less than a year, maybe in a few months: father, mother, children," said Fedele. "I do remember it was in a row. We'll look for that row in the spring."

"It's to stake a claim for our community as best as we can," added Goodman about the project, adding Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds is "a lovely place to visit and a lovely place for a walk."

In 1987 the burial site was decommissioned and ceded to the town of North East, which mows the property to this day.

Fedele said the centuries-old cemetery "tells something about the early development of the area. Right now, with the town changing so rapidly, it tells the characters of the town are changing. We want to preserve the history of the area, this is a way of doing that."

Both Fedele and Goodman said doing so will take a long while and lots of money, which is why they're working to build community awareness now.

The FOSCBG is looking at the restoration of the 300-plus-year-old burying grounds as a long-term project they are hoping residents of both the town and village will get behind.

More can be learned about the cemetery from the North East Historical Society, as well as from the FOSCBG, which is in the process of creating a website.

Until the FRIENDS receives an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS, donations to FOSCBG should be sent to the North East Historical Society at North East Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 727, Millerton, NY 12546; checks should be marked with "Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds Project" in the memo line.

SILO RIDGE *Continued from Page A1*

called a "Payment in Lieu of" Affordable or Workforce Housing.

In Amenia, "the first 10% of a workforce housing payment is due when 25% + 1 market value units have received Certificates of Occupancy [COs]," explained Councilwoman Vicki Doyle.

In the case of Silo Ridge, said Doyle, "The Amenia Housing Board and its chairman, Leo Blackman, have been asking Silo for its initial Payment in Lieu of Workforce Housing for probably a year or more. Then we realized, thanks to an email from Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney Dave Everett, that in March 2021 the Planning Board approved more condo units for Silo Ridge's overall project, so the schedule for workforce housing payments had to be updated accordingly."

The Planning Board had approved 245 new units in total. Based on that, Silo had to make its first payment once it received its 62nd CO, which it did roughly a month ago, said Doyle, who added "the original calculation set the threshold at 56 COs."

She added Amenia's building inspector was not going to issue another CO to Silo Ridge until the town received a check from the developer.

Silo Ridge weighs in

Silo Ridge principal Juan Torres said while "the reality is that Silo also needs workforce housing," it's difficult to get their plans to align with the town's.

"When we proposed [our plans for workforce housing], we wanted to build on the southern portion; the town zoning board would only approve workforce housing if it was in the middle of the development," said Torres, noting Silo has 120 full-time employees and hires in the summer season another 100 or so part-time employees, plus about 200 laborers and sub-contractors, with nowhere to house them.

Torres, who noted "Per town law we pay a fee, determined by Dutchess County Planning, in lieu of workforce housing as our submission to build affordable housing units... it was rejected by the zoning board during the approval process," adding that doing so is "simpler to deal with than doing all the drawings and dealing with the approvals."

Silo would have had to build 25 affordable or workforce units in light of the number of residences in its development, according to Amenia's zoning.

The fee came to \$611,000. "We sent the check this week," said Torres on Friday, Oct. 22. When asked why it took so long to send the initial pay-

ment to the town, he paused for a moment and said it takes time.

Doyle said the town is just happy to have the check in hand.

"Nevertheless, we're thrilled to receive the town's first-ever payment of \$61,000 in lieu of affordable housing. Although it would have been nice to have them build their own workforce housing somewhere in town — it didn't seem likely within their gated community — this payment provides the town flexibility to put these payments toward any number of opportunities that could arise — including making a downtown wastewater system affordable to businesses and workforce housing right where it has historically existed."

The Town Board member added "wastewater is the single most important goal identified in Amenia's comprehensive plans going back 60 years [and] the most often cited goal by town leaders today."

BOE President voices concerns about tax certs

North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) Board of Education (BOE) President Judy Moran also addressed Silo Ridge at the Oct. 21 meeting. She spoke during public comments about tax certioraris and assessments, and said "people need to understand what the consequences of tax certioraris for assessments can mean for the town and the school district."

She mentioned Silo Ridge's

negotiations with the town to have its 2019 property assessments lowered by nearly \$1 million. Moran said she realized there was some negotiating after the tentative assessment roll was accepted, because on Aug. 1, 2019, a total of \$98,621,517 in assessments were lowered. Luckily, she said Dutchess County gave Webutuck extra time to reconfigure, since she said the district "doesn't have the luxury of knowing what the assessments are before we have to set our tax rate."

The WCSD then had time to reconfigure its tax rate based on the lowered assessments. Otherwise, Moran said the district would have had to pay about \$1.1 million in refunds to the community out of that year's taxes.

"That's not a small thing — that's not something we would have been able to do," Moran said. "We have a tax certiorary fund but not a million-and-a-half dollars, and if certioraris are filed that are going to be lost or settled... the impact on the public entities that depend on those taxes is huge because that money needs to be paid back and we have no way to recover it, because once the taxes are collected, that train has left the station."

Moran said Webutuck has a number of certioraris still against it "and not by any means only from Silo Ridge," as a number of exemptions are apparently being grieved.

She mentioned WCSD paid \$83,000 in March 2020 for exemptions that weren't allowed and \$63,000 on another occasion.

"I'm just trying to inform the public that whether you think someone ought to be paying more or not, putting an assessment out there that then gets changed later can be very damaging to the town, the county and the school district," Moran said, "and I'd like to ask that this be considered when assessments are being done. Because so far, it doesn't appear we're winning a lot of them and there are a lot out there to come still."

Property taxes can be challenged by property owners come Grievance Day, which is when a town's Board of Assessment Review (BAR), typically made up of a three-person volunteer board appointed by the Town Board, hears complaints about one's assessment.

"I think that Judy brought up a very important topic," said Doyle. "Our government entities base our budget on the total assessed value for the town. We put all of our assessed values into one big hopper and we know that certain properties are worth more and that's how we come up with a fair taxation system... To me, she's pointing out that there is a budgeting nightmare looming for local school districts and government entities."

The public hearing for the 2022 budget will be Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.

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house and other facilities to house what will be a modern version of the North East Fire District. That will entail a hybrid between volunteers and a paid staff.

Many projects must be completed to house the hybrid force, such as installing a fitness center, showers, sleeping quarters, a kitchen and bathrooms.

While he recognized the 58% increase as a big jump, Schultz said it will allow the district to hit the ground running and be prepared to finance paid firefighters' salaries, workers' compensation and other requisite insurance increases.

In previous years, Schultz admitted the district has been "lagging" as "the realization wasn't there that this was going to be coming down the pike for the fire district, so we were behind the times."

He also said the district doesn't have a time line as it all depends on "how many people come through these doors to answer these alarms."

Volunteers are badly needed to help staff the all-volunteer district at the moment.

One resident asked about whether this money was going to be put in an escrow account or go into a general fund, and whether there would be any oversight from citizens to keep track of the funds.

Schultz confirmed the money has gone into "a specific line for a specific purpose" and said the district openly welcomes the public to attend its monthly meetings.

Attending as a Millerton taxpayer, Mayor Jenn Najdek asked if, in hindsight, the district could have bumped the 58% increase out over five years.

"Any scenario that you could pitch could exist," Schultz said, "but we chose to go the route we did so that we'd have the moneys in place to begin the projects and future payments... but we hit the ground running now so we can start the feasibility study to put the projects in motion."

Addressing the issue of recruiting volunteers, resident Cathy Fenn asked Schultz why he felt there were less volunteers today.

The commissioners and

district members said it's most likely due to a number of socioeconomic factors.

First Assistant Chief David Schultz highlighted the number of firefighters who work multiple, part-time jobs, who travel to work, who work out of town and how few young people are interested in volunteering.

Today, the average age of a volunteer in the district is 47; the oldest member is in the district is 89-year-old Bernie Silvernail, who has served for more than seven decades.

Anyone who is interested in helping the community and physically able to do so is encouraged to ask about joining.

This sparked a discussion about the challenges of recruiting new members. Members stressed the number of hours they dedicate to responding to emergency calls while community members suggested ideas to sign up young people as firefighters.

