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## Old Glory atop the Stissing Fire Tower

Honoring those who perished on 9/11 as well as those who survived, and the heroes who helped in the rescue and recovery efforts, the Friends of Stissing Lake (FOSL) hung an American flag from the Pine Plains Fire Tower on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The night before, Friday, Sept. 10, the FOSL crew illuminated the tower and the massive flag.



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## Pine Plains first to allow local pot sales while Amenia drags on

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HARLEM VALLEY — With the clock ticking until New York State's end-of-year deadline for municipalities to opt in or out of permitting cannabis dispensaries and lounges, the Pine Plains Town Board voted to allow cannabis dispensaries but not lounges at its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16.

The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) was adopted by the State of New York in March. The MRTA legalized adult-use recreational marijuana. Former Governor Andrew Cuomo gave municipalities until Dec. 31 to decide if they would

permit cannabis to be sold commercially and/or smoked on site at lounges within their borders.

### Pine Plains takes action

The Pine Plains Town Board held a public hearing for the local law opting out of permitting marijuana lounges and other consumption facilities in town, closing the hearing minutes later when there was no public comment.

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky suggested going through the environmental impact review for the local law before adopting a negative declaration to confirm the law won't have any potential or significant environmental impacts. He also reminded the board its decision to

opt out of cannabis lounges "is not an irrevocable decision — the board can change course at any time it wants thereafter and opt in."

If the board decides to opt into either local law for permitting dispensaries or lounges, Replansky said the town will have to adopt amendments to its zoning code in the next year or two regulating uses of dispensaries and/or lounges within the town.

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## Millerton Board will only permit MPD to hire seasoned officers

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MILLERTON — There has been some scuttlebutt in the village of Millerton surrounding its police force once again, as tends to happen every couple of years. This time, it's surrounding the Village Board's recent announcement that it will no longer allow the Millerton Police Department (MPD) to hire inexperienced officers to work on its part-time force.

Mayor Jenn Najdek confirmed the decision was made during a closed-door executive session during which both legal and personnel matters were discussed, at a July Village Board meeting. Afterward she informed MPD Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder of the decision.

Najdek also said the reason the matter was handled in that manner was because Veeder never responded to her initial invitation to meet with her and Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori after she first took office following the June elections.

"The board decided at this point that we wanted to limit our liability as much as possible in sending recruits to the academy and in sending [out] inexperienced officers. That's the gist of it," she said. "That's not to say that we wouldn't revisit that [issue] again."

When asked why the concern of

"I don't feel Millerton has to be the training ground for new recruits."

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek

liability weighed so heavily on the board's mind, Najdek explained, adding the village has other costs to deal with as well.

"Worse case scenario, it could bankrupt the village. There are places that has happened. God forbid something happened," she said. "Different things happened over the years with the police, issues they've had, lawsuits and stuff. We're a small village of 1,000 people. The idea is to limit whatever potential liability we have. As much as we put money into the police budget, we also provide water to village residents and have to figure out how to do that without raising taxes astronomically. We're looking at this from all angles; we, as a board, have to manage all of the different pieces in the village."

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan is the person who signs the annual police contract between the town and the village. He understands the importance of protecting both the safety of the community and the fiscal

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## Climate Smart group looks at wetlands, floodplains

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MILLERTON — Shedding a light on how the ongoing climate crisis and the record rainfall from Hurricane Ida have impacted local natural resources, Climate Smart Millerton invited residents to learn more about the importance of protecting local wetlands and floodplains with a special Wetlands Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 11, through Sunday, Sept. 12.

The weekend kicked off on Saturday at 4 p.m. with a virtual Zoom workshop, "Wetlands, Floodplains and Global Warming Forum," moderated by Tom Parrett, editor of the

Climate Smart Millerton website. It examined the role wetlands and floodplains play in the local ecosystem and why they should be protected.

The first to speak was Gretchen Stevens, director of Hudsonia's Biodiversity Resources Center. Stevens said Hudsonia had completed a town-wide habitat map a few years ago with an accompanying report describing the area's habitats and their ecological importance; the plants and animals of conservation concern; and recommendations for conservation.

Considering how broad the term

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Visiting the village of Millerton from Cape Cod, Mass., Hannah Ewart savored the award-winning zucchini bar at the NorthEast-Millerton Library's first Cookie Cook-Off.

## That's how a Millerton cookie crumbles...

MILLERTON — Residents seeking something sweet on Saturday morning, Sept. 18, were invited to drop by the front lawn of the NorthEast-Millerton Library for the library's inaugural Cookie Cook-Off, part of the Millerton Food Festival (see page A2 for more on the festival).

This year's Cookie Cook-Off received 26 entries from local bakers, including the classic chocolate chip, almond bliss, triple ginger, shortbread, molasses, fairy mint, pumpkin chocolate chip, gluten-free peanut butter bliss, brown butter toffee and many other delicious delights.

Next to each entry, the library provided a list of allergens included in the recipe, and NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson was more than happy to offer

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# MILLERTON

## Millerton Food Festival satisfies appetite for food and fun

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MILLERTON — After weeks spent advertising all of the culinary treats to be tasted and the fun to be had in the village on Saturday, Sept. 18, the Millerton Businesses Alliance (MBA) and Main Street Magazine lived up to their promises with the first-ever Millerton Food Festival. The all-day event attracted a large crowd of hungry spectators and a ready group of vendors prepared to feed them this past weekend.

The night before the festival, colorful balloons were set up along village streets as a cheerful invitation to explore the festival and its offerings. Held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., the festival drew people throughout the day, welcoming local residents, weekenders, visitors and food enthusiasts in search of their next great culinary adventure — a mission they could easily satisfy at any of the day's destinations.

In the early afternoon, the clouds overhead provided nice shade for spectators as they walked in search of something to eat, as well as for the vendors who offered everything from crepes and roasted corn to souvlaki and Southern-style BBQ.

Everywhere one turned, the scent of a delicious aroma could be detected in the air, or the vision of a new dish not yet sampled spotted, perhaps an inviting face ready to serve up something tasty eyed. Sweet, spicy, savory, smoky and salty — these were only a some of the flavors featured among the array of offerings at the food fest.

From Candy O's and Taro's to Millerton Wine & Spirits and Merwin Farm & Home, there were specials created especially for the festival by village merchants, many of whom set out



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, twins Hazel and Clara Mork from Stanfordville split a doughnut purchased from the Cosmic Donuts tent on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

tables and chairs on the sidewalks for hungry visitors.

North East Ford hosted a slew of activities to celebrate the festival, while the Millerton Farmers Market drew a number of visitors exploring the fresh produce, baked goods and other wares on display.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail was teeming with people drawn in by the food vendors, farm stands and crafts people who set up booths along the trail.

Smoke came billowing out of the grill behind the tent for Momma Lo's Southern-style BBQ; the mouthwatering aroma of ribs and chicken enticed children and their parents to check out the BBQ. Many then finished their meals off with the out-of-this-world array of doughnuts at the Cosmic Donuts tent.

The feedback generated from the Millerton Food Festival couldn't have been more exuberant.

"Should have done it 10 years ago — that's how long it should be, this festival," said Vincent Diaz as he and his family served pulled pork, lemongrass chicken and lemongrass tofu sandwiches

from Lemongrass Grill, their family business. "I think it's great what they did."

"Not all of the town events will be slam dunks for a business like ours," said Bob Murphy from the Millerton Antiques Center, "but we are always delighted to participate and very happy that it drew so many people into our town to see first-hand what Millerton has to offer."

Beyond the food, Thorunn Kristjansdottir from Main Street Magazine said there were good causes within the local community that received attention from the festival, including the 1858 one-room Irondale Schoolhouse and public radio station from Sharon, Conn., Robin Hood Radio.

"I am beyond thrilled to get all of the great and positive feedback from both visitors, vendors and retailers alike," she said. "For me, it is all about community and bringing people together — and I feel that an event like this helps cement that sentiment."



From left, Ella Hewing sold fresh apple cider in front of Merwin Farm & Home with help from Natalie and Wyatt Merwin during the Millerton Food Festival.

She added her office put a lot of work into the event, which helped bring it to fruition after months of logistics "and talking to just about every business in town and getting everyone as involved as we could."

Kristjansdottir added she was "beyond thrilled about how excited everyone was... the joy and the vibrancy in the air on Saturday was infectious — and that, to me, made all of the hard work worth it."

With so many people wanting another food festival, she added organizers are already discussing the possibility of making the festival an annual event. Next year, she said, it will be even larger with more food vendors.

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## Village Board muses merits of New York's marijuana law

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — The Village Board briefly touched on New York State's marijuana law, the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), which was adopted by the state in March. The MRTA legalized adult-use recreational marijuana; New York approved medical marijuana in 2014. The board discussed whether the village should opt in or out of permitting cannabis dispensaries and lounges at its workshop meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15, with plans to make a concrete decision at a later date.

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo set a Dec. 31 deadline for municipalities, which must decide by year's end if they will permit commercial sales of the drug and marijuana lounges where it can be smoked openly.

The meeting started at 6 p.m. in-person at the Village Offices on Route 22. Talk about the MRTA surfaced later in the meeting after the board covered other village business.

When it did come up for discussion, Mayor Jenn Najdek said she didn't feel the board should make a decision that evening as new information will be available at the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) next week, which will feature two back-to-back sessions about marijuana legislation.

That said, Najdek suggested the board have a brief conversation about the MRTA and the trustees' thoughts on it.

Trustee Matt Hartzog asked for clarification if the village opts out of allowing commercial dispensaries and/or lounges, and the town of North East opts in later on, would all of the tax revenue only go to the town? Najdek said yes. She said if both the town and village opt in but a dispensary is located in the town, outside of the village, the

village would get zero revenue.

