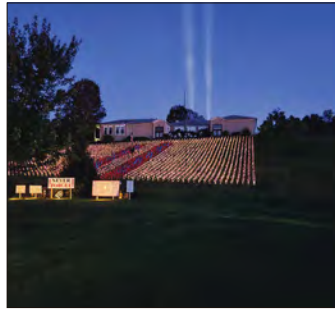


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Located on Church Street (Route 199) next to Peck's Market, many customers will be sad to say goodbye to one of their favorite community hubs, the Pine Plains Platter, when it shuts down on Sunday, Sept. 26.

## Community heartbroken over closure

# Pine Plains Platter to shut down for good

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**PINE PLAINS** — For many local residents as well as visitors to Pine Plains, the thought of driving into town one day and seeing the Pine Plains Platter permanently closed seems unimaginable, given how the cafe has flourished these last few years as a hub for the community, not to mention a place to get some great home cooking. Yet to the disappointment of practically everyone — The

Platter's owners/landlords, its manager and staff and its clientele, that thought will soon become a reality as the business is going to shutdown for good come Sunday, Sept. 26.

Established at 2987 Church St. (Route 199), next to Peck's Market, The Platter is housed on the street level of a building owned by Jack and Irene Banning, who purchased it in 2012. While the pair owns The Platter, it's been run for the past few years

See **PINE PLAINS PLATTER, A8**

## Land use moratorium passed

# Washington Town Board opts out of pot businesses

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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**WASHINGTON** — The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board was held on Thursday, Sept. 9, at Town Hall. It began at 7 p.m. when Deputy town Supervisor Stephen Turletes opened it in lieu of town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, who was absent. The main event was a public forum on the

cannabis law, held midway through the meeting.

### Miscellaneous matters

Before jumping into the cannabis law, a donation of \$10,000 from John S. Dyson to help with the review of the town's Comprehensive Plan was accepted.

Two appointments were made: one for Justice Court clerk, of Kathy

See **POT BUSINESSES, A6**

# Veteran, politician, family man, Kyle Van De Water, found dead at 41

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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**MILLBROOK** — When Kyle Van De Water was pronounced dead at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 7, at the age of 41, the Millbrook community he devoted so much of his adult life to lost many things. It lost a former village trustee and town volunteer; a respected lawyer; a military veteran, former JAG attorney and current Army reservist; and a former U.S. Congressional candidate. Most of all, though, it lost a family man. Van De Water was husband to

his wife, Melissa, and father to a set of triplets born in 2009; Thomas, Lincoln and Annabelle, and another son born in 2014, Levi.

Van De Water, who was born in Rhinebeck and raised in Poughkeepsie, was discovered Sept. 7 shortly after noon at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery by two Town of Poughkeepsie Police Officers after reports of a "man down" were called in.

Van de Water was found to be unconscious with a gunshot wound; officers reportedly performed CPR and other measures at the scene in

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FILE PHOTO

Kyle Van De Water

# Millerton Food Festival promises a village-wide feast Sept. 18

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**MILLERTON** — Come Saturday, Sept. 18, area residents and visitors are invited to bring their appetites to the village of Millerton where they can satisfy their hunger with an all-day, village-wide food festival.

Organized by the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) and spearheaded by Main Street Magazine, the first-ever Millerton Food Festival will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., coinciding with the hours of operations

for many of the village's businesses.

Throughout the day, festival-goers are guaranteed to discover culinary treats while having a blast at every corner of the village, whether they want to decorate cookies at the Irontdale Schoolhouse; dine on barbecue on the lawn of The Millerton Inn; savor a potluck among friends at the North East Community Center; check out the slew of activities featured at North East Ford or the expanded food offerings at the Millerton Farmers Market; or even see what their favorite local eateries have

available.

A complete list of participating festival vendors can be found online at [www.millertonnewyork.com](http://www.millertonnewyork.com) as well as a description of what kind of tempting fare each vendor will be offering.

Along with sinking their teeth into the sweet, the savory, the salty and the specials offered by the village's eateries and festival vendors, those who attend this inaugural festival will have the chance to expand

See **FOOD FESTIVAL, A8**

# More required from applicant to excavate Boston Corner farm

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**BOSTON CORNER** — Despite excavator and project applicant Fred Schneeberger lessening the impact of his excavation plans for Langdon Hurst Farm and resubmitting his Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit (SUP) to the Ancram Planning Board on Thursday, Sept. 2, bringing the amount of soil and gravel to be removed from the site down from 25,000-cubic yards to 20,000-cubic yards, some of those opposing the project are far from satisfied.

