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Brooklyn driver collides with sanitation truck, dies of injuries

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AMENIA — New York State Police (NYSP) Troopers from Dover Plains responded to a fatal car crash on Route 44 and County Route 83, where the turnoff is for Separate Road, on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at around 4:15 p.m.

According to investigators, 37-year-

old Christian P. Brink of Brooklyn was driving a 2003 Toyota Camry southbound on County Route 83 approaching Route 44. When Brink approached the stop sign, he “failed to stop and yield [the] right of way at the intersection stop sign,” stated the police report.

“He made a left-hand turn to continue eastbound on State Route 44 directly in the path of a westbound 2008 Peterbilt sanitation truck,” stated

the report.

NYSP Public Information Officer Aaron J. Hicks said Friday that the local garbage truck was traveling westbound and “had the right of way.” He said Brink “didn’t come to a complete stop and did not yield right of way.”

Brink and his passenger were transported to Sharon Hospital just across

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The passing of the baton at The Moviehouse in Millerton

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MILLERTON — The first and most important thing is that Carol Sadlon, owner of Millerton’s The Moviehouse, is fine! Following the announcement on Friday, Nov. 6, that she is looking to pass the baton to new owners she is feeling upbeat and optimistic.

When the Sadlons bought the theater in the 1970s, it was closed, having made a failed attempt to succeed as a porno theater. The second-floor space, which had not been used in four decades, was the ballroom of the old Grange Hall

(built in 1903), where community events were held, and then the first home of the NorthEast-Millerton Library. The building was in poor condition, just waiting for rebirth.

The community campfire

Sadlon reflected in an interview last week that The Moviehouse has always served as a community gathering place.

“It’s had its ups and downs over the years but has always served as an anchor in the village.”

The Sadlons did more than just restore the beauty of the building; they were also able to successfully turn the theater into a thriving center for the cin-

ema arts. The first thing was the decision to name it The Moviehouse — a name deceptive in its simplicity.

“Robert was a corporate identity designer,” Sadlon said, speaking of her late husband and business partner. “He wanted to give the theater a strong and iconic identity and the name ‘The Moviehouse’ kept sticking in our minds.”

“Robert designed the logo himself and even had the letters of the sign in front of the building hand carved. Over the years, The Moviehouse has become ingrained in everyone’s mind as a name

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Cole Demuth, 6, and Lena Clanahan, 9, rode their bicycles side-by-side along the new north-bound section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail leading from Main Street in Millerton to Beilke Road in Ancram.

Connecting Millerton to Ancram

Rail Trail’s new extension now open

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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MILLERTON — After 20 years, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail (HVRT), one of the region’s most popular recreational resources, now allows cyclists, walkers, runners, skaters and other trail goers to head north on the new extension, which stretches from Main Street in Millerton to Beilke Road in Ancram.

The old Harlem line

It all started with the railroad. The Trail’s website, www.hvrt.org, explains that the New York & Harlem Rail-

road originated in the 1830s as an early commuter railroad, linking lower Manhattan to the suburb of Harlem.

In the 1840s, the railroad extended northward into Westchester County, and by 1845, the New York State Legislature authorized further extension northward to connect with Albany.

At the time, an inland route up the Harlem Valley was chosen because it was easier and less costly to construct compared to a route following the Hudson River, according to the website. By 1852, the railroad was built

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From WWI veterans — over there — in their own words...

By **CAROL KNEELAND**
Special to The Millerton News

Part III

In honor of all who have sacrificed and served in the Armed Forces, and of the Veterans Day holiday, The Millerton News has been running a three-part series on WWI veterans from the local area and the letters they sent home to their loved ones from abroad. This is the last of the series, in which the war ends. Below is an edited letter from the Downey Family Archives written by James Downey, uncle of North East Historical Society President and Millerton attorney Ed Downey, first printed in the Millerton Telegram on Dec. 22, 1918. To read the full series, go to www.tricornnews.com.

Somewhere in France — Nov. 12, 1918

Dearest Mother and all —

Well mother we have at last received the glad news that Germany

James P. Downey, uncle of Millerton attorney and North East Historical Society President Ed Downey, was born in Amenia on Jan. 30, 1894 and died in California on Aug. 30, 1972. During his WWI service in France, he wrote approximately 90 letters home, including the one presented here and published originally by the Millerton Telegram on Dec. 22, 1918.



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has accepted our peace terms, which I am certain will mean the end of the war. I well realize that this is not news to you, but you can bet it is welcome news for us. We have done some awful fighting during this past few weeks and that is what really brought it to an end had they not come to terms as

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Budget and COVID-19 update from Molinaro

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — In addition to presenting highlights of his proposed 2021 Executive Budget, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro offered his constituents updated COVID-19 details and addressed their questions at a Virtual Town Hall Forum held on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

At the stroke of noon, county residents tuned into the forum as it was live streamed to the “Dutchess County Government” Facebook page. Participants

submitted questions throughout.

Starting with a discussion on the budget, Molinaro reminded his constituents that he released the proposed 2021 Executive Budget on Wednesday, Oct. 28, which has since been presented not only to the Dutchess County Legislature for its consideration but also to county taxpayers. (For more on the proposed Executive Budget, go to www.tricornnews.com.) He announced that the Legislature has scheduled Thursday, Dec. 3, as the night it intends to

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Millerton American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay led local veterans and area residents in honoring the service of those who served this country at the Veterans Day ceremony held at Veterans Park.

Millerton salutes its heroes with COVID-safe Veterans Day ceremony

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Even with this year's COVID-19 restrictions, local residents found a way to safely honor those who fought to protect their country at the Veterans Day ceremony held on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Conducted by the American Legion Post 178, this year's Veterans Day ceremony was held at Veterans Park. Flags were mounted into the ground, and many attending veterans were seen dressed for the occasion. Lifelong residents and young families alike gathered at the park to pay tribute to their local veterans, all while keeping a safe distance and wearing masks.

From the American Revolution to the War on Terror, American Legion Post 178 Historian Sean Klay acknowl-

edged in his opening remarks that "each generation of Americans has answered the call to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States." In honor of their service, he remarked that two days out of the year are set aside to honor those who served: Memorial Day and Veterans Day. While Memorial Day "pay[s] tribute to those who have fallen on the field of battle," Klay said Veterans Day honors "those who have returned from our nation's conflicts and have the honor of having the title of veteran."

American Legion Post Chaplain Julien Strauss then gave the morning invocation.

Tracing the day's roots back to the First World War, Klay informed observers that it was a century ago — Nov. 11, 1918 — that the guns fell silent on the Western Front. From 1919

to 1953, he said this day was known as Armistice Day to mark the end of World War I, until President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially change the holiday's name to Veterans Day in 1954. As he continued to delve into the history of veterans, Klay relayed a stream of statistics — from the number of veterans who served in the Vietnam War to the average age of soldiers killed in action — to inform those present of the sacrifices made for this country.

Klay said he found that the large majority of Post 178 members were from the Vietnam War era, with 82 members serving in that war. Additionally, he reported that three Millerton Legion members served in World War II while 14 members served in the Korean Conflict. In recognition of the Post 178 members' service to their

Multi-state response helps put out blaze on Merwin Road

By KAITLIN LYLE
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NORTH EAST — When the call came in on Sunday, Nov. 15, about a structure fire in the town of North East, multiple fire companies from northeastern Dutchess County and the northwest corner of Connecticut were quick to arrive on the scene where they worked in tandem to extinguish the fire.

Millerton Fire Chief Jason Watson reported that the call about the fire at 38 Merwin Road came in to the firehouse on Sunday at around 2:30 p.m. The Millerton Fire Company responded immediately and

arrived on the scene within three minutes.

Describing the scene, Watson said there were flames coming out of the second story window. Though the residents were home when the fire occurred, he said everyone got out safely and no injuries were reported.

In addition to the Millerton Fire Company, fire companies from the towns of Amenia, Pine Plains and Copake responded to the call along with fire companies from the nearby border towns of Sharon and Lakeville, Conn. Within half an hour, the fire was extinguished, according to Watson.

Along with praising the Millerton Fire Company for doing a great job, Amenia Fire Chief Aaron Howard Jr. spoke highly about how the multiple fire companies train together and merge as one team in emergency situations.

"We brought manpower and additional aid to assist them and they all did a great job," Howard said. "I think it's the strength and North East, Dutchess County and northwest Connecticut that we really worked together."

Watson noted that the structure at 38 Merwin Road is still standing. At this time, the cause of the fire is under investigation.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

The fire company has installed a mailbox for children to send their letters to Santa and for families to request a Santa Run; the box is at the firehouse at 24 Century Blvd.

Dear Santa...

MILLERTON — Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has compelled local communities to cancel or change their holiday traditions, the Millerton Fire Company has found a way to invoke the Christmas spirit by scheduling Santa Runs for local children.

Since this year's Parade of Lights was canceled due to the pandemic, the fire company de-

cid to organize Santa Runs, and drive by local children's homes waving and sounding their sirens as they pass.

To make a request for a Santa Run, leave your name and address in the mailbox at the firehouse by Monday, Nov. 23.

For more information, go to the "Millerton Fire Company" Facebook page.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Town Board adopts \$3.5 million budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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NORTH EAST — After carrying out the necessary steps for developing and refining next year's fiscal plan, the North East Town Board adopted the 2021 budget following its mandated public hearing, held on Thursday, Nov. 12.

As featured in the 2021 Preliminary Budget posted on the its website, www.townofnortheastny.gov, total appropriations amounted to \$3,473,954. Total revenues amounted to \$414,040 while the unexpended fund balance came to \$414,926 and the amount to be raised by taxes came to \$2,644,988.

Town Board members convened for their recent meeting at 7 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By 7:30 p.m., the board opened the public hearing on the budget, inviting residents to speak up and raise any concerns they might have.

Since he didn't see anyone waving their hands or sending a message that they wished to speak, town Supervisor Chris Kennan closed the public hearing. He then informed the board that Budget Officer Lorna Sherman was going back to Town Hall to check in with New York State to see if it could vote on the budget.

After going through the agenda's main items, the board turned its attention back to the 2021 budget, this time with the intent to adopt the fiscal document. Acknowledging its prior comments, Kennan declared that this budget is "the biggest and certainly the most awesome

responsibility" that the board has, adding that he regards the budget as the most consequential action that the board takes every year.

"I feel the budget is a good budget for the town," Kennan said. "It permits us to do with somewhat fewer resources than we might have had last year, because the state has indicated that the CHIPS program for the highway maintenance is being cut back and there are other funds that come from the state and county that will be reduced. But our budget allows us to continue to conduct all the activities which we have been. It does not conflict with any reduction in personnel. It provides a 2% cost of living increase for employees living in the town."

Kennan informed the public that the Town Board and the town clerk have chosen not to take the 2% cost of living increase next year in light of this year's challenges — namely the pandemic. He went on to say the board is beginning to build into the budget some capacity for the funding that will be needed for the joint highway garage being built by the town and village of Millerton. To date, the town has

a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) with a 0.95% interest rate. Kennan said he anticipates the town will look to bond the project next year and will research the best rates.

Furthermore, Kennan said the board will certainly want to spread its interest in the bond far and wide and will want to take advantage of the current low in-

terest rates. In fact, it's because of the low interest rates for municipal financing that Kennan said he feels it's important to move on the project right now and not wait too long, when interest rates start to go back up again.