If both the village and the town opt in and a dispensary is located within the village, Najdek said the village and town would create an intermunicipal agreement to split the funds.

If a mutual agreement is not established, Najdek said the tax revenue would get split with 1.5% going to the village and 1.5% going to the town.

The state gets 11% of the tax revenue generated from recreational marijuana sales; the county gets 4%; it keeps 1%; while 3% goes to the municipalities.

Sharing what she's learned from speaking with other individuals about the cannabis legislation, Najdek said, "It's much easier for us as a village to zone where a dispensary would go... it is 100% possible for the village to create its own zone and say, 'In order to have a dispensary, you need 30 parking spaces.' That severely limits the actual location within the village that you can have it."

Hartzog said he thought it was better "to be at the front of the line rather than the back of the line" in regard to permitting commercial cannabis operations. The state has said once its cannabis regulatory board is appointed it will only issue about 700 licenses for such businesses statewide.

Trustee Laurie Kerr said while it could be a good business, she didn't think allowing lounges was something she'd be in favor of in the village.

If Millerton opts out, Najdek said the board has to create a local law and hold a public hearing.

Trustee Dave Sherman also brought up licenses for operators of facilities like cannabis dispensaries and lounges.

Chiming in to share what she's read on the subject, Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer pointed out the possible tax revenue to come from permitting such businesses, especially with the village starting to plan its 2022 budget. While the village doesn't know yet how much the potential revenue could be, she noted it could be a significant amount.

Stating that legalized marijuana has created an increased need for local police coverage in other states, Hartzog wondered if the village would want to earmark a portion of the potential tax revenue earned from cannabis sales, should it opt in, to go toward the police department's budget. He said extra funds could be used to hire an additional officer or increase the force's hours.

As another option, Najdek said Millerton could maybe move to a smaller, full-time police force versus the part-time force that currently exists. Right now the Millerton Police Department (MPD) has 10 part-time officers. The idea, she said, is to ensure Millerton remains a safe location, even if marijuana dispensaries and lounges are ultimately permitted in either the village or town — or both. (For more on the future of the MPD, read this week's front page.)

The discussion ended with Najdek saying she would bring information from NYCOM to the next board meeting, set for Monday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m.

### Correction

Last week's article on the North East Town Board's vote not to allow commercial cannabis businesses erroneously stated that the board unanimously adopted two local laws, with both opting out of permitting

marijuana dispensaries as well as lounges. In fact, Councilman John Midwood voted in favor of permitting marijuana dispensaries, and the local law to opt out passed with a 4-1 vote. We regret the error.

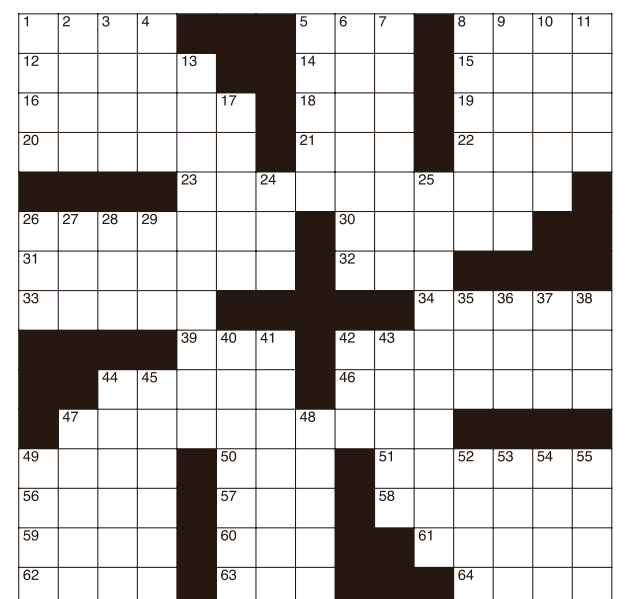
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- Part of (abbr.)
- At the peak
- African antelope
- Expression of satisfaction
- Yankees' ace
- Belittled
- A baglike structure
- Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- Actress Tomei
- Explosive
- Formal for "on"
- Cruelties
- Country singer Brad
- Make very happy
- Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
- Albanian currency
- Subatomic particle
- Type of salt
- 007's creator
- Emerging
- Railroad flare
- Observed
- Capable of reproduction
- Indicates adjacent to
- Legendary Notre Dame coach
- Not wide
- An embarrassing mistake
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- Denotes passerine birds
- Stumble
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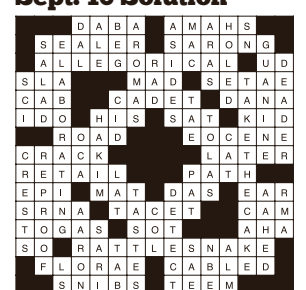
### CLUES DOWN

- Crease
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- Broad volcanic crater
- Product safety watchdog
- Southern Colombian city
- Part of a church
- Perceptible by touch
- Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- Hairpiece
- Variety acts
- "Mystic River" actor Sean
- Remove salt
- Went out with
- Type of bread
- Popular Eagles song

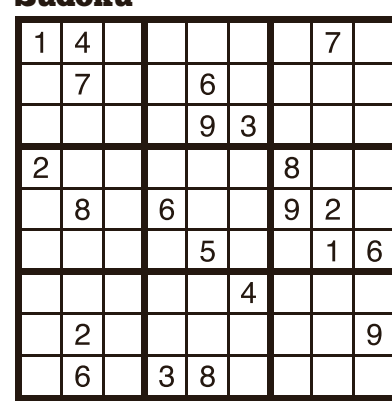


- Philosophy degree
- Yes vote
- Passports and licenses are two
- No seats available
- Indicates per square inch
- A way to launch an attack on
- The lowest cardinal number
- Popular Miller beer
- Pokes holes in
- Closest to
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Rivne's former name
- Flat ruler
- Lacking the means to do something
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- Explosion exclamation
- Canadian flyers
- Houston university
- At some prior time
- Red, swollen mark

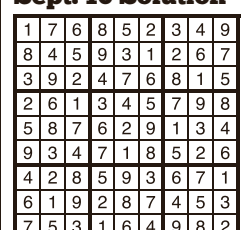
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PINE PLAINS/AREA

# Pine Plains Town Board takes first glance at 2022 municipal budget

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PINE PLAINS — Among the items listed on its workshop meeting agenda on Monday, Sept. 1, the Pine Plains Town Board focused its attention on a preview of the 2022 town budget.

Board members convened in person at Pine Plains Town Hall and virtually at 7 p.m. The meeting can now be viewed on the "Town of Pine Plains" YouTube channel.

Addressing the 2022 budget, town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said health insurance costs are going up 7%. Reminding board members their health insurance is always renewed in March, she explained the increase won't affect the town during the first two months of 2022 but will affect everything after that from April onward.

With the town's un-allocated insurance expected to go up by 5 or 6%, Cloud said this year's un-allocated insurance amount is about \$1,000 more than the town initially predicted. In the meantime, she said the town is prepared to "fly by on the seat of our pants a little bit on insurance."

Looking into next year's salaries, Cloud talked about the town becoming competitive with salaries "because we can't find people to take the jobs."

Though she said this was a

topic the board should discuss more in-depth in executive session, the supervisor said she wanted to warn the board "we're looking at having to be competitive just to get people."

Next, Pine Plains Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich spoke about her fiscal plan, noting she broke everything down in depth in terms of what she's anticipating in terms of budget requirements.

Focusing on salaries, Emerich explained she put together a schedule of salaries for individuals with certain years of experience. Projecting the 2021 Highway Departments Compensation Comparisons, she said made a comparison of neighboring municipalities' highway department salaries, starting salaries, road mileage, different job classifications, health insurance contributions, whether or not their employees are union members and highway superintendent salaries.

As the board examined the comparisons in relation to the Pine Plains Highway Department, Emerich pointed out the challenges highway departments encounter, especially in recruiting workers for the highway crews.

Cloud then said she has about half of all the department budgets and reported "there are no surprises — everybody wants a little more money and almost everything is going for some

training and supplies."

Bringing up a salary issue with the town's police budget, Cloud said the idea of giving Pine Plains Police Department Officer-in-Charge John Hughes a salary as opposed to paying him at an hourly rate needs to be discussed.

With Hughes working part-time, she explained he's "on basically 24/7" and is having a hard time figuring out "how much money to charge the town for the time he's working when he's getting a call at midnight or he's got to talk somebody through something."

"It's becoming unwieldy,"

Cloud said, "so he requested that we think about giving him a salary as opposed to trying to do it our way."

The discussion then led to the stimulus money the town received from the federal government for COVID relief. Answering questions from the board about the funds, Cloud said Pine Plains has half of the stimulus money in hand and can only spend it on infrastructure needs, such as broadband, septic systems, etc.

With the first half of the stimulus money in the town's account, Cloud said the second half should arrive next summer.



PHOTOS BY STAN HIRSON

Volunteers and town representatives helping out at this year's Bob Couse Clean Up Day worked together to unload materials, such as this sofa, from residents' vehicles to be carted away.

## Another successful Bob Couse Clean Up Day

PINE PLAINS — Area residents looking to rid their homes of unwanted furniture, rugs, tires and other materials were in luck on Saturday, Sept. 18, as the town of Pine Plains hosted its annual Bob Couse Town Clean Up Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recycling Center at the Pine Plains Highway Garage.

Throughout the day, resi-

dents drove up to the Recycling Center eager to part with unnecessary belongings.

With help from town officials and Clean Up Day volunteers, folks left the Recycling Center feeling lighter as their unwanted items and discarded materials were unloaded from their vehicles and carted away.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Running from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., this year's Bob Couse Clean Up Day drew a steady number of area residents ready to part with their unwanted materials.

