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19th Congressional District Election

Delgado fights for second term

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NEW YORK STATE — Come this Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19), a resident of Rhinebeck, hopes voters will again send him to Washington to continue to represent the communities he's grown familiar these last two years. He won in a landslide in the 2018 Blue Wave of Democrats elected to Congress to represent New York State's 19th District — now he's hoping for a repeat performance.

Campaigning under the Democratic, Working Families and Serve America Movement party lines, Del-

gado said his motivation to run for re-election is to keep advocating for his constituents; just this week he responded to some questions from The Millerton News regarding his bid for another term.

Since first elected, he's routinely visited his district, gaining perspective from residents, business owners, farmers and other community members about how they're coping during the global coronavirus pandemic.

"Advocating for the people of NY-19 has been the honor of my life," Delgado said, "and I'm ready to continue these efforts, fight for investments in



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U.S. Rep.
Antonio Delgado

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Van De Water runs for Congress

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NEW YORK STATE — Millbrook attorney Kyle Van De Water is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) for the 11-county 19th District congressional seat in this year's election, which carries a two-year term.

Van De Water was appointed to an unexpired term as a village of Millbrook trustee from December 2017 through 2018, running for a full term in November of 2018 but losing that election. While on the Village Board he was heavily involved in rework-

ing the Comprehensive Plan; he also served on several other committees. His legal expertise often came in handy. Some of his contributions to the board included painstaking research on several projects and clarifying the legal aspects of a number of proposals. He participated in a lively, local televised debate during the 2018 Millbrook election, although it was probably less well attended than the Oct. 16 virtual debate he just had with Delgado.

Van De Water also served previously on the Town of Washington's

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Kyle Van De Water

Focus on fundraising this year due to COVID-19

Adopt-a-Family needs \$45K to provide children a happy holiday

By **CAROL KNEELAND**
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MILLERTON — Santa's North Pole South at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, normally a magical place filled with hundreds of donated toys, has been closed down due to the COVID-19 virus. But fear not! With a different kind of help from the community, even a world-wide pandemic will not keep the elves of the Adopt-a-Family program from ensuring that every child in the North East (Webutuck) and Pine Plains Central School Districts 13 years of age and under has a happy holiday.

According to head elf Stacey Moore, this year, instead of families "shopping" at the Annex for toys, she will meet them on the front step of her print shop, Moore and More Printing, at 17 Dutchess Ave. in Millerton, to give them gift cards, which may be used at several local stores.

"It's the best we can do," said Moore. "We're not feeling comfortable to do the toys in the contained space of the Annex with the constant touching of them. It's just not safe. Our elves are not young, and so we're eliminating the Annex and the toys and we're increasing the gift cards... we hope — if the money comes in.

Then mom and dad will figure out how to do their Christmas."

After the iconic local store, Saperstein's, closed, which offered warm winter clothing to the program for deeply discounted prices, families received \$100 in gift cards to buy clothes elsewhere. But this year, Moore anticipates that amount will be increased to \$150.

"We want to make sure we've got Christmas [covered]," she said. "We just don't want to jeopardize anybody. The stores will all still remain local. We will be doing Oblong Ju-

See **ADOPT-A-FAMILY, A6**



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The town of Washington is mourning Councilman Al De Bonis, pictured above, who died suddenly on Monday, Oct. 19, the day after his 70th birthday.

Washington Town Board mourns member

Councilman Al De Bonis will be missed

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WASHINGTON — The town of Washington was rather sad this week, and seemed just a little bit empty, as Washington Town Councilman Al De Bonis passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, at the age of 70, the day after his birthday, leaving the Millbrook community stunned and deeply saddened.

De Bonis was the person who usually had a smile on his face, ready

with a kind word and a greeting to let people know he recognized them and that he cared how they were doing. His business took him away a lot, but his heart was always home with his family, his friends and his beloved hometown.

Proud of his Italian heritage, he was deeply involved in the recent "Villaggio de Millbrook," a 2017 film that highlighted the contributions

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Early voting takes hours

MILLBROOK — Early voting began on Saturday, Oct. 24, in New York, with five early voting Super Sites throughout Dutchess County, including one at the Millbrook firehouse. Other locations throughout the county include two in Poughkeepsie, one in Fishkill and one in Rhinebeck. As of Monday, Oct. 26, more than 59 million early ballots have already been cast across the U.S.

Many Harlem Valley residents tried to beat the rush and starting lining up at 10 a.m. on the 24th in Millbrook, two hours before polls opened at noon. But a number of voters who spoke with The Millerton News reported having to wait between an hour to two hours, many in the cold rain. Some complained and left, hoping for shorter lines another day, but most waited patiently,

both surprised and delighted by the large turnout.

The Millerton News spoke with a number of voters, all of whom requested to remain anonymous due to the both the privacy of the voting process and the hostilities of the 2020 election season.

One voter described the line as reaching from around the firehouse parking lot on Front Street to where the laundromat was previously located off of Washington Avenue. Another voter who arrived at 4 p.m. said she was not able to vote until 5:30 p.m. And yet another voter who was in town to do some shopping said she waited for two hours until she could vote, but added she was happy to finally cast her ballot, even though

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MILLERTON

Town Board candidates debate the issues at virtual forum

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NORTH EAST — Residents got better acquainted with this year's North East Town Board candidates by posing questions about their strategies and solutions for resolving local issues during the virtual candidate forum held on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

The traditional in-person forum typically held at the North-East-Millerton Library Annex was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so constituents could pose questions and get better informed through a socially distant platform. Longtime Millerton resident Meg Downey moderated; the forum was posted on the "NorthEast-Millerton Library" Facebook page.

The Republican candidate, incumbent Councilman and former town Supervisor George Kaye, and his Democratic opponent Claire Owens, are running for the only position on the board. Each gave a summary of their experience and reason for running for the one-year, unexpired term left open when former Councilman Chris Kennan was elected town supervisor. (For candidate

profiles on Kaye and Owens, go to www.tricornernews.com.)

The first question asked what the candidates will do to bring a grocery store back to Millerton; both agreed it's a complicated issue. Owens said she's committed to being part of a committee that should be formed "because if we don't have a town that meets the needs of its residents, than our town can't thrive and grow. I think that it's time we sit down and we take a hard look at how we can solve this problem."

Kaye said it's a difficult task due to different factors — such as the lack of a sewer system — he said the town is working with Dutchess County, the village of Millerton and the former grocery store's owners on the issue.

"We all realize the importance of the store; it is the anchor of the community," Kaye said.

Amid the number of questions geared toward affordable housing, the candidates were asked what actions they'd take to bring more affordable housing to the area. Given how long this issue has been a major concern, Kaye said the town is working with its newly updated Comprehensive Plan to secure not only affordable workforce housing, but also

housing for seniors, veterans and others in the community. He cited statistics regarding housing in North East — including how 52% of local renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Owens said she believes working in a private-public partnership with organizations like Hudson River Housing and the Tri-Town Coalition can help address the issue.

Over the next hour, the candidates responded to questions from everything from the town's ability to keep providing services to where it can obtain more funding if not from local taxpayers; actions the town can take to help landowners and farmers become more resilient; the impact of climate change on the community; public transit options; why the town and village need separate forms of government; how to improve broadband access; and the police department's role in town.

When asked to name the top three town challenges they hope to tackle in the next two years, Kaye prioritized the sewer, followed by bringing in a supermarket and preserving The Moviehouse. Owens said she wants to focus on a comeback from COVID-19 and helping residents and businesses recover as a first priority. In conjunction with that, she named revitalizing the downtown area and improving broadband as priorities.

Downey raised the American Legion Post 178's LED sign as one of the more controversial issues the Town Board has faced in recent years and asked the candidates if they support "allowing LED signs in all areas of the town in order to make the Legion sign legal."

Recognizing the Legion's service and role in the community, Owens said, with the town's current Zoning Review Committee, this is an issue it should look at while keeping regulations in place to honor the town's character.

As a member of the American Legion Post, Kaye said he has to recuse himself from any Town Board discussion or vote on this matter. As a private citizen, he said he agrees with the way the Town Board has chosen to deal with the issue. Kaye did make note that the Legion has provided the town a valuable service during the pandemic by voluntarily posting emergency and safety messages; he said such signs can serve a great community service in the future. He added, though, that it should be limited to this one sign and that the board should hopefully be able to maintain some control.



PHOTO BY CLARE CARAMANICA

Oakhurst Diner employees Emily Hennessy and Martin Soria are among the staff members who send their appreciation to the loyal patrons whose donations allowed the diner to provide more than 2,000 free meals to area residents impacted by the COVID-19 crisis at the start of the pandemic.

Diner needs help 'Feeding Families'

MILLERTON — Oakhurst Diner manager Clare Caramanica said the diner served more than 2,000 free meals in the early days of the pandemic, prepared to order every other day. They have since stopped the service, but she and the staff are hopeful it will resume if addi-

tional funds are raised.

To help, go to "Feeding Families" at www.oakhurst-diner.com, call 518-592-1313 or stop in at the diner at 19 Main St., Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. or weekends, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

— Carol Kneeland

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Moviehouse closed as Cuomo allows NY theaters to reopen

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MILLERTON — Beginning Friday, Oct. 23, silver screens across New York State came back to life as Governor Andrew Cuomo declared movie theaters outside of New York City could reopen at 25% capacity or allow up to 50 people in the audience, whichever is less. The Moviehouse on Main Street in Millerton, however, will not be among them.

The beloved independent theater has decided not to reopen just yet. Moviehouse owner and co-founder Carol Sadlon said she is taking the reopening process slowly, and responded to a request for an interview with The Millerton News following Cuomo's Oct. 17 ruling with the following statement:

"Many of you will have heard the governor's announcement that movie theaters in New York State may reopen at 25% capacity on Oct. 23 and you may be wondering what this means for The Moviehouse," she said via email. "We are taking a wait-and-see approach before making any decisions."

Sadlon acknowledged it's been difficult during the shutdown and that there is a lot to consider before The Moviehouse can reopen — though it is continuing to operate virtually, as it has been doing all along during the pandemic.

"There are many factors that must be taken into account, including the current

COVID situation and available films," she stated. "In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our website, sign up to receive our weekly newsletters and take advantage of the selection of carefully curated films and documentaries available through our virtual cinema at www.themoviehouse.net."