With that being said, the board voted unanimously to adopt the 2021 budget.

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The application to build affordable rental units in Lakeville was withdrawn from consideration from the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission last week. Probably a good move as it can be reworked and then resubmitted for approval. In the meantime, there are many individuals and families searching for affordable housing in Salisbury who cannot wait for projects to be approved. There are several ways to help immediately: Donate to the Salisbury Housing Trust (www.salisburyhousing.org) and/or Habitat for Humanity of Northwest CT (www.habitatnwct.org). Additionally, Salisbury Family Services provides a lot of support for our community and can be reached at 860-435-5187. Thanks for your generous support!



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Scouts from Troop 3029 in Amenia, from left, Garrett Ackerman and Avery Wickwire, helped VFW Post 5444's Honor Guard place a wreath at the base of the memorial wall honoring Amenia's veterans. Former Post Cmdr. Nick Woodard, far right, thanked those who attended this brief, socially distant ceremony.

Brief Veterans Day ceremony draws crowd, despite COVID

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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AMENIA — The crowd of veterans and residents gathered at Fountain Square in the center of town on Veterans Day might have gone slightly over the governor's limit of the 25 people allowed at the time, according to town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle, who said the Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. ceremony was extremely brief but well attended. Doyle said that there were probably closer to 35 or so who gathered in front of the M&T Bank, where the iconic fountain and wall of local veterans' names stand to honor those who have served their nation and continue to do so.

"I think we probably pushed the envelope," said Doyle. "We didn't advertise, because we didn't want 100 people showing up."

The town even announced well in advance that this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic still raging and social distancing concerns, it would not hold its customary Veterans Day ceremony with speeches and songs and salutes and instead just hold a brief wreath laying with members of VFW Post 5444 in Dover there to commemorate the moment, yet people still showed up.

"I think it really shows that traditions like this are so important for marking what's important to us as a community," said Doyle. "And to bring the young people in as well, if you have a daughter or son, they may not have known how tough these veterans had it, fighting even unpopular wars like the Vietnam War, it's really important to show our gratitude that we have this democracy we're so fortunate to have, even with all of our divisions."

"If you really drilled down, look at other countries, we are so fortunate to be where we are. Like it or not the president is the president. We should really lay down our differences and march forward. This is the grand experiment and that's what we fought for and that's what we want and this is the vote and we should make our vote stick."

Like Doyle, VFW Post 5444 Sr. Vice Cmdr. Maddie Fletcher — the first woman to hold such a position at the Post — agrees citizens of this nation are extremely fortunate, and should be grateful to veterans for their service. A culinary specialist third class who served in the U.S. Navy for four years, Fletcher said she, herself, is grateful to her fellow comrades who served. And she's appreciative to both the municipalities that hold Veterans Day observances and the residents who attend them.

"To have people actually want to come see this, it's humbling," she said. "We were trying to keep it hushed [up] because of CO-

VID, and then we pull up and there are people everywhere; we had no idea. It feels good that with everything going on people still take that time to recognize us."

And although the ceremony was brief — so brief, in fact, that Doyle said "if you went there at one minute to 11, you missed it," — Fletcher said she didn't mind the brevity.

"The Amenia ceremony wasn't even like 10 minutes," she said. They laid the wreath and played taps. Usually there are speeches, politicians. Yes, they had flags. No, it doesn't make you sad that it was so short, because there were still people there. It was still packed. There was the Auxiliary and [maybe] 35 people. The Boy Scouts were there. There was a little crowd of civilians; there was us."

And while Fletcher is ever so thankful for the community's

support on holidays like Veterans Day and Memorial Day, she said she hopes the community will remember veterans the rest of the year, too.

"There are people that sign a piece of paper not knowing if they're going to come back or not," she said. "We're the lucky ones; there are some that aren't. I feel like it's forgotten lately. It's not just thanking them. The hands down answer for this is 22 a day. When we come back... in some towns, yeah, you might get a parade... but that's an hour of a day."

Twenty-two is the number of veterans who commit suicide in the U.S. every day. Fletcher said it's a serious problem that anyone can help with, just by reaching out to a veteran in need.

"A phone call to a vet is five minutes," she said. "Don't forget about them. Just a phone call helps."

AMENIA IN BRIEF

Serve your community through open volunteer board and committee posts

The town of Amenia seeks volunteers to fill the upcoming open positions on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals, Recreation Commission as well as town historian. Town residency is required.

Volunteer applications are available at www.ameniany.gov or www.ameniany.gov/document-center/forms/451-volunteer-application/file. Please send completed applications and letters of interest to townclerk@ameniany.gov.

The deadline is Friday, Nov. 27, at noon. Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3.

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From left, Brooklyn Fletcher, who celebrated her ninth birthday on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, joined her mom, VFW Post 5444 Sr. Vice Cmdr. Maddie Fletcher (standing next to Brooklyn), and VFW members Don Luginbuhl and Justin Dedeles following Wednesday's ceremony at Fountain Square.

A closer look at the town's 2021 Preliminary Budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Last week's article on the town's 2021 Preliminary Budget and the public hearing leading to its adoption had a number of errors it, called to the paper's attention by town Supervisor Victoria Perotti. This article is to correct and rectify those errors.

Firstly, taxes next year will not rise by 22.49%, Perotti said, as the tax rate per \$1,000 for the 2019 fiscal year was calculated at 2.46551 while the tax rate per \$1,000 for the 2020 fiscal year was calculated at 1.974126, therefore the tax rate went down.

Perotti also wanted to clarify that under the state's tax cap law, the tax cap rate is required to be 2% or the rate of inflation — whichever is less. According to

information the town received from the New York State Comptroller's Office, the tax cap rate for the 2021 fiscal year has been calculated at 1.56%.

Regarding feedback shared from a recent Amenia Recreation Department meeting by Recreation Director Kelly Milano at the budget public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 5, who spoke of parents' dismay that the town was cutting its summer camp program next year, Perotti said there was no summer camp program this year. The town supervisor explained the program was cut from the 2021 budget because no one responded to ads placed in The Millerton News or the notices advertised on the town website or its local cable Channel 22 this year or last year for the summer camp director position. She

also pointed out that the open summer camp director position was announced at various Town Board meetings. She stressed it was not due to budget cuts.

Coming up in the budget development process, Perotti reported that there will be further reductions in budget lines that will be reflected in the Proposed Adopted Budget, which the Town Board will vote on at its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19.

She informed The Millerton News that the Final Budget "will be the result of the Amenia Town Board knowing that there will be a major reduction in revenue due to the COVID pandemic's effect on sales tax revenue and other factors and [we're] doing the best job that we can to keep taxes down and still cover the costs and expenses that we are required to pay."

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OBITUARIES

Zay (McColl) Foster

GOSHEN — Zay (McColl) Foster of Milton, Conn., and Jekyll Island, Ga., died on Nov. 10, 2020, in Goshen at the age of 81.

Daughter of the Rev. James Rodger McColl and Frances Wamsley McColl, she was born on Dec. 28, 1938, in Champaign, Ill.

She attended Kemper Hall, a private school in Kenosha, Wis., where she was president of the student body, editor of the school news, and was awarded St. Mary's Cross, the school's highest honor. She attended Barnard College and received a B.A. in English from the University of Illinois in 1960.

Zay had a long and distinguished career in the field of publishing: at Macmillan Company in New York City, where she was administrative assistant to the head of the college department, and at Holt Rinehart and Winston and William Morrow, where she was a children's book editor.

After her marriage to Benjamin G. Foster in 1975, she was alumni publications editor and director of the Office of Publications and Public Information at Choate Rosemary Hall School, Wallingford, Conn., where he was a member of the English faculty; was managing editor at Cheney & Company, a New Haven, Conn., firm specializing in enrollment and development

communications for schools, colleges and nonprofit organizations; and finally at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Conn., as alumni magazine editor and director of publications.

In retirement, Zay was an active member of the Aid of the Connecticut Junior Republic, Litchfield, Conn., and the Women's Forum, also of Litchfield; on Jekyll Island, where she and Ben spent the winter months and later most of the year, she served on the board of the Jekyll Island Arts Association, was co-director of exhibits for the Goodyear Cottage Arts Gallery there, and an enthusiastic, long-time member of the Jekyll Island Pottery Guild and tennis player.

Zay is survived by her sons, Nathaniel and his wife, Karilyn, and Theodore Borman and his wife, Virginia; her stepsons, Jeremiah and his wife, Annika, and Caleb and his wife, Christina; and eight grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ben; and by her sister, Christine McColl Patience.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory would be welcomed by Susan B. Anthony Project, 179 Walker St., #1, Torrington, CT 06790; the Ripley Waterfowl Conservatory, 55 Duck Pond Road, Litchfield, CT 06759; or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.



Donald James McGinness

MILLERTON — Donald James McGinness, 78, a five-year resident of Millerton and a former longtime resident of Dover Plains, died unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at his home in Millerton.

Mr. McGinness had a 35-year career in the telephone/communication industry that began with the NY Telephone Company, NYNEX and Bell Atlantic and ultimately led him to retirement from Verizon on Nov. 20, 2003.

Born Jan. 28, 1942, in Ossining, N.Y., he was the son of the late Mary J. (Kuchenmeister) and William J. McGinness. He attended Ossining High School and graduated with the class of 1959. He also attended Westchester Community College from 1959-1961 and Dutchess Community College from 1998-2001.

He served on active duty in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged on Dec. 19, 1967, at which time he received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

On Oct. 17, 1975, in Millerton, he married Karen D. Sarles of Pocantico Hills, N.Y. Mrs. McGinness survives at home in Millerton.

Mr. McGinness was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, a member of the Knights of Columbus (3rd Degree) Council No. 11553 of Englewood, Fla., a life member of the Ossining Steamer Co. #1 in Ossining and a charter member of the Royal Order of the Blue Vests of the Hudson Valley Vol. Fireman's Association.

Don will be fondly remembered by his loving family and many friends for his finicky,

meticulous and sometimes stubborn ways and for always carrying a printed map with notations for any drive he took.

He lived and loved simply. He was always there to show his loving support, time and time again. He rarely missed a soccer or baseball practice when his grandchildren were on the field and he was so very proud of his daughter and his son for all their accomplishments in life. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Don is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter, Jessica Elliott of Amenia; his son, Patrick McGinness of Millerton; and two grandchildren, Abigail and Jack Elliott of Amenia.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Jack M. McGinness, in 2000.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 18 at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, the Rev. Robert K. Wilson officiating. Burial with Naval Military Honors followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



AMENIA — Beloved Susan Macura, 63, passed away peacefully at 8:57 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

Susan Ann Macura was born to John and Patricia Louise Macura on July 4, 1957, at Sharon Hospital. Susan is survived by her enduring rock star mother, Patricia; her lifelong "twin" sister, Elaine, one multitalented brother, John, his steadfast wife of 33 years, Patti, and one incredible niece, Juliana, and her younger sisters, Nadine and Melissa, Melissa's husband, Brian, and two four-legged dog nephews, Baxter and Ringo. Susan loved all animals, but especially adored her cats LaRue and Ris-trapo.

Susan's dad, John Macura, predeceased her on Oct. 9, 2017.

Susan grew up on Leeds-ville Road during a time when children played outdoors from sunup to sundown. She spent a lot of her time with her sister Elaine, her cousins Bob and Deb and the Erskine Family. During the winter, the family went skiing at various locations (Jug End, Bittersweet, Hob Nob), ice skating at Spingarn's lake and snowmobiling throughout the area.