### FRIENDS of Library winners

#### Adult summer readers

PINE PLAINS — The winners of the FRIENDS of the Pine Plains Library Adult Summer Reading Program were each awarded a \$25 gift certificate for completing the most books.

The winners received gift certificates that are valid at local restaurants:

Ren Babcock — Spud Shack

Mary Bowen — Moose On The Loose

Janine Babcock — El Guacamole

Ted Mallozzi — Pine Plains Platter (to be used before Oct. 1)

Kathy Bartles — Tower Pizza

Tricia Devine — Lia's Mountain View

"The FRIENDS of the Pine Plains Library provided the gift certificates to the local restaurants for the Adult Reading Contest that was sponsored by Pine Plains Library," said FRIENDS Director at Large Barbara Denerstein, thanking participants.

### AREA IN BRIEF

#### Roast Beef Dinner

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Presbyterian Church will hold a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be take-outs only for \$17 each, to be picked up at the church.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase wreaths for veterans at Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains on National Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 18 at noon. Save the date and join us.

Co-sponsored by the American Legion Post 426 and the First United Presbyterian Church.

For tickets, call Carol at 518-398-7056

The First United Presbyterian Church is located at 3039 Church Street (Route 199) in Pine Plains.

#### Drive-thru flu shot clinic Sept. 25

COPAKE — On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Columbia County Department of Health will be at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library at 9091 Route 22, conducting a drive-thru flu shot clinic from 9 to 11 a.m.

This clinic will not offer the high dose (or senior) flu vaccination.

Registration is required through the county health department. To register, go to [www.columbiacountyhealth.com/news/2021-drive-thru-flu-clinics/](http://www.columbiacountyhealth.com/news/2021-drive-thru-flu-clinics/) or call 518-828-3358, ext. 1310.

Individuals must leave their name and phone number and a staff member will contact them to complete the registration.

#### Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale

PINE PLAINS — The First United Presbyterian Church at 3039 Church St. (Route 199) is holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale on Friday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Harvesting the Three Sisters Garden

COPAKE — On Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., the Roeliff Jansen Community Library will host a children's event at its special Three Sisters Garden. Children will have the opportunity to harvest plants of corn, squash and beans that were planted in late spring.

Children will also have the chance to decorate a permanent sign for the garden with their own special artistic touches and make corn-husk dolls to take home. Come celebrate a bountiful harvest and learn more about the local Native American people who taught European settlers this form of companion planting.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library serves Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, and is located at 9091 Route 22.

For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101 or go to [www.roeliffjansenlibrary.org](http://www.roeliffjansenlibrary.org), [www.facebook.com/roeliffjansenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/roeliffjansenlibrary) or [www.instagram.com/roeliffjansenlibrary/](http://www.instagram.com/roeliffjansenlibrary/).

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#### Gallatin church joins Historic Register

GALLATIN — The historic 1748 Gallatin Community Church, formerly the Gallatin Reformed Church, at 234 Route 7, will be celebrating its inclusion in the National Historic Register on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.

The event will feature refreshments and a free concert of

violin, piano, harp and voice with Lona Lee Curtis at the church's 1873 pipe organ.

Earlier in the day, the 11 a.m. Sunday service will include special guest preacher, the Rev. A. Edward Sellers Jr.

For more information, call 518-398-9462.

#### Blessing of the Animals Oct. 3

COPAKE FALLS — The Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, in collaboration with the Church of St. John in the Wilderness and the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, invites local pets and their families to come out to the Blessing of the Animals followed by the Animal Parade on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The event will begin at 12:45 p.m. with families gathering at St. John in the Wilderness at 261 Route 344 in Copake Falls. Parking will be available.

The Blessing of the Animals will be conducted by Rev. John Thompson at the church at 1 p.m., followed by a procession of animals and their families to the nearby Roeliff Jansen Historical Society Museum at 8 Miles Road.

At the museum, pets and their families can enjoy a special exhibit of children's animal art created on Friday, Oct. 3, at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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## Denise (Morin) Cashman

SALISBURY — Denise (Morin) Cashman, 51, of Salisbury passed peacefully Sept. 8, 2021, at Sharon Health Care Center.



Born March 21, 1970, in Biddeford, Maine, Denise was the daughter of Precille (Cote) Morin of Greensboro, N.C., and the late Rene A. Morin of Biddeford.

Denise was a graduate of Biddeford High School. She worked at various jobs in retail, which she truly enjoyed throughout her life.

Denise also enjoyed skiing and riding her snowmobile and motorcycle. Denise loved to spend time with family and friends.

Denise is survived by her mother, Precille Morin; a sister, Debra (Morin) Baker and her

husband, Tom, and two brothers, David Morin and his wife, Jayne, and Daniel Morin and his wife, Lynn. Denise was loved by her nieces and nephews, Jessica Brackett, Thomas Baker, Hope Lohnes, Kristina Knight, Jennifer Gaither, Jason Morin, Samantha Meader, Jacqueline Antone and Jacob

Morin, along with their spouses and children. She had a close relationship with her cousin, Michelle Cote.

There will be a graveside service for family on Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Biddeford.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the hospice of your choice. Local arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

## Francis 'Buster' Osborne

NORTH CANAAN — Francis "Buster" Osborne, 74, passed away surrounded by his family on Sept. 14, 2021, after a two-year battle with dementia.



Buster was born on Oct. 18, 1946, to Leona and Morris Osborne.

He was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the Air Force from 1966-1970.

After the Air Force, he married the love of his life, Chickie Mangan, on Sept. 18, 1971. They would have been married 50 years this September.

Together, they raised their three children, Tina, Beth and Edwin.

Buster worked at Decker & Beebe for 38 years. He prided

himself on his work and he could fix anything in his shop.

An early retirement meant more time to spend with his grandchildren, Dylan, Maddy, Hannah and Christopher, and more time to golf and fish on the river with "the boys."

Due to COVID, services will be private at this time. A celebration of life will be held next summer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Kara Zinke Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 1209, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

## Dr. John William 'Bill' Gallup

SALISBURY — The Lakeville Journal received news at press time that Dr. John William "Bill" Gallup died on Sept. 20, 2021.

Dr. Gallup was a well-known and beloved pediatrician who served families in the Northwest Corner from the time he and his wife, Jean, arrived in Sharon in 1962. He was generous with his

time and his care. He was the father of Sarah Gallup of Portland, Ore., Cristin Gallup Rich of Salisbury and John Gallup of Portland.

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

A full obituary will follow at a later date.

## Patricia Anne Pierro

SHEFFIELD — Patricia Anne Pierro, 63, of Sheffield, Mass., passed away peacefully on Sept. 17, 2021, at Berkshire Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1958, in Port Chester, N.Y., to the late Dominick and Jennie (Vitti) Pierro.

Pat holds degrees from Ladycliff College, Fordham University, Simmons University and The College of Saint Rose.

Patricia was a special education teacher at Webutuck Central School District for over 32 years. In that time, she has impacted the lives of countless students, families and colleagues. Her drive for professional development and dedication to education will be remembered.

When not teaching or studying, she enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. She also had a love for cooking

and baking, and would make almost anything once.

Patricia is survived by her daughters, Colleen Carmody and her husband, Christopher Seward, and Caitlin Carmody. Also, by the father of her daughters, Thomas Carmody; and six siblings, Donald Pierro, Christopher Pierro, Anita Killea, Gina Pierro, Dominick Pierro and Christina Biggins.

In addition to her parents, Pat was also predeceased by her sister, Michelle Bocchino; and brother, David Pierro.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Copake, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. from Our Lady of Hope Parish. Interment will follow in St. Bridget's Cemetery. For directions or to leave a message of condolence go to [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net).

## SPORTS

### Another successful Orvis Game Fair Weekend

MILLBROOK — The Orvis Sandanona Shooting Grounds in Millbrook drew "great attendance," according to Senior Manager Peggy Long, for its 60-plus vendors and exhibitors, as many spectators checked out the deep variety of demonstrations over the weekend.

According to Long, "Our Orvis Cup Sporting Clays Shoot was sold out with 140 shooters, along with many of our locals and members enjoying the shooting side games and clays course all weekend."

The Orvis Sandanona Game Fair Weekend was held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19. The free family-friendly weekend included fly-casting

and shooting lessons, game cooking demonstrations and birds of prey exhibits. There was also a Land Rover driving course and many other popular attractions as well as shopping and lots of good food.

The game cooking demonstrations with chefs from the nearby Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park were again a popular draw, said Long, as was the falconry demo with local falconer Tom Cullen. The hunting dog and dog scurry events were other favorite events, and of course, the children's activities were well attended, including the bird house painting, air-rifle target practice and bouncy house events.

Then, of course, there were local food and ice cream trucks, a farmers market, live music, sportswear, boots, shotguns, cigars, fishing and hunting equipment for sale, along with art, taxidermy, antique engines, representatives from local distilleries and more as all part of the fun.

For information about Orvis Sandanona, call 845-677-9701 or go to [www.orvis.com](http://www.orvis.com).

— Whitney Joseph

Local residents and visitors from out of town came to Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook for its Game Fair Weekend, held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, to enjoy the many activities at the acclaimed shooting grounds.



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## More sports found online

The Millerton News has tons of sports to report on this week, including another great Bleacher Views from sports columnist Theodore Kneeland, who asks us to consider teams battling .300 — like the Orioles — in the context of Sisyphus, who was condemned by the gods to ceaselessly roll a boulder up a mountain.

We also have lots of local high school sports to report on this week, including some photos of a Lady Warriors soccer match, including Webutuck, Millbrook and Dover girls soccer, Stissing Mountain field hockey and Pine Plains-Rhinebeck football.