Cuomo's guidance for theaters is online at www.governor.ny.gov. They can only open outside the city in counties with no cluster zones and a COVID-19 positivity rate of less than 2% on a 14-day average. In moving forward with their respective reopening plans, movie theaters will be subject to following state rules and rigorous enforcement.

"Theaters have been deemed non-essential for more than seven months," Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said following Cuomo's decision. "The reality is, all businesses are essential; essential to the people they employ, to the communities supported by their tax revenues and to the owners and operators that live in and invest in our communities. We've said for months theaters could mitigate the risk and re-open safely as they have in surrounding states without incident."

Molinaro had been hoping for such a decision from Albany and was grateful the governor finally made the move.

"The film industry is a significant contributor to our national and local economy," said Molinaro. "Theaters are more than just a venue. Behind them are thousands of jobs in New York alone, from actors

and artists to writers and production crews. They are part of our American culture that need protection, and our support."

Having waited patiently for guidance since COVID slammed the Empire State and Cuomo's New York State on PAUSE Executive Order shut down businesses in March, movie theater owners rejoiced in finally being allowed to reopen.

At the Poughkeepsie Galleria, Cineworld, parent company of Regal Cinemas, resumed operations of its multiplex movie theater on Friday, Oct. 23. It's one of the more popular theaters in the county. Ten other Regal locations opened across the state that same day.

"We are grateful to finally have initial guidelines from the state," Mooky Greidinger, CEO of Cineworld, said in press release sent out Thursday, Oct. 22. "With the implementation of robust health and safety measures... our New York theatres and staff are thoroughly prepared for a safe and sustainable reopening. After seven months, we are thrilled to welcome back our beloved staff and customers."

The Galleria has enforced mandatory mask wearing and social distancing and is cleaning individual seats thoroughly between shows. Also, two empty seats will be placed between each party on either side within the theaters. Guests are encouraged to reserve and prepay for their tickets.



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Rogue, reddish rooster rouses community's curiosity and concern

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AMENIA — Apart from the sounds of passing cars, distant train whistles and the occasional community gathering, those who visit the town of Amenia are likely to find peace and quiet most weekends. However, a few people were surprised to hear crowing in the town earlier this month as a rogue rooster was spotted walking around the business district, making his presence known with a loud “cock-a-doodle-do.”

As one of the first people to report the rooster's crow, Sheila Petnuch Fields, a Hudson Valley freelance writer and founder of www.AwakenedWoman.me, said she first heard the rooster on Saturday, Oct. 17. She could hear his incessant crowing around the Main Street area, and thought it strange as she had would not have expected to hear a rooster in the mixed commercial and residential area.

“It sounded like he was sending out a SOS, like ‘E.T. wants to go home,’” Fields said, adding that his crowing tugged on her heartstrings.

The following day, Sunday, Oct. 18, Fields said she was again walking in the area and happened to notice a rooster in the yard of a house in the area. The gentleman who lived there, she said, happened to be in the yard and they began chatting, though she soon found out that the rooster she had heard the day before was not the same as the one in the gentleman's yard. Continuing her walk around the neighborhood, Fields kept her eyes open in case she saw the rooster she was looking for before she eventually ended back on Main Street.

Popping into Yellow Submarine Used Books, located on Route 343, Fields chatted with the store's owner, Mary Thompson, and eventually turned the conver-



PHOTO BY SHEILA PETNUCH FIELDS

After further investigation, Sheila Petnuch Fields, a Hudson Valley freelance writer, found the rooster she first heard crowing on Saturday, Oct. 17, on Bantam Way in Amenia.

sation to hearing the rooster. It was then that Thompson revealed that she and her husband, Robert, had seen what she believed was the same rooster crossing traffic on Route 343.

Thompson said that she had seen the rooster in question on Friday night, Oct. 16, when a neighbor living above the bookshop had called her attention to him. Giving a description of the reddish rooster, she said, “He looks quite ornamental, he's very colored, so I'm hoping he wasn't a fighting rooster or [that] somebody had him for poor reasons.”

Thompson told Fields that she and her husband thought the rooster may have gotten hit by a vehicle when Robert later saw feathers on the side of the road. A customer at Yellow Submarine Used Books mentioned that the rooster looked like he had a wing hanging down when they saw him. Thompson noted that a neighbor said a hen had found the rooster and was hanging around him on Sunday.

While Thompson doesn't know whether or not the rooster and hen are a pair, she voiced her concern about their safety as “nobody seems to be looking for them.”

After hearing about a sighting

of the rooster on Bantam Way, Fields decided to continue her pursuit by heading in that direction. There, she came across the tell-tale rooster and snapped a photograph of the feathered fowl.

Recalling her encounter, Fields said, “He allowed me to get fairly close and talk to him. He seemed a bit lethargic, which led me to believe he had been clipped, and he was resting. Typically, when you see a rooster or a hen, they're walking around pecking, but this little guy was all settled in.”

When asked whether she had reached out to someone about the rooster, Fields said she was going to call the town's animal control officer on Monday morning, Oct. 19. Come Monday, she said she didn't hear any reports that the rooster was crowing and assumed that either someone had taken him to a veterinarian or that he had passed away.

“I would be curious to find out where he came from,” Fields mused. “Where did he come from and where has he gone?”

If any readers of *The Millerton News* know what has become of this rogue rooster, email kaitlin@millertonnews.com, and the paper will try to run a follow-up article in the future. We hope there will be good news to share.



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Wassaic resident T.C. Morton scanned boxes of records available for purchase with his daughter, Sofie, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24.



From left, DJ Jeremy Smith supplied the music for 8-month-old Ethan Trager to dance to along with his father, David, in the outdoor dining area of The Lantern during the hamlet's one-day Record Store sale for The Wassaic Project.

A record-setting day in Wassaic

WASSAIC — The hamlet was awakened Saturday, Oct. 24, as music lovers from all walks of life came out for good food, fun and the chance to browse countless vinyl records as part of a one-day Record Store sale. In lieu of its unique publications usually for sale, the Wassaic Newsstand showcased vinyl 33 rpm albums that sold from noon to 6 p.m.

There was an eclectic array of new, used, rare, popular, obscure and classic records featured for a range of prices. Avid collectors and music devotees browsed the shelves as well as boxes on display in search of the next additions for their collections.

Proceeds from the sales went to benefit The Wassaic Project. From 3 to 8 p.m., live music could be heard coming out of

the speakers of The Lantern's outdoor dining area, thanks to DJs StevieT, Third Culture Kid, Jeremy Smith and other special guests. The Lantern served lunch and dinner on Saturday, and those present were invited to let loose and dance their worries away while keeping a safe distance from one another and wearing masks.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Survey, solutions and scenarios discussed by Housing Board

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AMENIA — Along with discussing its own efforts to find out more about local housing needs, the Amenia Housing Board shared plans to seek information and recommendations from other local and county resources during its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Though it had initially planned to convene at Amenia Town Hall, the board ultimately met via Zoom at 5:35 p.m.

In September it discussed the survey it's been working on to determine local housing needs. After creating a tablet and analyzing the information, the board now wants to hold a public hearing. To get info about the survey out to the public, member Leo Blackman suggested sending out postcards and flyers as well as directing citizens to fill out a future survey on the town website, www.ameniany.gov.

Blackman raised the need to complete the survey format and postcard text as soon as possible so it can be sent out to residents. Amenia Town Councilman Damian Gutierrez, who has been sitting in on Housing Board meetings, offered to raise the matter before the Town Board at its Oct. 15 meeting, while Town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle, who has also been attending the Housing Board meetings, said she will again contact Fountain Press, an Amenia graphic design and printing business, about the cost of printing and distributing the survey and related materials. Blackman said the text should be brief and inviting and that a graphic designer is needed for the project. He hopes to send out the postcards by mid-November.

Gutierrez said he thought the town clerk could give out and collect paper copies of the survey for those without a personal computer while Housing Board member Tracy Salladay suggesting having 10 postcards enlarged to 8.5-inches by 11-inches to post at Freshtown, the local VFW and the local health center. She also suggested contacting the newspapers. Blackman added the board should “capture those who just work in Amenia,” as employees expressed concern about housing workers.

As another option for work-

force housing, the board discussed accessory apartments. Salladay sent a link to all the board members about news regarding a small Vermont town's solution to affordable housing, which involved setting a specific five-year goal with a targeted number of housing units. She prepared a draft explanation of the code provisions, but thought it was too technical. Blackman agreed and said he felt the board might have another brief postcard mailing in the future with detailed information on the town website, perhaps with some financial incentives for construction.

When discussing the kind of help the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development (DCDPD) might be able to provide, Blackman noted that he, Doyle and Salladay had reviewed previous town plans — some of which were kicked off by the DCDPD — and found their recommendations for affordable housing, a denser downtown, a sewer system, preserving farmland and other similar concepts were consistent over 40 years. He asked the board if it should request county planning review its past recommendations and make new ones for how the board can best use that data. Gutierrez said he thought it made sense to “go big” and ask the DCDPD for an overall im-

provement strategy.

Turning the conversation over to the Town Board representatives, Blackman asked how the Housing Board could best update the town. Gutierrez shared his concerns that, in order to create housing, the Housing Board will need not just the results from its survey but also “a thoughtful process for getting the community on board,” as stated in the meeting minutes. A planner is likely to be required to lead it through this process, and Gutierrez suggested the Housing Board pitch this idea to start the process of seeking grants

As a way to gauge what would make the town of Amenia appealing for the creation of workforce and mixed-use housing, Blackman wondered if the Housing Board should invite some developers to talk about their experiences. As Housing Board members Jeff Barnett-Winsby and Joy Johnson have both been involved with housing, the rest of the Housing Board considered that it would be easiest to start with them. In terms of inviting developers to a future Housing Board meeting, Barnett-Winsby had previously suggested Allan Co. as well as Ann Kearney while Salladay suggested local Realtors.

The next Housing Board meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

WASSAIC IN BRIEF

Haunted Halloween Parade Oct. 31

A COVID-safe Haunted Halloween Parade will take place throughout the hamlet of Wassaic on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., courtesy of The Wassaic Project and the Wassaic Fire Company.

There will be floats, fun and candy. The parade will


feature floats from Wassaic Project artists.

Thanks to donations from local businesses, organizers will also be tossing out more than 100 pounds of candy. Costumes are encouraged, face masks are required.

For more, go to www.wassaicproject.org.