During the summer, the family used the cement above-ground swimming pool Dad had built, had picnics, played softball, badminton, horseshoes, whiffle ball, tennis in the road and rode bikes everywhere. Every year the Macura family would take a day trip to the Danbury Fair with a huge carload of children. One of Mom and Dad's rules was the children were not allowed to play at the Sand and Gravel. The first thing we did was head there to have some fun even though we knew it was dangerous.

When we were growing up, each spring Dad would purchase a rake for all of us since he needed our help to caretake for Mrs. Spingarn on her local Leedsville Road estate. All the siblings are used to working hard and doing a great job.

Susan went on to be a lawyer since she wanted to help people even when they had no money to pay her. One of Susan's favorite jobs was the editor of some of the local newspapers. She had a wonderful time going to many different events in the area, taking pictures and writing intriguing stories. For the last couple of years, Susan had been

a substitute teacher. She enjoyed working with and helping the students.

Another job that made Susan very happy was working at the Sharon Playhouse. She enjoyed working with the staff and watching all the plays. She told us about some fun things the staff did like ordering in food from local restaurants and she was asked to be the light person one night, which she found enjoyable.

Susan was an avid reader of books. She read an extensive variety of books from history, autobiography, political, fiction, nonfiction to children's books,

mysteries and many more. Quite often we would be asked to stop by the library and pick up her books, which could be 10-20 depending on what came in. She loved to bake. We enjoyed her chocolate drop cookies, but she made great cream puffs, 7-Up cake, chocolate raspberry cheesecake, brownies and other interesting items. She liked to try new recipes.

In lieu of flowers, Susan respectfully asked that you to support the Amenia Library, P.O. Box 27, Amenia, NY 12501. To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Stephen B. Moldof

SALISBURY — Stephen B. Moldof, a part-time resident of the Amesville Hamlet of Salisbury for 46 years, lost his heroic battle with glioblastoma on Nov. 9, 2020.

But his will to live, sense of humor cherished by all who knew him, and love for his son, Luke, and wife, Michaela ("Mike") Noble, remained unvanquished.

Steve practiced labor law with Cohen, Weiss and Simon in New York City for 48 years and was a senior partner. He represented labor unions whose members included airline flight attendants and pilots, seamen, professors, nurses and transit workers.

Steve argued and won cases in numerous federal district and appeals courts and in the U.S. Supreme Court, many of which resulted in landmark decisions on behalf of unions. He earned his law degree from Harvard University and his undergraduate degree from the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Active in the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section, Steve

was slated to become the section's chair elect until his illness deferred that honor.

Steve often participated as a panel chair and speaker in legal conferences in the U.S. and throughout the world. He was a charter member of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

His early interests included vegetable gardening, cooking and sports (especially basketball and baseball, both of which he played and closely followed in the news).

His passion for travel, walking, listening to jazz and sharing good bottles of wine and delicious dining with family and friends endured.

He will be sorely missed by his sister, Hedda Segal; his close cousin Susan Rubin; his law school confidant, Rick Mezan; and too-many-to-name caring relatives, dear friends and admiring colleagues around the world. But we know who we are and how much Steve meant to us.

So, let's all raise a glass of wine and toast an extraordinarily kind, funny and thoughtful man who left us much too soon.



Roland H. Chinatti

FALLS VILLAGE — Coach Memorial donations may be made to The Faculty Scholarship Fund c/o HVRHS, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031; or the Falls Village Congregational Church, P.O. Box 72, Falls Village, CT 06031.


The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements; further notices will be posted on their website and the full obituary will be updated when new information is available, at www.tricornernews.com.

He was the loving and devoted husband of the late Dorothy Louise (Atterbury) "Dottie Lou" Chinatti.

A full obituary will appear online at www.tricornernews.com and in the Nov. 26 print edition of The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News.

The family has made the decision to postpone services until travel and gatherings are safe.



 <h2 style="margin: 0;">Worship Services</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Week of November 22, 2020</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.</p>	
<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all! 860-824-0194</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon - with Eucharist www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>North East Baptist Church Historic Meeting House, Main & Maple Millerton, NY God's word is always relevant! A Warm Welcome Awaits You SUNDAY SERVICES Family Bible School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 AM Evening Service - 6:00 PM WEEKDAY MEETINGS Weds. Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM at Parsonage 33 S. Maple Ave. Sat. Bible Studies for Men & Women 3:00 PM FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON First Sunday of each month after AM services Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual service on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jojakiuloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-5005 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Face masks required</p>
<p>Christ Castle Church 9 Granite Avenue, North Canaan, CT (Next to Doughboy Statue) Visitors Welcome Every Sunday! 9:00AM SERVICE Liturgical/Sacramental like Episcopalian 10:15AM SERVICE Evangelical like Baptist Rev. AJ Gorecki & Rev. Richard Cam. Recognized by the Six-Principle Baptist Denomination & The Anglican Free Communion. Masks required & attendees to social distance 6 feet apart. Participants are limited to 25% of fire capacity. For more information visit www.christcastle.org</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

BOE talks snow days, school bus cameras and auditorium redo

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — From this year's snow days to the long-awaited school bus cameras, the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) addressed the latest news at its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The BOE met via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic; it can be viewed at www.ppcsd.org.

Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler brought up the recent snowfall and the COVID-19 Snow Day Pilot Program the New York State Education Department (NYSED) established for the 2020-21 school

year. A letter from the NYSED director of education finance sent to school superintendents and other administrators statewide this past September explained the one-year pilot was launched to enable school districts to "pivot to remote instruction to provide continuity of instruction on what

would otherwise be a day of school closure due to a snow emergency."

When the BOE talked about the program five weeks ago, Handler said it was unanimous in that doesn't want to use the program. After checking with the state, Handler said districts don't have to formally opt into the program: instead, they can casually join the program, and at the end of the school year, when reporting snow days, they can report which days were full remote instruction days due to weather.

"We don't have to take any formal action, but obviously I would like to do what you would like me to do," Handler said, adding that if any BOE members want to propose a change, they can talk about it.

After reminding the BOE that the school district has snow days built into its calendar, Handler said what he might suggest is that they use the snow days when they need to, and if it looks like they're running out of snow days, they can jump in and join the pilot program.

BOE member Jean Stapf asked Handler whether the district is still responsible for delivering lunches to students if it turns a school day into a full remote instruction day. Handler replied they would have to cross that bridge later, though he added they would be responsible unless the weather worsened to the point where the district's vans or buses should not be on the roads.

"If we're going to do this, if we're going to at least have the possibility of it, we better give the parents the heads up and say 'Hey, if we have to do this, please know that the meals won't be forthcoming,'" Handler said.

Earlier that day, Handler reported that the architect from Mosaic Associates and the contractors from The Palombo Group visited the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High



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Board of Education President Chip Couse and member Joseph Kiernan toured the roof of the Seymour Smith building to get a first-hand to look at the roof conditions. For more, go to www.tricornernews.com.



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Featuring dancers from the New York City Ballet and the Martha Graham Dance Company, BalletCollective launched its 2020 season in Pine Plains with the brand new, "Natural History."

BalletCollective's 2020 season began in quarantine in Pine Plains

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Through the patience, perseverance and creativity of some of the world's top dancers, choreographers and creative minds, BalletCollective launched its 2020 season this September with a socially distanced, drive-in and tailgate performance all while quarantining in Pine Plains.

Incorporated as a nonprofit in February of 2011, the mission of BalletCollective, according to its founder and artistic director Tony Schumacher, is bringing artists working in different mediums together to collaborate to create new ballet-based works.

"What we actually do is connect groups," Schumacher said, naming choreographers, composers, fiction writers, architects, painters and non-performers as just a few examples. From dance, classical music and indie rock to photography, poetry and magical realism, he said BalletCollective has been very fortunate to collaborate with a wide array of established artists as well as artists

in the early stages of their careers. "Really, the mission behind it is connecting people working in different forms together and exchanging ideas between art forms to create new works of exciting art together."

Like many organizations navigating these trying times, BalletCollective was uncertain how the arts as well as everyday life would be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Schumacher said finding ways to debut new work while ensuring the safety of performers and the audience presented a huge hurdle. However, by brainstorming early on, the collective nimbly found a path forward, all while following the necessary health restrictions.

A brand new ballet was born, featuring a commissioned musical score by Schumacher's longtime collaborator Ellis Ludwig-Leone, based on commissioned poems by Carey McHugh and starring a group of seven world-class dancers from the New York City Ballet and the Martha Graham Dance Company. BalletCollective then turned to some local connections for a place to

showcase the piece.

"We are very grateful and fortunate to have a now six-year relationship with the Millerton/Pine Plains/Millbrook/Dutchess County community," Schumacher said. "When we started to figure out whether we were going to wait this out and create something, we really felt this region... would be the perfect place to do something extremely ambitious."

When it came to rehearsing their new ballet, Schumacher said they knew they needed to keep everyone safe while working together, which led to their joining together as a quarantine pod. From Schumacher to the rehearsal director and all of the dancers, everyone involved in the pod had to quarantine for two weeks prior to arriving in Pine Plains. Additionally, they were all tested for COVID-19 twice. Once in Pine Plains, they quarantined for two weeks, during which time they didn't see their significant others or interact with any non-essential personnel.

Looking back on the anxieties of staging a brand new ballet during a pandemic, Schumacher considered the stress they went through trying to ensure everyone stayed safe, all while knowing if anyone fell ill, they'd have to shut down the show. Nevertheless, they pressed on in their pursuit to give artists hope they'd perform for the public — even when it seemed like the world was shutting down.

"It was incredibly meaningful," Schumacher remarked. "There were a lot of challenges involved and on top of that, we weren't trying to put on a performance of our existing works — we were trying to digest everything that's happened... and created something that was for these times."

The Mashomack Preserve in town played host to the world premiere of the ballet, "Natural History" on Thursday, Sept. 10, and on Saturday, Sept. 12. All of the performances were live streamed on the BalletCollective website at www.BalletCollective.com/live, and can be viewed there now; donations were encouraged through the website. Social distance seating was provided for attendees and lawn reservations were made available for vehicles.

Praising Pine Plains for being a special place to create new art, Schumacher said BalletCollective hopes to be able to find new, exciting and inventive ways to present more performances in the future.

numbers don't include affidavit ballots and the small number of remaining absentee ballots.

Kersten was previously made interim town supervisor until the end of the year, a move approved by all four Town Board members, as the town only had a deputy supervisor since the end of July, when Cipkowski resigned. Kersten's new term as town supervisor will begin on Friday, Jan. 1.

In a statement posted recently via Facebook, Kersten said he was honored to have been elected town supervisor and marveled at the record number of residents who voted. With more than 1,100 ballots cast, Kersten described it as a demonstration of the community's vitality and involvement. Offering his congratulations to Ward on a spirited campaign, he remarked that he's looking forward to collaborating with her in the years ahead.

"The people have now spoken," Kersten stated online, "and it's time for all of us to come together in the service of the town we love. A strong, united leadership effort will surely lead to significant progress. The voters expect no less."

Kersten elected Hillsdale supervisor

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HILLSDALE — The votes came rolling in as registered voters in the town of Hillsdale cast their ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 3, and the days and weeks leading up to Election Day.