A copy of the proposed budget, which reflects at 58% tax increase, is available at the North East Town Hall. The district plans to discuss and adopt the budget at its next workshop meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

AREA IN BRIEF**Election Day Bake Sale Nov. 2**

MILLERTON — After a year off due to the pandemic, the traditional NorthEast-Millerton Library's Election Bake Sale will be back in business on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at The Annex, 28 Century Blvd.

The Bake Sale will continue throughout the day for as long as supplies last. Donations may be dropped at the library at 75 Main St. on Monday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 6 p.m. and at The Annex on Election Day until noon.

For details, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340.

Election Day Luncheon Nov. 2

ANCRAM — St. John Lutheran's Church will host an Election Day Luncheon at the Ancram firehouse at 1306 County Route 7 on Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., takeouts only.

Residents may purchase clam chowder for \$5, a hot turkey sandwich for \$8 and dessert for \$3.

To order, call 518-329-2922. Lunch will be served on a first come first served basis.

LEGISLATURE *Continued from Page A1*

Legislature by four. Dutchess County's Legislative Branch was last reduced about 20 years ago, from 35 to 25 legislators.

The new legislative districts would be drawn according to the results from the 2020 Census count.

Legislative districts in Dutchess County would see their base grow from representing about 11,900 constituents to about 14,000.

Currently, District 19, which represents the towns of North East (and village of Millerton), Stanford, Pine Plains and Milan, is the largest and the most rural. It's represented by Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) of Pine Plains.

The Republican members of the Government Services and Administration Committee of the GOP-led Dutchess County Legislature voted 10 to zero back on July 8 to unanimously adopt legislative remedies to the Commission on Reapportionment. That was after the Democratic members of the committee left the chambers in protest of the vote.

At the time, Pulver called that rather dramatic vote in chambers "interesting." He explained the details behind shrinking the governmental body's membership.

"Obviously we explained our

side of the story and discussed reapportionment," Pulver told The Millerton News in an interview back in July. "The other side of the aisle was not happy with the county attorney's interpretation with the law; that's their prerogative. In protest they got up and left... which is why it was a 10-nothing vote."

That protest led to the local law that wound up as Proposition No. 6 on the Nov. 2 ballots — for all Dutchess County voters to consider.

If approved, changes in the Legislature may not be noticeable until a large number of legislative seats go up for election in 2023.

Dutchess County has a population of approximately 294,000 residents, yet it has more representation than some nearby counties, some of which are larger.

That's led those opposed to the move to say a smaller Legislature would make it more difficult to represent a growing constituency that is increasingly more diverse. Critics also charge that legislators would be less equipped to check on the other branches of government, including the county executive.

But Pulver said when the Government Services and Administration Committee voted to approve downsizing back in July it had in mind that in to-

day's world, it makes sense.

"Basically we're adjusting to the size of our constituency as well as taking into account how much easier it is to communicate now versus 20 to 30 years ago," he said. "I don't know what the correct number is, but we can certainly survive at 21."

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment



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The Korean survival drama “Squid Game” has broken all viewership records on Netflix — but reviewer Ed Ferman gives a higher rating to other foreign series.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Foreign TV

‘Squid Game’: Worth all the Fuss?

‘SQUID GAME’
The Koreans excel at subtle art-house horror films, notably the Oscar-winning “Parasite.” But this latest Netflix sensation is a survival drama and is about as subtle as a sledgehammer to your knee. Exactly 456 — they wear numbers — miserable, debt-ridden men and women agree to be carted off to a deserted island, where they join games in which the winners get rich and the losers get brutally eliminated. Players are controlled by masked guards with machine guns, and VIPs led by a big shot in black control them. A few attempts to steer this ludicrous premise into

a metaphor for class struggle or income inequality fall flat, and so is there any reason to join the crowds? Maybe. The contests — deadly extensions of kids’ games — are clever, visually impressive, and suspenseful, and the players’ characters are fleshed out enough so that you care for them. They form relationships that are genuinely touching at times. The violence is nonstop and does not end with the death of the losers; they are placed fussily in coffins with bows and sent below to be chopped into small pieces and sold to Chinese organ merchants. If you like dystopian thrillers and have a strong stomach, try carefully sticking your toe into these bloody waters. You can always back out and watch one of the other vastly superior shows I cover in this article.

police inspector Gereon Rath (Volker Bruch) and his lovely aide, Charlotte Ritter (Liv Lisa Fries), who are investigating a train hijacking and extortion scheme. One plot leads to another, and you may find yourself scratching your head at times. The mystery thriller is just one part of a sweeping panorama that makes most American productions seem timid. The best comparison I can make is to the great Kander and Ebb musical “Cabaret,” and part of this show’s appeal lies in its wonderful dance and musical numbers. On Netflix. **‘UNORTHODOX’** Esty Shapiro (Shira Haas) is a 19-year-old woman living in an unhappy arranged marriage in an ultra-Orthodox community in Brooklyn. She flees to Berlin, where her estranged mother lives, and falls in with a group of international music students. Meanwhile her husband and a shady cousin fly to Berlin in an attempt to track her down. There is a lot packed into four episodes: a look inside a Hasidic sect, a pursuit thriller, and a young woman’s painful road to self-discovery.

Maria Schrader, who won an Emmy for outstanding direction of a limited series, impeccably directs it all. Dialogue is primarily in Yiddish, with some German and English. On Netflix. **‘PRISONERS OF WAR’** The New York Times called this 2010 Israeli drama the best foreign show of the decade, and I’ve not seen anything to dispute that. Often compared to “Homeland,” this spy thriller tells the story of two Israeli soldiers who return home after 17 years of captivity and torture. Although there is plenty of suspense, the thriller element is less important than the heartbreaking story of the soldiers’ attempt to reconnect to their family and friends. There are moving performances by Yoram Toledano as Nimrode, Ishai Golan as Uri, and Mili Avital (who lives in the Hudson River Valley with her husband, screenwriter Charles Randolph) as Uri’s former fiancée. “Prisoners” is no longer available for streaming on Amazon but you can buy the DVDs, or borrow Season 1 through the Bibliomation loan system at all Connecticut libraries.

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Portraits, Flowers by Alex Katz at Craven Gallery

The third part in a three-part series of shows of the work of painter Alex Katz opened at Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., on Oct. 9. It remains on display in Kent and online through the middle of November. “The Flowers and Portraits” show brings together floral prints by the artist alongside a selection of his editioned portrait work. Similar to his paintings of flowers, Katz has a distinctive approach to painting the human face. Large-scale, pared-down and cropped, the works combine elements of realism and abstraction at the same time.

The center piece of the show is a large scale portrait of one of Katz’s muses, supermodel Christy Turlington, measuring a substantial 60-by-50 inches. Other highlights include a self portrait, three different renditions of another muse — his wife, Ada — and a rare aluminum cut-out. Katz, who is now 94, continues to work in New York City and Maine and will have a major retrospective exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York 2022. To see the works in the show, go to www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/alex-katz-the-flowers-and-the-portraits.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Rhiannon Giddens at the Bardavon Nov. 5

In our Compass issue of Sept. 30, classical music reviewer Fred Baumgarten offered enthusiastic praise for the podcast called “Aria Code,” in which Rhiannon Giddens, a trained opera singer, dives deep on operas, often finding unexpected relevance in them to the modern world.

Most people have no idea that Giddens is classically trained; she is a MacArthur “Genius Grant” recipient who is best known as a country/roots performer with a rich, attractive voice. She was a co-founder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops but has also performed solo work.

Her new album is a collaboration with Francesco Turrissi, called “There Is no Other,” produced in Ireland during the COVID-19 lockdown. The two will perform together at The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$43. Find out more at www.bardavon.org.

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STREAMING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

How To Choose a Streaming Service

Ed Ferman writes the streaming column for our Compass arts and entertainment supplement (see this week's column on Page B1). He and I generally agree on which streaming services we like; and as the holiday season lumbers slowly toward us, keep in mind that streaming subscriptions can be expensive, especially if you have a lot of them. They make a great gift — with no danger of supply chain interference.

Criterion Channel: Criterion is the place to go for people who are deeply interested in film history. They show everything from foreign and independent films to more quirky and even kitschy choices.