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PINE PLAINS

Pharmacist Nasir Mahmood awarded for life's work

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PINE PLAINS — Whether they're collecting their prescriptions or dropping by the pharmacy on an errand, local residents know Nasir Mahmood for his diligence and personalized attention to every customer who walks into the Pine Plains Pharmacy, which he owns and operates. Mahmood's dedication to his profession was recently recognized by the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), which presented him with the 2020 Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award.

Meditating on his decision to become a pharmacist, Mahmood said that he chose the profession to help people, adding that the pharmacy profession "offers more opportunities to help people and make a difference in their lives."

"You compare other medical professions, this is the best one," he said.

Located at 2965 Church St. (Route 199), Mahmood has owned the Pine Plains Pharmacy since 1989, during which time he has continuously served the community in many ways. Every service, he said, is personalized to the individuals who come into his pharmacy, and everyone receives the best



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Known by local residents as the owner and operator of the Pine Plains Pharmacy, Nasir Mahmood's dedication to his profession was recently recognized by the National Community Pharmacists Association, which presented Mahmood with the 2020 Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award.

care possible.

Mahmood has since been joined at the pharmacy by his son, Rehan, who is working

alongside his father as a pharmacist at the business. When asked whether he suspected his pharmacy would become such

a valuable resource in the community, especially now, during the pandemic. Mahmood said, "That's what my vision was, and we were able to accomplish it."

In addition to his role as pharmacist, Mahmood previously served a one-year term as chairman of the board of the Pharmacist Society for the State of New York (PSSNY) as well as the president of PSSNY from 2008 to 2009. Additionally, he served as an officer and vice president for the Hudson Valley Pharmacist Society, an affiliate of PSSNY. He currently serves as vice chair of the New York State Board of Pharmacy. Throughout his career, Mahmood has earned many awards from the PSSNY as well as the Bowl of Hygiene, an award he said is granted to one pharmacist in every state each year.

The Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award was created to honor a pharmacist who has dedicated his or her career to the pharmacy profession. The award's namesake pays tribute to Calvin J. Anthony's distinguished pharmacy career as "an independent community pharmacy owner in Stillwater, Okl.," and his service on multiple pharmacy organizational boards, including a five-year term as NCPA's executive vice president, ac-

ording to the PSSNY.

Mahmood received an engraved commemorative plaque and will be recognized at the NCPA's annual convention later this month.

"It means a lot to me," Mahmood said. "I know there are over 300,000 pharmacists in the U.S., and having been one of those 300,000, it's a huge

honor. I couldn't do it alone."

To the young generation of pharmacists preparing to pursue a career in the same profession that inspired him, Mahmood has encouraged them to get involved, to do the best they can, to work on top of their licenses and to help the community by sharing their knowledge and abilities.

OBITUARY

Abel Wetmore Lee Jr.

NORTH CANAAN — Abel W. Lee Jr., 87, died peacefully on Oct. 22, 2020, at Geer Village.

He was born Aug. 18, 1933, in Winsted to the late Agnes (Case) and Abel W. Lee Sr. and lived his entire life in Connecticut.

As a boy, he grew up on the family farm in Oxford.

As a young man, he moved with his parents and siblings to Lakeville and worked to help build the jersey dairy farm that his brother, John, eventually took over and ran for many years.

During the 1950s he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and then returned home to the farm.

Although a bachelor, with no children of his own, he was always surrounded by family. He was a beloved uncle to 28 nieces and nephews (and as time went on to their children also), patiently sharing with them life on the farm, a puzzle, a card game or a giant bowl of ice cream — along with some

peanut butter cookies or other sweet treat. He accepted people as they were, completely non-judgmental, but always finding the best in others. He lived his life quietly, loyal to family and friends, but always ready for a bit of fun. Abe will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Abe is survived by his brothers, James Lee of Little Falls, N.Y., Herbert Lee of Sharon and John Lee of Lakeville; and his sister, Louise Parenteau of Concord, N.H.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Ellen Mahon; and his nephews, James Lee Jr., Robert Lee and William Lee.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to his caregivers at Geer Village, where he made his home for the last four and a half years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. A graveside service was held at Barkhamsted Center Cemetery.

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

More obituaries appear on Page B4

BOE approves transportation plan to allow for hybrid model

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — In what turned out to be a brief gathering, the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) settled a resolution regarding transportation at a special meeting held on Friday, Oct. 16.

Commencing at 7:30 a.m., the meeting was held via videoconference due to the COVID pandemic, gathering a quarter of the BOE in attendance, including Jim Griffin, Jean Stapf, Joe Kiernan, BOE President Chip Couse and Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler. The meeting can now be viewed online at www.ppcsd.org.

Couse declared they had gathered for the singular task of approving a resolution, which he read aloud for the benefit of both the BOE and the public.

As included in the resolution, Couse reminded the board and viewers that Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued multiple Executive Orders declaring a state disaster emergency related to COVID-19 and that the district had been scheduled to reopen on Monday, Oct. 19, under a hybrid instruction model. As part of that model, he said students will be carefully placed into cohorts as advised by the

New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED). Couse noted that both NYSED and DOH had suggested the cohorts for transportation reasons.

Couse read aloud the resolution for the district to "temporarily suspend certain elements of the current transportation policy in order to allow for the implementation of student cohorts on school buses."

The BOE informed parents they must select a single address for both picking up and dropping off their children. The resolution stated that such single address must be the pick-up and drop-off point, every day, for students who use school transportation "until such time as it becomes possible for the district to rescind this resolution and ease the single address restriction, consistent with NYSDOH and NYSED guidance."

Couse asked for and received a motion to approve the resolution.

Providing the BOE with some context, Handler said the district made a policy change in August that more or less covered the specifics of the resolution. However, in reviewing the change, he said the language was a little vague and that the resolution had come up again

because district transportation personnel misunderstood what they were supposed to do. Handler acknowledged that the district received a little pushback from some local citizens but that it had straightened out the problem and contacted parents. He noted the change affected about 10 parents who initially said they couldn't get their children picked up and delivered to childcare, which is no longer the case.

"As long as they select an address and look into it, then we're fine," Handler said. "We're not going to make any changes after today."

That said, Handler noted that in the event of a childcare provider getting sick and being unable to provide childcare, the district will review each situation. He added that he will make exceptions when needed and review each situation, but absent of any exigent circumstances, "this is where your kid gets picked up and delivered each and every day." Handler also mentioned that the Pine Plains district borrowed this resolution from the Red Hook Central School District, which has enacted the change, which he thought was a good one.

As there were no additional comments, the BOE approved the vote.

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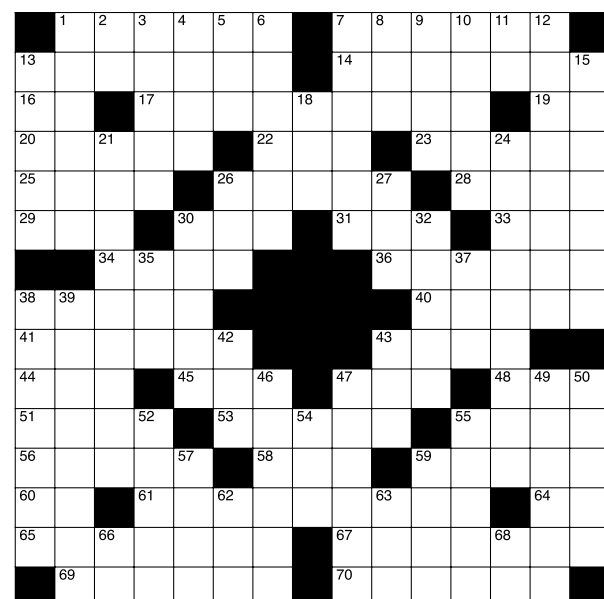
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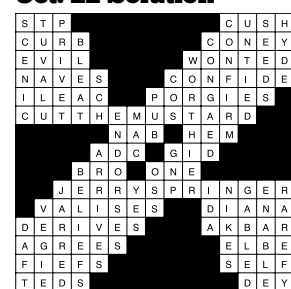
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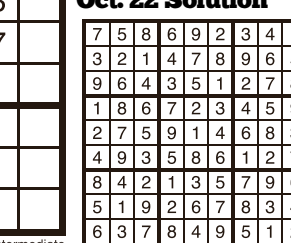
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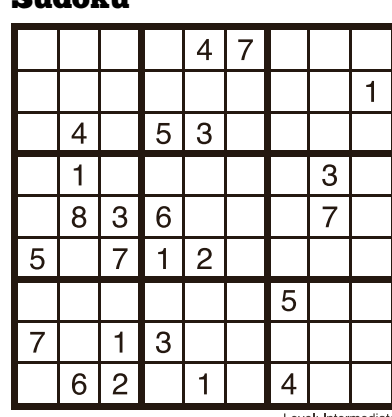
Oct. 22 Solution



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PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF

New polling place

To protect poll workers from COVID-19, the town of Pine Plains' polling place has been changed from Pine Plains Town Hall to The Stissing Center for the election on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Park in the back of the building and use the rear Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant entrance.

The Stissing Center used to be called Memorial Hall and The Pine Mall. It is located beside The Stissing House, at 2950 Church St. (Route 199).

Celebrate Veterans Day Saturday, Nov. 7

The Pine Plains American Legion Post 426 and Pine Plains VFW Post 5519 will celebrate Veterans Day, which falls on Wednesday, Nov. 11, early this year, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall at 9 North Main St., Pine Plains.

There will be a guest speaker, to be announced, along with a veterans-related reading. Students from Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School plan to be present, dressed in different military garb from throughout U.S. history.

The community is invited, though asked to respect social distancing protocols and wear face masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Library now open

The Pine Plains Free Library is open for short visits. Its hours are Tuesday through Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Masks are required.

Curbside pick-up is still available. Call 518-398-1927 for details. The library is at 7775 South Main St. (Route 82).

Correction

Last week's edition of The Millerton News used the wrong term in an article about the Pine Plains budget. The Town Board passed the Tentative Budget, not the Preliminary Budget. The board expected to pass the Preliminary Budget on Monday, Nov. 2. We regret the error.

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Art in the Loft goes on, virtually, despite the COVID pandemic

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MILLBROOK — For all the art lovers who look forward to Art in the Loft at the Millbrook Winery and Vineyards each fall, don't despair, the show is on. It's slightly different this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic; the gallery at the winery is not open to the public, but by working with its partners for the annual event, Arts Mid-Hudson, the winery has provided a virtual tour of the gallery in its loft, exhibiting all of the local artwork.