This year's election had one race, for town supervisor, with two candidates — both of whom have played an active role in the Hillsdale community — running for the three-year term position. The open seat was created when former town Supervisor Peter Cipkowski resigned this past summer to join his husband, who has been living and working in Hollywood, Calif.

Christian Kersten, a former Hillsdale town justice and former councilman on the Hillsdale Town Board, campaigned under the Democratic Party line, while his opponent, Hillsdale Councilwoman Robina Ward, ran under the Hillsdale United Party line.

The polls were open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hillsdale firehouse. Voters also had the option of voting early at the Columbia County Office building, located in Hudson, from Saturday, Oct. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 1.

As of 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, Kersten received a total of 705 votes (or 61.6% of the total votes) while Ward received 439 votes (or 38.4% of the total votes), according to the Columbia County Board of Elections (BOE). The BOE added the unofficial election results reflect a count that is approximately 98% complete and the numbers include all early voting, all Election Day voting and all absentee ballots counted as of Tuesday, Nov. 10. The

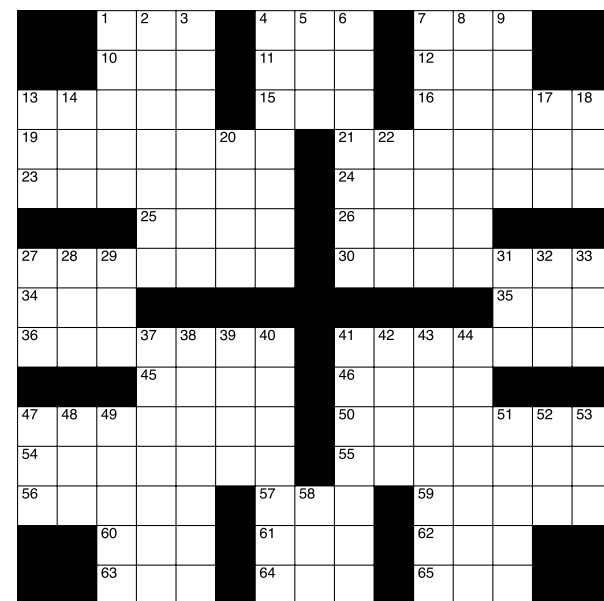
Brain Teasers

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- At or near the stern
- Adenosine triphosphate
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Chinese revolutionary
- Green veggie
- Large group
- Swiss river
- Semiaquatic mammal
- Wrongdoers
- Home to Disney World
- Spanish doctors
- Newborn child
- Absence of difficulty
- Large, stocky lizard
- Earned top billing
- A long wandering and eventful journey
- Water (French)
- Brew
- Winged horse
- A usually malignant tumor
- Alfred __, American actor
- Austrian river
- A reminder of past events
- Connected with
- Status
- Dean residence
- Egyptian city
- Boxing's GOAT
- Straits along the Red Sea
- "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
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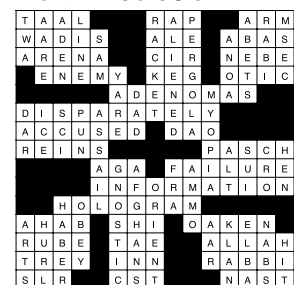
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- Where passengers sit
- Gathered
- Supervises flying
- Home of the Blue Jays
- Public statement of regret
- Lockjaw
- Indian city
- Patriots' Newton
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Sun up in New York
- Eggs in female fish
- Stood up

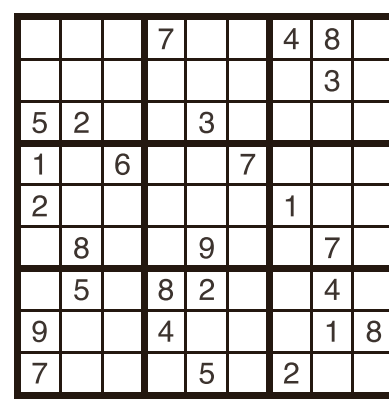


- NBA legend Willis
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Exercise regimen __-bo
- The 8th month (abbr.)
- __ Paulo, city
- Tall deciduous tree
- Affirmative
- Notified of danger
- NFL game days
- Archaic term for "to"
- Plant pores
- Canned fish
- Phil __, former CIA
- Connects with
- Of the skull
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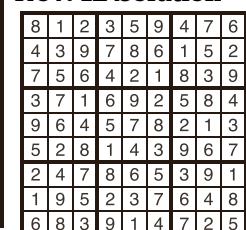
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Sudoku



Nov. 12 Solution



Level: Intermediate

RAIL TRAIL *Continued from Page A1*

north to Chatham, completing a line more than 125 miles from Manhattan.

In subsequent years, the upper portion of the New York & Harlem Railroad would become a secondary line in the Vanderbilt New York Central Railroad empire, which would later merge with the Pennsylvania Railroad to form a mega-railroad known as the Penn Central Corporation.

Bankruptcy and entropy

In the wake of its bankruptcy, the railroad's management began cutting costs and abandoning thousands of miles of low-profit branch and secondary lines, including the Upper Harlem Line between Millerton and Chatham.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) explains a federal plan reorganized Penn Central into a down-sized Conrail System and eliminated the Harlem Line north of Millerton in 1976. The line was cut back farther south to Wassaic and then Dover Plains.

With New York State's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) assuming responsibility for commuter services

in 1972, the service district was extended back to Wassaic from Dover Plains in 2000; the Upper Harlem Line also received upgrades.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association Chairman Dick Hermans said it was during the 1970s that trucks were making a lot of the freight deliveries; the last items being delivered to Millerton via freight were pet food and propane.

With the trucks taking business away from the railroads and with the section leading to Millerton in poor condition, the railroad system abandoned the section extending to Millerton. By 1981, the track was officially removed between Wassaic and Millerton and northward to Chatham.

Why the rail bed was saved

Hermans said it was thought that making use of the linear corridor between the communities left behind from the railroads was a good idea so that, on some future date, a modern kind of train could perhaps return to the area. Once the corridor is gone, Hermans said, it would be hard to duplicate it.

Totaling 4.5 miles, the first section of the trail connects Amenia to Coleman Station and was completed in 1996; the trail was extended from Coleman Station to Millerton in 2000, adding another 3.6 miles.

More than just a place saver, the trail is also an enormously popular free recreational resource. Hermans said he believes it has proven its worth to the region. Eventually the trail will cover 23 miles, from the Metro-North Wassaic Train Station in Amenia to the Copake Falls area of Taconic State Park.

While there are still many miles to go before the project is completed in full, community members and leaders were excited nonetheless by the news of the northbound section opening for public use.

"Our patience will be rewarded," said North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan in a recent newsletter. "It's going to be a stunningly beautiful asset to our already very beautiful part of the world."

Hermans said, "I've been waiting a long time for this." When the project began in

2000, the HVRTA's hope was always to extend it north.

"Little did anybody know it would take 20 years," Hermans commented. "But here we are."

The HVRTA is currently raising funds for a matching grant to build a trail linking Black Grocery Road in Copake and Orphan Farm Meadow in Copake Falls, totaling 4.9 miles at a likely cost of \$2.4 million.

Hermans said the group is also working on a Bridge to Nature project over Webatuck Creek in Millerton, which will serve as an outdoor educational project to give trail visitors a deeper understanding of all they see when they're on the trail and the impacts that humans have on the natural world.

Additionally, the HVRTA is still trying to raise funds to install a pedestrian bridge in Hilldale; at this time, it has \$75,000 pledged and is looking to match that with another \$75,000.

Looking ahead, the HVRTA will seek bids for the construction of the bridge project in the spring. With any luck and no stumbling blocks, that section should be built next year.

FATAL CRASH *Continued from Page A1*

the state border by Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP). The passenger, whose name was not released, was reported in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries. Brink, however, succumbed to his injuries and once at the ER was pronounced dead by the Emergency Department physician.

The state police shut down Route 44 following the collision, though Officer Hicks was unsure for exactly how long.

On Friday, Nov. 13, there was no new information to report, other than the investigation into the accident is ongoing. Hicks said the review will likely continue for "a good six months while collision does all their math, because they have a backlog of cases and it has to get reviewed twice before it's finalized," he said, explaining the standard procedure. "Then two reconstructionists have to redo the math to make sure everything is correct."

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adopt the budget, with or without amendments. Budget documents and videos can be viewed at www.dutchessny.gov/2021budget as can the interactive "Budget in Brief."

Molinaro said the 2021 budget will provide no tax or fee increase as "we did not feel that this was the year at all to push our woes, our challenges, onto the backs of property taxpayers." There will be a slight decrease in the tax levy and a modest reduction in the county's tax rate. Other highlights included a proposed reduction in the county's workforce with no layoffs and a 3.6% spending cut, which was needed due to a significant loss in sales tax revenue.

Molinaro said the county is working hard to be innovative to provide for its residents, and to address several goals, including affordable housing and homelessness, public safety and community policing and services for young people. He added the county is very much concerned about state cuts and will continue to advocate for federal assistance, though the budget isn't built on this expectation and is prepared for a potential reduction of state aid.

Moving on to the COVID-19 Data Dashboard, Molinaro spoke of the expectation of an uptick in COVID-19 cases during the transition to colder weather and flu season. To date, the county has conducted nearly 240,000 COVID-19 tests. Over the course of the last 10 months, there have been 5,839 confirmed COVID cases countywide; the county is tracking 317 active cases. As of his talk, there were 12 individuals hospitalized, a number Molinaro said has remained steady these last few weeks.

As of the 10th, the regional positivity rate for COVID-19 was 2.7% while the positivity rate in Dutchess County was 1.9% on a seven-day rolling average. Mo-

linaro said the county's Department of Health (DOH) and various teams from all county agencies are actively identifying positive cases, conducting contact tracing and trying to limit transmission.

The first question inquired whether the county is in danger of going back to Phase 3 of reopening and what the threshold is. Molinaro said no one is suggesting the county "go backwards in time," and spoke of the state's work to identify COVID micro cluster hot spots. He said the county is restarting "a rapid response to growth" in certain areas to ensure the appropriate agencies are prepared for and can react to potential micro clusters.

One viewer spoke of the budget, claiming the Stabilization Center is being cut by 27% and will be entirely contracted out. Molinaro corrected that viewer — saying those statistics were wrong.

"You can spread misinformation as you wish — this county is exceptionally focused on mental health services," said Molinaro, who clarified that the Stabilization Center will not be entirely contracted out and that the county is already working to broaden its reach, maximizing relationships with other agencies to expand and mobilize its mental health services.

Molinaro responded to questions ranging from when visitations at nursing homes will restart; his thoughts on mandated vaccines; county plans for celebrating holidays; plans for building a new jail; and the county's commitment to mental health services.

One question asked what citizens can do to help at this time. Calling it "a remarkably kind question that doesn't get asked much these days," Molinaro advised remaining calm, being logical and vigilant, following COVID-19 guidance and being aware of family and friends who might feel ill.

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that has become synonymous with the arts in our region."

As they buffed and polished the old theater, Robert and Carol also helped with efforts to upgrade and beautify the entire center of Millerton, earning the admiration and loyalty of their neighbors in town and in the area at large. You could go so far as to say that the Sadlons (among other notable business owners) created modern Millerton and helped to get the Main Street Historic District registered on the National Register of Historic Places.

A place to discuss ideas

Once the downstairs portion of the theater was functioning, the couple turned their attention to the upstairs.

