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## Veterans reflect on 9/11 and events in Afghanistan

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**DUTCHESS COUNTY** — Between the approaching 20th anniversary of 9/11 and the U.S. military's withdrawal from Afghanistan, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro in conjunction with the Dutchess County Division of Veterans' Services and Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County Veterans' Programs were concerned with the welfare of local veterans. That's why they joined forces and urged veterans and civilians alike to take part in an important conversation about how current world events and other issues are impacting veterans, at the Veterans Telephone Town

Hall forum on Monday, Aug. 30. Going live at 5:30 p.m., the forum was held at the VFW Post 170 building in Poughkeepsie. Molinaro invited the thousands of vets calling in to ask questions, which were recorded and answered later that evening. Grateful to the organizations represented at the forum, Molinaro explained the county assembled a group of veterans and representatives from a number of veteran service organizations, including the Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services, Vet2Vet, VetZero, Veterans Employment Training & Transition Assistance Program (VET-TAP) and others. "We're grateful to each and every

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## Millerton opinions voiced on cannabis law

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**MILLERTON** — Navigating the uncharted waters of New York State's new marijuana law together, the village of Millerton and the town of North East gave local residents an outlet to share their opinions at a joint community forum on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The forum was held at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 178 building in Millerton. Over the next hour, the

forum drew about 24 people, including local leaders, representatives and interested community members. At the front of the room sat Millerton Mayor Jennifer Najdek, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky.

Kennan explained the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) makes possession and use of cannabis legal in New York State. What is now

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## Another month, Town Board yet to decide Still no word if Amenia will allow pot to be sold

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**AMENIA** — Even as it stressed the Dec. 31 deadline for opting in or out of allowing commercial sales of cannabis and marijuana lounges as permitted by New York State's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), passed in March, the Amenia Town Board chose to table its decision about the new law dur-

ing its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2. The 7 p.m. meeting held at Town Hall was live streamed on YouTube and aired on public access Channel 22. Public opinion about the marijuana law was briefly broached during public comment, as Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner read aloud a letter submitted by resident Darlene Riemer urging the board not to

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PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Disembarking off the school bus, a swarm of Webutuck Elementary School students headed toward their familiar school building, eager to get a fresh start on the 2021-22 school year. Right, with help from his trusted dinosaur Dino, Benjamin Haymann Snyder, 6, embarked on his first day of first grade.

## Ring in the 2021-22 school year

**WEBUTUCK** — For many Harlem Valley students, families and teachers, the first day of school means a fresh start. And following last year, switching between remote and in-person instruction, students were enthusiastic to start the 2021-22 academic year in-person on

Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Webutuck Elementary School in Amenia. Whether they took the school bus or were driven to school by their families, students walked into their respective school buildings masked up and with backpacks, lunch bags and other school supplies at the

ready. Along with greeting the children as they entered school, teachers helped direct students to their classrooms, doing everything possible to make sure everyone felt welcome and prepared for the new year. — Kaitlin Lyle

## Stanford remembers Sept. 11 with tribute

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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**STANFORDVILLE** — When the calendar turns to Saturday, Sept. 11, this year, 2021, the day that marks the 20th anniversary of the worst recorded terrorist attacks ever to take place on American soil, there will be few events taking place in New York's Hudson Valley to commemorate the solemn occasion.

In the Harlem Valley, the town of Stanford is planning to mark the day with a dedicated day-long 9/11 memorial tribute. Many of the towns and villages contacted by The Millerton News said they wanted to support the Stanford event, which has been planned for some time.

Pine Plains American Legion Post #426 Commander Marie Stewart said her Post isn't doing anything for 9/11 this year because of the tribute in Stanfordville. As Stanford is just one town over, Stewart said Pine Plains wanted to be "in support of that."

Stanford has made a habit of remembering the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center Twin

Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. Last year it created a moving tribute to those lost on 9/11 with 2,978 flags planted on the Stanford Town Hall Hill.

The 2020 tribute also flew an American flag next to a Stanford firefighter's uniform to represent the lieutenant who also served as a commissioner that the Stanford Fire Company lost the year before as a result of injuries he sustained while serving in the FDNY during 9/11.

This year, starting in the morning, the Stanford Fire Company will present a 20-year memorial tribute for the victims of 9/11.

According to the fire company, at 8:46 a.m. Saturday morning, "a prerecorded, continuous-loop tape will begin, featuring the names of all of the 2,977 lost souls and voiced by local students and community members."

A brief ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at Stanford Town Hall at 26 Town Hall Road in Stanfordville, culminating with the illumination of a candle below each of the 2,977

See **9/11 TRIBUTE**, A6

## Fatal car collision in Wassaic

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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**WASSAIC** — The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) confirmed on Tuesday, Sept. 7, that a male victim of a two-car head-on collision that took place on South Amenia Road on Sunday evening, Sept. 5, has died as a result of his injuries.

According to DCSO Capt. John Watterson, "Yes, to confirm, there was one fatality in the Amenia crash, a male, and two others had minor injuries." The DCSO had not identified the victims as of press time.

The DCSO closed South Amenia Road between Kent and Benson Roads until at least 9:15 p.m. the night of the accident.

According to reports of the accident, the passengers in both vehicles were said to

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# MILLERTON

## Dual culvert projects lead to improved roads in North East

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NORTH EAST — According to North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, just because most drivers will never see the extremely large tunnels known as culverts that allow the streams and creeks and other various waters of the town of North East to make their way under local roads doesn't mean they aren't there — keeping the roads stable and strong and drivable.

Thanks to a county infrastructure project that's been going on all summer, and will continue through the fall, two major town roads are getting new culverts, at the tune of \$1,222,958, all paid for through the county's coffers.

"It's important because when people wonder, 'Where do my taxes go?' they go to things like this," said Kennan, who wanted local residents to know how much the "massive" projects cost and that the county is paying the tab. "This was just part of its regular county highway budget, just part of the county's road wear maintenance budget."

Most drivers who have taken to local roads this summer have probably seen the first project, which started in the early part of the summer. It took place on McGhee Hill Road (County Route 64). According to Kennan, "the stream goes under the road twice so two culverts right near each other [were replaced]."

The county crew just finished the work on McGhee Hill roughly two weeks ago, he said on Saturday, Aug. 28, adding "I'm delighted they are fixing both roads because they are very expensive culverts to fix."

The other road that is being worked on is Smithfield Road (County Route 5), near Silver Mountain Road and Cooper Road; crews just began work about a week ago, said the town supervisor. Silver Mountain Road near Smithfield will have



PHOTO BY CHRIS KENNAN

**A crew from the Dutchess County Department of Public Works began work on the Smithfield Road (County Route 5) culvert on Aug. 9. The project is expected to be done around Thanksgiving.**

to be closed while construction takes place.

Kennan said he did hear some complaints from residents when the town closed roadways for the McGhee Hill Road culverts, and expects he may hear more during this part of the project. Most folks, though, realize keeping a town in tip-top shape takes work.

"I had a number of conversations with people who would love to be able to not have that inconvenience, but for the most part people understand that roads need to be maintained," he said. "Just like anything else of infrastructure, it doesn't last for forever."

There will be a detour route posted along Routes 22 and 44, McGhee Hill Road (County Route 64) and Charlie Hill Road. (Go to [www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/docs/N27.pdf](http://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/docs/N27.pdf) for a detour map.)

The Smithfield Road culvert project won't be completed until roughly Thanksgiving, although if everything goes especially well there is a chance the work could wrap up earlier. The job will also include the addition of three-foot shoulders to the roadway, according to the county Department of Public Works (DPW).

Chair of the Dutchess Coun-

ty Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) spoke of the importance of such a project.

"[They] improve the safety and stability of these roadways now and into the future," he said. "I am grateful to the DPW for moving these projects forward in a timely and efficient process."

According to Kennan, the culverts on both roads were either under-sized or deteriorating and therefore needed to be replaced. He added that "the county has had these two projects on its list of priorities for some time, and were going to do it last year, but with everything going on with COVID, they pushed it forward to this year."

Kennan further explained the importance of culverts, and why it's so vital to get the water from one side of the road to the other.

"They're very important because without them we would have roads being washed out or undermined very frequently," he said. "Particularly as a result of climate change, we are seeing more heavy rainfalls and increases in water flow, so we have to make sure our culverts are sized appropriately to handle that so we don't have flooding. They go under the road and most people never know they're crossing them."

## Consider joining the department!

# Millerton Fire Company ready to unveil Annex at Open House

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — A "Top Secret" will be revealed during the Millerton Fire Company/North East Fire District's Open House set for Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at its Annex at 29 Century Blvd.

According to Fire Chief Jason Watson, during the event, the closely held names of six long-time and/or former fire company members will also be announced as fire department equipment is re-dedicated to them.

With both fire company buildings open for tours, the event will be centered at the newer of the two (the firehouse is across the street at 24 Century Blvd.). It is the first time the public will be able to tour the new Annex facility, which was built in 2017, mainly through the generosity of a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

According to Fire Company Historian Dave Van de Bogart, the new building was needed when the firehouse, built in 1962, could no longer house the company's equipment. The department had found its apparatus had grown in size and number over the years.