The gallery allows visitors to virtually view the artwork next to the wine bottle and the proposed label it could don, if the art is chosen as the winner of the show, which viewers are asked to vote on. Viewers can zoom in and discover more information about the artwork and the price it's selling for. It's interesting that often the label looks different from the work itself. All 12 of the pieces are for sale and can be seen in the virtual gallery that Arts Mid-Hudson has set up at www.artsmidhudson.org/

art-loft-millbrook-vineyard-winery.

"Arts Mid-Hudson is pleased to partner with Millbrook Vineyards and Winery to mount the Art in the Loft exhibit," Arts Mid-Hudson Executive Director Linda Marston-Reid said. "This year is a bit different with the virtual gallery, however, visitors can still vote for their favorite artwork through Facebook."

The popular wine label contest is running on Facebook, where people can go to view and vote for their favorite artwork. The wine label will be selected from the most "likes" received by Tuesday, Nov. 17; the wine label winner will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Exhibiting artists include: Barbara Bravo, Stacie Flint, Jerome Goldberg, Hana Gordon, Cara B. Hochhalter, Pam Krinsky, Diane-Ellen McCarron, Stephanie Santiago, Karl Schmitz, Jamie Taylor, Jerry Wein and Ilga Zieminski-Kurens.

The contest instructions are on the Arts Mid-Hudson Facebook page. Encourage friends

and family to participate from now until Nov. 22. Please note: It must be the photo on the official Arts Mid-Hudson's Facebook page with the most "likes" to win — not from any other Facebook page.

The Art in the Loft contest started in 1998 as a collaboration between the Millbrook Vineyard & Winery and Arts Mid-Hudson. One artist's work is selected each year by the public as the winner of the wine label competition. Visiting the winery is a special event in itself, as it known as one of the Hudson Valley's "flagship wineries." The added attraction of the art exhibit each year has become a local tradition, usually opening in the spring, with visitors being allowed to vote throughout the summer and culminating with the announcement of the winner in the fall.

Although the mode of exhibiting and voting is very different this year, Millbrook Winery and Arts Mid-Hudson were determined not to let their art fans down, and for that, everyone seems thankful.



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The Art in the Loft label contest printed the wine label for the Millbrook Winery of artwork done by artist Stacie Flint. Her painting, featured on this label, is entitled, "Among the Grapes."

Tentative Budget OK'd, public hearing set for Preliminary Budget

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The Washington Town Board held a special meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, focused on the budget. In attendance were town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, Councilmen Stephen Turletts, Robert Audia, Al De Bonis (who passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, see story, Page A1) and Michael Murphy as well as Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper Lois Petrone and Highway Superintendent Joe Spagnola. The meeting was held on Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with Village Trustee Tim Collopy and resident Howard Schuman participating.

Tentative Budget

Alex presented the 2021 Tentative Budget, with a line by line review. The most notable item is that the budget remains under the New York State mandated tax cap. The tentative tax rates are estimated at, for town residents living outside the village, \$1,947 per \$1,000 for 2021 versus 2020, when it was \$1,908. In the village, the rate is 0.854% for 2021; it was calculated at 0.864% in 2020 per thousand. The fire department's budget for 2020 was 0.684% per thousand, though there was no number submitted yet for 2021. The library's budget has a tax rate for 2021 listed at 0.157%; for 2020 it was 0.16% per thousand.

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the town is \$2,997,729 in 2021, according to the Tentative Budget, and the total budget amount in that document equates to \$4,210,532 for 2021.

There are budget reductions in the contractual expense lines for most depart-

ments as well as reductions in revenues as projected by the state, according to Alex. Other items noted include the rental of the Guertin Gymnasium at Village Hall, with the ability to rent it out to other organizations.

There is also the addition of a part-time clerk position for the Highway Department. Spagnola requested that the Highway Department budget be reduced by \$20,000, which the bookkeeper authorized.

A total of \$2,500 was added to the Animal Control Office budget line to allow for the purchase of new equipment for the overnight sheltering of stray animals, when the Dutchess County Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DCSPCA) is unavailable to take such animals.

A motion made by Audia, seconded by Murphy, authorizing the town supervisor to execute an agreement that will ultimately mean a discount of more than \$3,000 for the town of the purchase of a lawn mower needed for the Town Park.

Budget workshop meetings were scheduled, many of which occurred before this paper went to press. To view the budget document, go to www.washingtonny.org.

And, at a later meeting in October, the board again discussed the budget briefly, this time setting its public hearing on the fiscal document. It made a motion to reschedule the public hearing for the Preliminary 2021 Budget for Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall; the hearing will also be livestreamed on Zoom.

A second motion, rescheduled the Thursday, Nov. 12, regular Town Board meeting to Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., at Town Hall and via Zoom.

Animals Dreaming of a Chance get a chance, thanks to ambitious teen

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PLEASANT VALLEY — In this age of COVID-19, heroes are emerging, people who never thought of themselves as special people are finding out that they are indeed special, and capable of great things. One such person is 18-year-old Tiffany Bellissimo.

In a recent Facebook post, she wrote, "Hi everyone. With COVID, the amount of animals being dumped has increased and more and more pets are in need of homes due to people losing their jobs and no longer being able to afford to keep them. Another sanctuary is always needed but in these times it is needed more than ever."

Her solution? To start a sanctuary of her own. She named it Dreaming of a Chance.

One recent acquisition was Larry, a turkey, who was found wandering the streets of the Bronx with a goat. The goat went to another sanctuary, but Tiffany and Larry have bonded, and he now calls Dreaming of a Chance home. Larry shares his new home with six cats and four geese, including a Sebastopol goose named Lula Mae.

Tiffany, who lives in the Millbrook Central School District, was home schooled with her sister, Elizabeth, now 21, and said it was a definite advantage that allowed both girls to graduate early and start college ahead of schedule. It's also a tribute to her mother, Diana Bellissimo, who taught them in their Pleasant Valley home.

The sisters have no regrets, and have plenty of friends. They worked hard outside of school, and helped with the family's business, Auto Gate, while Tiffany and her mom continued to always work with animals.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

George the rooster is an admirable fellow and loves hanging around with Tiffany Bellissimo, 18, who loves all creatures, big and small. She started an animal sanctuary just outside of Millbrook, and named it Dreaming of a Chance.

Tiffany came by her love of animals through her grandmother as well as her mother, her grandmother owns and operates Lilymoore Farm in Pleasant Valley, which raises alpacas. Over the past several years, the family has rescued more than 60 alpacas and many others — 89 animals in total. All need to be fed, sheltered and cared for when ill, a huge undertaking, but one of love and caring. They have been wanting to open a sanctuary for years, as there are so many animals in need of homes — now seemed the perfect time.

Tiffany attended Dutchess Community College immediately after high school and is now a student at SUNY Cobleskill. After graduation, she plans to earn a degree in veterinary medicine from Cornell University, working with large farm animals.

Tiffany worked to pay for college; during her first semester she gave tours of Lilymoore Farm on weekends, also doing some bookkeeping. The next semester she started working at Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary, "which," she said, "really taught me a lot about sheep, goats, turkeys and pigs."

Last semester Tiffany worked

as a vet's assistant and as a tutor, working four jobs at once and doing farm chores as well. She also did a special study project on alpaca coat color inheritance with her biology professor, Mark Condon, and shadowed a doctor at a large animal veterinarian practice.

There is no doubt that Tiffany is a dynamic force, and it's not hard to imagine her sanctuary being a huge success and her dreams coming true.

Despite the COVID pandemic, Tiffany just returned to college at SUNY Cobleskill this fall, attending classes in person four days a week and also taking online courses. While she's at school her mother and volunteers work at the sanctuary, to which an aviary has been added that now also houses three rescued pigeons, with room for 20 additional birds, if necessary.

Dreaming of a Chance is now a 501(C)3 nonprofit, and Tiffany said she is hoping to accrue donations to get it off to a good start.

Dreaming of a Chance can be found on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/dreamingofachance. Donations can be made through GoFundMe.

Correction

The photo that appeared in the Oct. 22 edition of The Millerton News identified as the late Millbrook philanthropist Oakleigh Thorne III was actually a photo of Oakleigh Thorne IV. The photo was also incorrectly attributed to the Allen Funeral Home when it was submitted by Peter Barry Devers. We regret the errors.

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of the Italian immigrant community, including the De Bonis family and many others, who came to Millbrook and Washington from their native Fondi, Italy. He was also involved in the Museum in the Streets project a few years ago, which explored the connection between Millbrook and her sister village of Fondi. He often took trips to Italy, which his sons said he loved.

"He enjoyed discovering his heritage, culture, language, wine and most of all, the food," they agreed.

Friends seconded that, especially those whom he served with on the Town Board since 2012; they said De Bonis loved life. He loved a good meal, a fine glass of wine, but most of all, sharing those things with the people he loved, family and friends alike.

His passing came as a shock to many; he worked with the Town Board on Friday evening, Oct. 16, saying as he left that he was going to grab a bite and a glass of wine, his usual jovial self. Monday morning, however, he simply never woke up.

Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri was stunned and saddened.

"Al and I were real personal friends," he said. "We'd go to Maura's on Friday nights and talk about everything from politics to hunting. He loved life, and I can speak for everyone when I say he will be deeply missed. This is a huge loss for all of us."

Fellow Councilman Bob Audia recounted memories from long ago; he and De Bonis both attended school at St. Joseph's, although a year apart.

"He was sweet, kind, always willing to help," he said.

Audia spoke of De Bonis' work, saying that he flew all over the world to testify about wood. Yes, wood. De Bonis started his business, Wood Advisory Service, in 1984. He testified for companies and countries about the quality and strength of different woods for decades, sometimes being called to give testimony in cases involving death or injury due to buildings or bleachers collapsing. His expertise was called upon to test woods internationally.

His family said he was the

best — at home and at work.

"He was a leading expert in his field and this specialized career allowed him to extensively travel worldwide," they said.

On a lighter note, Audia also spoke about De Bonis' love of car racing, especially of vintage Corvettes; he raced at Lime Rock Park and at Watkins Glen.

"It was a hobby," said Audia. "He was working on a vintage APE, a three-wheeled vehicle used to get through very narrow streets in Italy."