"Robert and I were passionate about the extraordinary and wonderful foreign and independent films that were available for theaters at that time but were hard to find outside of New York City. In the ballroom space, we created the upstairs theater with a stage to host post-screening discussions and specifically to show these films.

"A café and art gallery rounded out the space, providing an environment where people could relax, enjoy a cappuccino and discuss ideas and the films they had seen."

Exhibitions of visual art rotated regularly in the space and featured regional artists. Opening receptions were hosted in the café.

Programming was designed to include something for everyone, with first-run films and blockbusters and children's movies showing

alongside independent films, documentaries and art films.

The FilmWorks Forum was created in 1997 to bring inspiring, socially relevant films with post-screening discussions free to local audiences and has become one of the mainstays of The Moviehouse's offerings.

When the exhibition business shifted from analog film to digital in the early 2010s, the Sadlons made a substantial financial commitment to convert the theater so they could bring the latest technology to their audience.

Change brings opportunity

The Sadlons understood that, with the conversion to digital, they could bring in live programming from anywhere on the globe through state-of-the-art satellite systems.

This enabled The Moviehouse to present live-streamed and captured live productions from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, the National Theatre in London and more. Filmmakers from all over the world were beamed in to discuss their work and answer audience questions, along with the many film professionals who live in the Tri-State region, elevating The Moviehouse into a world-class arts center.

Once the conversion to digital was done, she said, "The only aspect of programming we were missing were the smaller independent and international films and documentaries, that were totally amazing but that didn't

have wide distribution. As a way to show these films, we created the Screening Room — a 40-seat intimate theater that also served as a space for exhibition openings and a rental space for events and lectures."

Change is the constant

The COVID-19 pandemic shut down theaters across the country, including New York State, which was the last state to allow theaters to reopen.

"As a way to remain connected with our audience during the pandemic we have been offering curated independent films and documentaries through our 'Virtual Cinema,'" Sadlon said. "These films are only available through independent art house theaters. Fans can purchase these films through The Moviehouse website to watch at home."

When asked about the challenges of continuing to run The Moviehouse without her life partner Robert, who passed away from cancer just 18 months ago, Carol replied, "Robert was very much a part of The Moviehouse; we were a team. Without him, the many responsibilities and challenges of running a theater have fallen on my shoulders. The burden of these tasks increased after the quarantine began and we had to furlough our employees."

Selling with Sotheby's

The property and business is now being offered for sale through the Lillie K Team at Select Sotheby's Realty, headed by listing brokers Raj Kumar and Annabel Taylor,

with a listing price of \$1,195,000. Sadlon feels that The Moviehouse is in especially good hands with Kumar, who loves cinema and fully appreciates what The Moviehouse means to the community.

"There has been tremendous buzz and a lot of inquiries from people I know would be able to take this to the next level," Sadlon said.

"Robert and I bought it at a challenging time in its history, because of our passion for cinema, preservation, art and architecture and with the intention of bringing people together. I really hope to find new owners who feel the same way.

"Nothing stays the same in life," she said philosophically. "This was a hard decision, but now I am feeling very excited about the possibilities."

The show will go on

While she misses the crowds and the fun of being at The Moviehouse, Sadlon looks forward to seeing what the next owners will do.

"This theater has been part of the community for 105 years. We were the stewards for 42 years and now other talented, creative people will continue."

Helping her through the process as well, she said, are the calls, letters and emails she has received since making the announcement.

"So many people have reached out to me. I know people really care. It motivates us to work hard to find the right buyer. This is an extraordinary audience who are really engaged. We are so lucky to have them."

Until a new buyer is found, The Moviehouse will continue to offer Virtual Cinema and other special online events. To learn what's new, sign up for their weekly newsletters at www.themoviehouse.net.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS *Continued from Page A1*

soon as they did we would soon be in Germany.

The weather has been fearful for advancing but that little worried us. We marched in mud up to our ankles over the country which they hurriedly left behind. We are now located near a town which they left a few days ago... they left a large amount of jam and bread, besides large quantities of other things. We are enjoying ourselves on their bread and jam which is not half bad. It indeed tastes good for we have been practically living on iron rations since we started the drive which is about two weeks ago.

You should see us going along the road eating green cabbage, turnips, beets, carrots and all other kinds of other vegetables that they left in the gardens behind. This noon we had cabbage, boiled bacon, crackers, good American bread and coffee... They have large fields of cabbage and other vegetables so we never have to worry about something to eat.

Since we started this drive we have slept in all kinds of places. The first day it was cold and rainy and we hiked until eleven thirty... the traffic was tied up and we were stuck on the road on a steep hill... on account of moving the infantry up in trucks to overtake the Germans who we have since learned left in railroad

trains, blowing up the tracks after they left.

When we could not move any further and as we were all muddy and wet, we decided to find some places to stay for the remainder of the night. The ground was too wet to pitch a tent so two other fellows and myself went into an old house that was practically all knocked down from shells... I made a bed out of boards and machine gun ammunition as that was the only thing I could find to lay on for that house had been formerly used as a German machine gun next.

I awoke at three, nearly froze to death for my feet were wet when I went to bed. Someone just said roll pack so I will finish later. God only knows where we are going, but I believe we are started for our long journey home.

Nov. 14

At present we are in a barrack waiting for orders. Everything points towards going home... on our way home by Dec. 5th. Imagine being home by Xmas. It does not sound possible but everything is possible in the army.

It is terrible cold this morning and as our fire is not burning any too good. I am having considerable trouble writing this letter. I was on guard until twelve last night... but the stove kept the fire going.

The other day... had some coffee and cakes with some of the refugees who were captured by the Germans four years ago... The women wore long dresses and they were covered with mud to their knees. Old men, women, young girls and boys and little children anywhere from a few days old up.

I cannot begin to relate how cruel they were used by the Germans, but they suffered the tortures of Hell. You cannot imagine their joy when we rushed through the towns driving the dirty Germans out... After four long years they are free and you cannot imagine their feeling toward us.

I got a few German coins from them which I am taking home as souvenirs for there have been too many fellows who lost their life picking up various things which had hand grenades, bombs and other explosives attached.

Hoping to be with you all by X-mas. I will close with love and kisses.

Your Loving son,
Jim

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From Visual Art to Music, AMP Continues to Grow

Blending Bach and social responsibility has been a lifelong goal of cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

How fitting, then, that the critically acclaimed musician is represented in the most recent art installment at the American Mural Project (AMP) in Winsted, Conn., the world's largest indoor collaborative artwork whose very foundation is built on community engagement.

Ma, along with more than 100 composers, vocalists and instrumentalists, is featured on a larger-than-life, 18-foot piano made from a sheet of aluminum, which was recently hoisted 48 feet high and attached to a section of the 120-foot-long mural.

The mural, which represents American workers and was launched by Sharon, Conn., resident Ellen Griesedieck in 2002, is housed in a historic mill building in Winsted. The project is expected to be completed in two years.

The piano piece, four years in the making, said Griesedieck, pays tribute to American music. "It has been resting on my studio floor while other projects move into place on the mural," she said.

"In fact, we disassembled and moved hundreds of aluminum panels out of my studio these past three years while walking over the blanketed piano."

In keeping with the concept of collaboration that is at the heart of AMP, the artist said she contacted music artists representing



PHOTO COURTESY AMP

The latest installment in the massive American Mural Project in Winsted, Conn., is a metal panel shaped like a piano and etched with the names of 118 remarkable American musicians — and their favorite piece of music.

every genre of American music and asked them for their favorite score to include on the piano.

"I further complicated this by deciding how beautiful the surface would be if I burned stencils of the artists' names and scores and then transferred them onto the aluminum with metal paints and patinas," a process that turned out, she said, to be extremely time-consuming. But once

the artist started, there was no stopping, especially as the overlapping scores began to yield a visually stunning pattern.

Another challenge Griesedieck faced was selecting from a list of "thousands and thousands of gifted musicians who live and work in this country" the 118 artists to be featured on AMP's piano. The final selection reads like a Who's Who of American Music — with numerous Tri-state region musicians represented.

Griesedieck said that over the summer AMP hosted a few small concerts by Paul Winter, Theresa Thomason and Joel Martin. "We discovered that the

acoustics in our giant space are phenomenal," she said. As a result, the next chapter of AMP will be "opening our space for regular music events."

With each piece of artwork installed, Griesedieck explained, the acoustics in the cavernous space improve. The effect of music when it reverberates off the surrounding mural, she said, "pops it back at you" with a rich sound. Referring to the idea to host concerts at AMP, "We didn't plan for it. We really have been given a gift."

Although AMP is not currently open to the public, visitors will have an opportunity to get a sneak peek at the latest installations during Open Mill Days on Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6.

Tours will be offered at 1 p.m. each day, lasting about 45 minutes, at AMP's location, 90 Whiting St., Winsted. Pre-registration is required for the tours (no walk-ins), which are limited to 16 visitors, by calling 860-379-3006. A minimum suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged at the time of registration.

At The Movies



BARANSKI, MEYERS MARTINDALE AND MORE IN HVA AUCTION NOV. 22

Just in time for the holiday season, a rare (in 2020) opportunity: a fundraising auction.

The annual auction for the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) — which will be held this year on Sunday, Nov. 22 — is one of the traditions of the region. It always has a swipe of glamour; it was hosted for years by fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg and has been hosted for the past few years by actress Christine Baranski, who has starred in many wonderful movies and is most recently a pillar of the television series "The Good Wife" and its sequel, "The Good Fight."

As its name suggests, the Housatonic Valley Association is dedicated to protecting the Housatonic River and the valley around it. The Housatonic is the river that runs through all our area Litchfield County towns, and is a source of beauty and recreation for many. The association helps ensure that the shores remain clean and healthy, without excessive building. There have been abnormal strains on the river and the valley this year, with an unusually high influx of out-of-town visitors coming in summer — some of whom didn't fully appreciate the importance of protecting the river.

Lynn Werner, HVA's executive director, said in a release announcing the auction, that HVA protects "thousands of woodland acres and miles of river and streams. So much is at stake — and everybody can be part of the solution while enjoying a COVID-safe party in the comfort of their own homes."

The auction is normally hosted in Washington, Conn. Anyone who's wanted to participate in the past but was daunted by the drive can now enjoy the auction itself (tickets are \$100) and a pre-auction



PHOTO COURTESY OF HVA
Actress and Litchfield County, Conn., resident Christine Baranski will once again host the fundraising auction (online this year) for the Housatonic Valley Association.

VIP reception with Baranski and actress Margo Martindale (a beloved character actress who was also in many episodes of "The Good Wife") offered at 3:30 p.m. (admission comes with a donation of \$1,000 or more).

That's already a ton of fun in support of a cause that runs through the lives of all area residents. But there's more: One of the auction items is a chance for you and your friends to do a Zoom hang-out with Seth Meyers. Another Can't-Get-It-Elsewhere biddable is a singing/talking gift card from Martindale.

Other auction items include travel opportunities (in a future world, where COVID-19 is under control); regional delights from companies such as Litchfield Distillery, Harney & Sons Tea Company, Kent Wine & Spirits, GW Tavern in Washington Depot and the Fife 'n' Drum in Kent.

The annual fundraising auction for the Housatonic Valley Association is on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$100. To join the pre-auction VIP reception with Christine Baranski and Margo Martindale at 3:30 p.m., make a donation of \$1,000 or more. Go to www.hvatoday.org and click "Register Now to join Christine Baranski at Auction 2020."