### Less, but still too much

"It's still a lot, still more than is necessary," said Carol Falcetti, who

"I think the simplest thing is, this is not farming,"

Larry Stockl, Ancramdale resident

has lived next to Langdon Hurst Farm with her husband, Norman Osofsky, a former farmer himself, for decades. "Basically, it still flattens the land, and when that happens you look at the other hills there and say, 'Well if it must be flattened there's the possibility they'll come back and ask that the other hills be flattened.' This way they're just taking it down to the ground. To me it appears to be more of a mining operation than an agricultural need... which is why we're

so active in opposing it."

"It's not a mine, and it's sad that the town, not the town but some individuals in the town, are confusing it with such," said the farm's owner, Anthony Palumbo Jr., who leases it to John Langdon. "The DEC [Department of Environmental Conservation] said it's not a mine; it's not classified as a mine; and I'm not going in with the intention of it being an active mine."

"You can't just go in with a bulldozer and take the knoll and grade it down, mixing soil with gravel; you can't take a bulldozer and level the property off," explained Planning Board Chairman John Ingram. "Once

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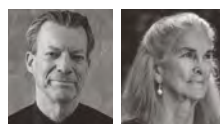


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# MILLERTON

## Town Board votes not to allow commercial cannabis joints

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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**NORTH EAST** — After taking into account the community's thoughts and concerns during the mandated public hearings, the North East Town Board voted to approve two local laws opting out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site lounges in town at its board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo had set a Dec. 31 deadline for municipalities to decide whether they would permit such businesses. Those that opt out by that date can choose to opt in at a later time, but if no action is taken by year's end both will become legal with no ability to opt out in the future.

The board met at 7 p.m. in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex; the public hearing on the local law to opt in or out of commercial cannabis retail dispensaries was scheduled for 7:20 p.m. In addition to the Town Board, about a dozen people attended. Once the latest town business had been addressed, town Supervisor Chris Kennan opened the public hearing.

Before listening to public comments, Kennan reminded the board that it voted to opt out of permitting cannabis dispensaries and lounges in town at its meeting on Aug. 12. The board was also reminded by Attorney to the Town Warren Replinsky it can opt in at a later date. If the town opts in, Kennan said the town may not use its zoning powers to prevent dispensaries or lounges from opening in town. As the town is looking for more information on how dispensaries and lounges will be regulated, Kennan said it was really about "keeping options open for the town."

As the public hearing's first speaker, resident Meg Winkler said she supported the town's opting out at the moment until more information about state regulations becomes available.

Should North East decide to allow dispensaries, she inquired how they'll be regulated in town versus in the village of Millerton.

As far as zoning, Winkler said she'd love to see dispensaries if they were in places with high traffic, such as in the Irondale area or south of the village on Route 22. If it was ever possible, she said she'd like to have dispensaries located off the farms that grow cannabis.

"I think that would be a nice connection for people to understand where it's coming from," Winkler said.

Like Winkler, resident Griffin Cooper said that because of the uncertain nature of state regulations at this point, he supported the town

opting out, though he said he would support marijuana dispensaries in town in the future, pointing out the potential avenues for creating additional tax revenue in town.

Resident Ray Nelson said he was opposed to dispensaries and lounges in town. Based on research he's done about the negative impacts of cannabis, he said he didn't see how the town would benefit from having such establishments. Though he understood it would be "one more business bringing in tax revenue," Nelson said, "there must be some other business that we'd prefer to have... so my vote is no."

As there were no other comments, the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Replinsky suggested the board open the next public hearing for the local law regarding marijuana lounges and then do a brief environmental review for the law, as required.

The second hearing opened at 7:31 p.m., and all three individuals who spoke at the first public hearing again shared their thoughts.

Should the town decide to opt in, Winkler said she was against smoking lounges in the town and village.

Cooper said he was for more research on dispensaries and felt on-site lounges were where they "really get into the cultural fabric of the town and the risks that come into play."

Once that hearing closed, Replinsky said that while there's a good argument to make that local laws on dispensaries and lounges will conceivably not impact on the environment, he prepared the environmental impact statement (EIS) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process and recommended the board adopt a negative declaration indicating the laws will have no adverse environmental impact. The board unanimously approved the negative declaration.