They also do interesting curations every month, where they pick a theme and select movies to fit the theme.

A monthly subscription to the Criterion Channel is \$10.99 a month; an annual subscription is \$99.99; www.criterionchannel.com

HBO Max: Some newer shows, only available on HBO, include "Mare of Easttown," "Succession" and the incredibly entertaining "White Lotus." And if you loved Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building," you can come to HBO Max for the Selena Gomez cooking show.

Ed Ferman says, "Other reasons for HBO Max: best

library of miniseries, with 'Band of Brothers,' 'Chernobyl,' 'Angels in America,' 'The Leftovers' and many others. Also, they have a deal with Warner Bros to stream all their theatrical releases such as 'In the Heights' (which was wonderful) and 'Dune' (coming up soon)."

In a way, HBO Max has so much to offer that most families will choose it as their main subscription. If you only get one, HBO Max has oodles of HBO-exclusive choices for every family member. A basic HBO subscription comes with advertising (\$9.99 a month or 499.99 a year); you can upgrade your loved ones to ad-free HBO Max for \$14.99 a month or \$149.99 a year.

Hulu: If you haven't watched "Only Murders in the Building," starring Steve Martin, Martin Short, Selena Gomez and the Ansonia apartment building on Manhattan's Upper West Side, that one show is reason enough to get Hulu.

I also recommend Derek del Gaudio's "In and Of Itself," a magic show that is a profound, surprising and moving exploration of how humans interact.

Ed Ferman says, "Additional reason to subscribe to Hulu: They have the best library of sitcoms, old ones like Mary Tyler Moore, 'Frasier,' 'Cheers' and 'M*A*S*H,' as well as newer ones like 'Arrested

Development' and 'Pen15.'"

If you have young children, **Disney +** is a no-brainer. This is a perfect grandparent gift; and you as the donor can get the access code to watch special adult programming such as "Hamilton."

Disney alone is \$7.99 a month or \$79.99 a year, but you can also get it as a bundle with **Hulu** and, for the sports fan in your life, **ESPN**. The Disney Bundle can be \$13.99 a month if you get Hulu with ads, or \$19.99 a month for Hulu with no ads.

Amazon Prime is also almost too obvious to mention. In addition to streaming almost everything on Earth and selling all the DVDs, there are Amazon productions including my favorite, a version of Anthony Trollope's "Dr. Thorne," written for television by Julian Fellowes of "Downton Abbey" fame. Amazon also now owns the MGM catalog.

If you subscribe to Amazon Prime, you also get other Amazon services, at \$12.99 a month (plus tax, they warn) or \$119 a year plus tax; a video-only membership is \$8.99 a month plus tax.

Amazon also makes it easy to access other, smaller streaming services, including ones that stream foreign detective shows, such as the wonderful German version of Donna Leon's "Commissario Brunetti," set in Ven-

ice, Italy; and "Inspector Montalbano" and "Young Montalbano." There are the new French series, including "Balthazar," "Capitaine Marleau" and "L'Art du Crime." These ones and more are on Mhz Choice (\$7.99 a month, \$89.99 a year). You can find most of the British crime series on Britbox (\$6.99 a month or \$69.99 a year) and Acorn (\$5.99 a month or \$59.99 a year), including all the various Agatha Christie shows as well as the Vera series from the books by Ann Cleeves, and "Foyle's War," created and written by Anthony Horowitz. Don't miss "McDonald & Dodds," a new series streaming on Amazon Prime.

Speaking of Anthony Horowitz, there is going to be a new series in 2022 made from his "Magpie Murders" novels. They will air on PBS. If you don't want to support corporate ownership of entertainment, you can always make philanthropic donations in honor of your friends and family.

We haven't mentioned **Netflix** in this article, but look for Ed Ferman's article on Page B1 about "Squid Game" and other Netflix options. Netflix has the most complicated menu of subscription options; do a search for "Netflix Subscription Costs" to see their chart.



PHOTO BY CHRISTYLEZ.COM

Emmy-nominated musician Christylez Bacon is part of a lively and joyful show of jazz, classical and more on Nov. 21 at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

And Now for Something Completely Happy

The 2020s haven't been a super joyful time, so the Sunday, Nov. 21, concert called Cafe Jazz, presented by Close Encounters With Music, sounds like just the right mood brightener.

The late afternoon show, onstage at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., has happy music with soul and a spine. The program will include Paul Schoenfield's Café Music for piano, violin and cello; Claude Bolling's "Suite for Cello and Jazz Trio;" the American Master, George Gershwin, with his "Three

Preludes for Piano," which has hints of "American in Paris" and "Rhapsody in Blue;" and Beethoven's "Romance No. 2 in F Major for Violin and Piano."

Adding a snappy modern touch will be an appearance by Christylez Bacon, the first Hip-Hop artist to be featured at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

The Nov. 21 concert begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 5:45 p.m. Tickets range from \$28 to \$52. Find out more at <https://mahaiwe.org/event/close-encounters-with-music-cafe-music-jazz-rap-and-grand-reopening/>.

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MILLBROOK

Elections

The Millerton News' candidate profiles for Town Board and town supervisor follow below. The candidates each wrote 100 words about themselves to share with voters why they should be elected.

Millbrook Village Trustee

Buffy Arbogast (D)
Incumbent, Millbrook Trustee Candidate
Running for first full term after being appointed to initial unexpired term

I'm serving the trustee position left by Tim Collopy when he became mayor.

I'm running for election because I enjoy what I'm currently doing on the board, working on the Electric Vehicle charging stations, working with Sgt. Witt on traffic laws and codes, learning about grants and how things work from other trustees on the Village Board.

I'm also interested in working on sensible ways to include more hospitality in Millbrook, and as a business owner of Babette's Kitchen, I'm always looking for ways to help village businesses.

I love what I'm doing and would like to keep doing it.

Peter Doro (R)

Millbrook Trustee Candidate

Fiscal responsibility is of utmost importance. Diversity of thought is also crucial — currently, the Village Board is all Democrats; I am a Republican. A divided board can be more effective and represent a broader swath of the community.

I also believe free and fair elections, honesty, integrity and openness are all integral to a well-functioning democracy.

I have been a resident of Millbrook my whole life and am now raising my family here.

I serve my community on the Dutchess Outreach Board and the Town of Washington Board of Assessment Review.

I am an adjunct professor at Albany Law School.

Steven Turletes (R)

Incumbent

Washington Town Board member
Running for seventh full term

I'm seeking re-election because we currently have excellent members on our Washington Town Board and volunteers on our ancillary boards who listen to the information from all sides of an issue while making the best decisions for the town.

I think it was a wise move to begin to examine the Comprehensive Plan with an eye toward hospitality, including short term rentals, and begin to investigate the possibility of changing the formulas for possible expansion in Mabbettsville and Washington Hollow.

It is important to remember that it is "OUR MILLBROOK" and we must listen to all voices and legislate accordingly.

Joe Rochfort (R)

Incumbent

Town Board Candidate
Running for first full term after serving an unexpired term

I hope to be re-elected as I want to continue with the projects I am involved in.

I want to continue on the Town Board, working toward keeping the town the best town, one that remains attractive to people and that maintains the qualities that make it this way.

In the brief time I have been in office, I feel that I have gotten fully accustomed to what is expected of a town councilman.

So far, I am working diligently reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, and working with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals as their liaisons.

Town of Washington Town Board

Mike Murphy (R)

Incumbent

Washington Town Board Member
Running for second term

It's an honor to serve as your town councilman. I hope to continue to serve the people of the TOW, and continue the excellent high quality programs and other services we're known for.

I'm proud of having expanded programs for our youth, and of our addressing the serious results of major storms in our area.

Born in Poughkeepsie, I've lived in Millbrook for 40 years. In running for a second term, I'm committed to fiscal conservatism on both spending and taxes.

I've long been involved with the town, serving the Rotunno, Briggs and Prisco administrations and as part-time recreational director.

Leslie Heaney (My Millbrook Party)

Running for Town Board

As a mother, small business owner and attorney, I work tirelessly to give back to my community, particularly on behalf of women, children, and families.