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD (AT THE MAHAIWE)

Back in the old days of event television, it was an annual ritual for one of the networks (first CBS and then NBC) to broadcast "The Wizard of Oz" in November, right around Thanksgiving.

For those who pine for the comfort of old traditions in this year when so much is unconventional, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., will present four screenings of the film on Friday, Nov. 27, at 4 and 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 28, at 1 and 4 p.m.

It seems almost silly

to explain this but "The Wizard of Oz" was released in 1939 and stars Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr and Salisbury, Conn., resident Margaret Hamilton (she plays The Wicked Witch of the West). It is based on the books by L. Frank Baum, a native of upstate New York.

Tickets to "The Wizard of Oz" are \$9 and must be purchased in advance at www.mahaiwe.org or by calling 413-528-0100 from Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

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BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Remembering Laurie Colwin Through Stories She Wrote (and Stories About Her)

You didn't have to live in Cornwall, Conn., to know Laurie Colwin, one of many famous writers who have lived in this particularly artistic little Northwest Corner town.

Colwin was well-known to anyone who loved to read about food and simple, homey pleasures. Her writing was gentle and warm and inviting, her recipes simple and attainable.

Which is somewhat funny when you speak to people who knew her well.

Dave Cadwell knew her from his restaurant, Cadwell's Corner, near the Covered Bridge. In one of her short essays published in "More Home Cooking," Colwin described his coffee shop as "the premier breakfast and lunch place in West Cornwall," and then described in detail why the Cadwell meatloaf was particularly tasty.

If you want to know the details of that famous meatloaf, tune in on Saturday, Nov. 28, to the Cornwall Library's annual Cornwall Reads Cornwall. Famous figures from town read the writings of famous writers from town. Some of those writers were local heroes (Samuel Scoville Jr.) and others were favorites around the globe (James Thurber).

Colwin might not be a household name in the way that Thurber was, but those who loved her writing loved her very much. Even today, 28 years after her unexpected death at age 48 of a heart attack in 1992, she is remembered as though she had just left the room.

The actress Blair Brown (Molly Dodd on television

and, more recently, Judy King in "Orange Is the New Black") will read several selections written by her friend for the event, perhaps from "Home Cooking" and "More Home Cooking" — including the famous meatloaf story.

For those who knew Colwin only from her writing, it's funny to hear her described by those who knew her. Her essays are quiet, observant, gentle. In life, however, she was outspoken and full of sizzle.

"You always knew when Laurie was in the room," Cadwell said affectionately. "She was a real pisser."

Brown said she met Colwin after moving to an apartment in New York.

"She'd sit on the front stoop of her building, which was three doors down from mine, wearing a denim wrap skirt and a French mariner's shirt, barelegged with loafers on," Brown recalled. And she would observe people coming and going — and engage them in conversation.

"She was essentially the concierge of our street," Brown said.

One day Colwin saw Brown walking by, struck up a conversation and invited herself over to see the actress's new pad. A long friendship ensued.

"Laurie would always talk about The Country," Brown recalled, in the days before she too began to spend time here in Litchfield County. "Laurie described Cornwall as a cross between Eden and Oz."

"I remember once that she entered her chutney at either the Cornwall Ag Fair

or the Goshen Fair. And she won a blue ribbon! She was thrilled."

That's especially endearing when you know that Colwin's work was routinely published in Gourmet magazine and The New Yorker and that she was voted into the James Beard Cookbook Hall of Fame, posthumously, in 2012.

Colwin's close friend Franny Taliaferro recalled that the writer (and her future husband, the book publisher Juris Jurjevics) came to Cornwall in 1982.

"Laurie loved Cornwall. Period," Taliaferro said.

When asked how The Concierge of a New York City Street fared in the relative isolation of The Country, Taliaferro said, "Laurie's Cornwall was not a place of isolation. She found everybody interesting and eventually invited everybody she liked to come for some sort of meal. A natural questioner, she got to know more about Cornwall than many people who had lived there for decades.

"In the terrible event of the 1989 tornado, Laurie pitched right in and made food for workers — just the sort of thing she did in New

York City, where she was a volunteer cook in a soup kitchen.

"Laurie loved community — a Cornwallish trait."

Those who read her and didn't know her, and didn't know to mourn her early death, think of her as frozen in time in the 1990s, young and pretty with curly hair and a bit of a smirk.

What would she be like today?

"Laurie would be 76 if she were alive now," Taliaferro said. "She was full of surprises and I wouldn't dare to imagine what she

might be doing. I know for sure, however, that her essential nature would be the same: warm, appreciative, affectionate, funny, irreverent and deeply intelligent."

To learn more about the wonders of Laurie Colwin, and to hear writings by James Thurber, Samuel Scoville Jr. and others, join the Zoom of Cornwall Reads Cornwall on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Readers include Kurt Andersen and Anne Kreamer and Roxana Robinson. Register at www.cornwalllibrary.org.

INSIDE-OUT VIEWS OF THE WORLD IN WASSAIC

In a show that ranges widely across the Americas and West Indies, in media from quilts to masks to traps to articles of clothing to sculptures made of light, a show at the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y., explores the idea of "home" (whatever that looks like) and how it has changed the way we relate to ourselves and others.

"All Out/All In" features nine artists, opens on Saturday, Nov. 14, in Maxon Mills and remains on display until March 27, 2021. Make an appointment for a 30-minute visit online at www.wassaicproject.org/exhibitions/all-out-all-in. The exhibition will be open on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY WASSAIC PROJECT

Mark Fleuridor's quilt, "Munmis November Babies: Moy Moy and Princess," is one of many diverse pieces in a new exhibition at the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y.

TRAVEL: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Truly a 'Dream' Vacation: Whiling Away the Hours in Rome

You don't need to be reminded at this point that domestic travel is difficult (and becoming more difficult) and that foreign travel is, literally, impossible.

For most of us, that simply means our dream vacation has to be postponed. For a lucky but unlucky few, that means that a treasured and meaningful destination is, for now, unreachable.

Rome is that destination for the writer Andre Aciman (who is Egyptian but emigrated briefly to Italy before then moving on to the U.S.) and Jeannette Montgomery Barron, who grew up in Georgia before moving to New York City. She lives in Kent, Conn., now but in the middle somewhere were 11 years that she spent in Rome with her husband (gallery owner/art dealer James Barron) and their two children, who were young at the time but are now college graduates.

Aciman and Barron had met while their children were in school together in Manhattan and reconnected a few years ago when



PHOTO BY JEANNETTE MONTGOMERY BARRON

What looks like a Great Master-style painting peeks out from behind a cascade of drapery at an antiques store in Rome in a new collection of photos and musings about the Italian capital by photographer Jeannette Montgomery Barron and writer Andre Aciman.

Aciman was in the Northwest Corner to speak at Ben and Donna Rosen's wonderful but short-lived Kent Presents summer speaker series.

Aciman was already a well-known and respected writer before he became very famous for the film made from his book, "Call Me By My Name."

Barron is sort of a stealth famous person in her own right having spent much of

the wild late 20th century in New York City, partying with Bianca Jagger and taking portraits of friends such as the actor Willem Dafoe and the artist Keith Haring.

Barron's life is more quiet and reflective now, especially in the pandemic — which has made it impossible for her to travel back to her beloved Rome.

"We're very fortunate to be up here," she said. "I've felt so lucky that I'm not in

a city wearing a mask all the time. I can go outside. It's been a very creative time for me."

Barron is working on several books with a publisher in England, but she's also doing what she loves, which is to wander around with her iPhone in her pocket, snapping photos of things that catch her eye.

Here in Litchfield County, those photos are likely to be taken on long walks

in the woods and along the river. In Rome, those photos were often architectural or of works of art.

"I wasn't going out to look for photos to take," she said of her images from Rome. "They just ... appeared in front of me and I'd have my phone in my pocket, I'd be going to the market or Pilates or to meet a friend and I'd find a photograph."

She had been primarily doing magazine work, portraits, and a series of photos of mirrors of all kinds. The more random images taken on the streets of Rome were a completely different artistic experience for her.

"In a way, it was like taking notes. It kind of freed me up."

Those photos are the ones that form the centerpiece of a new book that she and Aciman collaborated on, called "Roman Hours." It is a small volume that can fit in a large pocket and includes a color image of Rome facing a short musing or haiku-like observation by Aciman. The words weren't written to

match the photos, or vice versa.

"I think Andre just was walking around Rome doing the same thing I was doing: Going on errands and jotting notes in a Moleskin on his way to have a coffee.

"I love it when words don't illustrate the images," she added. The words and photos in "Roman Hours" "stand alone and have no real relation."

"Roman Hours" is the first in what is expected to be an ongoing City Series by Ivory Press, which pairs up an artist and a writer.

The book costs \$30, which is a bargain for what is essentially a portal to a city that we all wish we could travel to, with guidance from two experienced expatriates in Italy.

Signed and personalized copies of "Roman Hours" by Jeannette Montgomery Barron and Andre Aciman will be available after Dec. 7 at House of Books in Kent, Conn. Unsigned copies are available now. Go to www.houseofbookst.com for ordering information.

MILLBROOK

Millbrook remembers veterans in the midst of a pandemic

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MILLBROOK — Veterans Day in this year of COVID-19 was different, but no less sacred, than those of other years. Overcast, threatening rain, the several veterans the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9008 set up a tent and carried on, almost as usual. The crowd was sparse, wearing masks and social distancing, but their eyes above the masks said it all, the heartfelt thanks for the sacrifices made by the soldiers the village of Millbrook and the town of Washington sent to war, some of whom never returned home.

Before the ceremony, which lasted a scant 15 minutes, the county's Veterans Day motorcade wound its way around the turn at Franklin Avenue, passing the Village Green heading toward Route 343. County Sheriff's Deputies, fire departments, members of the Armed Services and local municipal vehicles honored those who served by driving throughout the county in the convoy. Cars, motorcycles, firetrucks and more traveled from Poughkeepsie through Pleasant Valley, Millbrook, Pine Plains, Ame-



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
Veteran Joe Murphy, of Millbrook VFW Post 9008, laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial at the Village Green on Veterans Day during a small service due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

nia, Millerton, Stanfordville and other parts of the Dutchess County. COVID couldn't keep residents in the region from observing the day and paying tribute to their veterans.

Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, a Vietnam War veteran, read the names VFW Post 9008 members who have passed away in the last year. A bell sounded as each name was read. A solemn march down to

the Green, to the memorial, was followed with the laying of the wreath by veteran Joe Murphy, while veteran Tom Fiore held a rifle. Veteran Wayne Butler then raised the flag as a lone bugle was played. With that, the ceremony was done.

The new commander of Post 9008, Jeff Moseman, was on hand in one of his first public events since his September induction; he took over for

long-time Cmdr. Lonn Moore. Moseman previously served two years as vice commander.

"Despite the pandemic it's important that we continue the tradition of celebrating Veterans Day this year and every year as a way to honor the young men and women who left home to serve their country," said Moseman.

Asked about his own military service, he replied, "service, I

did a total of 22 years. I served on active duty with the United States Navy from 1983 to 87, where I was stationed aboard the Amphibious Assault Carrier U.S.S. Inchon. I deployed three times to the Middle East as a member of the Multi-National Peacekeeping Forces in Beirut, Lebanon."