To find these stories and more, go to [www.tri-cornernews.com](http://www.tri-cornernews.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Shelley Rose Parsons

HILLSDALE — With sad and heavy hearts, the family of Shelley Rose Parsons, age 70, of Hillsdale, N.Y., announces her peaceful passing on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, N.Y., surrounded by her loving family.



Loved by many, she was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Shelley participated in several organizations and will be greatly missed by all.

Her family was blessed to have her in their lives and know although she fought to the end, her suffering is over.

Shelley is survived by her husband, Gary Swart Sr. of Hillsdale; two sons, Gary Swart Jr. and his wife, Renee, of Dover Plains and Sheldon Swart and his companion, Denise, of Salisbury; a daughter, LeaAnn

and her companion, Ray, of Hillsdale; and four grandchildren, Brianna and Kyle Swart of Dover Plains, Taylor Swart of Salisbury and ReneeLynn Savoy of Hillsdale.

She was predeceased by her loving parents, Norton and Leatrice Parsons.

Calling hours will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hillsdale Fire Company, P.O. Box 305, Hillsdale, NY 12529 or the Community Rescue Squad Ambulance, 283 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY 12516.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

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



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Week of September 26, 2021

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The family of Wally Kaye would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and prayers.

Linda and Brian Kaye  
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# Webutuck stays alert to COVID-19 and Delta cases, testing and vaccinations

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WEBUTUCK — While the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) instituted a number of health and safety protocols before the start of the 2021-22 school year, its administrators are keeping aware of the rise of the COVID-19 Delta variant and are prepared to follow the necessary protocols to keep schools open and students and staff safe against the spread of deadly virus.

Within the first two weeks of the new school year, which began Sept. 7, the WCSD received reports of three active COVID-19 cases in the district.

While uncertain of the exact date the cases were reported, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani said they were spread out over two days the week before last.

He said the cases involved two Webutuck students and one staff member, all of whom have been quarantined.

The staff member and one of the students were from Webutuck Elementary School (WES), while the other student case was from Webutuck High School (WHS).

"I was really concerned that this Delta wave was going to spread heavily through Dutchess County," Castellani said, "and since then, we have had no more further cases, so we hope that it's contained to that small group."

In an interview on Friday, Sept. 17, the superintendent told this newspaper while he believes some of the COVID cases the district has seen might be of the Delta variant, there's been no way to confirm that.

Castellani addressed the recent COVID cases at the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Monday, Sept. 13. In the week before the BOE meeting, he said he believed there were "less than five people identified in our area" who were sick and that the number of cases has since reached "over 10."

Believing the district was starting to see a wave of the Delta variant at that time, Castellani said, "Hopefully it's a wave we can get by without having major changes to our program."

By Sept. 17, Castellani said he was looking for signs the wave might start to flatten.

"It's hopefully going to drop off so we're hoping to get through that wave or plateau." Castellani informed the BOE that Business Administrator Robert Farrier and other Webutuck staff have done all of the contact tracing for the three cases, and that anyone who has been in contact with those individuals unmasked or unvaccinated has been quarantined.

Pointing out how this year's protocols differ from last year's, Castellani said in following the guidelines set forth by New York State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, individuals don't have to be quarantined if they are properly masked.

However, if they are unmasked for any reason, unvaccinated and are within 6 feet of an individual who tested positive for more than 15 cumulative minutes, the individual has to be quarantined.

Farrier added students in kindergarten through 12th grade don't need to quarantine as long as they are wearing their masks properly.

As a new requirement instituted by Governor Kathy Hochul, Castellani said that individuals who are unvaccinated or choose not to share their vaccination status with their school district will be required to take part in weekly mandatory testing.

He said the WCSD has been doing a lot of work with the Webutuck Teachers' Association, its Civil Service Employee Association and even outside vendors, and it now has a list of everyone in the district who has chosen to share if they're vaccinated; those who have chosen to share they're not vaccinated; and those who have not chosen to share their vaccination status.

Working closely with Dutchess County, Castellani said Webutuck will have a COVID testing and vaccine site at WHS (94 Haight Road in Amenia) from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 and 29. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available.

"For those who choose not to be vaccinated at this time, that's their choice and we respect that," Castellani said, "but they will have to be subject to testing, and for those who haven't shared with us their vaccination status for whatever reason, they will have to be subject to testing as well."

Castellani said the testing results will come back within a day; school personnel will have to prove they tested negative in order to return to work. To date, he said Webutuck has about 25 to 30 people who either didn't respond or told the district they weren't vaccinated, "so we know we can get that number in and out to be tested in a fairly quick manner."



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Visiting the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre from Goshen, Conn., Jackson Magyar stopped to admire a 1939 Mack Rat Rod owned by Amenia Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin, pictured in the rear with her English bulldog, Bella.

## Classic cars roar at Lions Club car show

AMENIA — Once again, the Amenia Lions Club found a way to rev up some community spirit with help from an exceptional lineup of cars featured in this year's Community Classic Car Show on Sunday, Sept. 19.

With the show running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., cars of varying makes and models were proudly parked on the grass of the Four

Brothers Drive-In Theatre, their wheels pointed in the direction of the theater's main screen.

The owners of the cars and trucks seated themselves near their vehicles, happy to engage with the numerous people who stopped by to admire the shiny mix of metal and glass works of art on display.

Paired with music, food and

raffle prizes for the car show entrants, the event gave community members a reason to be out in the sunshine on Sunday. All who attended seemed to enjoy a great car show for an equally great cause.

All proceeds raised at the Community Classic Car Show were directed to benefit the local COVID-19 Community Relief Fund.

— Kaitlin Lyle



From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., local residents and visitors to the area wandered up and down the rows of cars on display in this year's Lions Club Community Classic Car Show, pausing to admire the different models and chat with the vehicles' owners.

# Hearings about unsafe structures lead to talk of affordable housing

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — After approving resolutions declaring two residential structures unsafe at its meeting on Aug. 19 (one at 5282 Route 44 and one at 31 Tally Ho Drive), the Amenia Town Board held mandatory public hearings on the structures at its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16.

The Route 44 structure was later identified as a traditional residence while the structure at Tally Ho was described as a mobile home.

At the board's August meeting, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti explained the board received a memorandum from Building Inspector Michael Segelken declaring both structures unsafe according to current building codes.

In his memo, Segelken said he notified Town Engineer John Andrews and met with Andrews at both locations to assess the condition of the two residences.

Andrews thoroughly explained the properties via separate memos to specify the problems. Segelken stated via memorandum.

It was Andrews' recommendation to demolish and/or remove both properties. Segelken recommended the board hold hearings so the process could begin immediately.

The two mandated public hearings for the demolition/removal were held on Sept. 16, starting with the hearing for the structure at 5282 Route 44.

### First public hearing on Route 44 residence

Stepping up to the podium, Kelly Merino identified herself as that building's owner.

Merino explained she bought the residence a couple years ago with a friend, who

later "bailed" on her; she then bought out the building, which she said left her a little cash-strapped. While Merino had two contractors lined up to demolish the building last year, she said both contractors then disappeared on her.

Having filed for a demolition permit, Merino said, "I do understand it is an eyesore; I do have intentions of getting rid of it, it's just been really hard to find somebody to do it."

Merino said she reached out to some people last week to see about tearing down the building. She assured the board that she understands the problem, and that it's just been a matter of "time and money."

Perotti said she understood Merino has been in conversation with Segelken for a while about the property.

Merino confirmed she had an order from the building inspector to demolish the property. Perotti said she also heard that Merino had to get asbestos abatement done at the site; Merino said she contacted contractors about doing so.

Perotti told Merino to keep the board posted on her progress with the building, and Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars said Merino should go through himself or Segelken to report to the board.

**Affordable housing option?** Stepping forward, Leo Blackman, head of the Amenia Housing Board (AHB), said the AHB had actually identified Merino's property a while ago as one that might be suitable to adapt as affordable housing.

Blackman said he spoke with Segelken about the idea and while he hasn't been inside the building, he understands there are problems with the septic system and with water in the basement.

Blackman said the AHB would like time to bring a representative from Hudson River Housing or Dutchess County Housing to examine the building to see if it's salvageable for affordable housing.

He also wants to talk to Merino to see if she's interested in converting the building to affordable housing. Until then he requested the Town Board delay the demolition a week or two so the AHB can learn if the building is worth saving.

Perotti said she believed there's a 60-day window; Lindars said it's 30 days to order the demolition and 60 days to complete the demolition.

Through a resolution Lindars prepared, the Town Board declared the building unsafe and directed that the building either be repaired or demolished. The attorney suggested if there's a plan Blackman wants to present to the board, it be done within the 60-day time frame.

Blackman said the AHB will work to get that information right away "because it seems like a waste of resources and we've had a very hard time finding a site for affordable housing in the area."

### Second hearing on second unsafe property

After closing the first public hearing, the board opened the public hearing for the structure at 31 Tally Ho Drive.

Maryellen Lugo introduced herself as the manager of Tally Ho Estates and said they're going to demolish the building.

"It is unsafe, we know it, we've been trying all this while to get it [done]," she said, "so Monday morning, I will be here to get a permit to demolish it so there's no problem with that."

As there were no further comments, the public hearing closed shortly thereafter.



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## Hometown Heroes get boost from CVE

Cricket Valley Energy donated \$1,000 to the Dover-Amenia Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5444 Hometown Heroes Banner Project this summer. At the check ceremony were, from left, VFW Post 5444 member Justin Dedeles; Cricket Valley Energy (CVE) Manager Don Ross; VFW 5444 Post Cmdr. Madison Fletcher's daughter Brooklyn; Cmdr. Fletcher; and VFW Post 5444 members Vern Roberts; Herb Eschbach; and Steve Monica.