I will fight to protect Millbrook from harmful, ad hoc development; enforce the town ethics code; institute smart, long-term financial planning; ensure transparency and accountability in town government; attract responsible commercial development; demand better internet service; and stop tax increases.

As a trained attorney who understands complex regulations and negotiations, I'll take on savvy developers.

My Millbrook is independent and nonpartisan; we believe the town's future should be determined by its residents, not predatory developers.

Andrew Spence (My Millbrook Party)

Running for Town Board

I am a respected financial expert who helps companies and organizations perform better and grow in value.

I'm running for Town Board to bring those skills to Millbrook government.

I'll ensure that needed economic development will never come at the cost of what makes Millbrook the place we want to live.

As an avid outdoorsman and passionate advocate for natural spaces, I'm a fierce defender of our precious land habitats. In

2009, Ducks Unlimited named me Conservationist of the Year.

Married with three children, I'm a full-time Millbrook resident who serves on the Town of Washington Planning Board.

Doug Giles (My Millbrook Party)

Running for Town Board

As the long-time operator of Waldbridge Farm, I need no introduction — nor does my commitment to the environment.

I'm running for Town Board to preserve Millbrook's character and to ensure that any commercial development be responsible, sustainable and within the boundaries of Millbrook's 2015 Comprehensive Plan, to which we all agreed.

I understand the value of a dollar, and I'll work to bring long-term financial planning to the board.

I have two sons who now work with me on the farm. As a Town Board member, I'll bring my perspective and work ethic to town government on our community's behalf.

Town of Washington Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri (R)

Washington Town Supervisor
Running for fourth term.

I'm running for re-election because I would like to continue to work on projects we've already started, a lot of it having to do with town infrastructure and major repairs after various storms.

There are many building projects going on right now. Because we have such a good team currently at Town Hall, I expect we'll get it all done in the coming years, and I'd like to see it to completion.

Among the accomplishments I'm very proud of is that of keeping the town above water after the COVID-19 pandemic hit almost two years ago.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Susan Hennelly with her Art in the Loft entry, "Grapes," a watercolor. Hennelly is from Dover Plains and exhibits her art locally year round.

Winners announced at Art in the Loft closing event

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — A fine fall day at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery, with fine wine and excellent art, what could make for a more perfect Sunday afternoon? Oct. 24 marked the closing of the 24th Annual Art in the Loft competition, an event that brings local artists to submit their work to be judged by the public throughout the summer at the vineyard's gallery.

A juried panel selects the artwork in the spring to compete in the show. Different mediums may be used in the competition: oil, acrylic, watercolor, photography, metal, wood. The art varies in size as well as in style.

When the votes are finally counted, the winner's work goes on the Millbrook Winery's labels for the year of the Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay Proprietor's Reserve.

The first-place winner of the 2021 Art in the Loft competition was Felicidad Dukes of Poughkeepsie, with "Spring Charm." It is an acrylic paint liquid pour.

Second place went to Hana

Gordon for her watercolor, "Scenic Overlook."

Third place was earned by Dominick Santise, also a watercolor.

The winners were announced by Executive Director of Arts Mid-Hudson Linda Marston-Reid and Millbrook Vineyards Marketing Director Stacey Hudson. Vice President of the Vineyards David Bova congratulated the winners.

Art in the Loft is a partnership between the vineyard and Arts-Mid Hudson, a nonprofit founded in 1964, which serves the region with arts-driven partnerships.

Other artists who had works displayed at the exhibit included Robin Adler, Azia Brown, Youye Chu, Cassandra Clarke, Robyn Ellenbogen, Harriet Forman Barrett, Tarryl Gabel, Susan Hennelly, Diane-Ellen McCarron, Jerry Wein, Xuewu Zheng, and Ilga Ziemins-Kurens.

Tickets cost \$75 per person and included a bottle of wine with the winning wine label valued at \$32; 20% of the proceeds from the event went directly to Arts Mid-Hudson.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Trunk or Treat at Town Park on Oct. 30

In anticipation of Halloween, local children are invited to go Trunk or Treating on Saturday, Oct. 30, at noon at the Town of Washington Park in Mabbettsville. Costumed youngsters should bring their own bags to collect candy and other holiday treats from decorated cars in the park's parking lot.

Immediately following the **Adopt a Pet Month at Orvis Sandanona** Club House at the shooting grounds or by mailing monetary donations to Orvis, c/o Animal Adoption Donations to 3047 Sharon Tnpk., Millbrook, NY 12545.

Local residents can help by donating pet food and other items for dogs, cats and other small pets to the Orvis

Trunk or Treating event, there will be a chance for the little ones to decorate their own pumpkins. Children should bring their own pumpkins; painting materials and refreshments will be provided.

For those participating in the Trunk or Treating event, participants MUST register; to do so, arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m.

For a list of needed items, go to www.orvis.com or call 845-677-9701.

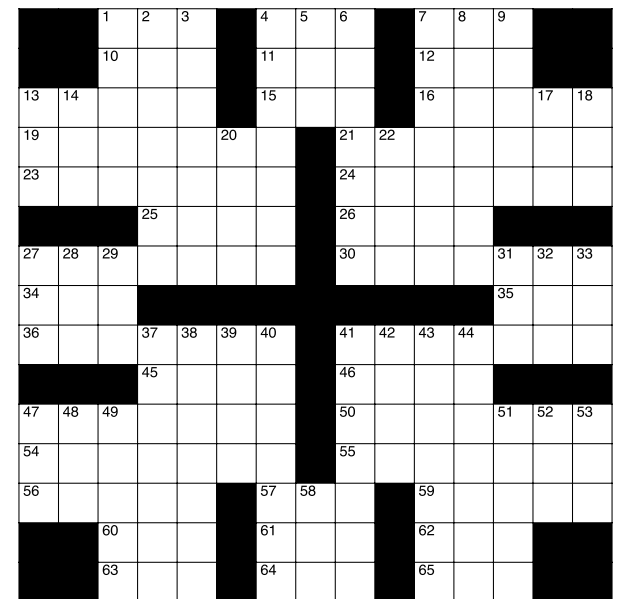
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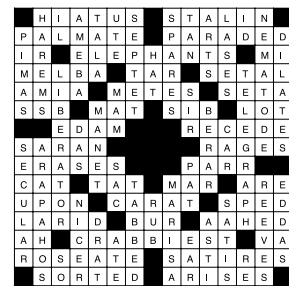
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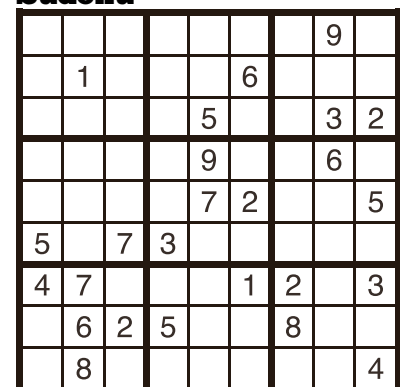


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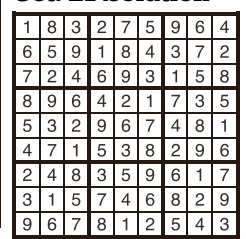
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SPORTS

Pine Plains gets with the flow thanks to Vinyasa Yoga

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — When the work week looks tough and residents need new ways of keeping calm and releasing some stress, the Pine Plains Free Library has a weekly hybrid Vinyasa Flow Yoga program available on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m.

Taught by instructor Nichole Martini, the Vinyasa Flow Yoga program reached its third year in Pine Plains this past August. When the program was first launched in August 2018, Martini was finishing her yoga teacher's certificate at Three Sisters Yoga and had just moved to Pine Plains.

After attending a lecture in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library, Martini said she thought the room was the perfect space for yoga and wondered if the library offered yoga. She approached former Library Director Veronica Stork, who told her the library didn't have a yoga pro-

gram and asked if she wanted to teach one.

Martini credited Stork for helping get the yoga program off the ground. Now that Alexis Tackett has taken on the role of library director, Martini has been working with Tackett to keep the program going.