The board noted both local laws to opt out of the commercial marijuana businesses are subject to permissive referendums based on New York State's new marijuana law passed in March, called the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA). The MRTA legalized adult-use recreational marijuana; New York approved medical marijuana in 2014.

There's a 45-day period during which a referendum can be filed; if a referendum is filed the board will have to hold a special election.

After further discussion, the board unanimously adopted the two local laws opting out of permitting either marijuana dispensaries or lounges.

## Fire Company celebrates Annex, its history, members and their service

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**MILLERTON** — It was a long time coming to unveil their new Annex, but the Millerton Fire Company finally did so, inviting the community to tour the structure and learn more about the company's history and need for volunteers at its Open House on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the road to the Annex and firehouse, located at 29 and 24 Century Blvd., respectively, was closed off to motorists. The volunteer members of the Millerton Fire Company were busy greeting residents and local and county leaders, sharing the fire district's history.

Members also educated those who stopped by about the company's history thanks to various memorabilia and an impressive scrapbook collection compiled by longtime member Bernie Silvernail.

Popcorn was popped, T-shirts were sold to support the fire company and children wore red plastic fire helmets, perhaps dreaming of one day volunteering themselves.

Following a prayer honoring the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Millerton Fire Company President Lenny Morrison shared what they've done over the years in terms of funding, equipment and apparatus. He said that from 1942 to 2019, the Millerton Fire Company had spent \$277,661.40 on equipment.

Looking at another layer of history, Fire Chief Jason Watson said the Millerton Fire Company became North East Fire District in 2004 with a starting budget of \$151,000. Today, he said they're up to \$422,000.

"It's not been easy," he said, "but with hard work and dedication we've been able to do many things around here to keep the community members safe."

Watson detailed the various purchases of firetrucks and other essential equipment as well as the change in membership and other milestones, like the start of the junior firefighter program. All of this, he said, couldn't have been done without the cooperation of the company and the fire district working together to accomplish goals. Today, Watson said there are 460 active members.

Fire District Chairman Stephen Valyou talked about the challenges that have been overcome throughout the years, noting their biggest challenge has been keeping up with changing times.

Nevertheless, he said it was the district's aim to provide the best equipment to keep members safe so they could protect the community.

"We try to work together to get the best that we can with the means that we have," Valyou said. "I think overall we've been able

to stay ahead."

Offering a commemoration and appreciation to the company on behalf of the town, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said one of his goals as supervisor is to help keep the community unified, and he praised the fire company and fire district for being a unifying force. Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver (R-19) explained it was incumbent on every fire company member to recruit volunteers, "because we need it, ladies and gentlemen, we need that service in our community... It's the most gratifying thing you can do for your community."

Taking the microphone in hand, Morrison announced the dedication of plaques that would be hung on the company's equipment in honor of members past and present. Truck 51-13 was dedicated to the company's Truck Committee (which included Morrison and nine other members) while Truck 51-11 was dedicated to past members Bob McGhee and Gary Fenn, both of whom have passed away. The tanker was dedicated to Dick DeWitt, Willie Oles, Russell Palmer, H. Lee Miller and Howard Brusie Jr., and the rescue truck was dedicated to John and Lou Schultz and Dave VanDebogart. The brush truck was dedicated to Tony Piscitello while the Tahoe was dedicated to former Rescue Squad Captain Walter Bernitt.

The utility truck used for traffic control and pulling the company's ATVs was dedicated to Silvernail, whom Morrison said has 71 years of active service in the company. The ceremony's audience gave Silvernail a standing ovation.

Surprising the company, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the county's 2022 budget will now allow fire companies to apply to



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Millerton Fire Company President Lenny Morrison, with help from Fire Chief Jason Watson, announced the dedication of plaques to be hung on the company's fire equipment in honor of company members past and present.



From the end of a firetruck's ladder, an American flag was hung and could be seen swaying above the Annex where the Open House was held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12.

the Municipal Investment Grant Program and that he and Pulver worked to add \$1 million to the pool to help volunteer companies county wide. On behalf of all those who call Dutchess County home, Molinaro thanked com-

pany members past and present. At the ceremony's end, the community was invited to take a tour of the new Annex, enjoy live music and other activities, and learn more about volunteering.

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# Stanford pays tribute to Sept. 11 victims 20 years later, promising to never forget

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STANFORDVILLE — Stanford Town Hall was transformed on Saturday, Sept. 11, into a 20-year memorial tribute for the victims of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, as well as at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in a field outside of Shanksville, Pa.