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**CANNABIS** *Continued from Page A1*

After further discussion, the board voted unanimously against allowing lounges, which would be akin to bars that sell alcohol, in Pine Plains.

Next, the public hearing on the local law to opt in or out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries was opened; it closed shortly thereafter when there was no public comment.

"I think it's a great opportunity for our town, said Councilman Matthew Zick, citing potential tax revenue and new small businesses. "If you ever go to Great Barrington, [Mass.], every plate in the parking lot is a New York State plate... so why not make it closer?"

Referring to dispensary licenses, of which the state is only going to issue about 700 state-wide, town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said, "I feel that we would possibly lose out all together on getting one if we waited too long. The process for choosing who gets a license is going to start really soon so that the people who opt in are going to be first in line for those licenses... and the ones who opt out will be second in line and that will be a long process."

Regulations for dispensaries are 90% written, Cloud said, adding it could be two to eight weeks before they are released.

After some more discussion, the board unanimously decided to opt in and allow cannabis dispensaries in town.

**Amenia, slow to act**

Elsewhere in the Harlem Valley, the town of Amenia again deferred taking action on the MRTA at its September board meeting. Though the subject of marijuana dispensaries and lounges has been broached at its meetings in the past few months, the board has not at this time held a formal discussion on the subject, unlike many of its neighboring communities.

Asked why, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti explained, "I have been gathering information on the law from the Association of Towns and other sources and giving it to the Town Board so that they have

all the information they need to make an informed decision."

"We've been hearing some public comments that people have come forward to remark on it and I think we're busy trying to hear from different people," said Councilwoman Vicki Doyle when asked why the board has been so reticent to discuss the law.

The topic has been broached informally at a couple of board meetings and discussed briefly by some board members but there has not been a formal discussion or a public forum, as there was in Millerton/North East and in Pine Plains prior to their public hearings on the issue.

Come Thursday, Oct. 7, the Amenia Town Board intends to introduce a resolution on if

the town should opt in or out of allowing marijuana dispensaries and/or lounges, with plans to set a public hearing shortly thereafter.

"I do believe we should've had more open discussion about it," Councilman Damian Gutierrez said. "I personally don't know yet how I stand on the issue but I think there's a lot of benefit on both sides, considering."

Citing the substantial tax revenue the town could gain from opting in and the limited number of licenses expected to be issued throughout the state of New York, Gutierrez said, "I only ask that my fellow Town Board members is that they keep an open mind and not sort of base the decision on preconceived notions and hear out the pros and cons."

**COOKIES** *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**Willing to do a trick to gain a treat, Bellamy, an American bull dog pitbull mix, patiently balanced a cookie on her snout with hopes of eating it afterwards.**

a glass of milk to anyone looking for something to drink with their tasty treat.

Running from 10 a.m. to noon, visitors sampled the cookies on display and, after tasting an ample platter of entries, cast their vote for their favorite cookie before going back for more.

With a total of 101 votes cast,

the library declared Lisa Miller's zucchini bars the winner of this year's first-ever Cookie Cook-Off, followed by the Midnight Cookies and the Chocolate Chip Cookies.

Miller was awarded a \$100 gift card to the Millerton business of her choice. What a sweet victory!

**WETLANDS** *Continued from Page A1*



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**About 25 community members gathered on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail north of Millerton on Sunday, Sept. 12, for a guided wetlands and floodplains walk with Julie Hart from the Dutchess Land Conservancy and Amanda Cabanillas from Housatonic Valley Association.**

"wetlands" is, she said there are many kinds of wetlands in northeastern landscapes — fens, vernal pools, wet meadows, marshes and acidic bogs — as well as many subdivisions of those kinds of wetlands.

**Local wetlands**

Exhibiting a map of the different wetlands found in the Millerton-North East region, she described each wetlands' characteristics and role as a habitat for wildlife and plant species.

Along with supporting a great variety of animal and plant species, Stevens highlighted the ways in which small and isolated wetlands are every bit as important ecologically as large wetlands and those connected to lakes and streams, from restoring floodwaters and recharging groundwater to exporting organisms to other habitats and retaining and transforming nutrients, metals and other toxins.

However, unlike the larger

wetlands, most of the smaller wetlands are unprotected by state and federal laws. If they're going to be protected, she said it must be done at the local level, whether by local legislation or local landowners.

**The importance of floodplains**

As watershed conservation director of the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), Michael Jastremski delivered an overview of the function and ecological services provided by floodplains. Jastremski explained prioritizing floodplain restoration and protection is critical as well as taking action over the actions that can be controlled at the local level to reduce flood risk.

As Dutchess Land Conservancy's Senior Manager of Stewardship & Education, Julie Hart talked about where wetlands come from, adding land changes over time and talking about what causes those chang-

es. She started with the Ice Age and moved into the 1800s.

**Ecosystem services**

Talking about why wetlands should be protected, Hart outlined ecosystem services — a term she referred to as "What does the land do for you?" — and the different ways people can think about ecosystem services.

As a visual demonstration of these resources and their place in the local region, community members were invited to take part in a guided wetlands and floodplains walk with Hart the next morning.

Walking along the new section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail north of Millerton, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said the walk drew about 25 people who came to see the wetlands and floodplains in person, understand the role they play in sequestering water and observe how they change when the area receives a big rainfall.

**MILLERTON POLICE** *Continued from Page A1*

interest of its residents.

"Municipalities should always be looking to minimize any potential liability, which at the end of the day, ends up on the taxpayers," said Kennan.

Veeder said, though, when the mayor and the board returned from their executive session in July, he was totally taken aback.

"They didn't give me a reason why [they came to their decision]; I was just told I couldn't do it," he said. "I was working on getting one or two new people into the academy then this got thrown onto my plate."

He explained that when the MPD looks to hire new men or women, it often looks to hire fresh recruits who are willing to train at the academy — a cost the recruits shoulder themselves. They also purchase their own weapons.

"The village has very little invested in an officer," said Veeder. "That's why it's so frustrating for me. It's a no brainer, I would think, to cosponsor someone for the academy."

Full-time officers typically spend about six months training at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy in Poughkeepsie while part-time officers spend about nine months training.

Afterwards, officers spend a minimum of 160 hours at their dedicated agency doing field training with an experienced officer by their side. The mayor said the village has to pay for that experienced officer, plus the new officer, all of which adds up.

"There are only a couple of officers the new recruit can ride with, and they have to ride 160 hours, with two police on at a certain time," she said.

**Current roster, training**

Currently the part-time Millerton force has 10 officers, including Veeder. Unseasoned officers get paid on the low end of the pay scale, about \$17 an hour. Veeder newcomers can also be molded to follow the department's community policing policies and protocols.

New cadets are also trained in the most recent police techniques and procedures current with today's issues; they're taught to be aware of hot-button issues and current with diversity training as well up-to-date with mental illness training and other societal needs. Those new recruits would be privy to many of the issues addressed in the mandated police reform that was promoted by former Governor Andrew Cuomo in the wake of George Floyd's death. Older seasoned officers might not have had such training.

Yet seasoned officers have years of experience, said the mayor, which she said is what makes them so valuable. New cadets just don't have that kind of on-the-job-training to lean on and the years' worth of contacts and resources veteran officers have accumulated.

**Fears of phasing out the MPD?**

Najdek, however, said she doesn't want the MPD to mold every officer who walks through its door.

"I don't feel Millerton has to be the training ground for new recruits," she said. "A lot of them come here, work, and try to make a name for them-

selves and then go on to other agencies. This is circular, every few years there's an issue with the police department, whether around click it or ticket, people getting pulled over; people start complaining.

"I don't know where this is all stemming from. There's a whole thread on Facebook. I heard, 'They're getting rid of the MPD' — that's not the intent of this board by any means. I don't know if that's everyone's concern right now. I don't know if that's Mike's concern right now," she said.

"Absolutely, that's a huge concern of mine and it should be a concern for residents because they could be relying on outside agencies that take half an hour to get here, or more," said Veeder. "That's a huge issue I'm having a hard time with. I want to provide for our residents the best I can.

"Like I expressed to the board, when we're out here, even as a part-time agency, we're here," he added. "If there's a big call, the New York State Police or the Sheriff's Office aren't dedicated to Millerton. If they have to go elsewhere in the county, that's where they go. Millerton residents and North East residents have an agency dedicated just for them, which is good. Not many places have a police agency just for them... When people call 911 they want help right now, not in a half hour or an hour, they want it ASAP, basically it's a safety thing for residents."

**MPD budget**

In 2021-22, the total budget for the MPD came to \$116,742.55. Of that figure, the portion the town of North East paid to the village for police services came to \$26,500. The remaining portion that the village paid for amounted to \$90,242.55.

Of that total police budget, \$66,292.55 was appropriated to the police salary line, which made up approximately 57% of the department's budget.

The pay scale for an officer with the MPD ranges from \$17 per hour to \$23.49 per hour.

Veeder described the pay as "on the low side" in Dutchess County, and said that's one of the reasons why Millerton has such a tough time attracting new officers.

The Village Board approved

a 3% salary increase for all officers in this year's (2021-22) budget, with the exception of brand new hires, according to Village Clerk and Treasurer Kelly Kilmer.

**Police activity**

The 10 officers on the MPD roster respond to about 30 to 50 calls a month collectively on average, which can range from domestic violence calls to burglary calls to drunk driving calls to missing person calls to vehicle lockout calls.

Veeder said he's seen an increase in call volume this summer, especially in domestic violence calls and car thefts and break-ins. Whether that's due to the pandemic, he's not sure. It certainly indicates a need for more officers and recruits, though, not fewer, he said, whether they're seasoned officers or new cadets.