De Bonis graduated from Paul Smith College and the University of Massachusetts, later earning an M.S. in Wood Mechanics and a Ph.D. in Wood Science/Engineering. When he came home to Millbrook, he built a post and beam home and with his wife, Brenda, where they raised their sons, Omar, Joshua and Tony. His marriage with Brenda lasted for 45 years,

the values they passed on to their children can be seen by those who know them best.

Fellow Councilman Steve Turletes recalls that he was always impressed with how smart De Bonis was.

"I had a lot of respect for him," Turletes said "He did a lot of work with the Zoning and Planning Board. I just saw him on Friday, we were working on the town budget. I'm going to miss what he had to say."

De Bonis worked with Councilman Mike Murphy on the solar code project as well as on other town business.

"It was a total shock," Murphy said about his friend's passing. "Al was a great guy who loved life. He was a hard worker, and he was nationally renowned for his expertise in wood. When things like this happen, there are no words. He was an all-around nice guy, he loved life."

EARLY VOTING *Continued from Page A1*

she was chilled to the bone by the time she had done so.

It appeared that most voters wore masks and tried to maintain social distancing. On Sunday, when county residents

could again vote from noon to 5 p.m., the lines remained long.

One voter quipped, "The lines on Election Day will probably be much shorter!"

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



There were long lines at the Millbrook firehouse on Saturday, Oct. 24, the first day of early voting in New York State. Millbrook is one of five Super Site early voting locations in Dutchess County. For the other Super Sites and voting times, go to www.elections.dutchessny.gov.

2020 voting and ballot drop box locations

HARLEM VALLEY — Election Day for the 2020 General Election is around the corner, on Tuesday, Nov. 3; voters will be able to cast their ballots from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. throughout the region, at locations listed below.

This year early voting began on Saturday, Oct. 24, and will end on Sunday, Nov. 1. Locally, voters can cast their early ballots at the Millbrook firehouse, at 20 Front St., or at the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) office at 27 Cannon St. in Poughkeepsie. For other county early voting Super Sites, and for the times when the early voting sites are open, go to www.elections.dutchessny.gov.

According to the BOE, every polling site throughout the county will feature a ballot drop-box for voters

to submit their absentee ballots, should they decide to vote absentee this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic or for any other reason.

Harlem Valley polling place locations:

- NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, located at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton.
- Immaculate Conception-St. Patrick Parish, located at 11 Lavelle Road in Amenia.
- Wassaic firehouse, located at 27 Firehouse Road in Wassaic.
- VFW Harlem Valley Post #5444, located at 3422 Route 22 in Amenia.
- The Stissing Center, located at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains.
- Millbrook firehouse, located at 20 Front St. in Millbrook.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Correction

Last week's edition of The Millerton News ran an article about State Senator Sue Serino's (R-41) re-election bid. It stated she was seeking a sixth two-year term when it should have stated she was seeking a fourth two-year term. We regret the error. And to clarify, Serino, a Republican, is also running on the Independent and Rebuild Our State party lines. We regret any confusion.

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nior and are thinking of adding CVS, because they do have toys. Plus, if mom and dad need something, they can use it there and buy toys somewhere else."

Gift cards may also be used at Amenia Freshtown, Tractor Supply, Dollar General and Family Dollar.

"The bottom line is we're still going to help," said Moore. "For a lot of families it may not be about having a Christmas tree and a lot of toys. It's simply a matter of keeping a roof over their head and food on the table because they're maybe not working. But they'll still have options on how they want to do their Christmas."

Moore added, "A lot of people are so disappointed that they can't go out and buy toys or specifically shop for a young child. It does take away some of

the feeling of Christmas."

But she is hoping to rely on many regular donors, including equestrian Lousie Merriman and her friends; local horse lovers have given generously in the past, as have all of those who have previously bought toys "out of the goodness of their heart."

Moore said she's hoping this year people will be able to contribute cash, even though COVID has made it so difficult for everyone to get by in a failing economy after so many businesses have shut down and millions of people have lost their jobs. Now charities are struggling to meet the needs of those they have helped in years past. Moore is just hoping those who have contributed previously, as well as new donors, will find it in their hearts to send a check this year instead of making any

other kinds of donation. The goal is to help Adopt-a-Family, a 501(C)3 nonprofit, raise a minimum of \$45,000, which will be needed to provide for what Moore anticipates could be 300 children or more.

Schools, guidance counselors and food pantries help Moore identify families to participate in the program, but others may call 518-789-4500 after Sunday, Nov. 1, to sign up or for details.

To make a tax deductible contribution through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, send a check made out to Adopt-a-Family at P.O. Box 880, Millerton, NY 12546.

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our region and ensure that parents in upstate New York are able to provide a better life for their children than the one they had."

Throughout his time in Congress, Delgado said he's worked to find common ground and "partner with folks on the other side of the aisle to get things done for our community."

He's been recognized by the United States Chamber of Commerce — which awarded him the inaugural Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship and the Spirit of Enterprise Award — and from national agencies including the American Farm Bureau Federation, which awarded him the Friend of Farm Bureau Award.

Delgado has held 47 Town Halls and opened five district offices as well as four bipartisan, locally-based advisory committees focused on veterans, healthcare, small businesses and agriculture during his tenure. Out of the 40 bills he's introduced — 18 of which were passed by the House — Delgado takes special pride in his bipartisan Family Farmer Relief Act bill, his Small Business Repayment Relief Act bill and his legislation to rename the Pine Plains Post Office in honor of Senior Chief

Petty Officer Shannon Kent, a local hero who was killed by an ISIS suicide bomber in Syria in 2019 — all of which became laws.

When asked about the greatest challenge facing the 19th District, Delgado named the COVID pandemic and how the district will recover both economically and from a health standpoint. Between the number of people who lost their lives or their jobs due to COVID-19 and the small businesses and family farmers looking toward surviving the upcoming winter with limited options, Delgado said, "We must put aside political difference and get a stimulus bill that funds a robust national testing plan and provides meaningful economic relief to the American people."

Reflecting on his re-election goals, Delgado remarked that he'll keep working to get urgently needed coronavirus relief to Harlem Valley communities. He also shared his desire to continue advocating for legislation that lowers the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs, supports family farmers, helps small businesses and students get online, streamlines investment in rural communities and their infrastructure and expands economic opportunity for all who reside and work in upstate New York.

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Recreation Department as well as on the Millbrook Business Association. He serves as a special prosecutor for the nearby town of Stanford and works as an associate at the Poughkeepsie law firm of Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP.

A resident of Millbrook and a Republican, Van De Water announced on March 19 that he would be running for the House of Representatives 19th District, which includes all of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer Counties. He has the support of the Dutchess County Republican Committee and 80% of the County GOP's weighted vote. Dutchess County Republican Committee Chairman Michael McCormack said Van De Water was "the overwhelming choice" of committee members.

Van De Water was born in Rhinebeck, raised in Poughkeepsie and graduated from Spackenkill High School. Earning a BA degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, he earned his JD law degree at Albany Law School.

A veteran, he joined the service in 2006 and served as a U.S. attorney. He was stationed in Afghanistan and received an honorable discharge from the service in 2014. He is a major in the Army Reserves JAG Corps.

In a recent statement, Van De Water spoke about his plans for the 19th District should he win.

"Overall, my platform is for defeating the virus, restoring law and order, getting America healthy, rebuilding the greatest economy and renewing the American dream," he stated. "I will fight for broadband access in NY-19, as well as ensuring everyone in my [district] has cell service — and this will not only increase safety, but also attract businesses to the area."

"We need to continue to open markets for NY-19 farmers," he added. "Farmers should not be forced to dump milk, instead the demand should be so high that their farms grow and grow."

Van De Water is a strong proponent for the region's farming community, while also wanting to expand businesses in the district. He especially hopes to get businesses up and running again following the statewide shutdown due to COVID-19, guaranteeing paychecks for constituents in the district. As a veteran, the candidate said he will fight for veterans' rights and work to improve their living conditions.

Van De Water and his wife, Melissa, are parents to triplets, born in 2009, and welcomed a son in 2014. They are active members of the community and are often seen in and around Millbrook, at area events, parades and other activities.

In addition to running on the on the Republican ticket, Van De Water is also running on the Conservative Party and the Independence Party lines come Election Day.

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On November 9th at 5:30pm, the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the application for affordable apartments located in Lakeville in Pocket Knife Square. Public comments can be emailed to Abby Conroy, Salisbury's Land Use Administrator at aconroy@salisburyct.us to be added to the application. The full application can be reviewed at salisburyct.us/offices/planningandzoning/meetingdocuments. The need for affordable apartments in this current market is great, as the increase in pricing, due to COVID, places the available housing beyond the reach of many. Another factor is that properties are now being sold to take advantage of the market and tenants are being asked to leave, with few options. Many of these tenants work and volunteer in our community. Salisbury stands at a crossroads of either leading the effort to provide affordable housing or becoming an economically gated community. For organizations in Salisbury helping with affordable housing, please visit: www.salisburycthousing.org.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Events

October 29-November 4, 2020



PHOTO BY DAVID MCCLISTER

Rock/folk/country singer/songwriter Lucinda Williams has put together six shows exploring iconic music stars and styles as a fundraiser for performance venues such as the Mahaiwe in Great Barrington, Mass.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Lucinda Williams Show Pays Tribute to Musicians, Venues

Lucinda Williams kind of epitomizes what we think of as American country music: Sassy, twangy and a little weary.

Like many performers, Williams has had some time on her hands because of COVID-19 and like many performers she is trying to find ways to support the concert and show venues across the country

and around the world where she has performed during her long career (she recorded her first album in 1978 and is now 67; she is, in case you're wondering about her thick molasses accent, from Louisiana).

She's come up with a six-part fundraising series of shows that will begin on Thursday, Oct. 29, with streaming in our area at the Mahaiwe Theater in

Great Barrington, Mass., and the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The shows promise to be in-depth and unexpected, with great singing.

For those who are unfamiliar with Lucinda Williams: Even music fans of a certain age who don't consider themselves country music fans are devoted to her, and especially her album "Car Wheels on a

Gravel Road," which won a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Folk Album when it came out in 1998. My personal favorite song on that album (since you asked) is the title song; I also particularly like the title song from her next album, called "Essence."