In addition to the buildings, the equipment will be on display, including two engines, a tanker, utility vehicles, a brush truck and EMT response vehicle.

The day will also feature fire safety and equipment demos, North East paramedics, free blood pressure screening, live music by the Fender Bender Band, food, an arson dog and a chance at "Hoseline Tip the Bucket."

Visitors who are interested in joining the volunteer department will also have an opportunity to talk to members and learn more about the process of how to do so, which includes extensive training paid for by

the fire district. Those ages 14 to 16 are able to become junior members with older individuals eligible for full membership.

Speakers at the event will include: Chief Watson, President Lenny Morrison, Fire District Chairman Steve Valyou, County Executive Marc Molinaro, County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver (R-19), State Senator Sue Serino (R-41), Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek and North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan.

Local history buff Bernie Silvernail will be on hand with his extensive scrapbook collection documenting much of the company's history, which dates back to 1892 when the department and its old-fashioned hose truck was first housed on Main Street next to the Presbyterian Church and firemen made their way up the street lighting gas lamps.

Van de Bogart said the fire company began when "there were some major fires around the village and it was decided that they needed to have an organized fire department. [Before that] they would basically grab buckets and sort of just go for it on their own — just people with neighbors. Anybody who saw the fire would try to help, but it wasn't in an organized manner."

The resulting group was dubbed the E.H. Thompson Fire Department, named after local bank manager Edward H. Thompson, who helped obtain the funds for a new building in 1904 at 21 Dutchess Ave. at the corner of Simmons Street.

According to Silvernail, for some 50 years, that building housed the expanding fire department, held blood drives and elections, hosted movies with popcorn during World War II and cots for air raid wardens doing their duty.

It eventually became home to an early Millerton Library, the currently unusable Village Hall, the Police Department and the Senior Friendship Center, with the fire company moving

its firehouse to its 1962 facility.

Before all that happened, according to Van de Bogart, "shortly after becoming the Thompson Company, it was funded by the village. In 1921 it became an actual department and was renamed the Millerton Fire Department."

He said, "It remained that way until 2004 when we became the fire district. In those preceding years, the village would contract fire protection to the town so the town would pay accordingly. Back in the day... it was decided that 92% of the calls were in the town. The town was charged accordingly. The town said, 'If we're going to pay 92% of your budget, we would like a say.' The village said, 'You can't have a say because it's our department and you're just contracting it.'"

Van de Bogart said that resulted in a gridlock with the department in the middle until the district was formed, the department incorporated to become the company, and there is now "equal protection for everyone."

Van de Bogart said, "I think the rich history of the department is pretty amazing," but noted, "a lot of people don't realize that it's a hundred percent volunteer."

The open house presents an opportunity to stop by and give a tip of a fireman's hat to those friends and neighbors who answer an average of a call a day including structural fires, auto alarms, flooding conditions, mountain rescues, grass and brush fires, gas leaks, auto accidents and injuries including on the Rail Trail.

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### MILLERTON IN BRIEF

#### Bakers, crafters wanted by NEML

Things are really cooking — and crafting — around town in preparation for two upcoming NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) fundraisers.

Bakers of all levels are invited to enter a Cookie Cook-off competition at the library on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, as part of a town-wide event, with the winner earning a \$100 gift certificate to any local store.

Crafters are encouraged to start creating items now to donate to the library's Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with all proceeds going to the NEML.

Go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org) or call the library at 518-789-0079 for cook-off rules and Craft Fair suggestions.

#### Knit and craft online

The NorthEast-Millerton Library's online Knitting and Crafting Group meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Join the group from the comfort of home, from a computer, tablet or smartphone, by going to [www.gotomeet.me/NEMil-lertonLibrary/visit](http://www.gotomeet.me/NEMil-lertonLibrary/visit). Or join in by phone.

For details, go to [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org).

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# \$225K of American Rescue Plan funds to go to Water District issues

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Members of the Town Board discussed how they planned to handle the American Rescue Plan funds the town received this summer at its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19.

According to town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, Amenia received the first 50% of its main funding allocation this summer, in the amount of \$224,671.79. It then received another \$917,288, totaling \$225,589.07.

The second 50% of the main funding allocation, \$224,671.79, plus \$917.28, will be sent to Amenia next summer, totaling another \$225,589.07.

The board met at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Based on webinars she's attended and other informational sources, Perotti said the board will have to put together a capital project plan to address the infrastructure issues in the Amenia Water District. Some of those include the pump house that needs to be taken down and looking for new wells.

Furthermore, Perotti said an asset inventory of the Water District is needed. While a project report is due at the end of October, the work doesn't have to be done by then. Instead, the report can state that Amenia is creating a capital plan and doing the asset inventory, and report what steps the town has taken to use the American Rescue Plan moneys.

Perotti mentioned she's been meeting with Amenia Water Operator Marco D'Antonio, who has his own company. The town can hire his workers to do some of the work. Perotti still wants the work overseen by Amenia Town Engineer John Andrews, she said. Besides doing a capital plan for immediate work, Perotti said the town needs to do a long-range capital plan for the Water District.

Perotti plans to meet with D'Antonio and work on a plan the town can move forward with. However the town plans to use the funds, Amenia must have a capital plan.

Councilman Damian Gutierrez remarked that in 2018,

D'Antonio and his business partner put together a detailed document and presented it to the Town Board. However, he said he wasn't sure if it was comprehensive enough to qualify as a capital plan or if there were additional requirements. Perotti said the town could at least use that document as a starting point.

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle said requests for proposals (RFPs) for the capital project plan came "from all kinds of engineering companies that submit their recommendations for how they would go about doing a long-term capital plan, weighing all the various important projects that will need to be undertaken over X amount of time and how to prioritize that."

After the RFPs came in, Doyle said the board interviewed several of the engineering firms; Andrews also evaluated which firm was best.

"I would wonder why we don't go back to that and hire somebody to do a real evaluation of the status of the Water

District," Doyle said. "There are a lot of serious issues facing this water district — aging infrastructure, pipes that are various sizes, band aids that have been made.

"It seemed like we were very close to it then and now we actually have funds to have a comprehensive outside group that would look at it and have specific experience with water districts and wastewater district," she continued.

Doyle recommended the board revisit the work it did previously and review the recommendations proposed by engineering firms in the past.

Perotti remarked that things have changed and "the whole idea is we can do a full plan, but we need to assess what needs to be done now and long-term."

Gutierrez agreed that the board should get an expert to advise the board on this matter; Doyle recommended talking with Andrews. Perotti suggested the board continue its discussion at its next meeting, which was on Thursday, Sept. 2.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Webutuck students Stephany Penate, 11, and Emily Hernandez, 7, left the Amenia Town Hall gymnasium a little more prepared for the 2021-22 school year after picking up a variety of free school supplies.

## Stone Church Grange offers free school supplies

AMENIA — Making sure local children have everything they need to start the school year off right, members and volunteers with Stone Church Grange #1561 invited students and their families to stop by the Amenia Town Hall gymnasium on Tuesday, Aug. 31, to pick up some free school supplies.

Organized every year by the Grange, this year's event offered school supplies for students in pre-k through 12th grade. Normally, the event offers supplies for students only up to sixth

grade, but because the need was so great this year, Stone Church Grange volunteers explained they decided to offer supplies to more grade levels.

Held from 3 to 6 p.m., students and their parents circulated around the Town Hall gymnasium where they picked up backpacks, spiral and composition notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, glue, earbuds, binders, rulers, Post-It notes and other supplies to help succeed in the upcoming academic year.

— Kaitlin Lyle

## 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.

### Criminal mischief report

Thursday, Aug. 26, Deputies investigated a criminal mischief complaint at White Farm Road in Dover.

The complainant reported discovering his car window had been broken, however nothing appeared to be missing.

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida and the down-pour of rain and wind, the Wassaic firehouse flooded on Thursday, Sept. 2.



## Wassaic firehouse feels fury of Ida from flooding

WASSAIC — Doug Corrow from the Wassaic Fire Company reported that the Wassaic firehouse flooded as a result of Hurricane Ida on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Corrow reached out to Amenia officials last week to report the damage and sent photos to show how much water had risen inside and outside of the firehouse and along the creek adjacent to it.

Outside looked more like a lake than a parking lot, and the grass that abuts the building was submerged in water.

Corrow said that "the firehouse

had some significant flooding late [that] morning, so I moved all trucks to the front bay; the water went down after 2 p.m."

Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti responded to Corrow, stating she was "so sorry that you had damage and I have forwarded your pictures to Bill Beale at Dutchess County Emergency Response."

No word yet if the Fire Company will receive any funding to help it clean up the damage at the firehouse.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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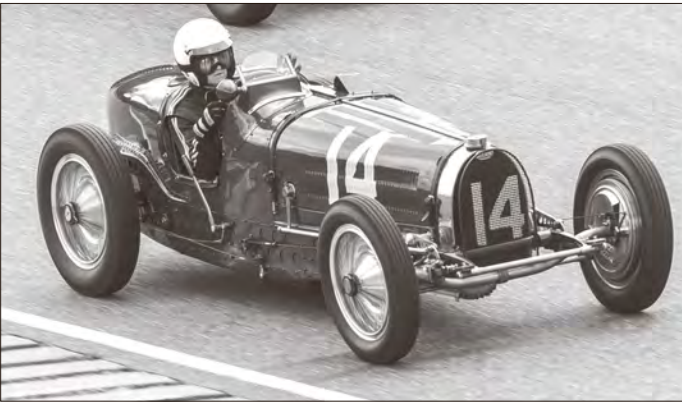
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Pre-1939 cars and drivers took to the track for fierce competition at the Lime Rock Historic Festival weekend.