"I had asked the board for their support, which I feel I haven't gotten, and the community support, which is huge," said Veeder. "So definitely, if community members out there feel they can talk to the board and express their concern, yeah, that would definitely help. We've seen this happen before, there was talk of this when I first started, then it calmed down. I don't know what causes it, but it's frustrating out there because we're doing our job and doing the right thing and helping community members."

**Share your thoughts**

So while Veeder is asking residents and businesspeople concerned about the issue to contact the mayor and Village Board members, Najdek said she, too, would like to hear from people in the community.

"Call me. Have a conversation with me," said the mayor. "I don't know all the answers but I would rather have the conversation with someone that has a question than have misinformation and rumor running around when people know how to contact me."

To get a hold of Najdek, email jnajdek.villagemillerton@gmail.com or stop by the Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) in Millerton. One can also call 518-789-4489 and leave a message for the mayor of anyone on the Village Board.

To leave a message for Veeder or the MPD, stop by the Village Offices or call 518-789-6355.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

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**THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## Honoring the Man Who Puts The Magic in Musicals, Films

Have pity on poor Jonathan Tunick, the famed orchestrator of musicals and films, the favorite of Stephen Sondheim, one of only 16 people in the history of the world to hold the coveted EGOT (an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony award).

Pity? Yes, pity. For most of his life he's been able to go quietly about his work, taking a tune and turning it into a score with all the instruments and all the voices and all the magic.

But on Saturday, Oct. 2, he will have to step into the limelight when he is the centerpiece of the Sharon Playhouse Spotlight Gala, with a show called "The Sound of Broadway: A Salute to Jonathan Tunick."

Well, with a title like that, there really is no place for Tunick to hide.

"I'm not accustomed to being the center of attention," Tunick sighed in an interview last week.

How does he think he'll handle it?

"I'll just have to see. There's something I've always liked about my job: It's a mysterious profession. I'm the person who

hangs around backstage in a hat and trench coat and everyone says, 'Who's that?'"

After Oct. 2, pretty much everyone will know — at least, everyone in the Tristate area. Now Tunick will have to wear dark glasses and a baseball cap when he leaves his home in Sharon, Conn., and goes to the grocery store. How can he avoid talking to fans about working with Sondheim, about working with Placido Domingo, about working with Hugh Jackman on "The Music Man," opening on Broadway in December.

Tunick will be able to remain anonymous for at least the first half of the evening, sitting quietly with his wife, Leigh Berry, also a Broadway star.

He and the rest of the audience will enjoy a stroll through Tunick's work, from his early days ("Promises, Promises," "Dames at Sea"), with special stops along the way to enjoy the work he's done with Maury Yeston (the Tony Award-winning composer of "Nine" and "Titanic"). In the second portion of the evening,

*"I have a soft spot in my heart for good honest summer theater and have always supported and enjoyed it."*

of course: There will be Sondheim.

Playhouse Artistic Director Alan M-L Wager, a walking encyclopedia/Rolodex of Broadway, who has conceived and directs the evening, has worked with Tunick and Playhouse orchestra contractor Rich Conley to organize a 26-piece orchestra and a cast of 18 amazing singers, including six local performers and some Playhouse favorites. They will also welcome some Playhouse newcomers — all with enough Tony Award-winning legendary Broadway firepower to light up the entire neighborhood for the night.

Wager said that the songs selected for the evening will not necessarily be the biggest hits from beloved shows including "Into the Woods," "Titanic," "Sweeney Todd" and "A Chorus Line."

"This evening isn't about the hits so much as it is about Jonathan's wonderful arrangements," Wager said.

After the performances, Tunick will come up and say a few words and then the party will carry over to the patio, where there will be champagne toasts.

Of course it will be very difficult for Tunick to be so publicly adored but he is taking one for the team, so to speak. He is a supporter, of course, of Sharon Playhouse and of regional/summer theater in general.

"I got my start in summer theater, as we all did," he said. "I used to do one week of summer stock every year as a conductor; that's how I learned how musicals are made and presented and how to get them on."

"I have a soft spot in my heart for good honest summer theater and have always supported and enjoyed it."

To order tickets, go to the Sharon Playhouse website at [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org) or call 860-364-7469. Tickets start at \$125; that includes a light supper, the performance and the champagne reception.



PHOTO BY PAULA SHALAN

Paula Shalan is one of the artists participating in the Berkshire Pottery Tour on Sept. 25 and 26.

### TWO POTTERY TOURS IN TRISTATE REGION

Tours of pottery and ceramic studios are coming up in the Tristate region at the end of September and beginning of October.

The first of the two, the Berkshire Pottery Tour, will be the weekend of Sept. 25-26 in Southern Berkshire County.

Five studios and eight artists are included (although one artist is participating online only). The studios are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is free, families are welcome.

The map and list of artists can be found at [www.berkshirpottery-tour.com](http://www.berkshirpottery-tour.com). Visitors who come to every studio can have each potter sign their map, and be entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize, a mug from each of the

five potters.

Orange and white Berkshire Pottery Tour road signs will help drivers find their way from studio to studio.

On Oct. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 19 potters at nine studios in Connecticut and New York state will take part in the Clay Way Studio Tour.

There will be three stops in Wingdale, N.Y., and six in South Kent, Warren, West Cornwall, Cornwall Bridge and Washington, Conn.

The event is free and the work hits all price points. Preview each artist's work and find the printable map at [www.ClayWay.net](http://www.ClayWay.net). This event will be held rain or shine. COVID-safe protocols will be followed as recommended by state guidelines.

### HISTORICAL MUSIC WITH ASTON MAGNA

Aston Magna, performing classical music on period-appropriate instruments, offers a concert of Bach, Marais, Leclair and Rameau on Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Hudson Hall in Hudson, N.Y.

Masks and proof of vaccination are required for admission. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, children and students free, \$15 for patrons under age 30 with ID.

All seating is general admission. Tickets are currently on sale at <https://bit.ly/3yKmABi>.

For more information, call 518-822-1438, email [hello@hudsonhall.org](mailto:hello@hudsonhall.org) or go to [hudsonhall.org](http://hudsonhall.org).

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### ART

**D. M. Hunt Library**, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org)  
Book Marks, through Sept. 24.; Colored Pencil Class with Collette Hurst, Oct. 2, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### DANCE

**Festival Latino of the Berkshires**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.festivallatino.org](http://www.festivallatino.org)  
25th Annual Festival Latino of the Berkshires, Sept. 25, noon to 6 p.m.

### KIDS

**ASAP!**, 6 Bee Brook Road, Unit B, Washington Depot, Conn. [www.asapct.org](http://www.asapct.org)  
11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS, submissions open Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, exhibit Nov. 14.

### MOVIES

**Mahaive Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaive.org](http://www.mahaive.org)  
DEDICADA A MI EX (2019), Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Now playing: The Card Counter, The Eyes of Tammy Faye, Blue Bayou Opens Sept. 24; Dear Evan Hansen, I'm Your Man.

### MUSIC

**Crescendo**, Lakeville, Conn. [www.worldclassmusic.org](http://www.worldclassmusic.org)  
Chamber Orchestra Concert "Italian Concerti", Oct. 29 and 30.  
**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)  
Amanda Lea Lavergne, Sept. 24, 8 p.m.



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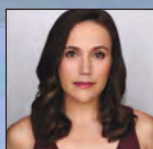
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FILM STUDIES: DARRYL GANGLOFF

# Giving a Voice to Local Young Filmmakers

The new Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge is giving young local storytellers the opportunity to make their voices heard, and compete for \$3,500 in cash prizes and the chance to have their films screened at local theaters.

The contest is open to young people ages 14 to 24 who live or attend school in northwest Litchfield, northeast Dutchess, Columbia and Berkshire counties. Participants will create up to 6-minute films that focus on challenges that divide us and highlight ways to tackle them in families, schools and communities. Possible topics include climate change;

the state of our democracy; feeling excluded due to identity, age, religion, immigration or social status; the pressures of social media; or any issues with opposing views but the possibility for reconciliation and healing.

One of the partners behind the Youth Film Challenge is the Civic Life Project. Award-winning filmmakers Catherine Tatge and Dominique Lasseur founded the nonprofit in the Northwest Corner to inspire youth to participate in democracy through documentary filmmaking.

"We realized that the people we need to involve the most in conversations about democracy are our youth. Young people are

passionate about many issues, but they do not feel like they can make changes because they are not connected to the political system," Lasseur said. "Film-making is their medium. It is their way to comprehend the world. Creating and distributing short films is a great way to empower them and let their voices make a difference."

While these films can focus on national challenges, Lasseur emphasized the importance of starting these conversations at the local level. "In our work as documentary filmmakers, we have seen that the national scene is increasingly divided and loud. At the local level, you find people who are working together

to solve local issues. Our democracy will be saved by that energy."

It may seem daunting to create a 6-minute film, which is why the Civic Life Project and its Youth Film Challenge co-host, Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative, are offering free virtual workshops and one-on-one advice with professional filmmakers. Recordings are available of four summer classes that covered topics such as filming with your phone, how to conduct interviews and how to edit videos. Lasseur kicked off a series of fall workshops on Sept. 19 with a class on storytelling for short films. He explained how to start with a broad issue and tell a lo-

cal story that will resonate with your audience. View previous sessions and register for upcoming classes at [www.YouthFilmChallenge.com](http://www.YouthFilmChallenge.com).

Award-winning documentary filmmaker and educator Ben Willis hosted three of the summer classes. He shared tips on how to get the most out of your smartphone as a video camera.