After being honorably discharged he continued his military service with the Air National Guard based out of Stewart Air Base in Newburgh.

As with most other entities, this has been a rough year for Post 9008. Due to COVID, the

usual means of raising money haven't been available; the VFW has not been able to do any public fundraising, so few 50/50 tickets were sold as it did not have a kiosk at the farmers market or other venues as usual, and some of the events where it would typically sell its famous sausage and peppers were not held.

Most of the VFW's money goes to purchase the metal plates used to hold the American flags displayed at local ceremonies, for which it does accept donations. For more information, go to its Facebook page.

Millbrook schools have first case

MHS student tests positive for COVID-19

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District website's home page announced that a Millbrook High School student has tested positive for COVID-19.

The district noted that although the student was listed on the New York State COVID Report Card for positive coronavirus cases in New York schools as an "in attendance" student, the student in question is not, and has not, been on school grounds. Nor has this student, whose identity is being kept confidential due to privacy reasons, been on any of the district's school buses, according to the district.

The student, who had signed up to attend the school's hybrid learning model program and therefore be physically on cam-

pus, reportedly tested positive for the coronavirus before the scheduled date to begin in-person classes began. Therefore, assured school administrators, the infected student has not yet entered school property.

All positive test results within the state's school districts must be reported to New York State daily, which then reports them publicly on its New York State COVID-19 Report Card.

Repeated attempts to reach Millbrook Central School District personnel for comment on this article were unsuccessful, and as of Monday, Nov. 16, no new cases of COVID-19 were reported. Schools in the Millbrook district were let out early, at 12:15 p.m. on Monday due to a water main break in the village. Classes were expected to resume on Tuesday, Nov. 17, according to a message sent out from the district office.

BOE OKs hirings, bids for electrical work

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District Board of Education (BOE) met on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m.

It went approved a number of hirings. Kelly Duncombe-Eaton, an AIS teacher in the tenure area of remedial reading, was hired at a salary of \$66,415 based on the current MTA contract for a four-year probationary period. Also hired, teaching assistants in the tenure area, with the salaries of \$24,375.25: Annamarie Muscari, Tiffany Bernardinelli and Jessica McRoberts. They were hired for four-year probationary positions. Ann Thibaud was hired as a teacher's aide at \$14.32 per hour pending finger print results.

Four school monitors were hired pending finger print results at \$13.10 per hour; they are Janice Murray, Jeannine Secor, Steve Larden and Kylie Link. Temporary full-time custodial workers Lee Jack and Brian Avery were hired.

Part-time monitors were also hired: Fatmire Lamaj, Sabrina Peloquin and Jacqueline Euell, as was a part-time teacher's aide, Giovanna Murrace-Taylor. A stipend of \$28.85 per hour was approved for Kelly Murphy, LPN, for 6.5 to 7.25 hours on hybrid learning model days.

The BOE amended a co-curricular appointment for Cathie Morton, a media club advisor at the middle school, who was hired at the rate of \$1,075.19 (to be pro-rated effective Nov. 2). An extra physical education class was approved for Joseph Carbone; he went from teaching a half-session of an adaptive PE class at the middle school for \$5,272.92 to teaching a full extra session of adaptive PE at the middle school for the 2020-21 school year for \$10,545.83.

Jessica Quint Alden, a morning bus supervisor, was hired at the rate of \$1,075.19 (to be pro-rated effective Nov. 2).

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell, the following people were appointed to the corresponding co-curricular appointments for the 2020-21 school year at stipends or half-stipends per their MFA contract agreements: Jillian Barnes, middle school Art Club advisor; Nicole Barnes, middle school Interact Club, co-advisor; and middle school Jr. Honor Society co-advisor; middle school Interact Club co-advisor Dana Bo; Elm Drive Elementary School morning bus supervisor Stephanie Clouting; Elm Drive Elementary School

morning bus supervisor Madelena Glazer; Alden Place Elementary School morning bus supervisor Sophia Koralus; middle school media advisor Cathie Morton; and Alden Place Elementary School bus supervisor Jessica Quint.

The board also approved non-union staff salaries for 2020-21.

Bids were accepted for work to make electrical upgrades at

Alden Place and Elm Drive elementary schools. The Elm Drive bid is to install new underground conduit feeders. The pre-bid estimate was \$85,000. The bid was awarded to J & J Sass of Kingston; the base bid was for \$64,973. The proposed total construction cost is estimated at \$71,470.

The Alden Place electrical upgrades are for underground conduit feeders. The pre-bid es-

timate was \$150,000. The board accepted a bid from J & J Sass of \$68,900. The estimated total cost comes to \$112,300.

On the recommendation of the Mitchell, the BOE approved the Building Level Safety Plan. The board took questions from the public as well as requests for future agenda items.

The next board meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., at the middle school.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Red Cross blood drive at firehouse Nov. 19

The Red Cross will conduct COVID-19 antibody testing of blood donations at its blood drive at the Millbrook firehouse on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 1 to 6 p.m. at 20 Front St.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or on the donor portal at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

The Red Cross is not administering diagnostic tests

intended to diagnose illness.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving and are required to wear a face covering or mask while there.

For more information, go to www.redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or go to Twitter at @RedCross.

Christmas Sale

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will hold its annual Christmas Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 and 5, at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook.

The three-day event will feature Christmas decorations, gift items, holiday clothing and more. Sale hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 3275 Franklin Ave., is open year-round, benefiting St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Office of Commissioner shall file their names and the position they are seeking in writing to the District Secretary, Dawn Marie Klingner, PO Box 214, Amenia, New York 12501 no later than December 3, 2020. Only residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections as of November 16, 2020 shall be eligible to vote. 11/09/20.

Dawn Marie Klingner
Secretary
Amenia Fire District #1
Board of Commissioners
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Legal Notice

ANNUAL ELECTION OF AMENIA FIRE DISTRICT #1 DECEMBER 8, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Amenia Fire District #1 will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 36 Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York for the purpose of electing (1) Commissioner to serve a five (5) year term commencing of January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2025.

Candidates for District

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EDITORIAL

Rail Trail moves north, full steam ahead

After 20 years of dreaming of what it would be like to be able to step off from Main Street in Millerton and end up at Beilke Road in Ancram, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) finally has its answer. That's because last month, the northward extension of the much-loved amenity, which now stretches from the tiny hamlet of Wassaic in the town of Amenia, thanks to the recently completed Trail to Train project, all the way up to Ancram, was finally finished. When fully completed, the Rail Trail will run 23 continuous miles from the Metro-North Wassaic Train Station in Amenia to the Copake Falls area of Taconic State Park (plus the approximately 3,500 linear feet that makes up the Trail to Train extension from the Wassaic Train Station to the hamlet of Wassaic).

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail is a big deal in these parts. It's unquestionably one of Millerton's biggest assets and lures visitors to the area from near and far. The linear park is owned by the state but leased to Dutchess County, which maintains the Rail Trail. Townspeople, we should note, kindly volunteers to maintain the environmentally friendly composting toilets by the Trail head at Main Street that are so welcome by Millerton merchants who had often opened their facilities to Trail users.

According to HVRTA Chairman Dick Hermans, when the Rail Trail's Millerton section was first opened in 2000, connecting the 3.6 miles between Coleman Station and the village, there were visions of extending it along the rail bed to our northern neighbors. He said the Association approached county leaders immediately with the concept and were well received, but little did they realize it would take two decades to bring the idea to fruition.

This newly opened extension will only enhance what is already an incredible regional resource. The Rail Trail provides wonderful recreational and educational opportunities (with more to come!), not to mention offers great ways for local residents and visitors alike to relax and enjoy the area's natural beauty. Whether one is walking, running, cycling or skating — it really doesn't matter how one travels along the path, just that the path is traveled upon. The physical and mental health benefits of getting out on the Rail Trail are huge — especially helpful during today's high-stress pandemic world.

And there are other projects in the works. The HVRTA is currently seeking a matching grant as it's hoping to connect Black Grocery Road in Copake and Orphan Farm Meadow in Copake Falls. The \$2.4 million project would link a 4.9-mile stretch of Trail that local residents often traverse.

There's also the Bridge to Nature being built over the Weatuck Creek in Millerton, which will serve as an outdoor educational area for Trail users to teach about how humans have impacted the natural world.

Additionally, fundraising is taking place for the installation of a pedestrian bridge along the Trail in Hillsdale. So far, \$75,000 has been pledged; another \$75,000 is needed.

We hope the HVRTA is successful in finding the funds it needs for all the work it wants to accomplish. We applaud it in advocating for the Trail and Trail users for all these years and for overseeing so many rewarding and thriving projects — all of which have greatly improved our communities and our lives. We congratulate the Association on another project completed. And we thank county leaders, too, for their support and hope the county will continue to offer its aid for future projects and whatever work is necessary to properly maintain the Trail down the pike.

After all, converting old, decaying and abandoned railroad beds into a beautifully paved linear Rail Trail park is the ultimate form of recycling — and that's pretty much always going to win our seal of approval. Here's to 20 years and counting!

For more on the Rail Trail, go to www.hvrt.org.

Which types of trees and forests are at risk?

Dear EarthTalk: How will global warming change the distribution of trees across the continental U.S.? Which types of trees and forests are most at risk?

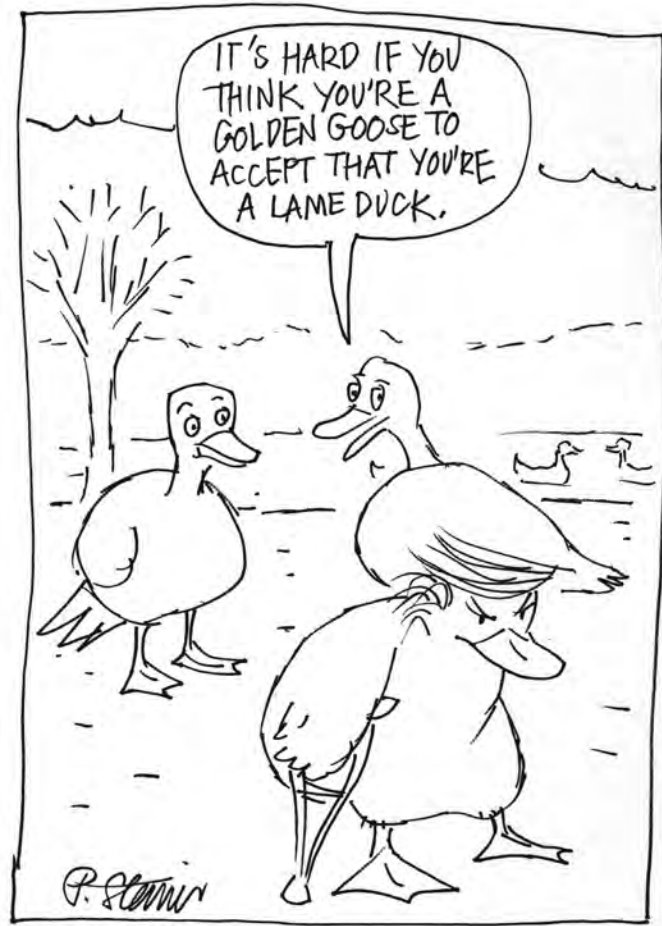
— Mike Powers, Golden, Colo.