Asked what makes vinyasa flow yoga different from other forms of yoga, Martini explained that she blends vinyasa (or movement yoga) with yin yoga (a restorative, meditative yoga), so those who come to her class get a nice physical release.

While yoga tends to focus on relaxation, improving flexibility, releasing tension in the muscular system and other physical improvements, she said a lot of her students benefit from the meditative aspect of practicing yoga as they learn stress release, breathing techniques and ways to calm their nervous system.

Before COVID-19, Martini said the program had, on average, 16 to 18 people attend in-person. When the pandemic



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Previously held in the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion on Beach Road, area residents looking to try a new yoga class can go to the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library or tune into Zoom to participate in the Vinyasa Flow Yoga program held on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m.

hit and in-person programs became restricted, she said they were able to move the program online.

Today, the Vinyasa Flow Yoga program is taught on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. both in-person in the Community Room and via Zoom. While the program has a small collection of yoga mats, bolsters and blocks available at the library, students are encouraged to bring yoga mats and other materials if they can.

These days, Martini said the program has around 11 to 14 people per class, an average she

takes pride in given the town's small size. In fact, one of the things Martini said she really delights in doing is catering her class to whoever shows up.

"It's such a beautiful thing," she said. "I have some young upper teens all the way to 70s, so I do a lot of modifications in order for everyone to participate at their level."

Another aspect that makes the program special, Martini said, is the community built around it. Whether they're full-time Pine Plains residents, former Pine Plains residents or people that move in and out of

Pine Plains, Martini delights in seeing a diversity of people come together to practice yoga and then connect with one another in and out of class.

The Vinyasa Flow Yoga program is open to anyone interested in joining and is free of charge, though donations

are accepted. Donations will be made to Martini in-person at the library, via Venmo at @nichole-martini or via PayPal to her email at nm@nicholemartini.com. Anyone interested in joining the class in-person or via Zoom may email Martini for more information.



Beyond the physical benefits — such as increased flexibility and tension release — students practicing yoga at the Vinyasa Flow Yoga program held in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library on Monday nights can benefit from the meditative aspects, such as breathing techniques and stress release.




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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provision of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Amenia at the General Election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2021:

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Amenia for the operating budget of the Amenia Free Library be increased by Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars to the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$175,000) Dollars annually?"

Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
Town of Amenia
10-21-21
10-28-21

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York, at which time all parties and interested citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Amenia shall adopt a proposed Local Law, known as Local Law No. X of 2021 entitled "Local Law Opting Out of the Licensing and Establishment of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites within the Town of Amenia" as authorized under Article 4 of the Cannabis Law

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose of this proposed Local Law is to opt out of the State Law

authorizing retail dispensary and on-site consumption sites within the Town of Amenia.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the adoption of this Local Law is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

Dated: Amenia, New York
October 7, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER
TOWN CLERK
10-28-21

**Legal Notice
Public Hearing
Village of Millerton
Community Development
Block Grant**

Please take notice that the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 6:05 PM, at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, to invite the public input on the 2022 Community Development Block Grant. All members of the public having interest in this matter are invited to attend.

By order of the
Village Board of Trustees
Kelly Kilmer, Village Clerk
10-28-21

**TOWN OF PINE PLAINS
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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 10th day of November, 2021, at 7:30PM, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or

against the special use permit for an accessory dwelling, submitted by Pocumtuck Valley Farm Trust, for a property located at Prospect Hill Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 6972-00-711435.

This meeting will take place in person at town hall, 3284 Route 199, and via Zoom, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1. You will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide your comments in the comments section of Zoom. Comments for the public hearing session can also be sent in advance of the meeting to planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov or written and sent into town hall. A dial-in number is also available if you do not have access to a computer. This meeting will be recorded and a transcript will be available at a later date.

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Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

By order of
Town of Pine Plains
Planning Board
10-28-21

Legal Notice

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 16th at 5:30 pm at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the plot owners.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of said Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed Preliminary Budget is available for review Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm

at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Amenia located at 4988 Route 22 Amenia, New York. It can also be downloaded from the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov or available by email upon request to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, at dmklingner@ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the proposed salaries of each member of the Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Justices are as follows:

- Supervisor \$19,295.00
- Town Clerk \$25,838.00
- Councilman (4) Each \$6,135.00
- Town Justice-Civil Cases \$18,181.00
- Town Justice-Criminal Cases \$19,295.00
- Town Clerk \$35,873.00
- Superintendent of \$66,422.00

Dated: October 21, 2021,
Amenia, New York

BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
10-28-21

**TOWN of NORTH EAST
Millerton, New York
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North East for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, where it is available for inspection by any interested person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and

review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the North East Town Hall at 19 No. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, at 6:20 PM, on the 10th day of November 2021, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified:

- Supervisor: \$24,165
 - Councilmen (4): \$5,410
 - Justices (2): \$16,705
 - Town Clerk: \$33,000
 - Assessor: \$33,620
- Dated: October 15, 2021
By Order of the Town Board
Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk
10-28-21

**Legal Notice
Public Hearing
Zoning Board of Appeals
Village of Millerton**

Please take notice that the Village of Millerton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, to invite the public for input on the Variance application put forward to the ZBA for a parking variance at 2 Main Street (parcel # 7271-18-328242). All members of the public having interest in this matter are invited to attend.

By order of the
Village of Millerton Zoning Board of Appeals
Kelly Kilmer
Zoning Board Secretary
10-28-21

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EDITORIAL

Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds has FRIENDS

Despite the nearness of timing this editorial has to Halloween, and the fact it's based on a graveyard, there is absolutely nothing ghoulish about our singing our praises for the newly designated not-for-profit Friends of Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds (FOSCBG) — and our wishing them happy hunting as they dig around the approximately 320-year-old cemetery trying to dust off old tablets, right tilted tombstones and trying to learn as much about the historic site as possible.

The lovely graveyard from the 1700s on Merwin Road in the town of North East is recognizable by the low stone wall that protects what is a deceptively large, nearly 2-acre site. It has about 500 people buried there, according to FOSCBG Vice President Ralph Fedele. Fedele is a local history buff and the very individual responsible for the magnificent one-room 1858 Irondale Schoolhouse at the Main Street entrance to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. (We should note that feat included locating the nearly-forgotten schoolhouse; arranging funding for its purchase; relocating and transporting it 2 miles into the village; overseeing its renovation; planning for its reopening; turning it into a nonprofit educational center and tourist attraction; spearheading its continued maintenance and operation; as well as organizing its own FRIENDS group and establishing and chairing its Board of Trustees.)

In addition to Fedele's assistance with the FRIENDS group at Spencer's Corners, another avid history lover, Claire Goodman, is its stalwart president. She has clearly jumped in with both feet.

Growing up in England, Goodman did many grass rubbings with her equally enthusiastic sister. They would travel around their native Norfolk, "where the history is very well maintained," according to Goodman, "and I just got interested in cemeteries and preservation and who lived there. So I came out of early childhood with a love of churches and ancient sites. And I'm always thrilled to see burying grounds... out in the open, near a field... it can be rather glorious out in the landscape, but it can become rather decrepit, like what happened to ours in Millerton."

That's why Goodman, Fedele, and a host of others have joined forces to form the not-for-profit 501(C)3, which will allow them to partake in charitable activities without being taxed. That will let them raise funds to spruce up the cemetery — and then hire a professional who can use "something called a D2 biological solution, which is sprayed onto stones to clean the stones without hard rubbing, so it won't destroy all of the rubbing on there," explained Fedele. "It will take a lot of time and a lot of effort."

The hope is to start that process in the spring. While local monument artisan and repairer Bruce Valentine has been helping out, said Fedele, "his instinct" is that "a company that does nothing but restore monuments" will likely be called in to work on the project over a period of years.

"It will take some time," forecasted Fedele, who added he's hopeful the entire community will get behind the project, as so many residents have family members buried there. He said it's a way to connect the present with the past in a rapidly changing world.

"It tells something about the early development of the area... we want to preserve [our] history," he said. "This is a way of doing that."

Spencer's Corners Burying Ground is no longer an active cemetery; it was decommissioned in 1987 and ceded to the town of North East.