# Hot time at Historic Fest despite a soggy Sunday at the Park

By CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER  
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LIME ROCK, Conn. — If car fans have to choose one day out of three for bad weather, most would vote to rain out the parade or concours day, to ensure that the track is dry and safe for racing on the other two days.

And that's how it turned out during the 39th Historic Festival at Lime Rock Park over Labor Day Weekend, when there was excellent weather for the parade through Salisbury and Falls Village on Thursday; the practice laps on Friday; and the actual races on Saturday and Monday.

Sunday, when racing is not allowed at the track, was the concours, with vintage (and some new) cars lined up along the edges of the mile-and-a-half track. It was chilly and wet, with a steady downpour that lasted all day. The turnout nonetheless was large and enthusiastic, with lots of cars and lots of people.

More than 200 cars were studied by a panel of judges. Best in Show was awarded to Anthony Wang's 1967 Ferrari 275 GTS/4 NART.

Tom Cotter (a car collector famous from books and YouTube) and Wayne Carini (host of television's Chasing Classic Cars) had cars in the judging.

Carini's 1938 Jaguar SS100 was awarded Best Foreign. Cotter's 1952 Cunningham C-3 Vignale Coupe was selected as the Honored Collector's Choice Award, which was presented by Steven Harris, whose notable collection of Porsches was the centerpiece of this year's Historic Festival weekend.

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- Concours Special Award: Andrew Benenson 1949 Bentley
- Concours Special Award: Nathaniel Mundy, 2020 Glickenhau Boot, 1967 McQueen Baja Boot
- Outstanding Porsche: Richard Strahota 1955 Porsche 356 (Pre-A)
- Best American: Robert Skrip 1965 Buick Roadmaster.

## Martha Eliot Sloane

FALLS VILLAGE — Martha Eliot Sloane, 75, of Falls Village, died unexpectedly on Aug. 23, 2021, at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was the loving wife of Randolph Hogan.

Born on July 8, 1946, in Princeton, N.J., she was the daughter of William Milligan Sloane and Martha Chamberlin Sloane.

Martha spent her professional career in New York, the city she loved. She possessed a tireless work ethic and had held executive positions with the firms Baker & Taylor and R.R. Bowker & Company.

A natural ability to work with and listen to people led her to launch Martha Sloane Consultants, a successful executive recruitment firm, focused on publishing and finance. She loved her firm and her clients.

Martha was resilient, energetic, generous, and sweet to the bone. Helping people in all situations and walks of life came naturally. Everyone remembers her infectious laugh. She loved to dance and was a devoted doo wop music fan. When she wasn't

tending to family or her French Bulldogs, she could be found in her garden.

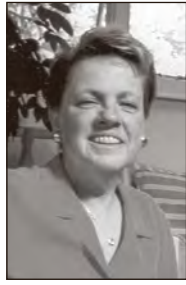
After New York City, Martha lived in Upper Grandview, N.Y., for many years before retiring to Falls Village in Amesville 10 years ago. She is remembered as a beloved member of this community and was active in several organizations.

In addition to her husband, Randy Hogan, Martha is survived by her sister, Isabel and her husband, Drew; her two brothers, Alex and Ward, and their wives, Jeanne and Michelle; her niece, Jessica Robbins and her husband, Dan; and her nephew, Nick. Jessica and Nick were the apple of her eye.

Besides her parents, Martha was predeceased by her brother, Bill.

The family plans to celebrate her life later in the year. Memorial contributions may be made to the Little Guild Animal Shelter, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 07796, www.littleguild.org.

The Kenny Funeral Home is taking care of arrangements.



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There were book signing events throughout the weekend, with authors including local race heroes Skip Barber (an owner of the track) and Sam Posey, who signed a car part for one enthusiastic fan.



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## Taconic team scores all the way to State Championship

The Taconic Little League Senior baseball team advanced to the New York State Little League Senior Baseball Championship this summer, just like their neighbors in nearby Pine Plains, the 10U Allstars softball team, which also advanced to the states championship. The Taconic Senior team, comprised of ballplayers ages 13 to 16 years old, was thrilled to be District 17 and Section 2 champions this summer. They tested their athleticism at the state championship, which was hosted by the Half Hollow Hills League and ran from July 24 to Aug. 1. The team competed on July 24 and on July 26, and while they ultimately didn't take home the championship, the team still walked away winners with a successful season under their belt.

a passionate duck hunter, he enjoyed the Eastern Shore of Virginia, especially Chincoteague. He was a proud life member of the Camp Fire Club of America, of Chappaqua.

Reinhold is survived by his wife, Geraldine Kluge; his daughter, Karen Green and her husband, Bart; his son, Kenneth Kluge; four grandchildren, Kyle Green and his wife, Joanna, Hayley Green and her husband, Florian "Loki" Cech, and Sean and Cody Kluge; and three great-grandchildren, Karly and Ashton Green and Carter Kluge.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Kluge.

Visitation for family and friends was held on Sept. 5 at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Copake. Inurnment will take place privately in Ferncliff Cemetery.

Donations in Reinhold's memory are requested to the Conservation Fund of the Camp Fire Club, 25 Camp Fire Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

To leave a message of condolence, go to www.peckandpeck.net.

### Worship Services

Week of September 12, 2021

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<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
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<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
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<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@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!</p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville 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</p>
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<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday worship service during July and August, 10 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</p>
<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Talwin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

# Grillsdale 2021 embraces grills and thrills on a smaller scale

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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HILLSDALE — Though attendance was lighter and the festivities were spread out over two days instead of one spectacular night, the sensation of area residents and visitors coming together to enjoy a weekend of first-rate food and entertainment was felt just as strongly at Grillsdale 2021 this Labor Day weekend as it's been in years before.

The Grillsdale festivities kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 4, with a Winner's Dinner with Chef Bobby Hellen from Otto's Market in Germantown. Tickets sold out for the dinner long before Saturday arrived, and guests were given the option of ordering takeout dinners or enjoying the meal at Taconic Ridge Farm in Hillsdale, starting at 4 p.m.

After parking their cars in the field near the farm entryway, Grillsdale guests tread the path through the trees, over the bridge and up the bend in the direction of the venue. Once



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Visiting from Otto's Kitchen in Germantown, Chef Bobby Hellen was spotted cooking up a storm at the Winner's Dinner held on Saturday, Sept. 4, as part of this year's Grillsdale festivities.

friends and even their dogs. Drawn in by the appetizing aromas drifting from Chef Hellen's tent, hungry diners walked by to get a closer look at the dishes being prepared and their mouths soon watered at the sights and smells of the dishes that were being cooked, packaged and served.

Underneath the shade of a long barn, guests quenched their thirst at the bar and observed the festivities from the sidelines. When it came time to eat, they had the option of dining at the tables set for them on the grass or enjoying a picnic dinner.

Praising Taconic Ridge Farm as having "pockets of moments everywhere," Joanna Virello, who organized Grillsdale with her partner Barbara Olsen Pas-

cale, said the scenery and the food were "a marriage made in heaven."

"Grillsdale is the wedding I never had," she added.

After holding a successful Grillsdale at Taconic Ridge Farm last summer, Virello and Pascale approached the farm for this year's event.

"This is sort of a way of Joanna and Barbara keeping Grillsdale alive with an abbreviated version of what they've done at Roe Jan Park," said Jim Carden, one of Taconic Ridge Farm's owners. "We really miss the big event at Roe Jan Park and all the chefs... but as an alternative event, we were super excited about it and being able to host."

The next evening, Sunday, Sept. 5, guests were invited to dance the night away at the Honky Tonk Barn Dance held from 4 to 9 p.m. With the band, The Juke Drifters, supplying the music, folks cut loose and savored the last traces of summer as they learned how to line dance to live music with friends.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALF

Author Jim Mackin, above with his wife Janet, relaxed after Jim gave a talk at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness on Sunday, Aug. 15.

## Historian/author talks of houses and churches

COPAKE FALLS — Local historian and author Jim Mackin gave a talk at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness on Sunday, Aug. 15, which was sponsored by the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society in Copake Falls.

The discussion centered on two houses located near the Copake Iron Works that were donated to the Church of Heavenly Rest in New York City as a camp for children, around 1894.

Mackin spoke of well-known

Copake families at that time, their ties to the famous Pomeroy family and the connection between St. John in the Wilderness and the Church of Heavenly Rest.

Mackin also serves as the President of The Friends of Taconic State Park, a group working to preserve the Copake Iron Works.

In addition to his roles as an historian and author, Mackin is also a licensed tour guide.

— Judith O'Hara Balf

## Champetre offers fine French fare

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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PINE PLAINS — It was a somewhat rocky journey to get their new restaurant off the ground, but Patricia and Michel Jean were at last able to breathe a sigh of relief as they officially opened Champetre in Pine Plains this summer.