The sloping green lawn in Stanfordville was filled with flags — 2,977 of them — each representing a person or K-9 life lost that day. The names of the victims were heard on a continuous loop tape made by local students and community members played throughout the day; the tape began playing by 8:46 a.m. that morning. A large sign at the foot of the hill proclaimed "Never Forget."

That evening a program was held at 7 p.m. with the Color Guard moving into place; the Color Guard had been stationed at the site all day. Town Supervisor Wendy Burton welcomed all.

Leading the program, Burton introduced the crowd of nearly 200 people to FDNY and Pine Plains Chaplain Larry Pariseau, who was an EMT on Sept. 11, 2001.

When Pariseau learned the towers were hit, he rushed to help in the recovery. He lost his sister that day; she was at Trinity Church when the planes hit.

Pariseau worked tirelessly at Ground Zero; the experience changed his life. He gave up being an EMT and became a chaplain. He shared his story on Saturday and everyone listened, completely spellbound.

Pariseau spoke about those who died on 9/11 and later from illnesses related to the recovery work. He said race, religion, politics — nothing mattered at Ground Zero — they worked as one to clean up and to respect those who had perished.



Firemen from several local departments and the Stanford Fire Company No. 1 stood in front of thousands of flags at Stanford Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 11. It was announced at the ceremony that this area will be called the Town Hall Hill Memorial Field. Below, flags were illuminated by candles and twin beams of light shone from above the Stanford Town Hall in tribute to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

He shared personal stories. They were compelling and touching. Some were heartbreaking. Clearly, the chaplain has also never forgotten that day or the days that followed. Twenty years later, he asked that we continue to remember also.

Burton announced that the green area below Town Hall will henceforth be known as Town Hall Memorial Hill.

FDNY Ladder 33 Capt. Dean Gihoooley, brother of Stanford's own Dennis Gihoooley, a first responder who died in 2019 of 9/11 related illness, read "My Brother Has Fallen."

Several local dignitaries were also at the ceremony. State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett (D-106) spoke about remembering our servicemen and women. She noted the high rate of service-related suicides and mentioned last week's apparent suicide of veteran Kyle Van De Water, just weeks after he withdrew from the 2022 Congressional race. (For more on Van De Water's death, read this week's front page.)

Barrett told the audience, "We can do better, we have to do better."

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) spoke of everyone who helped in the aftermath of 9/11, and of the gratitude we all have for first responders.

"Yet 20 years later we find ourselves in pain," he said, mentioning the current pandemic and the 13 service members recently killed at the airport during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. "We have to find a way to fight this pain [and do it] with love."

State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) remembered the day after the attack and mentioned the unity it brought about in this country.

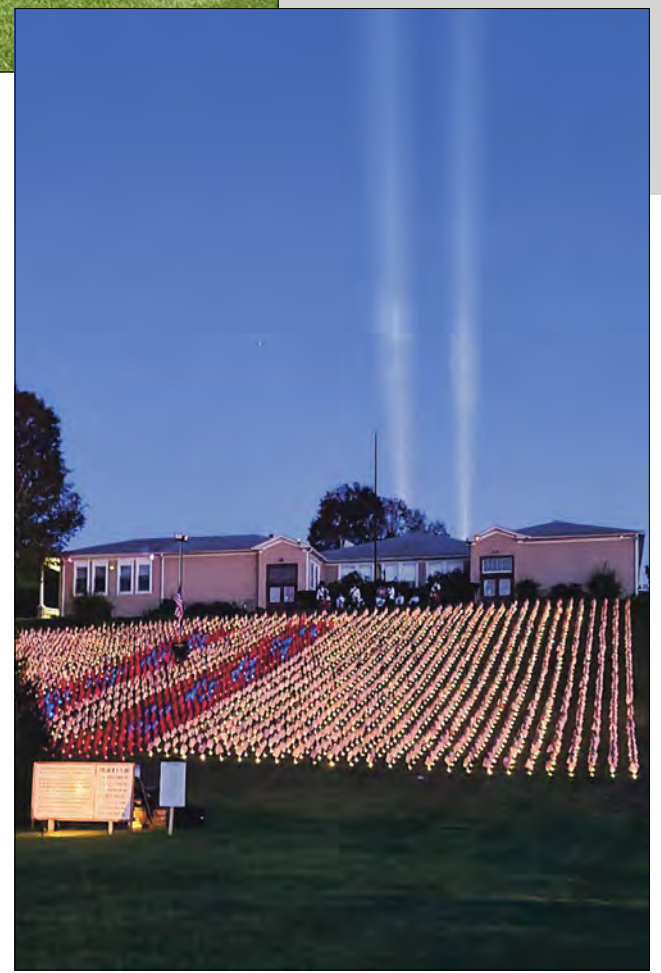
Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro stressed the need to remember the 9/11 attacks and to honor all those who fight for our freedoms — our veterans and our first responders — no matter the cost to themselves.