Until FOSCBG gets its Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS, donations may be sent to the North East Historical Society at North East Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 727, Millerton, NY 12546 and marked "Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds Project."

Vote with me to support Griffin Cooper for North East Town Board

I have known Griffin Cooper for the better part of two years. I have had the pleasure of discussing many issues that impact the local area as well as the Town of North East with him, including farming, climate issues and economic stability.

Griffin has experience delv-

ing into these issues as well as the ability to garner new relationships with the future members of the North East Town Board.

I know Griffin will use his intellect and kind-hearted approachability to help tackle some of our town's toughest

obstacles.

Griffin has my support for his candidacy for the North East Town Board. I hope my fellow residents will offer him the same support on Nov. 2nd.

Gino Robustelli

Project Manger/Bee Keeper Millerton

Re-elect Darrah Cloud and Matt Zick to Pine Plains board and Diana Woolis

In her four years as town supervisor, Darrah Cloud has proven herself to be the right leader at the right time in Pine Plains.

A good town supervisor makes sure the basics of governmental function are completed efficiently and constituents are heard and their concerns met.

A great town supervisor adds exceptional communication skills, a vision for the town's future, boundless energy to find partners to help move the town forward and a passion for

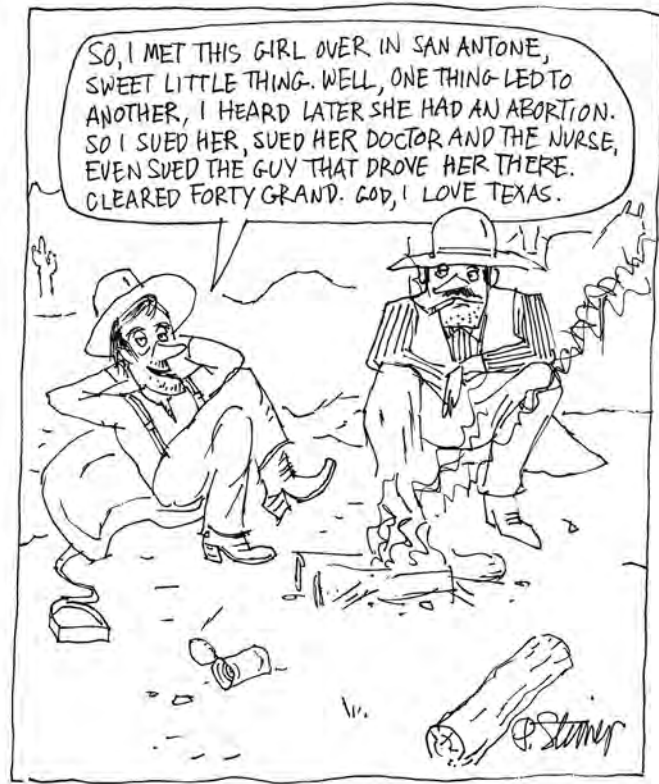
simply doing work for the community. Darrah is a great town supervisor.

We are lucky in Pine Plains to have Darrah Cloud bringing all her skills to the job. Pine Plains will continue on its current rising path if we keep Darrah Cloud working for Pine Plains. She is a smart hard worker who

puts all her heart into serving our town. She is a proven leader.

We urge you to vote for Darrah Cloud and her running mates, Diana Woolis and Matt Zick, for a bright future in Pine Plains.

Dick Hermans and Priscilla Herdman
Pine Plains



Vote for Leo Blackman for Amenia Town Board

We have known Leo Blackman since 2007 when he became a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in Amenia.

He has always been an enthusiastic member of the ZBA and very passionate about his job and the town.

In 2012 he became chairman of the ZBA and served until 2015. He also served on

the Zoning Review Committee and worked tirelessly on not only Solar, but also on air bnb's, Tiny Houses and many other items that need to be addressed in our town's zoning.

He now serves on Amenia's Planning Board.

We both support Leo in his bid for a Town Board seat.

Susan and Terry Metcalfe
Wassaic

Voters, don't be fooled by Amenia Strong's motives

Amenia Democrats and Republicans, and third party and write-in voters, have to be careful when voting next Tuesday. They all have a structural disadvantage; their vote will be divided because they are all competing against one line, the Amenia Strong slate, and one candidate who appears on both the Amenia Strong and the Republican line.

Everyone in town now knows that the Amenia Strong slate is comprised of candidates from or for Silo Ridge who advocate re-assessment to further lower their property taxes.

In fact, Silo Ridge is suing Amenia for this purpose. If successful in court or at the ballot box next week, this will result in your seeing your property taxes raised to collect the required tax revenue.

Don't let the slick tactics of the "Amenia Strong" campaign fool you. Don't be duped by that phony rag masquerading as a newspaper, or by a "Community Organization" set up and run by Silo Ridge management for the ultimate benefit of the club's homeowners, if they succeed in their effort to buy your support at the polls.

Don't put into office the Amenia Strong line. With a majority (3 of 5) on the Town Board, they will control the supervisor's agenda and the town's budget, and appointment power for assessor, attorney and Assessment Board of Review.

That's what this election is all about, folks: A takeover of town government. Be sure to vote Nov. 2nd.

Dan Brown
Amenia

Presbyterian Church appreciates support, offers 'Grab & Go' dinner

The Pine Plains First United Presbyterian Church would like to express our sincere gratitude for the community's past support of our annual Turkey Supper.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent precautions have changed our towns in innumerable ways and small churches are no exception, but we are slowly realizing our new normal. Our events help

us to keep open our doors for ministry to our congregation and our community.

Despite diminished revenue, this year we have been able to continue to support the Community Food Locker, Willow Roots, Crop Walk, Adopt A Family, World Vision and Wreaths Across America.

Due to COVID precautions, we will continue with a "Grab & Go" format on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Our Turkey Supper with curb side pickup, will include freshly roasted turkey with stuffing & gravy, smashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, a roll and dessert.

Reservations may be made by phoning the church at 518-398-7117 or by emailing Dyan at dyanwapnick@optimum.net.

If we don't sellout in advance, dinners may be avail-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning to live with change and with chaos

As a long-term resident of the area, I recall a time when our cozy village was self-sufficient. Oddly enough, Millerton used to be a shopping hub thanks to Delson's department store, and how about those three grocery stores located within the village?

Progress, if you can call it that, has changed our community. You can thank Big Box stores and the perceived notion that "bigger is better." We got Wal-Martized: If it was made in China, you could find it made from there at a discount. Quality and service no longer mattered. Brands like RCA evaporated, replaced by Hisense — who? Nobody cared, as long as it was cheap.

At first, perhaps largely unnoticed, jobs started to disappear as manufacturers exited the country for greener pastures. It was about that time job benefits began to shrink as well. First it was health plans, followed by "We now offer a 401-K plan." Swell. I'd rather have a retirement check. Presently government jobs are among the few offering that benefit.

In case you missed it, the message here is about change. I wish I could say it was for the better. Sure some folks have fared well, but the majority are getting squeezed by the run-away economy threatening our future. It has been said over 40% of the population couldn't raise \$1,000 in an emergency.

My greatest concern is public acceptance of government control. Germany is nationalizing 200,000 homes to better handle rent control. The UK is mandating EV chargers be shut down during peak hours. Norway prohibited the sale of gasoline powered vehicles after 2025. The state of New York wants us to have 70% renewable electric production by 2035. Hello California, get used to brownouts.

Our borders are a joke. Our social structure is crumbling thanks to those who ignore existing laws. Is it any wonder the country is in chaos? Will the last person leaving New York please turn out the lights?

John Walters
Millerton

Elect Leo Blackman and Katherine Lee on Nov. 2

There are 86 lawsuits filed against the Town of Amenia from Silo Ridge property owners who are asking for further reductions (beyond the \$98 million reduction granted in 2019) on their assessed value.

At the "Meet the Candidates Forum" on Oct. 6, Jim Morris, a lawyer and current Town Board member, said he believes the Amenia Strong candidates have conflicts of interest due to their ties to Silo Ridge and pending litigation against the town.

Having served on the ethics committee of the U.S. Olympic Committee for many years, Jim believes these conflicts of interest cannot be resolved in their favor.