EARTHTALK
Editors of E: The Environmental Magazine

species that is already suffering from the effects of climate change is the Quaking Aspen, the most widely distributed tree species in North America. Given their shallow root systems, aspens are particularly sensitive to drought; warmer, drier weather overall as a result of global warming means more drought and more trouble for the trees moving forward. Researchers worry that aspens may be gone from the southern (and driest) band of its range within decades, and foresee drastic declines in the tree's overall distribution as temperatures inch up, drought pervades and forest fires rage throughout the region.

Some other tree species on the ropes thanks to climate change include Sugar maple, Balsam fir, Black ash, Paper birch, White pine, Tamarack and Red spruce.

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Why am I making my own medical decisions?

Old people always seem to be talking about medical issues. Is it because their conditions are so chronic that it is all they can think about or is it that they have no one they can rely on? When we were kids, mom or dad would advise us and guide us into dealing with a cold, flu, mumps, cuts and bruises. If we got seriously ill or had to go to the hospital, we relied on our parents to pass on the doctor's advice that we would then happily take. It was a matter of trust as well as trust by chain of command. Mom and dad said they trusted the doctors; you felt safe in their hands.

When you get older, there is no one "above" you that you can automatically trust. It is why, as an adult, you seek out and hopefully acquire a general practitioner whose opinion you

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE
Peter Riva

can trust. If you're lucky, you also have a few good medical friends you can turn to and ask for their guidance.

Sincerely, I would always prefer to have some guidance that matters in medical decisions. Increasingly, such a one-on-one trustworthy relationship with a single doctor seems to be disappearing. And, what makes matters worse in this pandemic, is that all we get from those ultimately responsible for the management of the pandemic is conflicting, flip-flopping and always acrimonious advice or facts. When was the last time you

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attention town of Amenia taxpayers

This letter is to correct the misinformation that was presented in the "2021 Preliminary budget hearing held" article in the Nov. 12 edition of The Millerton News. First of all, the 2021 Town of Amenia budget is not going up 22.49%. Secondly, the tax rate per thousand in 2019 was 2.46551 and in 2020 the tax rate per thousand was 1.974126, which clearly shows that taxes went DOWN. Thirdly, the tax cap law states that the tax cap rate is 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever less is.

Per information received from the New York State comptroller's office, the tax cap rate for 2021 is 1.56%. Furthermore, there was no Summer Camp this year and it was cut from the 2021 budget because there was

no one who responded to ads in The Millerton News, notices on the website and Channel 22 this year or last year for Summer Camp director. In addition, the open position was announced at Town Board meetings.

There will be further reductions in budget lines that will be reflected in the proposed Adopted Budget, which will be voted on at the Nov. 19 Town Board meeting. It will be the result of the Amenia Town Board knowing that there will be a major reduction in revenue due to the COVID pandemic's effect on sales tax revenue and other factors and doing the best job that we can to keep taxes down and still cover the costs and expenses that we are required to pay.

Victoria Perotti
Town Supervisor

Amenia

Editor's note: Please read this week's article on Page A3, "A closer look at the town's 2021 Preliminary Budget," by reporter Kaitlin Lyle, which clarifies any errors from last week's article and provides the proper budget figures. We regret the errors.

Florida didn't get it so right

I take exception to several items Mr. Conklin mentioned in last week's column, Veteran's Corner.

First, in talking about election rules, you stated that, "Florida should serve as a role model. They did it right."

Right, if you are an advocate of voter suppression. In Florida's previous election, 60% of the voters voted for Amendment 4, which in essence gave felons, other than murderers and sex offenders, the right to vote after serving their time in jail. The Republican controlled Legislature, with the encouragement of Governor DeSantis, ruled that the offender had to pay legal financial obligations. It was ruled by District Judge Hinkle in a 125-page document, which stated that Florida's "pay-to-vote" system was unconstitutional. Not satisfied, they took it to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which overturned Judge Hinkle's ruling.

So now Florida has a poll tax and as the state has no obligation to tell the offenders how much is owed, they are left in limbo.

I just don't see how Florida is the state that got it right.

You also stated "a uniform set of national election rules must be established to achieve election results in a timely manner."

I believe the Constitution gives the right to each state to make their own election laws.

Roger Noel Price
Millerton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from Pine Plains town supervisor

I'd like to give thanks each week to some of the volunteers and employees who make Pine Plains what it is — look for more thanks in my weekly newsletters.

The Broadband Committee: Thank you for meeting every Thursday since we began, mapping the holes in high-speed internet service, collating survey results, staying on top of all developments in broadband service and connecting to others doing the same work in other counties. If anyone can figure this out, I am positive it is our committee members: Chair Paul Marcom, Jim Petrie, John Forelle, Martin Handler, Matt Brimer, Matt Finley, Jesse Brukman, Michael Stabile and Steven Neil. It is an honor to work with you.

Recycling: It is also an honor to work with Vinnie Parlman, who, whenever he is asked to do something for the town, always says yes. Always. Vinnie has been instrumental in so many projects around town, from manning the recycling center to cleaning up zombie houses and letting in workpersons to fix things in our buildings. Vinnie, we could not run things without you.

Masks: The greatest gratitude to all who wear masks in town. Not only are you keeping yourself healthy, you are keeping our COVID-19 rate the lowest in the county. It is a small gesture but a mighty one. And I know it challenges the rugged individualism that defines so many here in our town. But those with the greatest courage are those who think about oth-

ers first. Bravo.

Whenever I sit with other supervisors and mayors and hear their war stories, I am ever more grateful that we have the Highway and Police Departments that we do. This is to the credit of their leaders, Heather Emerich and John Hughes. If you could hear the problems other towns have, I think you would be as proud as I am to know that these people guard the town.

Last week, I began work as a Pattern for Progress Fellow in a yearlong study of Institutional Racism. I believe this work will have a profound effect on leadership in Pine Plains — there is much to learn and it serves to bolster the decisions we have already made here. Sgt. Hughes already had the idea that the Police Department is a service to the community, not a force, per se. There is a huge difference in these concepts.

Our study will include this and other topics, like classism and misogyny. The great divide we experience in Pine Plains revolves around many issues these concepts address. It's not just political parties; the political divide might just be the result.

I leave you with this quotation from Abraham Maslow, whose Law of Instruments demonstrates the cognitive bias that involves an over-reliance on a familiar tool.

"I suppose it is tempting, if the only tool you have is a hammer, to treat everything as if it were a nail."

Darrah Cloud
Town Supervisor

Pine Plains

went to a doctor's office and asked for advice only to have the doctor and nurse argue on what's best for you? Would that give you any confidence at all? How about your doctor seeing your test results and keeping the facts from you, telling you he or she had no guidance at all? Or how about the doctor telling you that your treatment or prevention from getting a disease is out of his or her hands and it would be better if you asked neighbors or even the town mayor? Of course, you wouldn't take that advice, you'd either go it alone or you would get another doctor.

In a sense, that's what we're all facing now. Mishandled medical preparedness (the administration knew COVID was deadly in February), misguided and contradictory advice, flip-flopping every few days, refusal to take any responsibility or preparedness... and people you know or maybe people your friends knew have died and countless millions of others have lingering effects.

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

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Grants to heal social divide open till Dec. 1

TRI-STATE REGION — Berkshire Taconic will award grants between \$500 and \$2,500 to support small-scale, community-based actions such as virtual forums, service projects and artistic and cultural activities. Applicants should consider how their projects will create new or strengthen existing relationships among people of different backgrounds, experiences or beliefs; forge connections around a shared experience through which participants can explore different points of view; and bring residents together to pursue a common goal. Compliance with state guidelines will be required for any in-person activities. Berkshire Bank is providing funding support for these grants.

Eligible applicants include nonprofits, schools, municipalities and local government and faith-based organizations (for non-religious activities) located in northeast Dutchess, northwest Litchfield, Columbia and Berkshire Counties. Community groups may also apply through a fiscal sponsorship with an eligible organization.

The first deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 1. To apply, go to www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Healing.

Pine Plains finds ways to stay fit safely with yoga

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Given all the sunshine this fall has afforded the Harlem Valley thus far, even as temperatures drop, local residents have been out and about in an effort to stay fit and enjoy the scenery while maintaining a social distance from one another. For those looking to get back into the local exercise programs they once enjoyed, they are more than welcome to join the in-person and online community yoga classes organized by the Pine Plains Free Library.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yoga with Nichole, with instructor Nichole Martini, was originally held at the Pine Plains Free Library on Monday nights. After the pandemic hit, she shifted to teaching on Zoom.

Nowadays, Martini can be found hosting her Monday evening yoga classes in-person in the open air at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion, located at 82 Beach Road. Open to all skill levels, the program is available every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Social distancing is a must for residents who partake in these classes, and donations are appreciated but not required.

Martini is also teaching a Saturday morning yoga class via Zoom. Held at 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings, residents can access this yoga class by clicking on the Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/8718532858?pwd=dnVZelo3bjBES2dyZFpjRjczbUwZz09>. The suggested donation for this class is \$10. Participants can pay via Venmo to @ Nichole-Martini or via PayPal to nichole.martini@gmail.com.

As another yoga enthusiast residing locally, Lynda Wisdo, had organized a Chair Yoga program on YouTube early in the pandemic. According to



PHOTO BY MELISSA MANTO-FEDCZUK

Under the shelter of the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion, Nichole Martini has been leading local residents through several yoga exercises while making sure they maintain a safe social distance from one another during the COVID-19 pandemic, as part of her Yoga with Nichole program held on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Wisdo's website, Wise Woman Wellness at www.lyndawisdo.weebly.com, chair yoga is defined as a form of traditional Hatha Yoga (referring to a branch of yoga that focuses on physical exercises and breathing control) with the support of a chair.

Participants are taught exercises in both seated and standing postures in addition to breathing exercises and guided meditation.

Described as a practice for the mind, spirit and body, the benefits of practicing chair yoga range from increased flexibility and relaxation to an enhanced immune function and improved sense of empowerment.

The Chair Yoga program was originally held in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library every Wednesday morning, until the pandemic prompted the library to close. The library has since reopened,

but not all of its programs have returned as it is still concerned about its patrons' safety.

As a way of staying connected with her students while offering local residents access to Chair Yoga, Wisdo created a video on YouTube entitled, "Chair Yoga-Finding Our Breath Amid the COVID-19 Chaos," which can be found online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0M7tccBfA0.

"So many of us are living with fear and, as a result, not breathing fully," Wisdo said of how people are dealing with the stress of the pandemic. "Focusing on taking full, expansive breaths can help greatly to alleviate stress and anxiety as can gentle movement and guided meditation — both of which are part of my video."

Wisdo later posted a "Chair Yoga-Releasing Muscle Tension During the COVID Chaos" video that focused on alleviat-

ing stress during the COVID-19 pandemic, which can be found online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmi8zN8dEaQ.

Given that many of her students are seniors who don't navigate the world wide web

terribly well, Wisdo has since let the Chair Yoga program go, though residents can still find her videos through the aforementioned links or by visiting her YouTube channel, "Lynda Wisdo, MA."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Move and Groove Mondays!

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library is offering Move and Groove Mondays! from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. every week via Zoom. Just email kmcclune@nemillertonlibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Hotchkiss School student Katerina encourages her students to share their ideas, to request music they like, to express movement prefer-

ences, etc. Katerina mixes traditional dance styles (ballet, jazz, etc.) with free movement and asks her students to add their own choreography to create sequences that the whole class then dances.

Be sure your child or any participant has the space to move freely.

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