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## Masking up like champs

In an effort to make mask requirements more fun for all, the NorthEast-Millerton Library hosted a competition for "Best Masks" with \$50 gift certificates awarded to the winners by local merchants. In the children's division, 2-year-old Darla Gangloff,

daughter of Darryl and Kayla Gangloff, won in the online voting division. Patrick Devine, 4-year-old son of Tricia Devine, took top honors for the in-person voting division, wearing a mask made by his aunt who lives in Chicago. Both chose certificates

from Oblong Books and Music. In-person adult victor Barbara Graham and online winner Michelle Winters opted for prizes from Irving Farm Coffee House and 52 Main. Photos of all 27 entries may be seen on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages.

## Governor gives the OK for gyms to reopen in New York

# Family Fitness Factory closes, Millerton Athletic Club opens

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NORTH EAST — Just as Governor Andrew Cuomo gave gyms in New York the OK to reopen amid the COVID-19 pandemic on Monday, Aug. 24, Ken Thompson, owner of Thompson Plaza on Route 44 in the town of North East, decided to do just that with his new Millerton Athletic Club.

Thompson purchased the recently closed Family Fitness Factory (FFF) the month before, in hopes of keeping his plaza afloat. He's been waiting patiently during the past month for New York State to release its requirements for reopening gyms, during which time he has been hard at work updating the old FFF gym, getting it in line with the new safety regulations.

Said Cuomo on his website last

week, "As New York maintains daily positive test rates below 1%, the state has determined that local elected officials can allow gyms and fitness centers to reopen at 33% capacity while following rigorous safety protocols, including wearing masks at all times. While it's encouraging that we've reached the point where it's acceptable

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# North Canaan's BD on the front lines for COVID-19 vaccine

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS  
Special to The Millerton News

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — This quiet, rural community is making a "heroic" contribution to the U.S. government's COVID-19 vaccination campaign, known as Operation Warp Speed.

As the scientific race heats up for the development of a new vaccine, so too does the urgency to have on hand hundreds of millions of syringes to introduce the serum into the arms of Americans once it becomes available.

One company here in the far reaches of the state's Northwest Corner is contributing to the vaccination effort in a big way.

Becton Dickinson and Company (BD), the world's largest manufacturer of needles and syringes, with a sprawling plant in North Canaan, Conn., is working around the clock to fulfill a U.S. order for 190 million injection devices. BD is also fulfilling an additional pandemic order of 140 million devices for Canada and the United Kingdom, bringing the total commitment to 330 million.

A company spokesman said BD expects to deliver about a quarter of its U.S. order by the end of 2020 in anticipation of a vaccine being approved late this year or in early 2021. "Our North Canaan facility is proud to be supporting the effort to manufacture needles and syringes for the U.S. preparations efforts for a COVID-19 vaccine," said BD spokesman Troy Kirkpatrick.

He credited the North Canaan plant's employees, many of whom live in the

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## Voting in the age of COVID-19

# Cuomo rules absentee ballots permissible

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

NEW YORK STATE — Voting in the November general election just got easier and safer in the days of the coronavirus pandemic, thanks to a new law signed into effect by Governor Andrew Cuomo on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Under the measure, which passed along party lines as the Democrats in Albany overwhelmingly supported it, anyone who is worried about contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus may vote by requesting and then submitting an absentee ballot.

To vote by absentee ballot, voters must first submit a signed formal request form for the absentee ballot. Under the reason for requesting the absentee ballot, the voter should mark "temporary illness," which, under the new law, includes COVID concerns — whether the voter is ill or not. Previously, New York voters had to be suffering from an illness to vote by absentee ballot.

Local voters should request the form by downloading it from the website or requesting it by phone, by mail or in

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Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson, left, is pictured above with the president's brother, Robert Trump, who passed away on Aug. 15. Anderson said, "Whenever I asked [Robert] for his help with a charity event or a child in need, he'd say, 'How can I help?'"

## The passing of the president's brother

# Robert Trump always asked, 'How can I help?'

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MILLBROOK — Sometimes people pass quietly through the lives of others, and while they are loved and cared for, their impact is noticed most after they are gone and missed. Gentle people have a tendency to stand aside, very often happy to let others take the limelight, yet their presence is keenly felt. The late Robert Trump, the brother of President Donald Trump, who died on Aug. 15 at the age of 71, was one such person.

For much of his life, Robert Trump was in the limelight, involved in big business, married for 25 years to so-

cialite Blair Trump, and very visible in the charitable and social circles of New York. Yet he never seemed to crave the exposure, and when he moved to Millbrook in 2013, he became just another hobby farmer, a neighbor everyone appeared to love, a person with a big heart who gave time, energy and money to local charities — especially those that helped children and animals, two things close to his heart.