Thankfully, we have two excellent Democratic candidates running for Town Board: Leo Blackman and Katherine Lee.

Katherine wants to propel the town forward with

improved communications, faster broadband and better wastewater facilities. She wants to capitalize on the energy she's experienced since moving to Wassaic three years ago.

If elected, Leo Blackman will bring 18 years of volunteer experience to the Town Board. He is chair of Amenia's Affordable Housing Committee; member of the Wastewater Committee and Planning Board; former chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a volunteer for St. Thomas' food pantry.

In 2014, Leo and his husband invited their wedding guests to direct their gifts toward the installation of a beautiful, \$40,000 garden around the Town Hall, including the teak patio furniture we all enjoy. They have maintained their gift to the town for nearly a decade.

A retired architect, Leo provides pro-bono services to the town. He helped implement Amenia's Main Street grant that provided façade improvements for downtown businesses and upgraded affordable apartments above.

He provided us with free architectural plans for Fountain Square, and for a commercial kitchen at Town Hall.

As Leo says, "We can do this."

Please vote for Katherine Lee and Leo Blackman for the Amenia Town Board.

Vicki Doyle
Amenia Town Councilwoman
Amenia Democratic Committee Member
Wassaic

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amenia Town Hall is vital for the community

Amenia's Planning and Zoning Department set and collects fines and fees, processes project applications from Town Hall; the Building Department schedules building inspections for residents and collects fees.

The Assessor's Office processes exemptions such as Basic Star for residents.

In addition to the Amenia Town Hall administering Town of Amenia business it also is a Certified Red Cross Regional Emergency Response Center.

Furthermore, the Amenia Historical Society leases space in the Amenia Town Hall to house the history of the hamlets in addition to doing genealogy searches.

The Town of Amenia did not have a Community Center, but now it does in the Amenia Town Hall. It offers residents: Recreation activities; Red Cross Blood Drives; Dutchess County PODs, providing COVID vaccines; free school supplies given out by local organizations; an

NECC volunteer comes once a week to assist with filling out social service applications such as for food stamps; Dutchess Community College offers ESL and GED classes.

The Amenia Town Hall serves many other purposes and there have been investments of taxpayer money to make it more energy efficient, including upgrading the heating system from two, 60-year-old steam boilers that failed to a new hot-water system with temperature

controls in each room, which saved the town \$30,000 a year in heating costs.

Another energy cost saving at Town Hall was changing all lighting — indoors and outdoors — to LED lights, reducing electrical expenses.

The Amenia Town Hall belongs to the town taxpayers and serves them well in all capacities.

Michele Somogyi
Amenia Town Board member
running for re-election
Dover Plains

Remember, with power comes responsibility

Last week's letter from Margaret O'Brien of Amenia regarding the candidates' forum for Amenia's town elections caught my attention and I write to address some concerns I have with her assumptions.

First, the idiom "more money than God" is very commonly used and I have a hard time believing that God would give the phrase much more than a passing glance, let alone raise an eyebrow. I have used the phrase on multiple occasions and have never questioned whether those around me understood that I wasn't being literal. Idiomatic speech is one of the beautiful gifts of language!

Second, the setting in which

Jesus says "the poor will always be with you" is essential for understanding what he means. He is drawing on Hebrew scripture and the full context of that quote is important: "Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'" (Deut. 15:11)

Jesus' message is that the poor are to be continually cared for, not that we should just resign ourselves to poverty's existence. In fact, over the last few centuries, humanity has drastically decreased poverty. We have a long way to go, but we have raised the standard of living for billions the world over.

Finally, Ms. O'Brien's claim that both the poor and the rich will always be with us may be true, but Jesus doesn't give anyone the right to disregard their neighbor's wellbeing: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Lk. 12:48)

Whether one is gifted with wealth, intelligence, leadership skills, a strong work ethic, or any of the other countless ways humans excel, Jesus is clear that any gifts we have are given for the benefit of our community, not ourselves. The extraordinarily wealthy among us are not exempt from criticism if they

fail to use the power that wealth affords them for the benefit of their sisters and brothers who cannot meet their daily needs.

I will not endorse candidates for office, as it is not the role of a faith leader or a church to do so. But it is the role of a church to call the community to task about its treatment of the vulnerable in our midst.

Examine your consciences before casting your vote and choose candidates you believe will help Amenia move toward being a more just and merciful community.

The Rev. AJ Stack
St. Thomas
Episcopal Church
Amenia Union

Amenia is already strong, and it has no gates

After being deluged with a rainforest amount of campaign literature, I feel I must respond to the Amenia Strong candidates and their patronizing attitude toward the residents of our town. We are not a bunch of low information hicks waiting for the smart people to tell us what to do. Amenia's already strong, in ways that you may not understand.

Our Catholic church and synagogue are within walking distance of each other. The Italian and Chinese restaurants share the same parking lot. Four Brothers has Italian food, too, but always get the spanakopita.

There are two Mexican groceries and a Farmers Market that supports our local farmers. If we have a gate, it's to keep our dogs in, not to keep our neigh-

bors out.

There's not a gate at the library where out children go to story hour, then pass their books on to the next thirsty reader.

There's no gate at Freshtown, which didn't close for one minute during the quarantine. We share their free turkeys for Thanksgiving and free hams for Christmas and Easter. If you miss getting the newspaper, Mike will save one for you, and Kenny will get you fresh mint in the middle of February.

There's no gate at the pharmacy that supplies COVID vaccines, flu shots and a real pharmacist who gives free advice.

There's no gate at Tractor Supply. Of course, it can take you an hour to buy birdseed because you run into half a dozen

neighbors and you get talking about whatever, you know how it is... or you don't.

There's no gate at the Rail Trail where we love to hike and bike. We used to love to play golf but we can't anymore, it seems that somebody put up a gate.

There's also no gate at the Town Hall, where generations learned to read. There are plaques on trees and the bench in honor of loved ones. It is full of history and memories; it touches the soul of our community. I pity those who can't appreciate it.

We don't need transparency. We have it. We are not ashamed of who we are.

We coach soccer and softball and bake cakes for the library and pies for the schoolhouse and if there's a birth or a death, we

show up with a casserole.

We show up. And when we go to Fountain Square to celebrate, commiserate or demonstrate, we stand on bricks engraved with our names.

We're all familiar with the plot of the evil corporation taking over the quiet little town, but this is not a Hallmark movie. It's a documentary. Nuvance was going to whip Sharon Hospital into shape. How's that working out?

For those of you who want to live behind your gate, go ahead, it's your loss. But if you truly want to be one of us, to work together to solve our problems and pursue our dreams, we'd love to have you. You're welcome.

Janet Kovalcik
Amenia

Meg Winkler deserves your vote to join the North East Town Board in 2022, no matter your party

I'm writing to endorse Meg Winkler in November's election for North East Town Board.

During the time I've known her, Meg has always devoted her time to working for the needs of our community. Most Saturdays you'll find her at

her non-partisan voter registration table at the Millerton Farmer's Market. Meg doesn't care which party you sign up for, she just wants to register you to vote!

She has also attended almost every Town Board meeting for

the past several years. This is not the way most folks would like to spend their Thursday evenings, but Meg wants to be aware of what's going on in our town government and those long hours have prepared her well for a seat at the table.

Meg is smart, focused, practical and cares about the future of our community. I hope that you'll give her the serious consideration she deserves this Election Day.

Bill Kish
North East

EarthTalk: National parkland was once native land

Dear EarthTalk: What's up with efforts by Native Americans to take back the national parks?

— C. Woodend, Brea, Calif.

Prior to white settlement, as many as 15 million Indigenous people inhabited what would come to be called the contiguous United States; by the 1890s only about 250,000 remained. Today, roughly 5 million Native Americans live in the Lower 48, but they control only about 2% of the lands. Recently tribal activists have renewed efforts to remedy this historical misappropriation by demanding that control of the national parks be given back to the tribes.

"The national parks are sometimes called 'America's best idea,' and there is much to recommend them," reports Leech Lake Ojibwe tribal member and author David Treuer in a recent op-ed in The Atlantic. "But all of them were founded on land that was once ours, and many were created only after we were removed, forcibly, sometimes by an invading army and other times following a treaty we'd signed under duress."