She also wrote the song "Passionate Kisses," which was a hit for singer Mary Chapin Carpenter — and was the title song for Carpenter's 1993 album (seeing a title-song trend here). Carpenter's version is wonderful, too, but Williams' version is more raw and raucous and gravelly.

The first four shows in the series have been announced already, and now that you know a little about her own work you won't be enormously surprised by the singer/songwriters she's chosen to honor in her series, which is called Lu's Jukebox.

First up, at 8 p.m. on Oct. 29, is, "Running Down a Dream: A Tribute to Tom Petty," in celebration of what would have been his 70th birthday.

Next will be "Southern Soul: From Memphis to Muscle Shoals," at 8 p.m. on Nov 12; "Bob's Back Pages: A Night of Bob Dylan Songs," at 8 p.m. on Nov. 19; and "Funny How Time Slips Away: A Night of '60s Country Classics," at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3. There will also be shows on Dec. 17 and 31 (what better way to spend a quarantined New Year's Eve than cozy at home with Lucinda Williams?).

All the shows are ticketed, and are meant to raise revenue for the

JAZZ, BLUES AND MORE IN FUNDRAISER ONLINE FOR DEWEY HALL

The Wanda Houston Band will perform a free virtual concert fundraiser for Dewey Hall in Sheffield, Mass., on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m.

Donations will be very welcome, to keep the performance space open in spite of a year in which COVID-19 forced the loss of most of the hall's normal income.

Dewey Hall has been a focal point of the southern Berkshires since 1887.

The handsome stone building on Sheffield's Village Green offers a space of unparalleled beauty, grace and acoustic resonance for many kinds of activities, ranging from concerts, lectures and plays to dances, weddings and parties. Its cozy library is ideal for a variety of intimate events and meetings.

A nonprofit, volunteer-run organization, Dewey Hall receives no funding from the town and relies mostly on donations and rentals to finance its

operations.

The Wanda Houston Band's performance is part of the "Keep the Lights On" gala, which will also honor longtime board member Priscilla Cote. In addition to tributes to Cote, there will be videos showing some of the history of the hall.

The Wanda Houston Band performs R&B and jazz hits of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The band has a strong following in the Tri-state area. Houston has worked in varying capacities with such artists as Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand, Natalie Cole, Eartha Kitt and Patti LaBelle.

The band was filmed in Dewey Hall in a COVID-safe performance in early October.

For more information and updates, go to www.secure.givelively.org/donate/dewey-memorial-hall-inc/keep-the-lights-on-at-dewey-hall; or www.deweyhall.org.



PHOTO FROM 'THE ANTIDOTE'

John Hoffman, Jennifer Dowley and John Carter will talk about Hoffman's film, "The Antidote," photo above, and the need now for a little more kindness.

ON OCT. 29: PEACE, LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING

Dutchess County resident/award-winning filmmaker John Hoffman will talk about his new film, "The Antidote," in a virtual discussion that benefits the Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

The Zoom talk is on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Access is linked to purchasing the film for \$12, which needs to be completed before the talk begins.

Moderated by Jennifer Dowley, John Hoffman and his partner in making this film, Kahane Cooperman, will talk with Christine Sergent, executive director of the North East Community Center in Millerton, N.Y., and John Carter, of Salisbury, Conn., the founder of Vecinos Seguros (Safe Neighbors).

"The Antidote" is a study of "everyday people who make the intentional choice to lift others up and make their communities better, despite the fundamentally unkind ways of our society — which are at once facts of life in America, and yet deeply antithetical to our founding ideals," Hoffman said.

The film's goal: To give us all hope in what feels to many people to be a very dark time.

Purchase tickets to "The Antidote" and the Oct. 29 talk by going to www.themoviehouse.net. The cost is \$12; after you make your payment you have seven days to unlock the film and then 24 hours to view it.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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EDITORIAL

Help Adopt-a-Family survive the holidays

There's no doubt that this year, the year of COVID-19, the holidays will be tough for most families in America. After all, thanks to the pandemic, the "seasonally adjusted" number of unemployed workers in the U.S. in September of 2020 was 12.5 million, compared to 5.75 million in September of 2019. "Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method for removing the seasonal component of a time series that is used when analyzing non-seasonal trends," according to www.statista.com.

According a report by Forbes magazine, 51 million Americans were unemployed this July — numbers that skyrocketed after the pandemic hit — with a record-breaking 17 consecutive weeks of 1 million-plus unemployment claims being filed, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

On Sept. 18, the New York State Department of Labor released details about its Lost Wages Assistance program. "In total, New York has now paid \$44.5 billion in benefits to New Yorkers during the COVID-19 pandemic — representing more than 21 typical years' worth of benefits paid in just six months." And that was only in mid-September.

Bottom line? Times are tough for New Yorkers — many, including local residents living right here in the Harlem Valley — have lost jobs, businesses and homes, and continue to struggle just to make ends meet.

Now, Halloween is upon us. Next up? Thanksgiving. Then it's Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanza. These are the kinds of holidays that families like to celebrate together, something they might not be able to do this year thanks to COVID safety regulations and concerns of spreading the deadly virus to those we most want to protect.

Not seeing our loved ones up close and in person is going to be difficult enough, but many families might not be able to afford to buy gifts for their children this year due to a lack of income. After all, without their jobs, there are no paychecks coming in — it's hard enough just to scrounge up money to pay the rent or the mortgage, buy food, pay for utilities, car payments, gas, prescriptions, doctors' appointments, childcare, warm winter clothing — the list goes on and on. To buy presents is somewhat of a luxury these days for many of us, but try explaining that to your wistful 5 year old who is counting on that Barbie doll or that Batman action figure. Not so easy, is it?

That's why we're so thankful that there are nonprofit organizations like Adopt-a-Family in Millerton, run by veteran volunteer Stacey Moore and her selfless helpers for the past 28 years or so after Moore and the late, great former Millerton Mayor and do-gooder Mariley Najdek dreamed it up. There must be thousands of children who have been outfitted with new, warm winter clothing as well as new toys, dolls, games, books, make-up, sports equipment — you name it — but nothing electronic — through countless donations over the years — big and small — from our generous residents and businesses. They've put big, shiny smiles on children's faces every holiday season without fail.

But then came COVID. And now, Adopt-a-Family isn't so sure it can deliver that happy holiday around the Christmas tree to children in need in the North East (Webutuck) and Pine Plains Central School Districts who are referred to the program by their teachers or counselors, by the food pantries that serve them or whose parents may register for it, who would otherwise go without during the holiday season.

This year, Moore is asking donors only give cash (really checks), so she can buy gift cards at local stores for parents, so they can purchase essentials more so than toys (though it's up to parents) and other luxuries. Less fun, perhaps, but more critical during the pandemic when many families don't even know where their next meal is coming from. Moore is hoping to raise a minimum of \$45,000 to cover the number of children she anticipates will register for the program, with estimates starting at around 300 applicants and perhaps growing from there.

There's a dire need. For nearly 30 years, the Harlem Valley community has stepped up and supported Adopt-a-Family, and Moore and those who volunteer with the program have appreciated every single act of generosity. Now, in this time of global crisis that's landed right on our doorstep, she's making one last Christmas wish: That those in the community who can afford to, pull together once more for the youngest among us and contribute whatever possible so local children can still believe there is a Santa Claus, even in a year when something called the coronavirus has taken 1,166,833 lives worldwide as of Tuesday, Oct. 27, and life seems so different and so scary.

To make a tax deductible contribution through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, send a check to Adopt-a-Family at P.O. Box 880, Millerton, NY 12546.

For more on the Adopt-a-Family program, read reporter Carol Kneeland's article on this week's front page.



I support the re-election of Antonio Delgado

Dear Neighbors,
Our congressman, Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19), is a first-term representative running for re-election.

During his almost two years in office he has done much to advance the interests of the 19th New York Congressional District. Larger in area than the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined, Delgado's district represents many of the communities of the upper Hudson River Valley.

Mr. Delgado has championed the need for improved broadband infrastructure, he has

hosted hearings that call attention to the poor internet service provided to our rural communities. Doing so before the current pandemic displayed how under served our region is by our internet providers.

He has fought to repeal the \$10,000 cap on the State and Local Income Taxes (SALT) that New Yorkers can deduct from their federal income taxes.

The congressman has worked for better healthcare for all.

Most importantly, Congressman Delgado has listened to his constituents. In the almost two years he has been in office he has

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's still time to contribute to Hunger Walk

I am writing to encourage your readers to support the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk in Pine Plains, which is taking place entirely virtually during the month of October. It is urgent that we engage our community in support of the Walk as the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically increases our neighbors' reliance on food and resources supplied by the Pine Plains Community Food Locker — a need straining the capacity of food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens everywhere. The Walk supports national and international relief efforts and economic development yet also

focuses directly on the crisis at home: 25% of all our Walk proceeds go to the Food Locker.

The CROP Hunger Walk has been a grassroots effort in Pine Plains since the 1980s. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social isolation, there will not be an organized physical Walk, although people may choose to devise one of their own. Instead, donors moved by the plight of so many in our community may give through the Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist or Presbyterian churches in Pine Plains or through the Smithfield Church in Amenia, or they may donate at the Pine Plains Walk page at the Church World Service's website: www.crophungerwalk.org/pineplainsny/. The Church World Service is an interfaith charitable organization that has sponsored CROP Hunger Walks for more than 50 years. I have also created a Facebook fundraiser in support of the Walk under the title Veronica Towers/Pine Plains CROP Hunger Walk.

Online donations can be made by credit card or PayPal; a receipt will be sent through email for tax purposes.

Thanks to all who consider donating to help others in these troubled times.

Veronica Towers

Verbank

attended 33 Town Halls around the 19th NY Congressional District and since COVID-19, 12 Virtual Town Halls.

Antonio Delgado has made himself accessible, actively listening to his real constituents and not just the interests of big business. He has worked to make a positive difference in all of our lives.

Mr. Delgado has our best interests at heart and fully deserves to be returned to Congress to represent all of us again.

Matthew Hartzog
Village trustee

Millerton

Who is financially responsible?

I think there is a case being made for every homeowner (and that includes renters) nationwide to start a class-action lawsuit against police departments, municipalities, states and, yes, the federal government for the increase in their home insurance and local and state and federal taxes. The point is, every single person in the USA will be paying more in insurance and taxes next year because, sadly, in just one example, one ill-trained police officer put his knee on a "suspect" and killed him.