For 15 years, the Jeans established their reputation in Pine Plains as owners of The Stissing House at 7801 South Main St., offering many returning customers a night of fine dining in a cozy tavern atmosphere.

Serving the popular restaurant's last meal in January, the Jeans bid farewell to what they considered their greatest accomplishment in the last decade-and-a-half, when they closed The Stissing House with plans to start a new restaurant in the future.

Focusing their new venture on offering French cuisine, the Jeans set their sights on the building at 2938 Church St., just steps from their former Stissing House.

The new locale had previously housed a variety of restaurants during the last three decades, including Crumpets, the New Age Diner and Agriturismo.

This summer, the Jeans along with the new site's landlord, Jack Banning, received an outpouring of support from local residents as well as complaints from its next-door neighbors. All were lodged with the Pine Plains Planning Board at a public hearing for the site plan review on June 9 and June 23.

The Planning Board ultimately approved the site plan on June 23, thereby permitting Banning to reopen the site as a restaurant and the Jeans to open Champetre in time for diners to enjoy this



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At right, located at 2938 Church St. in Pine Plains, Champetre, had to go through some hoops before the town's Planning Board before getting the OK to open this summer.

summer. Asked about their new restaurant's namesake — which derives from a French expression for "pastoral festival" or "country feast" — Patricia said, "I think that's a good description... the thought about a gathering in the country is really what we've always liked about being up here — a much more laid back feel and the access to local products — and we're happy to be in a much smaller space."

Opening for business on July 28, she added the couple is happy to be cooking and serving local fare in Pine Plains again.

In designing the layout for Champetre, Patricia said they took some elements from The Stissing House (such as her paintings of the Hudson River) and added a few new elements. Drawing from Michel's origins, the menu at Champetre offers French bistro cuisine with a Pro-



vençal theme that changes every week.

While diners may find the escargot, bouillabaisse and steak tartare they once savored at The Stissing House on Champetre's menu, Patricia said about a third of the menu rotates weekly.

Champetre opens at 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with the kitchen closing at 9 p.m. those days and at 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Eventually, she said they'd like to be open for Sunday brunch as well. The restaurant employs between six to eight workers, all of whom worked at The Stissing House at one point or another.

As Champetre only has a 23 person capacity right now due to COVID-19 restrictions, Patricia said the restaurant is open by reservation only until they can figure out how to maximize the space. To make a reservation, call

518-771-3350. "I couldn't be more thrilled with the success they're having so far," said Banning, who said he was happy to support the Jeans in their endeavor. "They have one heck of a following... We did it because we believed in it, and I think it's going to be a terrific success."

"We're just happy to still be in Pine Plains with our wonderful, supportive clientele and doing what we love," Patricia said.

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one of you," said Molinaro to the veterans on behalf of the county and its residents, "and tonight is a continuation of our mission... a mission of providing assistance and support to veterans in and around our community."

Understanding veterans are probably concerned and have questions about the events in Afghanistan, and how they've impacted soldiers and civilians, Molinaro inviting Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services Director Adam Roche to share his military experiences and his response to recent events. Having served in Kabul, Afghanistan, at the Embassy in 2003 and as Sergeant of the Guard in 2004, Roche described the events as heartbreaking.

"What we're seeing, it's sick on a humanitarian level," he said. "It's not right and the way we did it is not right. You know the promises that we made to the Afghan civilians that pretty much risked their lives to be just a gate guard over at the Embassy, to be an interpreter... We owe it to them to make sure that they get the right of passage too and live that American Dream that they love."

Molinaro asked Roche what the reason for the mission in Afghanistan was in the midst of the men and women on the ground, to which Roche said it was to try to make a better life for civilians.

As veterans at the forum spoke up about their experiences on the ground, Molinaro encouraged them to share their perspective on the events in Afghanistan as well as what they've heard from other veterans.

Having served in the U.S. Military security forces for more than 30 years, Anthony Kavouras from MHA of

Dutchess County said he's seen the ups and downs of the military and believes "we're going to get through this."

VET-TAP Program Manager Tyler Mendelson shared how his entire life was gearing up to his deployment to Afghanistan in 2012 and attributed the day he decided to join the marines to 9/11.

"I always grew up with this mindset of deploying to a war zone and fighting for my country," Mendelson said, "and I needed to know that we were doing the right thing and trying to make a difference with defeating terrorism and trying to make the country a better place so that America would be safer, but also that Afghanistan would be safer for those civilians who lived there, especially under the strict rule of the Taliban."

Seeing how quickly things have deteriorated abroad, Mendelson said, "It really hits hard to see how much of the work that we put in just felt like it fell within a matter of days and hours."

Throughout the evening, questions covered whether there was a number people could dial to volunteer for county veterans programs; the number of veterans in Dutchess County; benefits for Korean War veterans; finding access to wheelchairs and Meals on Wheels for veterans; and other related topics.

The forum also offered an insight into services and resources currently available to veterans throughout Dutchess County.

A recording of the Veterans Telephone Town Hall forum can now be found online under the "Dutchess County" YouTube channel.

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in their laps, he said, is whether to permit cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site consumption facilities, or lounges.

Kennan said the town has taken the first step in deciding to opt out of doing so; it had until the end of the year to decide whether or not it wanted to do so according to a deadline that was set by former Governor Andrew Cuomo. Now it can take its time to decide if it wants to opt back in down the road.

That will be discussed at the North East Town Board's next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Najdek said the Village Board has not yet had the chance to talk about the law and hopes to do so at its workshop meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Though she initially considered opting in, after a discussion with other mayors and town

supervisors in the state, she said she's wary of potentially opting into something about which the village would like more information and is unsure of what the fallout will be.

Talking more about the MRTA in relation to their municipalities, Kennan mentioned the town and village would share the tax revenue made from any future marijuana sales, if both municipalities opt in.

Najdek mentioned it could be tricky to find a suitable location in the village for a cannabis dispensary.

Shedding a light on the legalities involved, Replansky said the town could decide to pass a local law to opt out of either the dispensaries or the lounges or pass a local law to opt out of both.

Asked by a forum partici-

pant if the dispensaries would sell to people from only New York State or to whoever walks through the door, Kennan said he believed the dispensaries could sell to anyone of legal age, 21 years or older.

North East resident Bill Kish asked if the lounges would be solely for the consumption of cannabis or if they could be mixed with other substances such as alcohol. He also asked if there would be any regulations on the form of cannabis permitted.

"This is where there's a lot of detail that has yet to be sent our way," Kennan said.

"Unchartered waters we have yet to sail through," Replansky added.

North East resident Chris Regan pointed out that the people who want to use marijuana are likely already using it, and

are also able to get it.

"It isn't as if marijuana is being introduced through the dispensaries: it's becoming legal," Regan said, adding that, if anything, the law is reducing the impact of the black market and making sure it's sold to people of legal age.

It's also regulating the quality and the price of the drug.

Other queries posed at the forum pertained to the potential incentives for communities opting in; the time line for establishing regulations; the drawbacks of opting in; and zoning as far as where potential commercial cannabis businesses might be located if the town and/or village are to permit either dispensaries and/or lounges now or in the future.

For more on local towns considering the MRTA, go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

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flags. An Honor Guard will be posted on site throughout the day.

**Other local tributes**

In Millerton, meanwhile, American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay explained the Millerton Legion was unable to organize any events for 9/11 this year due to scheduling conflicts.

"Too many of its members are reservists who are still busy drilling in one service or another," said a clearly disappointed Klay, "and since the 11th falls on a weekend it isn't possible, since we are all drilling on the same weekend. It's the only weekend to do drills prior to the 15th of the month and before the end of the government's fiscal year on the 30th. However, we are looking forward to Veterans Day this year."

The NorthEast-Millerton Library, though, did plan a special exhibit in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks, entitled 9/11 Afterwards by Don Sexton. The art show runs from Sept. 1 through the 30th, at 75 Main St., Millerton.

The artist explained in his statement that he made the paintings en plein air of Ground Zero in his NYC neighborhood during the weeks after Sept. 11, 2001.

"In NYC I live in Tribeca, about 10 blocks north of Ground Zero. For several weeks after the tragedy, I would put on my mask, pack up my inks and oil pastels, and carry my easel and sketchbooks to vantage points around the site," stated Sexton. "I painted en plein air the people gazing quietly and respectfully at the site. Some of these paintings have been shown individually but I have not shown them

as a group until now — the 20th anniversary of 9/11."

In Millbrook, Innisfree Garden will hold its first Community Day of 2021 and Gardens for Peace, part of a nationwide program in honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace. Launched by the North American Garden Association, Gardens for Peace (G4P) brings together 14 Japanese-influenced gardens from across the continent to promote peace.

Through this celebration, Innisfree and other participating gardens aim to connect with local communities through activities that "provoke meaningful dialogue while promoting peace and mutual understanding." Innisfree is partnering with the North American Japanese Garden Association (NAJGA), All Colors in Nature, Millbrook High School students and a number of other creative individuals.

"As part of Gardens for Peace and to mark the 20th anniversary of the worst terrorist attacks on U.S. soil, Innisfree is offering free garden admission and free or discounted special programs on September 11th to all first responders, regardless of where they live," announced the program directors.