Trump was a familiar sight in the community, driving his pickup truck, wearing his ever-present plaid shirt.

As one friend said, "You'd be more likely to see Robert in Stewart's Shop

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## Rookie Farm Bakery packs a punch

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MILLERTON — Coming up on their first full month in business at 22 Main St., Amy and Jessica Laurie of Rookie Farm Bakery have been pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome they've received from the community since opening their bakery in the village business district on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Originally operating in nearby Hillsdale, the mother-daughter duo decided to close their business in Hillsdale after a year there and open in Millerton to meet a call for baked goods in the village. After attending culinary school, Amy said she and her daughter decided to live and work in the area full-time, and when the chance arose, they seized the opportunity to team up and looked for a place to open up shop.

As far as what sets Rookie Farm Bakery apart from other local confectioneries, Amy attributes the bakery's originality to its small size, since it's just her and Jessica handling the operations, including the baking, ordering and production. When it came to naming their business, Amy said they came up with the name as a combination of their dogs' names — Raymond and Cookie — and as a tribute to the family's farm and her parents' legacy.

Regarding their expectations for the bakery, she said, "It was never really about formality and setting expectations: We just wanted to bake what we bake and have it be as friendly and upbeat as possible."



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE AND SUBMITTED

Located at 22 Main St., Rookie Farm Bakery opened for business in Millerton on Saturday, Aug. 1. The selection of baked goods, left, offer sweet indulgences.

Though the bakery offers a mouth-watering selection of cottage cakes, birthday cakes, rugelach, gluten-free cardamom almond cakes and other delights, the Lauries' specialty is their cookie tarts, which start with classic cookies from childhood (such as chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin) and take the flavors

toward that, we're going to have to do something to be able to manage all this." Middlebrook agreed that it is important for the village to work toward the accreditation, and she encouraged board members to review the information Veeder plans to send them to generate feedback before the next board meeting. She later asked if the village would get any kind of benefit on its insurance for having an accredited police force versus having a non-accredited police force. Kilmer said she would check with the village's insurance policy, noting that "accreditation is a good visual to have and good for liability purposes." Middlebrook also asked if having accreditation would help the village garner grants, to which Veeder replied that it definitely would.

When asked if they had any reservations about opening their bakery during the pandemic, Amy said, "Surprisingly no — when is there a good time, really? It's about trying to live in the moment and do the best that we can."

many different ways, but it's also something that if you're going to indulge, it's going to be worth it, so all the flavors pack a punch."

"If you're going to indulge, we wanted to give you the best we could give," Amy added.

Indeed, customers are in for a treat from the moment they sink their teeth into the velvety smooth decadence of the double chocolate cookie tart. Yet no matter which treat appeals to one's sweet tooth, all of the baked goods are packaged with care inside the bakery's signature pink boxes. The bakery also sells an aromatic array of coffee from No. Six Depot Roastery & Cafe in Stockbridge, Mass.

The duo was working out of Hillsdale when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. When the space at 22 Main St. in Millerton (formerly the Little Red Bird Art Studio, which has since moved upstairs) became available in July, they left Hillsdale for Millerton, where they are now working exclusively.

Rookie Farm Bakery's hours run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. To promote social distancing, along with offering curbside service, the bakery has an online store at [www.rookiefarmbakery.com](http://www.rookiefarmbakery.com), where customers can order items and pick them up either in-store or through curbside pickup during the bakery's business hours. Orders must be placed by Thursday at 5 p.m. Both Amy and Jessica wear masks in the shop and ask customers to wear masks when inside; they've also limited the store's capacity to one customer at a time.

When asked if they had any reservations about opening their bakery during the pandemic, Amy said, "Surprisingly no — when is there a good time, really? It's about trying to live in the moment and do the best that we can."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NECC

Volunteers with the North East Community Center's (NECC) Lunch Box program helped prepare meals during the summer months that fed thousands of students enrolled in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District.

## NECC's Lunch Box feeds thousands of students this summer

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MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC) offers its free Summer Lunch Box program each year to nourish children who would usually take advantage of the free and reduced breakfasts and lunches at school — students who depend on the community center when there's no school to attend during the summer months and no nourishing meals to sustain them. This year, led by program director Lenny Sutton and his crew, the center made thousands of meals and delivered them to qualifying families of the North East (Webutuck) Central School District. During a five-week period, they served an astounding 2,312 breakfasts and 2,229 lunches.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Lunch Box pro-

gram faced a number of changes "due to alterations made by the federal and state funders," according to NECC.