Look, the basic fact is that humans have emotions. Ask any insurance adjuster and they will tell you that their evaluation of insurance liability is partly based on human reactions. Insurers assume you want to obey

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

the law and not drive down the street in the wrong lane or set fire deliberately to your own house. Insurers adjust their rates according to how normally compliant the population is. Similarly, the government has long assumed that most people want to obey the law and therefore they only plan on a small percentage needing law enforcement. The government makes assumptions that, when warned of a hurricane, people will heed warnings and get out of the way. In fact, they are quite

clear about this: If you chose to stay behind when made to leave, the loss of life is on you, bub.

But human emotions are sometimes less predictable. After 9/11, many people rushed in to help with rescue and support of the firemen and police. Many of these good people have become sick as a result and without the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) rules of "pre-existing conditions," many of those would have no health insurance at all. In fact, the ACA caused many insurers to increase rates to "spread the load of pre-existing conditions" patients. Please note, not one insurer lost any money with the ACA, remember that, they simply readjusted their actuarial tables and increased the costs to you and me. Personally, I'm all in favor. Like roads, the military, the internet, etc., we all need to shoulder part of reasonable loads.

However, with the actions of a few badly trained and perhaps poorly selected police officers (Who's to blame? Those who hire and so-called train them.), we all may be paying increased taxes and insurance rates because, that one knee-on-neck officer sparked \$2,000,000,000 in property damage, not to mention police and National Guard pay. Yes, \$2,000,000,000.

Do you want to blame the

protesters? That's like blaming the people who rushed in to help after 9/11 — their emotions governed their actions. You want to blame the BLM protesters? That's also like blaming Mr. Floyd for being angry and protesting being killed. Emotions ruled the day, that's human nature. So, too, with the BLM protesters who are frightened, outraged and demand change against a system that has, for hundreds of years, not really given a damn. Do you blame a forest fire on the trees being aflame, or the man who set a fire? Do you blame the 9/11 rescuers and volunteers for their emotional response, or do you blame the perpetrators?

If you blame the perpetrators, then, in the USA system, you can sue. Maybe sue police forces nationwide to make them take the two to three years most of Europe takes to properly train a police officer, or the excellent basic training in the U.S. military that weeds out rogues and undisciplined officers. We know how, here in America, to make this problem disappear but maybe we need to sue those setting us up for disaster and, instead, fix the system?

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

A patriotic mongrel who could teach us humans

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Good day patriotic news readers, I'd like to share with you a story of a WWI four-legged hero from this Tri-state area named "Stubby." A small mongrel dog who went to war with his adoptive troops and came back a decorated hero.

Stubby wandered the grounds of the Yale University campus in New Haven, Conn., during the summer of 1917, where military members of the 102nd infantry were training. He hung around the men and they adopted him as their mascot thereafter, smuggling him aboard a troop transport bound for France and the war, hiding him in a coal locker boiler room.

Upon disembarking in France, their commanding officer discovered Stubby and ordered he be abandoned on the spot. Stubby saluted the commanding officer as he had been trained during transit and was granted permission to stay.

Stubby served in the trenches of France with the troops for 18 months. He sustained multiple wounds but survived, always returning to his buddies. He was fitted with an improvised gas mask. He warned troops of impending gas attacks, located wounded soldiers and barked at incoming artillery before human ears could detect it. He captured a German spy in Argonne, holding him by his breeches until armed comrades could arrive. The company commander nominated Stubby for the well-deserved rank of sergeant. At

the end of the war, the troops smuggled Stubby back home.

Thereafter he led many parades across the U.S. He even met Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge and Warren Harding.

Sgt. Stubby was awarded lifetime membership in the American Legion and the YMCA.

Sgt. Stubby died in March 1926, an American mongrel hero dearly cherished and missed by his fellow troops. Sgt. Stubby, protected and saved many lives.

I love animals and children. They are loyal and reciprocate their affection and their dedication to those who surround them. I wish all of us adults could do the same.

Be sure to vote this Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Your vote could be the difference between Socialism or Freedom.

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families. Do a good deed when possible and pray for the continued safety and security of this great nation.

Till next time...

Millerton resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran who is a member of both the American Legion Post 178 in Millerton, N.Y., and of the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankful for community support of Legion

The Chicken Barbecue was a great success! The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion of Millerton Post #178 would like to thank all those community members and Legion Family members who helped support our recent fundraiser. With pre-orders and drive-ins, we

were sold out in no time.

Your ongoing contributions to our activities on behalf of our veterans and military personnel are very much appreciated.

Charlene Mayville
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OBITUARIES

Richard J. Cantele Sr.

LAKEVILLE — Richard J. Cantele Sr. passed away at home on Oct. 21, 2020.



Dick was born in Great Barrington on Sept. 13, 1936, son of the late Catherine (Piretti) and John B. Cantele of North Canaan.

Dick attended the one-room East Canaan school, transferring to North Canaan Elementary School when he was in the seventh grade.

He graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1954. While in high school he played on the first 11-man football team at HVRHS and also ran track.

He served in the Army Reserve from 1956 to 1962, and during that time was on active duty for two years, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He worked at Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford for 37 years as a business and systems manager.

He served his community of North Canaan in many ways, including as a basketball and Babe Ruth baseball coach, and serving

on the Democratic Town Committee, Board of Selectmen for six years, Board of Tax Review and as chairman of the Board of Finance.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed fishing and golf.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, he is survived by his three children, Richard "Rick" and his wife, Linda, of Salisbury, Lori Cantele and her partner, Robert Wright, of Falls Village, and Michael and his wife, Carol, of Gettysburg, Pa.;

seven grandchildren, Caitlin Cantele and her husband, Jeff, Kevin Cantele and his fiancée, Lauren Trotter, David Wingard and his wife, Desi, Daniel Wingard and his wife, Mara, Scott Wingard, Jordan Cantele and Ashlie Cantele and her partner, Ryan Updike; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Nora Cantele; and his brother-in-law, Peter Brazzale and his wife, Betty.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corp., P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018; or to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation.

In lieu of flowers Dick asked that you vote for Biden/Harris. Services will be private.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

NORTH CANAAN — Sister Mary Schaefer (formerly known as Sister Bernard Mary), 91, entered fully into God's embrace on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at St. Mary Home in West Hartford, Conn.

She was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Torrington. Her family moved to North Canaan in 1934. Mary was the daughter of Anna McCafferty and George J. Schaefer.

She entered the sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of Mercy in 1947 in Baltic, Conn., and professed final vows in the Motherhouse in Tilburg, Neth-

erlands, in 1952.

Having been educated at Annhurst, Catholic University of America and Fairfield University Mary shared her ministerial gifts in teaching, Administration and counseling for more than 60 years. She lived in East Haven from 1962 until entering the Nursing Home in 2014. Mary was the founding principal of St. Vincent de Paul School, East Haven, from 1963 to 1969. She assumed leadership in the SCMM Province in 1969 and continued teaching and counseling at St. Vincent's until 1978. The next

phase of her ministry was to join the Notre Dame School Community in West Haven from 1978 to 2012.

Mary had a special gift of understanding individuals and gently guided him/her to believe in themselves and strive to reach for their own potential. People to this day describe Mary as loving and gracious. We, SCMMs, say she epitomized the spirit of our congregation as she always strived "to bring God's loving Mercy" to all she encountered. She will be remembered for always giving her all. She was deeply attached to her loving family and friends; her North Canaan hills; and our Congregation.

Mary is survived by her brother, Joseph M. Schaefer of West Haven; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and

-nephews and grand-nieces and -nephews, mostly living in the Greater North Canaan area; as well as her religious community in East Haven and Chicago and our International congregation centered in the Netherlands. These communities owe her a large debt of gratitude for 70-plus years of service. She was predeceased by her parents; and her brother, George W. Schaefer.

The SCMMs are very grateful for the care and concern Mary received during her six and a half years at St. Mary Home, especially to the Sisters of Mercy and staff at Baggot Street and Day Care Center and recently from the VNA Hospice Care staff.

Funeral services are postponed until a later date due to COVID and are in the care of Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home in East Haven, Conn.

Arlene M. Brower

PINE PLAINS — Arlene M. Brower, 92, died suddenly on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at Sharon Health Care Center.

Miss Brower was born Nov. 15, 1927, on the family farm in Ancram Lead Mines, N.Y. (Ancramdale), the daughter of Nellie (Miller) and Edward Brower.

She is survived by her sister June Fabrizio and her brother-in-law, Robert, of Chugiak, Alaska; and 15 nieces and nephews, including locally Frank Brower Jr., John Brower and Sheila (Brower) Jamieson; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Clayton Brower and Frank C. Brower Sr.; and two sisters, Carolyn B. Morse and Nellie E. Brower.

Arlene lived in Ancramdale until she moved to Pine Plains in the early 1970s. In 1945, at the age of 18, she was hired by the Stissing National Bank, eventually becoming a bank officer and then retiring after 42 years of service.

Arlene enjoyed raising horses and participating in Gymkhana events. She spoke fondly of her 25-plus years as a Girl Scout leader (Troop 42, Pine Plains).

As a young patriotic American, during World War II she did her part. In addition to selling War Bonds and participating in the Ground Observer Corps, she maintained a serious regimen of writing letters to

her brother Frank, in the Army Air Force, as well as numerous Pine Plains and Ancram servicemen, especially her favorite, Coach Barton.

She was extremely proud of her family's military service: an uncle in World War I; a brother in the Army Air Force in World War II and the Air Force in Korea; a sister June and her husband in the Air Force; nieces and nephews in ROTC, National Guard; and two graduates of West Point.

She was an avid traveler, sightseer and souvenir collector, having traveled to England and Scotland, the eastern USA extensively and road trips to Texas, Mississippi, Colorado and numerous trips to Alaska.

Even into her late 70s she had an adventurous spirit, go-carting with her great-nephew and joining in on hikes in Rocky Mountain and Denali National Parks.

There was also an exciting, one-hour flight in a restored B-17 Bomber, along the mid-Hudson river valley.

A private interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains.

Arrangements are being handled by Peck and Peck Funeral Home. To sign the online register, go to www.peckand-peck.net.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pine Plains Rescue Squad or the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 99, Ancramdale, NY 12503



Worship Services Week of November 1, 2020

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT

Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village

St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT

Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA

North East Baptist Church Historic Meeting House, Main & Maple Millerton, NY

St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road, Amenia Union, NY

The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green

Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock

Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT

Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual service on Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT

The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039

The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk

The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY

UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am

Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003

Another obituary appears on Page A4

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Legion hosts Pancake Breakfast Nov. 1

The American Legion Post 178 is restarting its Pancake Breakfasts on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The breakfast will consist of pancakes, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon.