"The audio is so important," Willis said during the workshop, noting that if your visuals are not usable, you can use photos or film new footage to pair with the audio of an interview. "The first thing you should do when you enter a space is stop, listen and look. You will start to notice the noise of that room. You don't want to have noise disrupting a really good interview."

He also discussed shot composition, lighting and stabilization. He suggested keeping your phone at eye

level with your subject, and avoid having them stand against a wall. Look for a good light source, such as a window, by walking around the location with your camera pointed at your face. If you do not have a tripod to stabilize your phone, try a tablet stand or a car mount. Also, make sure to hold your phone sideways to create a horizontal film.

Films must be submitted by Nov. 1. A panel of filmmakers will judge entries and award a \$2,000 first prize, \$1,000 second prize and \$500 third prize. Cameras are available for participants who need them. To learn more and apply, go to [www.YouthFilmChallenge.com](http://www.YouthFilmChallenge.com).

*Darryl Gangloff is communications officer for Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the funder of the Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge.*

SUN: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Finding Your 'Home,' With a Sundial

Last year I journeyed to West Cornwall, Conn., to visit the celebrated ceramic artist Jane Herold at her home and studio. She was a delight and the tour of her studio was wonderful in and of itself — but an added bonus was the chance to meet her husband, the sculptor Robert Adzema.

Adzema and Herold had been in the New York City metro area until a few years ago (they now split their time between There and Here). Herold continues to work here in Litchfield County and is part of the Oct. 16-17 Clay Way tour, see the article about it this week on Page B2.

Adzema has a particular interest in sundials, which he creates on a monumental scale for outdoor public spaces. He has also begun to craft smaller works, perfect for outdoor spaces here in the garden-obsessed Tristate region.

His work was featured in a recent newsletter article by Robin Parow for the Berkshire Botanical Garden.

She describes how Adzema became interested in the history of sundials and their use as scientific instruments that were used to mark the passage of time and to estimate our planet's size and its place in the universe.

Parow said that as a



PHOTO BY ROBERT ADZEMA

**Sculptor Robert Adzema makes monumental sundials for public spaces — and smaller-scale versions for private gardens, such as this one, Arc of the Sun, made of bronze.**

gardener, she too is interested in the position of the sun: "Learning about the changes in the position of the sun relative to the earth has informed my gardening. Instructions for the placement of some light-sensitive plants, for example, recommend setting them where they will receive some early afternoon shade, shelter at the hottest part of the day." Sundials are more than decorative for her; they help her find the right spot for the right plant.

Parow said she also learned from Adzema that, "the greatest benefit of a sundial in the garden is the connection it creates be-

tween the viewer and the place. Reading a sundial unites the reader with the placement of the garden on the earth and with the season as well as the time of day and the heavens."

Adzema's studio was included in the Labor Day Weekend open artist studio tour in Cornwall and he is likely to be around during the Clay Way weekend as well.

You can also contact him and see more of his

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To learn more about sundials and gardens, you can listen to his conversation with Robin Parow on the Berkshire Botanical Garden's Growing Greener podcast at [www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcasts/sculpting-the-sun](http://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcasts/sculpting-the-sun).

Adzema's large-scale sculptures and sundials can be found at public spaces throughout New York City.

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10:00 AM



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12:00 PM



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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.

1:00 PM



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David Allen Sibley is the author of *What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing - What Birds Are Doing and Why*, as well as the author and illustrator of the series of guides to nature that bear his name, including *The Sibley Guide to Birds*.

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A salesperson from Merritt Bookstore staffed the book sale table outside the Millbrook Library as part of the 2021 Community Read that was held as an alternative to the traditional Millbrook Literary Festival this past weekend.



PHOTOS BY SAM FALK

Father Matt Calkins of Grace Church and author Cat Greenstreet led a discussion of the book, "How To Fight," by Thich Nhat Hanh at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Sept. 18, as part of this year's modified Millbrook Literary Festival.

## Community Read speaks to fans of Millbrook Literary Festival

MILLBROOK — Although the traditional Millbrook Literary Festival could not take place this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers were able to creatively reconstruct the much-loved affair into a Community Read. The free day-long event was held on Saturday, Sept. 18, and drew a great number of participants from around the community.

The village-wide literary-themed Community Read was held in locations throughout Millbrook where one might find bibliophiles, from the Millbrook Library to Merritt Bookstore, with activities planned for the youngest of children all the way up to the eldest of adults.

Local benefactors helped fund the various activities, while those who organized the modified Literary Festival lent a hand in planning the Community Read.

— Whitney Joseph

## Grace Church Golf & Gala tees off Sept. 27

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Once again, Grace Episcopal Church is hosting its annual fundraising event, in its 14th year (last year's event was canceled due to COVID-19), a day of golfing followed by a dinner and a silent auction with a splendid array of items. The fundraiser will take place on Monday, Sept. 27, at the McCann Memorial Golf Course, followed by cocktails and dinner at Charlotte's in Millbrook (a last-minute venue change).

This is a way to welcome fall and to help Grace Church continue doing the wonderful community services it provides year round for the village of Millbrook

and its environs, such as scholarships for its pre-school program, immigrant outreach programs, a fellowship program for young adults, food distribution programs, a housing program and senior support.

For the golf enthusiast, the McCann Golf Course is a well-respected course located in Poughkeepsie. The day of golf offers 18 holes on the greens.

For non-golfers, one can choose just dinner at Charlotte's, always a treat, plus the silent auction and a talk by guest speaker the Retired Rev. Mary D. Glasspool from the Episcopal Diocese of New York. She's known for her dynamic and inspirational speaking engagements.

Heather Holohan-Guarnieri

and friends will provide lively musical entertainment.

The array of silent auction items will be provided by the West Point Military Academy (Army vs. UMASS), Disney Theatrical Productions (Aladdin on Broadway), Troutbeck Restaurant, Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Norman Rockwell Museum, Alto Music, Bardavon/UPAC, Dick's Sporting Goods, Mystic Seaport Museum, Orvis Sandanona, Merritt Bookstore, Mohonk Mountain House, Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame, Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, Daffodils, Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils, Marion's Salon, Millbrook Car Service, Joyce Heaton, Foster's Coach House, J. McLoughlin, Reardon Briggs Hardware, William's Lumber,

Charlotte's, Lily's Medi Spa and Christina Hale. They are all wonderful prizes for a wonderful cause.

The golf tee off time is 10 a.m., and a golf only package is available for \$125. Cocktails at Charlotte's will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Charlotte's is located at 4258 Route 44 in Millbrook.

The golf package, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, costs \$175. Dinner with the cocktail hour, hot appetizers, cash bar, music, the speaker and the silent auction costs \$125.

Register at [www.gracemillbrook.org](http://www.gracemillbrook.org). For details e-mail [office@gracemillbrook.org](mailto:office@gracemillbrook.org) or call 845-677-3064.

efforts of all involved. The Community Read turned out to be a great success, thanks to the combined

### Correction

Last week's Millerton News erroneously stated that The Millbrook Literary Festival was started as a memorial to the late owner of Merritt Bookstore, Scott Meyer, after his death. It was actually started by Meyer himself in 2008. We deeply regret the error.

## BOE spoke of safety and tech ahead of reopening

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) Board of Education (BOE) had a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17. The meeting was held both in person and also on Millbrook's media channel. It included a presentation of a District Level Safety Plan, which was the purpose of the public hearing and was ultimately approved.

The safety plan included five sections: General Considerations and Planning Guidelines; Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention; Response; Communication with Others; and Recovery.

The board then approved an agreement with HBO to use its gyms and parking lots at the middle and high school on Aug. 19 and 20 for the filming of its series, "The White House Plumbers," which had been filming around the village, for a sum of \$2,500.

A motion was passed to allow two athletes from Millbrook High School to merge with the Dover High School football team in order to play the sport. (For more on this issue, go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).) They

board also approved a motion to accept sealed bids for various sports related items.

Two employees, Mariah Stafford and Tonya Pulver, were allocated vacation days, and Elliott Garcia was appointed as technical support for BOE meetings.

### Safety plan

The District Level Safety Plan was approved. A presentation reviewed the state the MCSD was in when school closed in June, a review of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations and current guidelines and district re-entry recommendations. Those include 3-foot social distancing; universal indoor mask requirements throughout the school day and universal masking on all buses. Also, stringent COVID cleaning and disinfection practices throughout the MCSD and responsible hand washing practices for all employees. Voluntary asymptomatic testing for students and staff will be made available to the school district.

The district will continue its bus cleaning and disinfection routine, to maximize indoor air quality and continue daily screening.

Additional considerations had to do with athletics and ac-

tivities that dealt with increased respiration. As per the CDC recommendations for those who are asymptomatic: masks should be required for athletes taking part in activities with increased respiration unless appropriate social distancing is possible.

Regarding the cafeteria, the BOE said it would continue to review its policy for home bound instruction with it exploring expanded provisions for synchronous instruction for students unable to attend campus for an extended period. It added that isolation spaces would be maintained in all buildings.

### Technology and Data presentation

Director of Technology and Data Services Elliott Garcia gave a presentation on technology, which included the MCSD's Technology Goals.

Garcia said the goals included aligning the district's technology resources with its curriculum; to establish and expand fiscally responsible technology devices and system planning; and to maintain a safe and secure digital learning environment with the school community.

Garcia discussed several other goals, and gave an overview of what had been accomplished

in the past as well as an overview of the budget. All was posted online, at [www.millbrookcsd.org](http://www.millbrookcsd.org).

Both the Building Survey and the Energy Audit were also discussed.

The school board discussed new business, including approvals of financials and warrants, an authorization of the fund balance and an approval of the 2021-22 tax warrant.

The district said it would start tax collection on Sept. 1, in accordance with the Real Property Tax Law. It said tax collection would end Nov. 1. Details and amounts can be found online at [www.millbrookcsd.org](http://www.millbrookcsd.org).