Indeed, Indians were ex-terminated from Yellowstone, Glacier and Yosemite national parks despite their ancestors having lived there for 10,000 years. But what happened in these landmark parks was just the tip of the iceberg, as Indigenous peoples were "robbed" of hundreds of other naturally significant sites from coast to coast as well.

"Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, in Wisconsin, was created out of Ojibwe homelands; the Havasupai lost much of their land when Grand Canyon National Park was established; the creation of Olympic National Park, in Washington prevented Quinault tribal members from exercising their treaty rights within its boundaries; and Everglades National Park was created on Seminole land that the tribe depended on for food," reports Treuer.

Since we live in a time of "historical reconsideration," he says, the national parks should be returned to Native control. "Indians should tend — and protect and preserve — these favored gardens again," he writes, adding that not only would making such a transition be good for tribes,

it would also be good for the American people and the parks themselves, which he says have been mismanaged in recent decades and currently face insurmountable federal maintenance and other backlogs.

"All 85 million acres of national-park sites should be turned over to a consortium of federally recognized tribes in the United States," urges Treuer, excepting "a few areas run by the National Park Service, such as the National Mall." The total acreage would be a far cry from the 90 million acres taken from tribes by 1887's General Allotment Act, he maintains, which regulated land rights on tribal lands (and served to further splinter already displaces tribal communities). It would ensure unfettered access to tribal homelands and would go a long way toward restoring the dignity of America's original peoples.

"To be entrusted with the stewardship of America's most precious landscapes would be a deeply meaningful form of restitution," he concludes. "Alongside the feelings of awe that Americans experience while contemplating the god-rock of Yosemite and

other places like it, we could take inspiration in having done right by one another."

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Elect Darrah Cloud and Diana Woolis to Pine Plains Town Board

I urge Pine Plains voters to re-elect Darrah Cloud as town supervisor. Her hard work and energy helped us to obtain grants for projects such as studies for a town sewer system — critical to the town's ability to attract new business.

Darrah keeps us informed about town government with her weekly e-newsletter and she focuses on the town's needs, not politics.

She meets and works cooperatively with both Gregg Pulver (R-19), our county legislator, and Marc Molinaro (R), the county executive.

She focuses on fostering new business opportunities by working with the Durst Organization's project manager and by re-starting the town's business association. She took in active role in updating the town's Comprehensive Plan — the blueprint for the town's future.

Brian Walsh, however, said at Candidate's Night, that he is not familiar with the Comprehensive Plan. He said that he has no opinion about the need for a town sewer system — it's up to the voters.

That was also his answer when asked about ideas for future town projects. It appears that Mr. Walsh has given very little thought to the town's needs.

Robert Ambrose, running for Town Board, showed a similar lack of interest in learning about the town's needs. He, too, said that he was not familiar with the Comprehensive Plan.

His opponent, Diana Woolis, however, referred to the Comprehensive Plan as well as her experience as president of the Library Board. Diana will be the kind of involved Town Board member we need.

Joan Redmond
Pine Plains

Amenia Strong slate only represents Silo Ridge community's interests

The Silo Ridge slate of candidates for town government (Doran, Vitiello, Rebillard) say they want to cut taxes — their taxes — not yours.

In fact, because of the lawsuits most of the homeowners in Silo Ridge have filed against our town, our taxes will go up. If they pay their fair share of taxes our taxes will probably go down.

You and I and every homeowner in Amenia have the right to protest their tax assessment. It's simple. You find "comps" or other houses, comparables, like yours that sold recently. That price generally proves what your house is basically worth right now and therefore, what tax you should pay.

But Silo Ridge homeowners don't like their success. The original price of similar homes in the development was \$2.5 million. They have sold recently for \$8, \$9, \$11 million. That is what they are worth because that's what buyers are willing to pay for them.

But they don't want to be victims of their own success.

Oh, and by the way, they bragged to us that allowing them to build would greatly increase Amenia's tax base and lower our taxes.

Instead they are saying they bought a house in Amenia but they don't want to pay for the roads, the fire department, the streetlights, the library, the government and the schools.

But this same argument is a tired old complaint from those without children in our schools and people who don't like paying taxes or admitting we are all equal parts of our community.

You can't refuse to pay your taxes because you think you aren't getting something for your money. You are. Everyone is. That is what a town is all about.

Let's pull together, Amenia, and vote for candidates who really want to improve Amenia, not do the bidding of some corporation that wants their homeowners to avoid paying their proper and legal taxes.

Joseph Brennan
Amenia

Support Stacy Mantel, and your conscience

What to do when faced with the public dilemma of eight candidates competing for two Town Board slots in a small town like Amenia? (Seven on the printed ballot and one announced write in.) Listen up Republicans and Democrats as well as those registered "not of party."

Vote for character and competence first, and that would be for STACY MANTEL. Then go find your favorite line or affiliation and finish marking your ballot.

In the current social context of ill will and confronta-

tion fanned by the internet, the public interest is best served by choosing leaders who can "play well in the sandbox with others" and who are willing to put time and energy on the self improvement necessary to address governance across the board.

Remember, the challenges of running a town are always more varied and complex than merely addressing any one candidate's favorite issues.

Sharon Daniel Kroeger
Farmer and Storekeeper
Amenia

Send letters to the editor by Monday, 10 a.m.



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Clouds overhead

AMENIA/AREA

A rabbi and a minister meet at the pulpit in Amenia

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Although it had never been done before in the 279-year history of The Smithfield Church in Amenia, there was no reason not to imagine that in the 21st century it could be done — and even that it should be done.

And so, in part because both buildings (the Smithfield Church and the Congregation Beth David temple) have been designated as landmarks by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the elders at Smithfield voted to invite Rabbi Jon Haddon to visit their pulpit and preach the sermon on Sunday, Oct. 10.

The experience went so well that Rabbi Haddon has invited the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge of Smithfield to preach a sermon in return at the Beth David temple in the coming weeks and even join a Bible study component.

Beth David temple first gathered in 1929 to serve Amenia and the neighboring Connecti-

cut region, and they will soon celebrate their first century.

Both look forward to future opportunities to come together, fostered by their mutual belief that the 21st-century worship experience must connect the modern mind and spirit, offering guidance to people who look for answers in today's polarized world.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

In what is being called a historic event, Rabbi Jon Haddon, left in photo, of Amenia's Congregation Beth David, was welcomed by the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge to preach the Oct. 10 service at Smithfield Presbyterian Church.

Area code now required when dialing

By KAITLIN LYLE
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Dutchess County residents are advised to start getting into the habit of dialing their area code when making a call since 10-digit dialing is now mandatory for all phones using the 845 or 914 area codes, as of Sunday, Oct. 24.

According to the Dutchess County Office of the Aging (OFA), the switch to using 10 digits is necessary. As the OFA explained in one of its "Golden Living" columns, the change will help people in need of immedi-

ate mental health help placing calls to the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

The OFA also notified residents that the Federal Communications Commission has mandated that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline be reachable at the three-digit number 9-8-8, starting next July.

The change in 10-digit dialing will apply to all cell phones, landlines and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) systems.

As of now, residents who try to make a phone call using seven-digits will hear a recorded message that will ask them to try

again and include the area code. "The 10-digit dialing already works and has since April," said Dutchess County OFA Director Todd Tancredi, adding that the OFA has been advising seniors of the impending change in its weekly newsletters for a number of months.

"Adapting should be easy," Tancredi said. "Dutchess seniors may recall we didn't even have direct-dial calling here until 1959 and couldn't use phones at all if somebody on the party line forgot to hang up."

Area residents are reminded that they can contact the National Suicide Prevention Life-

line at 1-800-273-8255 if they or a loved one are in crisis. This number will remain active even after the 9-8-8 lifeline number becomes available next summer.

Dutchess County's 24/7 mental health and substance use crisis number is available via phone or text at 845-485-9700.

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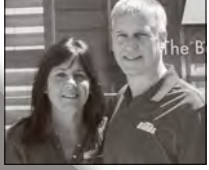
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