Cost is \$7 and it will be

take-out only due to COVID-19.

The Legion will serve from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will begin taking orders by phone for pick up at 7:30 a.m. Call 518-789-4755.

The Legion Hall is at 115 Route 44, Millerton.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of CharlesNYC, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/2020. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Town's intended use of Community Development Block Grant Funds pursuant to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development's Community Development Block Grant Program for the calendar year 2021, and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, due to the public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Town Board with the Town of Amenia will not be meeting in person in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders. The November 5, 2020 Town

Board meeting will be held via video conferencing and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments. The public can watch the live meeting on cable television at Channel 22 on the Amenia Altice Television System or by livestream on the internet at www.youtube.com/ameniatv/live.

All parties and citizens wishing to comment live shall have an opportunity to be heard through a media platform called Zoom by entering the meeting ID: 995 7010 8898 and meeting password: 063096 or by following this link: https://zoom.us/j/99570108898?pwd=RW80bXdrQjdHUnFvMnQyTENNOTM1Zz09

Members of the Community may also participate by phone by calling the phone number: 1 (929) 205-6099, followed by entering the above meeting ID and password when prompted. Comments may also be provided via email prior to the meeting to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner at dmklngner@ameniany.gov. Please check the meeting agenda posted on website for further instructions to access the virtual meeting and for updated information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, should Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders suspending the requirements of the Open Meetings Law not be extended through November 5, 2020, then the Public Hearing will be conducted in person on November 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, Town

of Amenia, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Dated: October 15, 2020 Amenia, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD DAWN MARIE KLINGNER TOWN CLERK 10-29-20

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 11th day of November, 2020, at 7:30 PM, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the special use permit for an accessory apartment, submitted by Francis Finlay, for a property located at 420 Carpenter Hill Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 6970-00-015939.

This meeting will not take place in person in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.67. Until further notice, meetings will be held via video conferencing. The town of Pine Plains has organized an interactive Public Hearing for 7:30 pm on November 11th, 2020. You will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide your comments in the comments section of Zoom. Comments for the public hearing session can also be sent in advance of the meeting to planningboard@

pineplains-ny.gov or written and sent in to town hall. A dial-in number is also available if you do not have access to a computer. This meeting will be recorded and a transcript will be available at a later date.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82728256887?pwd=SDZXdnA0cldaMVZveDhXbTl0NFU0dz09

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By order of: Town of Pine Plains Planning Board 10-29-20

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget on November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm. Said hearing will be held at the Pine Plains Community Center, 7775

South Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567. The hearing will be open to the Public with Social Distancing.

By Order of the Town Board
Judy S. Harpp
Town Clerk
10-29-20

Legal Notice

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

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

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Legal Notice

The South Amenia Cemetery Association Annual

Meeting will be held Friday, October 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Parish House of the South Amenia Presbyterian Church for the election of officers and trustees and the transaction of other such business as may legally come before it.

Amiee C. Duncan
Secretary
10-29-20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of said Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed Preliminary

Budget may be reviewed and downloaded on the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov or by email upon request to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner at dmklingner@ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the proposed salaries of each member of the Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Justices as follows: Supervisor; \$25,331.00

Councilman (4) Each; \$6,135.00
Town Justice-Civil Cases; \$18,181.00
Town Justice-Criminal Cases; \$18,916.00
Town Clerk; \$35,169.00
Superintendent of Highways; \$64,488.00
Dated: October 15, 2020, Amenia, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
10-29-20

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Application and job description information can be found at: www.washingtonny.org/document-center/employment/building-inspector-position or the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook, NY 12545.

Please send application, resume and introductory letter to Town Clerk Mary Alex, PO Box 667, Millbrook, NY 12545 or via email with "Building Inspector" in the Subject to: townclerk@washingtonny.org

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HALLOWEEN: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Halloween in a Year of COVID-19 Terror

Most towns in the Tri-state region have said that they will carry on many or all of their Halloween traditions, with some exceptions. Nonetheless, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and area health districts have warned that this is not a great year for old-school trick-or-treating, where children troop up to your front door and plunge their hands into a communal bowl of candy.

There are many options teased out on the internet for helping children to enjoy what, for many, is the highlight of the year, a bigger deal than Christmas (Costumes? Candy? Fantasy? Come on!). You can of course search them out if you are looking for alternative ways to celebrate.

The general idea is that this might be a good year to leave the porch light off, make a spooky dinner (hot dogs wrapped in puff pastry to look like fingers! Are those cherry tomatoes floating in your goulash, or

something more sinister?), and watch a horror film with your pod (and isn't the word "pod" so wonderfully horror film-esque?).

If you still really want to celebrate with other people but you want to avoid infection, you can go out and see horror films at three area theaters prior to and on the Big Day: Four Brothers Drive-in in Amenia, N.Y., the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

The schedule basics are listed below. Go to the venue websites for details on tickets and social distancing protocols.

INDOOR HORROR

At the Mahaiwe, the screenings are indoor but with limited capacity and strict social distance protocols.

The double-feature this weekend on Friday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31, at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., is the original black-and-white film of

"Frankenstein" from 1931 starring Boris Karloff; and then the 1940 science fiction thriller "The Devil Bat," starring Bela Lugosi.

Go to www.mahaiwe.org or call 413-528-0100 during box office hours (Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.) for information.

DRIVE-IN HORROR

At the Four Brothers Drive-in, which also serves very delicious food, there will be several horror films (some scary, some family friendly) shown in the days before and on the day of Halloween.

Go to their website at www.playeatdrink.com to confirm film titles and show times. They are showing "The Addams Family" cartoon feature film on Oct. 29 and then "Halloween," the 2018 version. On Oct. 30 and 31, the early evening film is "Beetlejuice" — followed by "Tenet," directed by Christopher Nolan (which is not a horror film).

At the Center for Performing Arts, the screen-

ings are outdoors, on the side of a barn and 40-feet wide. You watch from your car, drive-in style.

The features on Oct. 30 and 31 are "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein" at 7 p.m. and "Creature from the Black Lagoon" at 8:30 p.m. On Oct. 31, each car will be given a bag of treats.

Go to www.centerforperformingarts.showare.com or call 845-876-3080 for more information.

OUTDOOR FROLICS

If there is more of the gorgeous autumn weather we've had these past few weeks, and you feel you must get outdoors to celebrate, Sharon Audubon has created a Pumpkin Trail that will be open from sunrise to sunset until Nov. 8.

Families are welcome to come walk around the center's main grounds at 325 Cornwall Bridge Road/Route 4 in Sharon, Conn., and view the carved and decorated pumpkin entries on exhibit. There will be voting for Viewer's

Choice winners.

Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, Mass., will host Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a costume contest for kids, ghost stories, a scavenger hunt, and a goody bag handout (while supplies last). All activities are included with admission (\$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$8 for ages 13 to 17; under 12 is free).

From 6 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a Trick or Treat costume party for grown-ups, with a food truck, fire pit and music (maybe even "The Monster Mash"!). Tickets are \$45 (which includes three

drink vouchers).

For more information, go to www.hancockshaker-village.org.

Whatever you decide to do, and especially if you choose to go trick-or-treating with your family, be respectful and remember that town officials are hoping you will remain in your own town and not go to other nearby towns, where festivities might be overwhelmed by an unexpected and large influx of people from out of town.

Information on these events has appeared in past issues of Compass arts and entertainment.

...Lucinda Williams

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performance halls that have been pretty much shut down for months by the pandemic. The two local theaters that are participating are the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

In the press materials for the show, Williams says that, "We've actually wanted to do a cover series for a long time now, but never had the time with my touring schedule."

"I guess the silver lining in all of this has been to be able to really get inside the songs of some of my favorite artists — see what makes them tick. My hope for this project is that we'll be able to help as many venues as we can. They're our homes, as artists. We have to take care of them, for the sake of live music to come."

Williams will also sneak in a few original songs or favorites from her catalog, when appropriate. The basic ticket

information is that you can buy one show for \$20 (which is available to stream for 48 hours after the live stream). For \$25 you can get the digital access plus an audio download of the show. For \$30 you also get a physical CD of the show and for \$35 you get a vinyl LP.

To stream the shows, beginning with "Running Down a Dream: A Tribute to Tom Petty" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, you have to download a program called Mandolin. There are step-by-step instructions at the Lu's Jukebox website, <https://box-office.mandolin.com/pages/lucinda-williams-livestream-series?rfsn=4804000.a95d88>.

To order tickets and have them benefit the performance venue of your choice, go to the organization's website, click on "tickets" and you will be linked to the box office website; then your theater will get the credit for your ticket purchase.

CULINARY HISTORY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Food for Thought in a New History of French Cuisine

Not everyone sees it as cuisine; some people just consider it food. But whether you're devoted to the simple cooking of your childhood or the elevated gastronomy of kings and socialites, you understand that what we cook and what we eat shapes more than just our bodies; it also shapes our culture and our view of the world.

In a Zoom virtual talk on Monday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m., Bard College at Simon's Rock professor Maryann Tebben will talk about her new book, "Savoir-Faire: A History of Food in France," which is a deep dive into the ways our meals intersect with art, literature and history.

Tebben teaches French and is the head of the Center for Food Studies at Simon's Rock, which is in Great Barrington, Mass.

She explains in the introduction to her book that, "The story of French food is formed from a thousand smaller stories woven together; telling the tale is part of the consumption of French food."

"This book asserts that the way French cuisine has become perhaps the



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Edouard Manet's "Oysters" from 1862 is one of the many illustrations Maryann Tebben uses to explain the ways that French cuisine is inextricably bound with that nation's culture.

most recognizable cuisine on the planet is because we know those stories by heart: Charles de Gaulle and 258 (or maybe 325 or maybe 246) cheeses, Dom Pérignon and sparkling wine, Marie Antoinette and cake, Parmentier and potatoes, Marie Harel and

camembert, Proust and his madeleine."

Tebben will share these and other stories of the history of French cuisine in her free talk, which can be accessed on Zoom (Meeting ID: 976 3089 8977, Passcode: h4BPqB) on Monday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m.

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