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EDITORIAL

Spend some green on Grace Church golf fundraiser Sept. 27

This year, on Monday, Sept. 27, parishioners of Millbrook's Grace Episcopal Church and golf enthusiasts alike will have the opportunity to support that very active community church by heading out to the McCann Memorial Golf Course in Poughkeepsie and Charlotte's Restaurant on Route 44 in Millbrook (a last-minute change of venue) for the 14th annual Golf & Gala Dinner fundraiser. It promises to be an excellent day on the greens and a great way to spend some green, for a very good cause.

For those who may not be familiar with Grace Church and the good works it does, the parish goes back to 1867, before Millbrook was established. According to its website, the lovely sanctuary was built in 1901 at 3330 Franklin Ave., right in the heart of the quaint village of Millbrook.

It describes itself as "a church with open doors." Online, at [www.gracemillbrook.org](http://www.gracemillbrook.org), it shares the message, "We affirm the equality of LGBTQ people and relationships, we are committed to protecting the rights of immigrants, and we denounce racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, antisemitism, islamophobia, and other forms of hate. We also welcome members of other faiths or those who are seeking for spiritual meaning on their own, and believe there is much to be learned from interfaith dialogue. We seek to build loving community both at our parish and in the broader world."

Those words of harmony and love can be seen through the services and programs the church provides in Millbrook and throughout the greater Harlem Valley community.

It offers Grace Immigrant Outreach (GIO), which has provided support, services and education for all immigrant communities in northeastern Dutchess County since 2005. GIO has assisted immigrant populations in need by connecting immigrants with medical care, legal counsel, translating, educational opportunities, public assistance and transportation to job interviews and doctors' appointments, as well as with other vital services.

The church also provides young students the opportunity to attend Millbrook Community Preschool, which is now open. Applications for the 2021-22 School Year are currently being accepted; tuition assistance is also available. For more information, contact the admissions office.

Grace Church also offers about a half dozen fellows the chance to live in the vicarage each year to reflect on the values of interfaith spirituality and vocation, and to "dive deep" into how to "contribute to the world" through the Grace Year program.

Along with the very active food pantry and bountiful community garden at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union, the Comida De Vida food pantry at Grace Church provides those struggling with food insecurity the nutrition they need.

Then there is both the adult choir and the children's choir at Grace Church, plus Storytimes for children, not to mention the regular and holiday worship services, both live and on YouTube, in addition to special sermons by the Rev. Matt Calkins, the rector of the church and a popular mainstay in the village.

Monday's golf tourney will support all of these programs and more — all while those who attend can enjoy 18 rounds of golf on the gorgeous greens of one of Dutchess County's favorite places to tee off. What could be better? Plus, those who attend the fundraiser can bid on an assortment of fabulous prizes to be won from a silent auction that will be tough to beat (for details, turn to Page B3 or go to [www.gracemillbrook.org](http://www.gracemillbrook.org)).

It's the beginning of fall in the Hudson Valley — where better to celebrate the season than on the gentle, rolling, lush links, especially when the green you're putting down to swing at a few balls will roll into the coffers of a church that does so much good for so many?

To download registration forms for the fundraiser, go to the Grace Church website, [www.gracemillbrook.org](http://www.gracemillbrook.org). For more information on that event or the church itself, e-mail [office@gracemillbrook.org](mailto:office@gracemillbrook.org) or call 845-677-3064.

Office for the Aging presents 'Senior Legal Day'

When's the right time for a senior and their family and caregivers to plan for the legal issues that could face them in later life?

Any time is good, and the sooner the better. You can start on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Office for the Aging's (OFA's) "Senior Legal Day" event, at the Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck, just off Route 308.

Capacity is limited due to social-distancing necessities, so please register for any or all three seminars by calling the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555.

**Here's the day's schedule:**  
9:30-10:15 a.m. — Medicare, Social Security and "Bumps in the Road" with Nina Lynch, OFA Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP); and Marion Power, Geriatric Care Manager;  
10:30-11:15 a.m. — Preventing Fraud and Abuse; with Nancy Brodey Koch, Legal Services of

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the Hudson Valley;  
11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. — Wills, Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxies with Paul Weinberger, Attorney at Law.

Light refreshments will be available.

Drive-thru 'Golden Gathering'

There's a short time left to register for a space at the annual "Golden Gathering," hosted by State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) and the OFA, on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Arlington High School (1157 Route 55, LaGrangeville). Once again, this year's event is in drive-thru form.

Hundreds of seniors throughout Dutchess County and the 41st State Senate District have already signed up, and the Sept. 27 sign-up deadline is fast



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

The sky's the limit

Dear town of Gallatin residents and landowners, CP Open House is Oct. 2

On behalf of the Town of Gallatin, I wanted to let Gallatin residents know that the Town of Gallatin is seeking input for its Comprehensive Plan (CP) update!

The Town of Gallatin's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is hosting an Open House on Oct. 2, at Pavilion E at Lake Taghanic State Park and people can visit anytime between 10 a.m. and noon.

This will be an informal community gathering where you can wander among several tables and offer input, see maps and learn about the planning process in Gallatin. All are welcome to drop by anytime and stay as long as you like during those hours. Your input is important — we want to hear your ideas on issues, concerns and vision you have for the Town.

The Town of Gallatin has

started work on updating their 2009 Town Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board has appointed a volunteer committee of residents to help update the plan.

The first step in this update will be to hear from residents and landowners. This Open House will be a chance for the Steering Committee to hear the thoughts, opinions, hopes and aspirations of Gallatin residents and landowners in an informal setting. The Committee will follow up later in the year with a town-wide survey. The updated Plan will be a blueprint to guide the physical growth, land use, recreation, infrastructure and community development for the next 10 to 15 years.

This Open House was designed with COVID-19 precautions in mind, and will be an easy and quick way for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ancram Planning Board dropped the ball

Palumbo is back. Those of us who were living in the Boston Corner area 20 years ago might remember the controversy caused by Mr. Anthony Palumbo's attempt to mine gravel near the beautiful scenic overlook off Route 22. Luckily his attempt failed and it was determined that gravel mining would not be permitted.

We now have another problem. The farmer who rents Palumbo's land, Mr. John Langdon, apparently approached excavator Fred Schneeberger to ask for help leveling the land he farms in Boston Corner, Ancram. The reason? To safely move his farm vehicles. Therefore, it's not really gravel mining but it's for the "sole" benefit of agriculture.

Langdon hired Mr. Schneeberger's excavation company to

level the land and, incidentally, extract 25,000-cubic yards (later reduced to 20,000) of gravel to be hauled back to Palumbo's gravel company, Palumbo Block Co. Inc., in Dover Plains.

Palumbo and Schneeberger stand to make thousands of dollars each. The farmer stands to get flatter land. Who is the real beneficiary of this project?

I'm outraged at the lax way the Ancram Planning Board has approached this application.

If the land is that dangerous to move vehicles safely, let's have some proof. Let's have some research, perhaps an engineer to determine how much land must be removed for safety. Instead we get an arbitrary 20,000 cubic yards. Who determined that?

At all the meetings I attended, neither the farmer, Mr. Langdon, nor Mr. Palumbo attended. It was Mr. Schneeberger, the excavator, who attended and he was the one who made the case on behalf of Mr. Langdon.

It appeared that minutes were never taken, our numerous letters in protest of the project were not answered and the entire process was handled sloppily and with no transparency.

The Planning Board seems to have favored this proposal from day one without what I consider proper discussion or research.

We learned recently that the farmer, Mr. Langdon, finally made an appearance at the September meeting. But amazingly, no one knew he was there! He was not introduced nor was he invited to speak or to accept questions from the public.

A board member said, "Our job is to protect the town."

I'd like to remind him that WE are the town. We must protect our beautiful countryside.

If this application is approved, it will set a precedent for future excavations.

Angela Darling  
Boston Corner

The \$23 trillion national debt explained (sort of)

The past 18 months have seen the economy take a hiatus across many industries. Less commerce, less tax revenue, more government spending needed to keep the population going, means more borrowing. But let's put some of this into context, historical context. It is not, thankfully, as bad as you may think.

Our national government debt is, currently, \$23,000,000,000,000 (that's \$23 trillion). And that's roughly 129% of our total national output called Gross National Product (GDP), for one year. Now, it is worth remembering that 18 months ago our ratio of

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

debt to GDP was about 100%. So, it has increased 29%. But if you think about the Bush financial crisis of 2007-08 that Obama inherited, the debt ratio to GDP was about 62% before the crash. And then it rose to 105% in just 12 years — 15% of that after 2016.

The 2007-08 financial crisis was, in fact, bigger than the crisis over COVID. Why? Because the financial crisis was harder to deal with since every

bank and all property was affected. Now as COVID wanes, the economy is quickly roaring back, and it won't take years to get back to an even keel.

But there's some historical context: Compare government debt ratio today to the ratio against GDP at the end of WWII when it was way over 118%... we came back from that calamity, but that took 10 years. We can do it again and again, but this time much faster.

And here's another piece of good news (so far): A fair amount of the national debt is the Treasury borrowing money from itself. Yes, you read that right, the U.S. government borrows from itself. And they do that to stabilize the value of

treasury notes and bonds (this keeps investors confident) and, when they pay it back or de-fease those bonds they do that slowly and usually just before issuing more expensive bond and treasury notes to people outside of the U.S.

To sum up: The government is borrowing money but the outlook of the ratio to GDP is nowhere near as bad, for quick recovery, as events in the past 80 years. As America gets back to work, it'll all work out, especially when inflation makes a comeback (what, you thought banks and investors don't want more profit?).

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

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