Two poems were read, "The Dash" poem, by Linda Ellis, was read by Pariseau, and Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver (R-19) read, "My Name Is Old Glory," a poem written by Don S. Miller from the perspective of the U.S. flag, speaking to all the wars of the

past, the lives lost and the glory and bravery of those who fight for freedom as bagpipes played softly in the background.

At the closing, the Color Guard presented arms. Each flag was illuminated by an electric candle, and two beams of light came from above the Town Hall representing the Twin Towers. The display brought gasps and some tears from the audience. As the lights glowed, the National Anthem was sung. The twin beams were brought from NYC for the event and have since been returned, but the flags and candles remained on view through the weekend.

Stanford Fire Department representatives Ed Zick and Evelyn Seipp organized the event with the help and cooperation from area fire companies, including Milan, Pine Plains, East Clinton, West Clinton, Pleasant Valley and Red Hook. The New York State Police and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office also took part.



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## Pine Plains wins three grants for major town projects

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PINE PLAINS — Working on a number of projects designed to enhance quality of life and accessibility for residents and visitors alike, Pine Plains received financial support from the Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program of Dutchess County this month in the form of three very helpful grants.

The MIG Program awards funding on a competitive basis to entities with taxing authority, such as towns, villages and school, water, sewer and fire districts. The Dutchess County Government website, [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov), explains priority is given to projects that "partner with other municipalities and authorities, develop shared services, align with the county's priorities and needs and create savings for taxpayers."

Pine Plains will now be able to develop a wastewater district; purchase all-terrain wheelchairs for town parks and trails; and build a wheelchair accessible playground at Stissing Lake's beach park. Having written the grant applications herself, town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said she was delighted.

"I am grateful and excited," she told her constituents in her Dear Pine Plains email newsletter on Sept. 10.

The town received \$32,600 to help it form a long-awaited wastewater district. Aligning with its efforts to install a septic system, Cloud said she decided to break down each component of the septic system project into parts (such as the sewer feasibility study and the wastewater district formation). The town is trying to fund every part at no cost to taxpayers.

Now that the final draft of the sewer feasibility study has been delivered, the town can focus on district formation, which Cloud said is "almost all legal fees," like mapping costs, engineer costs and possibly the cost of a surveyor.

On Friday, Sept. 10, Cloud said in her newsletter the town is currently negotiating for a location for a possible central septic system underground. A public meeting on the topic will be held in the coming months.

"Suffice it to say, the town needs a system," Cloud wrote. "Right now, restaurants cannot open with enough capacity to be successful, and regular people can't open a new business due to the huge expense of the septic requirements by the Department of Health."

Pine Plains also received \$7,530 to purchase two all-terrain wheelchairs to be used by children and adults at its town parks and trails and the public beach at Stissing Lake.

Excited to learn residents who rely on wheelchairs can access local trails with these all-terrain wheelchairs, as well as the town beach and even go in the water, Cloud said, "That will open our gorgeous trails [especially Thompson Pond] to people who otherwise would not be able to walk it. Same thing with the beach, and we can roll somebody into the water in that, which would be a lot of fun."

Lastly, the town received \$70,000 to purchase and install a Bridging Pathways playground at the beach park at Stissing Lake. This playground, according to Cloud, is designed to be fully inclusive and wheelchair accessible and to provide "multiple and varied play compo-

nents for all children to enjoy."

Asked about the timeline for these three projects, Cloud explained Pine Plains got half of the funds for the playground and will have to raise the rest of the money. She said the MIG award was a big boost for the town's fundraising campaign.

With the playground totaling \$140,000 overall, she said the town will be dependent on donations for the remaining funds until they can order it. After that point, the only expense will be determining the grounding the town wants to put underneath the playground.

To help contribute to the playground, residents are being asked to consider donating. Those who would like to do so may send a check for any amount to Madelin Dafoe, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 955, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Address the check to Town of Pine Plains and write "Playground" in the memo line. Checks may also drop by dropped off at Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199; please and leave the check with Dafoe or with Alice Hanback-Nuccio.