Additionally, thanks to a grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Innisfree is offering free Community Day garden admission, plus free or discounted special programs to Northeast Dutchess neighbors, residents of Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, Wingdale

and their hamlets.

Innisfree Garden is located at 362 Tyrrel Road in Millbrook. For more information, go to [www.innisfreegarden.org](http://www.innisfreegarden.org) or call 845-677-8000.

In Amenia's hamlet of Wassaic, the World Peace Sanctuary is inviting area residents to work toward a more peaceful planet.

On Sept. 11 it is offering a Connection to Nature Retreat, an outdoor event that will be canceled if rain is in the forecast. The sanctuary is located at 26 Benton Road. The Nature Retreat with Michael "Pondhawk" Gulbrandsen is geared to connect the community with nature in the sanctuary's forests.

It will begin with a morning tranquility wellness walk at 10 a.m., where attendees will learn different techniques for healing from nature. At 1 p.m., the sanctuary will lead attendees in a World Peace Prayer Ceremony, followed by Dancing with Nature with GiGi Oppenheimer of White Lotus Grace at 2 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., a Nature's Sound Circle will be held to reconnect with the land and prayers offered at a past Sept. 11 Peace Pole event.

There is a \$30 fee for the workshop, and space is limited, so attendees are advised to email [annmarie@worldpeace.org](mailto:annmarie@worldpeace.org) to reserve a spot.

Dutchess County is holding its own Sept. 11th Memorial Ceremony on the steps of the Family Court Center at 50 Market St. in Poughkeepsie on Friday, Sept. 10. Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie will host the ceremony set to begin at 8:30 a.m. that will honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro will make

remarks along with those from the faith community. The service will also include a ceremonial lowering of the flag and a moment of silence to remember all the lives lost on that day, 20 years ago. The ceremony is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

In Columbia County, residents are invited to the Copake Memorial Park on Sept. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m., to enjoy the Night Moves Band play music from the 50s to the 90s as an extension of the town's music program for the last concert of the summer. It is the town's way of recognizing the significance of the day and gathering together as a community.

**FATAL CRASH**

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be heavily entrapped in the mangled metal of the vehicles that resulted from the accident.

Volunteer firefighters from the Wassaic Fire Company responded to the scene along with the DCSO, who then called for additional support. Rescue workers then had to extricate the victims who were entrapped in the vehicles.

The male victim who was most seriously injured reportedly went into traumatic arrest; he was raced by ambulance to Sharon Hospital just over the border in Sharon, Conn., with life-threatening injuries. Sadly, he succumbed to those injuries.

The other two passengers, also injured, were rescued with additional assistance from the Amenia and Dover fire departments and transported to the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

**POSTPONED DECISION** *Continued from Page A1*

opt in and allow the marijuana businesses in town.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti explained if the town does nothing, both cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis lounges will become legal in town, and the town will not be able to opt out in the future.

Municipalities that opt out by the end of the year deadline set by former Governor Andrew Cuomo, though, may opt back in at a later date.

Municipalities choosing to opt in can regulate retail dispensaries and lounges by setting the hours, place and manner in addition to putting the dispensaries or facilities in specific districts zoned for such businesses.

Retailers will need to get a license to sell cannabis or allow it to be consumed on site; only 700 or so will be distributed by the state and at a premium cost, and marijuana sales won't start until New York State regulations are fully in place.

Perotti said the sales tax rate will be 13%; 9% will go to the state, 3% to the municipality; and 1% to the county.

Councilman Damian Gutierrez requested the board solicit expert outside guidance on the subject, suggesting someone with a medical degree who can talk specifically about the addictive nature of marijuana versus alcohol and tobacco. He also pointed out Amenia has eight venues in town that are permitted to serve alcohol on the premises with a license, and even more venues that are permitted to sell cigarettes.

"I just want to make sure it's a sort of apples-to-apples conversation we're having... [and we] get some outside medical opinion on that and just have an informed conversation," Gutierrez said.

Councilwoman Michele Somogyi said she believed they should opt out at this time

because they can change their minds later on and opt in.

Considering the potential revenue, Gutierrez said Amenia is constantly being asked to find ways to bring in new revenue to the town without raising property taxes.

"The sort of pragmatic, economic decision that we have to make here now is... this is the opening bell for this type of business and activity," he said, "and there are a finite number of licenses that will be granted to businesses that are interested... so it's not simply a matter of saying we'll opt out now and we'll opt in later because later there may not be an opportunity to talk about this."

Gutierrez again asked the board to spend more time talking about the issue and to also invite the public to take part in the discussion.

"To be perfectly honest, I have made up my mind already: I think we should opt out forever," Councilman James Morris said. "I think the benefits we can get from taxing this are really outweighed by the medical expenses we'd have, and young kids getting addicted to this stuff — studies have found that where adults with children are using marijuana, the children are likely to as well, and I have not seen anything from a major health organization that's in favor of this."

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle echoed Morris' opinion, adding, "I think the indirect cost to society far outweighs any 3% revenue gain that we'd get. Kids are already having a lot of trouble struggling — they don't need drugs and addiction and that kind of atmosphere."

Perotti suggested the board move the discussion as an agenda item for their next meeting to give more people the chance to talk about it. That meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

9/11: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## An Artist Whose Studio Was in The North Tower Muses on 9/11

Donald Bracken now lives in Cornwall, Conn., but in the late 1990s he was living in New York City and working as an artist in a building that most of us think of as being largely dedicated to finance: The North Tower of the World Trade Center.

“Four of the artists in the show, myself included were in the pilot artist in residence program, launched by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in 1997,” Bracken said in an email last week.

“From 1997 to 2001, 130 artists worked in the World Trade Center in unused office spaces.

“The space where I worked was a 10,000-square-foot room on the 91st floor of the North Tower, that had the floor tiles removed and the ceiling tiles removed. You could see the pipes. There were no lights.”

The show he mentioned, above, is one he created and curated for the Five Points Gallery in downtown Torrington, Conn., and features work by himself, Susan Crile, Charlotte

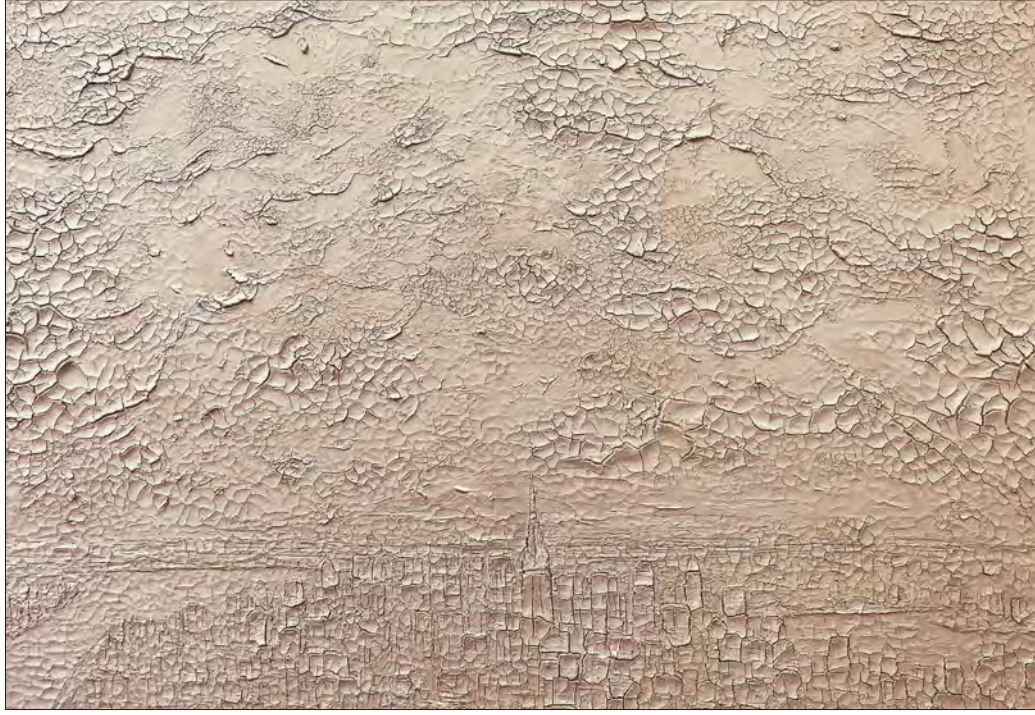


PHOTO OF WORK BY DON BRACKEN

Donald Bracken has curated a show of work at Five Points in Torrington, Conn., by himself and five other artists remembering the New York attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ghiorse, Pamela Lawton, Gwinn Loman and Torild Stray. The show opened at the end of August and is on display until Sept. 25.

The terror attacks on the building where he had worked for four years obviously had an impact on him.

The 20th anniversary of those attacks was incentive enough to put this show together; the diffi-

cult withdrawal in recent weeks from Afghanistan — which coincides with that 20th anniversary — was not anticipated when Bracken proposed the show.

There was already a lot of thought and emotion kicking around in his head, all of it intensified in recent weeks. Bracken is trying to make sense of it.

Before the terror

attacks, Bracken said, “I made paintings looking through the windows of the North Tower of the World Trade Center on the 91st floor of New York City, a living organism, the landscape, the weather — from a vantage point that framed a world that no longer exists.