Cloud, meanwhile, said she's about to order the all-terrain wheelchairs and that the wastewater district formation will probably take about another year to complete.

### Correction

In the Sept. 9 edition of The Millerton News, an article about the new Pine Plains' restaurant Champetre erroneously stated its capacity is limited by COVID-19 restrictions. Champetre's capacity is set by Dutchess County Department of Health, water regulations and the town's lack of a sewage system. We regret the error.

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## Saturday, September 25

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**PRESERVES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

# When You Can't Find Pectin, Try Gelatin for your Jam

This is the time of year when fruit is super abundant and when you want to preserve it in all its summery glory.

You don't *have* to make traditional jam to do so: You can freeze most fruit and then pull it out in mid winter to make a summery tart or pie.

But if you do make jam, I have learned that you need to plan ahead. I usually make one or two batches a year, maybe a marmalade in winter and some peach jam at the end of August.

I now know enough about canning and preserving to realize that at this time of year (even when there isn't COVID-19), it can be very challenging to find canning supplies such as packaged pectin and small jars that are suitable for making preserves.

I like to use Ball Liquid Pectin, which stores ran

out of in about late August — long before I ran out of fruit that wanted to be preserved. As I ran around fruitlessly (haha!) searching for pectin, I began to wonder why no one just uses gelatin to make their fruit "gel" together.

I went online and discovered that people do in fact make preserves with gelatin. And when I tried it myself, I learned that actually, gelatin is absolutely the best and easiest way to make jam from fresh raspberries.

Using gelatin to make raspberry preserves has a couple advantages.

First, it allows you to use less sugar. When you use pectin, they insist that you use lots and lots of sugar and warn that if you reduce it at all, your fruit will make a lovely wet sauce but will not "jam" properly.

When you use gelatin, that's not a problem. You

can use as much or as little sugar as you like. I used a 2:1 ratio for my first batch (which was delicious) and used slightly less than that for my second batch (which was also delicious).

Another plus: gelatin allows you to cook the fruit more gently, which is helpful when you're working with something as delicate as a raspberry. To make real jam, you have to boil it hard before you put it in your sterilized jars.

Using powdered gelatin allows you to boil the fruit just long enough so the sugar melts. This lets you keep the berries intact; otherwise you end up with a lovely sweet liquid that is full of seeds but has no lumps of lovely berry bodies.

Careful readers will notice, however, the downside to this jam: You really can't preserve it. To do so, you'd need to boil it hard, which would destroy

the berries and leave you (again) with a liquid full of seeds. This is a refrigerator jam, so you need to eat it within a month or so.

But because you're not using pectin to jell it, you can use berries from your freezer to make this jam. So I've put most of my berries in the freezer (be clever and measure out four cups of berries into each freezer bag) and will plan to make raspberry jam (with gelatin) all winter long.

If you don't want to use traditional gelatin, try seaweed-based agar agar.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## RASPBERRY GELATIN JAM

Adapted from [www.oureverydaylife.com](http://www.oureverydaylife.com)

- 4 cups raspberries
- 2 cups sugar (or to taste)
- Juice of half a lemon (or less)
- 1 packet of powdered Knox gelatin (or agar agar)

Mash the berries only very slightly in a nonreactive (e.g. ceramic) saucepan, and bring them to a gentle simmer. Add 1/4 cup of the sugar, to help bring out the juices, and then take out a 1/2 cup of juice and put it on a small plate.

Turn off the heat under the berries.

Put the juice in the refrigerator for about 5 minutes to cool it down, then sprinkle one packet of gelatin over the top of the juice. Let it set for about 15 minutes.

About 5 minutes before the gelatin finishes setting, turn the heat back on under the berries and bring them to a boil, stirring gently so you don't break up the berries too much.

Add the remaining sugar and cook it for about 5 minutes, so it dissolves into the berry juice. Turn off the heat. Add the lemon juice and stir. Gently coax the set gelatin off the plate and into the berry mixture. Stir gently until the gelatin dissolves.

Spoon into jars or a bowl and put in the refrigerator for about two hours, until it sets. Stir it to keep the gelatin from getting too firm. You can add additional berries, if you like. This should last for about a month in your refrigerator.

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much like another, and for "boots on the ground," all wars must seem the same.

The most basic tenet of military training is to obey orders without hesitation or question. When it comes to war we are still back in the 19th century: "Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die."

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