“My paintings that were

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BOOKS: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

## The Benefits Of Forgetting

The next time you misplace your glasses, lose your car keys, or can't recall someone's name, take heart. Forgetting is not necessarily a failure of your mind. It is a required function that helps your mind to work best.

That was the underlying message Dr. Scott A. Small, a physician specializing in aging and dementia, gave to about 70 participants during a recent Zoom presentation sponsored by Noble Horizons senior community in Salisbury, Conn.

Small is a professor of neurology and psychiatry at Columbia University, where he is director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. During the hour-long presentation on Aug. 17, he discussed his latest book, “Forgetting: The Benefits of Not Remembering.” The distinguished memory researcher offered insights into memory loss and Alzheimer's.

Forgetfulness, said Small (who splits his homes in Millerton,

N.Y., and New York City), is more than just normal: It's actually beneficial.

“If you know somebody who is bitter with pain, a tyrant, vengeful, antisocial, you know someone whose memory-forgetting balance is off,” Small said. “Fear results when the brain burns too hot and operates on fear memories. You become antisocial and can't open up your heart to become prosocial.”

When old information is pushed out of the brain, he said, new memories form. Small explained that a structure buried deep in the brain's temporal cortex, the hippocampus, allows the brain to save memories. An area in the prefrontal cortex, located behind our foreheads, is the area that helps us open and retrieve memories.

Whenever you save a document onto your computer hard drive, Small explained, or open a previously stored file, you are playing with your computer's memory just as

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10:00 AM



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Fenton Johnson, author of *At the Center of All Beauty: Solitude and the Creative Life*, in conversation with Margaret Gibson, CT State Poet Laureate, and author of *The Glass Globe: Poems*.

2:30 PM



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

10:00 AM



“I Caught This Morning Morning's Minion, Kingdom of Daylight's Dauphin...”

A bird walk on Dennis Hill (CT State Park) with Sharon Audubon Center director Eileen Fielding.

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“What It's Like to Be a Bird”

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TREES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Photographs That Are Lovely, Dark and Deep

It's easy to take Tom Zetterstrom of North Canaan, Conn., for granted. He's always there, working hard to protect the trees of our landscape (especially the elms). He doesn't really ask for our help, he just ...gets to it. What he does ask for, however, is that we notice. That we notice the beauty around us, especially the beauty of the trees. And that we notice threats to those trees, notably the non-native invasive plants that choke them and make our roadsides and forests a) unsightly and b) un-

healthy and c) a haven for disease-bearing ticks. To help us see what we might otherwise miss, Zetterstrom tirelessly visits all our area towns and offers workshops on how to stop the spread of Japanese knotweed, or whatever is the most aggressive interloper in any given year. But he helps us notice in another way: Zetterstrom is an award-winning photographer whose work is not only in many museum and private collections, it's also in the Library of Congress. His photos are of

(yes) trees. That his work has earned so many accolades will clue you in to their beauty. The images are black-and-white silver gelatin prints, shot on a film camera, soft focus and ghostly. They make you understand what the druids meant when they said that spirits live in trees. The photos are usually in black and white, usually soft and glowy, always haunting. Someone described them recently as being shot "in portrait mode," with the background softened to the

point where it seems to disappear. For those of us who know Zetterstrom but perhaps have never seen his photographs, for those who already admire the beauty of the trees around us (in forests, in parking lots, on historic town greens) and want to see them get the loving artistic treatment they deserve, there is a show of his work opening Friday, Sept. 17, at the Berkshire Botanical Garden's Leonhardt Galleries. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. There are 36 of his images in Portraits of American Trees.

Sundays Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 10 and 24 at 11 a.m. And of course, because he is as passionate about protecting trees as he is about creating beautiful images of them, he will offer four talks in a series called Whose Woods These Are: Defeating Japanese Knotweed on the Wild and Scenic Housatonic River on Sept. 25 from 10 to 11 a.m.; History and Preservation of the American Elm in New England on Oct. 2 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Defeating Oriental Bittersweet and Protecting Standing Forests on Oct 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (there will be a cut-and-treat workshop along with the talk); and Pruning Young Elms, designed for arborists, tree

wardens, horticulturalists, and the public on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (again, the talk is followed by a hands-on workshop). To find out more and to get directions, go to [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org).

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**"Elm Street, 1978, Oblong Valley, CT"**  
Tom Zetterstrom of North Canaan, Conn., is more than just a photographer of trees and more than just a specialist in preserving and maintaining tree health. He is both. Learn more this month at his show and workshops at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens.

## ... North Tower studio

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in response to 9/11 are about fractured reality, mortality, healing. "The perception of the omnipotence of NYC was shattered on 9/11. "My work delves into the collective psychic wounds that are felt to this day and repeatedly reopened,

as in the recent events in Afghanistan. Through the lens of the windows of the World Trade Center, I remember the time before and after 9/11." *"Remembering Ground Zero: 20th Anniversary Show" is at Five Points Gal-*

*lery in Torrington, Conn., until Sept. 25. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment at 860-618-7222. There will be a Meet the Artists Zoom talk on Friday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.*

## ... forgetting

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your brain does with your own. By clicking open, he said, you can scroll through your saved files, retrieve the right one, and recall it to your computer screen. Similarly, the prefrontal cortex scrolls through and recalls saved memories. When we sleep, Small told participants, we clear our minds and clear our slates. People who are sleep-deprived, he said, tend to have "too many memories that haven't been trimmed down." For example, individuals suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) possess too many fear memories, resulting in brain malfunction. Small refers to this as the "brain burning too hot." The forum also featured a question-and-answer portion, where participants posed questions such as: What kinds of tests are out there to determine if someone has

Alzheimer's or is simply experiencing normal forgetting, or age-related forgetting? What can people do to keep their brain healthy? Can microbes in the gut affect what is happening in the brain? How has COVID-19 affected the brain and memory? If you were not able to attend the Noble Horizons presentation and would like to watch a replay of Small's talk and find the answers to the above questions, a recording of the event can be viewed on Noble Horizons' website, [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org). For a deeper dive into the mysteries of the brain and an explanation of how the right mix of forgetting and memory allows you to be emotionally healthy, Small's book, "Forgetting: The Benefits of Not Remembering," illuminates the mysteries of the brain with personal stories and the latest scientific data on the topic of memory and memory loss.

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# State audit red flags Millbrook Central School District's IT Dept.

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) was called out by the New York State Comptroller's Office during a recent audit for several red flags found during the review. It was the result of an Information Technology (IT) audit released on Aug. 20; the objective was to determine if officials at the MCSD established adequate controls over user accounts in order to prevent unauthorized access, use and loss.

According to Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, they did not have adequate controls over user accounts, did not prevent unauthorized access, use or loss and did not periodically review and disable unneeded network user accounts. Additionally, the audit found that the MCSD did not develop a breach notification policy as mandated by New York State law.

"When we heard they were going to audit us, we looked at it as a good thing," said President of the Millbrook Board of Education (BOE) Perry Hartswick. "With so many technical challenges from COVID, any extra eyes were a good thing. What they found were important issues, but simple."

The audit, which was conducted from July 1, 2019 through Nov. 8, 2020, showed the accounts of 46 students no longer enrolled in the district were active, as were the accounts of 13 employees who left their jobs and did not have their accounts disabled from the years 2013-2018. Nine generic accounts were also not disabled for the years 2015-2018.

According to the review, "the user accounts provided access to the district's network and should have been actively managed to minimize the risk of misuse." If not, it warned, those accounts could be "potential entry points for attackers to inappropriately access and view Personal, Private or Sensitive Information (PPSI) on the network."

The state also advised that districts should have "written procedures in place for granting, changing and revoking user permissions to the network; also, to minimize the risk of unauthorized access, district officials should regularly review enabled network user accounts to ensure they are still needed. Officials must disable unnecessary or unneeded accounts promptly, including user accounts of former employees."

Recommendations made

were for the district "to develop written procedures to manage system access, which will include a periodic review of user access and disabling user accounts when access is no longer needed." DiNapoli also recommended the development of a breach notification policy.

The MCSD serves not only the village of Millbrook, but the towns of Washington, Union Vale, Clinton, LaGrange, Stanford and Pleasant Valley. Its Board of Education has seven elected board members.

Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell, who began her position in January 2020, did not return multiple requests for an interview but did respond to the audit report on the district's website, www.millbrookcsd.org.

"The district is in agreement with these recommendations and is in the process of developing policies and procedures accordingly," stated Mitchell. "Specifically, the district has already implemented a protocol for regular verification of student enrollment for the specific purposes of maintaining, creating or deactivating students accounts."

The district has 944 students and 350 employees, with network user accounts totaling 1,325.

"A parallel process is being developed for staff accounts," added the superintendent. "The district will also continue working with our local BOCES and cyber security support partners to create an appropriate breach notification policy."

Some residents took to Facebook to comment on the report, in less than flattering terms.

"They keep getting money given to that department and the meetings are harder to watch now than when they were on Zoom. The camera and microphone that they have implemented is terrible."

Another comment simply said the report was "shocking." The MCSD has touted its technology department throughout the years, starting in 2004 through 2007 and again from 2016 through 2019. In April 2020, Elliott Garcia was hired as director of Technology and Data Services.

Since then the district said it has been making great strides to update both its equipment and its IT practices to protect student and staff accounts.

Hartswick said that since Garcia was hired he has "devised a plan and executed it, resolving the issues pointed out" in the state audit.



PHOTO COURTESY OF INNISFREE GARDEN

## Community Day at Innisfree

Innisfree Garden at 362 Tyrrel Road in Millbrook is commemorating the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 with a Community Day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be a festive fall day at the 185-acre iconic garden, and also a chance to relax and reflect. To learn how residents from around the Harlem Valley can attend for free, read this week's front page.

## AREA IN BRIEF

### Comprehensive Plan forum planned

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan (CP) Review Committee will hold a public forum on the definition of hospitality in the CP, on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. It will

be limited to 50 people.

Those who wish to speak must sign in 15 minutes before the meeting. It will also be available on Zoom.

For more information, go to www.washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419.

### Town Board cannabis law forum Sept. 9

WASHINGTON — The Town Board meeting on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. will include a Public Forum to hear citizens' opinions on whether the town should introduce a local law to opt-out of

the Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act. Information may be found online, at www.washingtonny.org.

The meeting will be held at Town Hall, at 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook.

### Millbrook Library September activities

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane will offer numerous interactive activities throughout September. Here are a few.

The library is offering Millbrook Fiber Cuts Club on Monday, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. From crocheting to embroidery, informal instruction will be provided in person.

There will be a Bollywood Fitness and Dance program on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The instructor is a

member of the Indian dance troupe, Anja. The class is half work out, half educational. The Zoom link is online.

Open Mic Nights return on Wednesday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Read original works or those of others or listen to those who do so on the library lawn.

For more information, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611. Most programs are free but require online registration.

# Village Board cancels Community Day for second consecutive year

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — In a special meeting of the Village Board held on Tuesday, Aug. 31, the board decided after much discussion to support Millbrook Business Association (MBA) President Kevin McGrane's recommendation to cancel the annual Millbrook Community Day for the second year in a row. Again the reason was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy said the following day that "based on the discussion at last night's special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, the board supported the MBA's decision to cancel this year's Community Day for the following reasons: 1) the recent increase in COVID positivity; 2) a survey by the MBA found that most local businesses were neutral about having Community Day; 3) many non-business organizations had said either they wouldn't participate, were undecided or had scaled back their Community

Day plans; 4) those responsible for organizing the event were not in favor of it and had just started the planning process; 5) the MBA's options were reduced to either cancelling or having a much-reduced event."

The MBA has not officially sponsored Community Day in several years. However, the event, which was last held in 2019, is often managed, successfully so, by McGrane and others at the MBA who take part in the celebration.

After discussing the situation with a number of community members and conducting a survey among the MBA, McGrane came to a decision and posted his announcement on social media. He also e-mailed his contacts, noting that he was sorry that the pandemic has led to another year's cancellation.

"While many feel that an outdoor event is safe to attend, it is still possible to spread COVID," he wrote. "We could not justify going forward when people's health might be jeopardized."

McGrane added some of the factors he considered included COVID test data provided by the New York State health department as of Aug. 30. According to the Department of Health, positive results statewide were at 4.6%; and the seven-day rolling average was 4.5% as of that date.

Test results from the same time period a year earlier in 2020 had positive results at 1% and the seven-day rolling average at 0.8%.

Currently, according to the data McGrane referenced, Dutchess County has only 57% of its population fully vaccinated.

He also noted that the Millbrook Central School District is slated to open after Labor Day, and he was concerned that could lead to a spike in coronavirus cases.

"We look forward to seeing everyone next year for an even bigger and better Community Day," McGrane stated, finishing with, "Stay safe, stay healthy."

A regular Village Board

meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse, where social distancing is easier to accommodate than at Village Hall. Note the date change this month due to a scheduling conflict.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Hynes Home Inspections, LLC filed Articles of Organization on 05/06/21. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process shall be mailed to 3 Westview Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. The purpose of the company is to provide home purchasers the opportunity to have a licensed home inspection.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 8:30 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in

the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of SunCommon on behalf of Gerald Mc Namara and Renee Petrofes, owners of tax parcel # 6969-00-750451, for a special permit in order to erect a ground-mounted solar array. The parcel is located at 147 East Indies Road in A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

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

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: September 1, 2021.

Julie Schroeder  
Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
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that Town of North East Town Board shall hold a public hearing on a local law opting out of cannabis retail dispensaries as authorized under New York State Cannabis Law Article 4 on September 9, 2021 at 7:20 p.m. and a public hearing on the adoption of a local law opting out of allowing on-site cannabis consumption sites as authorized under New York State Cannabis Law Article 4 on September 9, 2021 at 7:25 p.m. Both public hearings shall be held at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex located at 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton, New York 12546. A copy of both local laws are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any person desiring to speak at said public hearings on either, or both local laws shall be permitted to do so.

By Order of the Town Board dated August 12, 2021.  
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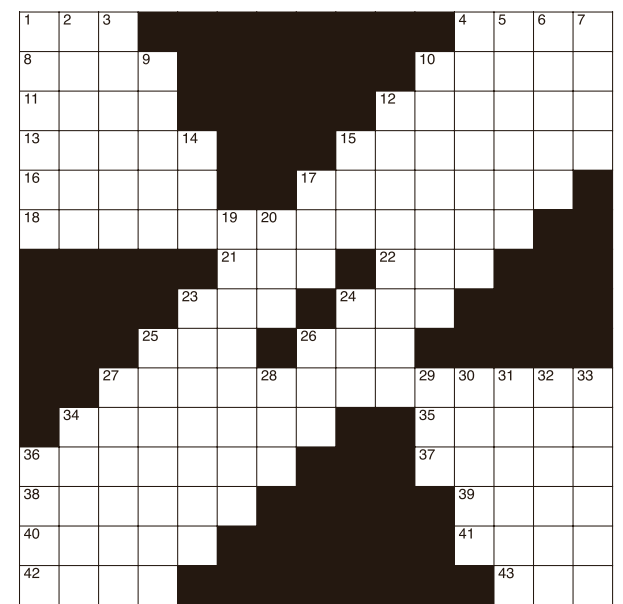
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- Painful intestinal obstruction
- Baby shoes
- Make the grade
- Type of screen
- Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
- Computer giant
- When you hope to get there
- Corporate executive title (abbr.)
- Shout of welcome or farewell
- Imaginary awards for good deeds
- A citizen of Iran
- It can be sounded
- Making dirty
- Romanian city
- Baking ingredient
- Share a common boundary with
- Succulent plants
- Penny
- Jr. U.S. Senator Paul
- "Laurie Partridge" actress Susan

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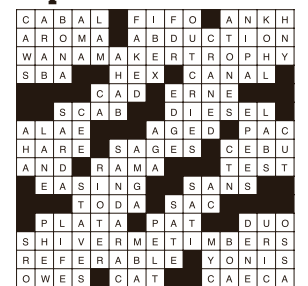
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- Pacific island country
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- A place to gather around
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- Group that lives near Siberia
- Ore deposit
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- Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.)
- Mathematical term (abbr.)
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- Historic Swedish castle



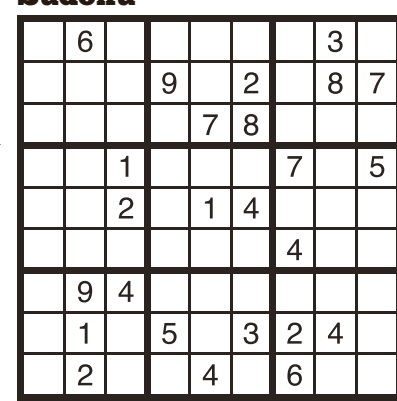
- Humorous expressions
- Christmas and New Year's Day each have one
- Filled up
- Nerve that serves the forearm (abbr.)
- One of British descent
- A way to get at
- Food-related allergic reaction
- Group of arteries near the pelvis
- Picked up
- Being three in one
- Obscene
- Dravidian language
- Growl

Look for the solution in next week's issue.

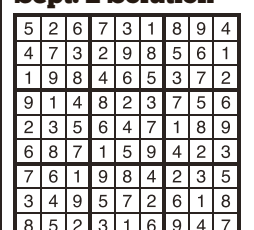
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# Remembering 9/11, 20 years later

It's hard to wrap one's mind around the fact that come this Saturday, Sept. 11, it will mark the 20th anniversary of one of our nation's darkest days — the day that 19 extremists carried out a terrorist attack against the United States of America — killing 2,977 people with airplanes that were detonated into deadly weapons in New York City, Washington, D.C., and outside of Shanksville, Penn.

The most notable of the attacks took place a mere two-plus hours south of here in New York City, at the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in Lower Manhattan. That's where hijackers purposefully flew American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 into the two towers.

The 2,753 people killed due to the collapse of the two iconic skyscrapers included not only the many working there, but 343 NYC firefighters, 23 NYC police officers and 37 officers from the Port Authority. Victims ranged in age from 2 to 85.

Another 184 people died when American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked and flown into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and crashed into the federal building.

Forty more men and women who were passengers and crew members aboard United Airlines Flight 93 were then killed when their flight crashed near Shanksville, Penn.

Hijackers were believed to have crashed the plane in a field there rather than let their planned target be known after the passengers and the crew tried to regain control of the flight once they realized it, too, was part of that day's coordinated terror attack.

It was a heartbreaking day, with the first plane striking the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. ET.

Those of us who remember watching the events unfold on the morning news can probably still remember the clear blue skies with the bright September sun streaming down.

Watching that first tower collapse seemed surreal. Then, 27 minutes later, the second tower came hurtling down. It was like some horrid instant replay. That day, in those moments, our nation was forever changed.

Sept. 11 proved America was vulnerable to terrorists on its home soil — something we had thought we were immune to up until that point. It left us uneasy and traumatized. We continue to carry that burden around today, as many, especially here in the Northeast, continue to care for and sadly bury first responders who worked at Ground Zero.

Now, 20 years later, we again commemorate that somber anniversary. Many of us now have children who hadn't been born back then. It's up to us to share with them what had happened, to tell them why it's so important to appreciate our country, to respect our flag, to honor our veterans, to thank our first responders and to never forget the events of 9/11.

This September 11 we'll see a few communities holding tributes in the Harlem Valley (for more, read this week's front page), but whether you attend in person or in spirit, please take a moment on Saturday, Sept. 11, to think about what's been lost in those 20 years. Perhaps also consider what you have learned. Hopefully, we can all walk away with more insight into just how fortunate we are to call the USA home and to appreciate the freedoms that are uniquely American.

## Off-Earth manufacturing

Dear EarthTalk: Is so-called "Off-Earth manufacturing" really the environmental panacea that Jeff Bezos and other proponents say it is?

— M. Traney, Smithfield, R.I.

In July 2021, Richard Branson rocketed into suborbital space aboard a craft he helped fund, launching a new era of commercial space travel. About a week later, Amazon's Jeff Bezos flew into space on his own Blue Origin rocket. Both rockets emitted plumes of white smoke and tons of kerosene, releasing more greenhouse gases in a few minutes than a typical car would over two centuries. These rockets also emitted black carbon — or soot — into upper layers of the atmosphere, contaminating the air for years to come.

Space companies counter environmental concerns about space flight with promises to construct greener spacecrafts and to transform space into the newest global economic powerhouse. "We need to take all heavy industry, all polluting industry, and move it into space and keep Earth as this beautiful gem of a planet that it is," said Bezos after returning from his trip. Bezos's vision, otherwise known as "Off-Earth manufacturing," centers around the transition of planet-exploitative industries into space.

Many materials extracted on Earth are also available in space. Celestial bodies like asteroids and the Moon contain water and water-derived propellants that can be used for in-space infrastructure. With the global mining industry tumbling from

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a market value of over \$1.6 trillion in 2010 to \$656 billion in 2020, space resources appear as realistic alternatives for mining. Goldman Sachs reported asteroid mining has costs "comparable to traditional mines."

"Off-Earth manufacturing" does drive energy and mining industries away from exploiting the finite resources on Earth, but the construction of such complex systems in space poses many challenges. Apart from the huge expense of launching materials into space, architects familiar with normal conventions of physics will be forced into a foreign field of designing for zero-gravity spaces. Additionally, large amounts of materials need to be produced and transported that are incredibly durable, able to withstand extreme temperatures, and that transmit information without loss.

As expenses of space travel continue to decrease, interest and investments in the global space industry will only increase.

One has to wonder why we are so concerned with moving our polluting industries off-planet when we could concentrate instead on cleaning them up down here or eliminating them entirely.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Support helped libraries ace first ever golf tourney

In August, the NorthEast-Millerton Library and Amenia Free Library had our first, and now annual, Amenia vs. Millerton Golf Tournament at Undermountain Golf Course in Copake, N.Y.

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and helped raise money for our libraries. An

especially big thank you to everyone at the Undermountain Golf Course for all their hard work and support.

Go Team Millerton for bringing the trophy home this year.

**Rhiannon Leo-Jameson**

Director,  
NorthEast-Millerton Library  
Copake

The letters deadline is 10 a.m. each Monday

## Taxes — how much do poor people pay?

Poor people probably pay about 25% or more of their earning in tax. In America, and most of Europe, the lowest 10% of the population pay disproportionately more tax than the richest 90%, family by family, taxpayer by taxpayer. How is that possible I can hear you ask?

You see, there's direct tax and indirect tax and, sometimes, hidden tax burdens on the poorest people. Let's take those one step at a time. Let's assume that of a single poorer person's annual wage at \$9/hour (if they are lucky), they make — before tax — \$18,000 a year plus or minus overtime, deductions, etc. Let's just use that number. Oops, take out \$2,400 in tax for New York State residents. So now you have \$15,520 to spend.

Direct tax is relatively simple: If you earn a salary or wage, tax is either deducted before you get your portion or tax is paid later when you fill out your taxes. The rate seems low but... remember to buy a car, let's say \$10,000 even with cash, you probably had to earn \$12,000 or more to afford it. Other direct tax is

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Peter Riva

when you buy, for example, a pair of shoes (a necessity for most Americans) and you are charged state and local tax on the purchase. So that \$50 pair of shoes actually costs you, for example, maybe \$56.

Let's assume you buy tax-free food and spend, on a NYS average, \$1,900 a year per person. Now you have \$13,620 left. Now let's assume you have essentials like electricity bills, gas (or oil) bills, house or apartment rent, transportation (gas, insurance, payments)... all taxable at 4% per purchase. The average New Yorker spends on these essentials 75% of their lower wage gross incomes, or \$11,640 for which you will also pay \$465 in collected tax, so your remainder is down to \$3,415 before you even think of buying that pair of shoes. Oh, and did I mention home insurance or medical insurance? Even with the ACA (another \$100 or so a month per person), you're get-

ting down there.

But what's not revealed in the above is that you've actually paid even more indirect tax. It works like this... Let's say you rent an apartment. The landlord has to pay all the local taxes, school, property, insurance. He doesn't simply divide that up as part of your monthly rent that is due, he has to finance it, so he marks up his outgoings by the rate he gets charged by the bank or credit cards.

So, while you may not be paying tax on the rental cost of the apartment, you are paying maybe 10% more for the property tax and school tax that the owner has to finance. Doesn't sound like much? Maybe it could be as much as \$10 in every \$100 you pay for in rent. And that happens with the car you buy on time, and the ATM fee you are charged and even the food you buy because the supermarket pays all sorts of property tax... what? You thought lettuce was completely tax free?

And then there's even more hidden tax. A company wants to make a car. They have to buy components from various companies. All those companies pay

tax. All those companies buy raw materials from other companies that also pay tax.

Then there's the transportation of all the ingredients (diesel fuel, heavily taxed) and the companies that run those transport companies (taxed), delivering to warehouses (property taxes), and so on. An estimate from the OMB in 2017 showed that as much as 22% of the final cost of manufactured goods was related to these taxes — financing these taxes included — passed along and then taxed and taxed again.

Look, if I add \$1 in tax for something I sell, the next person up the chain has to refund me, yes, and then finance that payment and also charges the next guy sales tax on the aggregate of what he's had to cost his product for.

Want proof? Why is wholesale always cheaper? Why is buying direct from the manufacturer cheaper? Less mouths to feed — including the taxman.

Writer Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives and pays his taxes in New Mexico.

## Volunteer home delivered meals drivers wanted

Before the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Office for the Aging (OFA) was providing daily midday meals to 130 seniors at OFA's eight Senior Friendship Centers (with one in Millerton and one in Amenia), and delivering another 300 meals to homebound seniors throughout Dutchess County. Those numbers skyrocketed when the pandemic began — and OFA volunteer drivers of all ages stepped forward to meet that demand.

With cases once again increasing, we're looking for more volunteer drivers with that same spirit. Since the course of the pandemic for this fall is difficult to predict, now would be an excellent time to step up and help OFA prepare for whatever comes.

If you are available to volunteer during middays on weekdays, OFA Home Delivered Meals volunteering is a perfect fit for your schedule. We work around your availability. If you can volunteer every weekday, great. If you can only volunteer occasion-

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ally, or you prefer to volunteer in a region you're familiar with, we can still use you. If you'd like to help rural homebound seniors while enjoying a drive through the countryside, we can certainly use you. Reimbursement is available for volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles.

A printable volunteering form and brochure is available at [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging), or can be mailed to you by calling 845-486-2544.

### Medicare & transportation volunteer opportunities

With the annual Medicare open enrollment season beginning Oct. 15, OFA is looking for volunteer counselors for HIICAP — our Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program. We provide the training, along with updates as

needed.

OFA assists four other Dutchess County organizations that provide transportation help for seniors, as well as other volunteer services. There are opportunities here that may be a good geographic match for those of you living in rural Dutchess County, especially east of the Taconic Parkway. You can contact these organizations directly with inquiries.

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• Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP): (volunteers age 55+) [www.dutchesscap.org](http://www.dutchesscap.org), 845-452-5104

OFA newsletters are available at [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging), but if you're not online and want to get on our mailing list, call the Office for the Aging and we'll get you added in time for the fall mailings. We also distribute OFA newsletters to public libraries throughout the county.

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

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