The program is open to any child 18 years of age or younger who resides in the Webutuck Central School District.

Although NECC planned to make meals available this year at two locations, one in Millerton and one in Amenia, with a third potentially in Wassaic if needed, according to NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent, the community center "had a drop-off location at NECC but no others."

"We had no families interested in picking up meals — when told they had options, they opted for delivery," she wrote in an email on Friday, Aug. 21. The Lunch Box program ended on Friday, Aug. 14, and the school district has now taken over meal deliveries.

## Village considers accreditation for Millerton Police Department

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MILLERTON — In keeping with the latest news on the countywide police modernization reform mandated by Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Village Board received insight as to how the Millerton Police Department hopes to engage the local community and manage its accreditation at a board meeting on Monday, Aug. 17.

The virtual meeting was streamed to the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As an update on the village's reform, Mayor Debbie Middlebrook reported that she and Millerton Police Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder are continuing to attend conference calls and virtual meetings for the reform. Following the most recent meeting, she commented on the discussions about what some other departments have been doing to involve their communities, such as hosting "Coffee with a Cop" gatherings. Both Middlebrook and Veeder liked the idea. Veeder said Middlebrook has already been talking with Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer about Millerton hosting an open house "once we're past the COVID scare."

"Once COVID's done, I think we should do something," Veeder said. "It will really benefit us and the village."

Kilmer mentioned that, if the police plan a weekend event, they could host it in the parking lot at Village Hall at 5933 North Elm Ave., since there would be plenty of space outside.

Veeder then delivered an update on where the Police Department stands in its accreditation process. As posted on the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) website at [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov), accreditation is a method of helping police agencies "evaluate and improve their overall performance." Along with providing "formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field," it acknowledges when policies are "conceptually sound and operationally effective."

Veeder notified the board that there's a company, PowerDMS, that helps police agencies with the process. Since it is the only company that works with DCJS, he said PowerDMS already knows

the DCJS standards. It can track when there's a policy change and notify officers to keep everyone in compliance.

Looking over different price ranges, Veeder said one option, totaling \$983, would cover a period from Thursday, Oct. 1, through June 1, 2021, but would not include the DCJS standards. The other option, totaling \$5,082, would include the DCJS standards, though Veeder said the department wouldn't need it until next year.

Considering the time frame, Veeder said the force wouldn't start using the tool for at least a couple of months, should it decide to move forward. He told the board it wouldn't need the DCJS standards upfront since "I have all these policies I have to implement and put here so everyone can see them first."

Middlebrook asked Veeder if he was suggesting the department get the \$983 option this year and then get the \$5,082 option next year, which Veeder affirmed. Since the \$5,082 option is only good for one year, she asked whether the department would have to complete its accreditation within that one year. Veeder replied that once the department is accredited, it would still have the tool, which would complete all of its training, records keeping and all other tasks related to DCJS.

Since using the tool would cost \$5,082 every year, Veeder said, "It's a very big expense, but it's something that is going to help with the accreditation process. I mean, obviously we want to work

toward that, we're going to have to do something to be able to manage all this."

Middlebrook agreed that it is important for the village to work toward the accreditation, and she encouraged board members to review the information Veeder plans to send them to generate feedback before the next board meeting. She later asked if the village would get any kind of benefit on its insurance for having an accredited police force versus having a non-accredited police force. Kilmer said she would check with the village's insurance policy, noting that "accreditation is a good visual to have and good for liability purposes." Middlebrook also asked if having accreditation would help the village garner grants, to which Veeder replied that it definitely would.

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# Horse whispering at the drive-in, for Equus Effect

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Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Bucking the trend of fundraising cancellations due to COVID-19, The Equus Effect in Sharon, Conn., has instead reimagined its fall event, planning a gala fundraiser at the drive-in on Saturday, Sept. 12.

In pre-coronavirus times, the fundraiser, now in its seventh year, would have been held under a tent on the grounds of The Equus Effect on Drum Road.

To accommodate social distancing and to provide the glamor of a silver screen event, Horse Whisperings will be held at Amenia's Four Brothers Drive-In, where owner John Stefanopoulos promises a delectable pizza dinner delivered with aplomb directly to each car. And that's just one feature.

Tory Jadow, a documentary filmmaker from Cornwall, is creating a short video for the gala that describes what The Equus Effect is and does, including programs to benefit veterans, health care workers and first responders as they confront trauma and stress in their pandemic-centered work.

The Equus Effect has offered its program free of charge to health workers throughout the summer, program director and founder Jane Strong noted.

The featured film of the gala evening will be "Buck," the true story of Buck Brannaman, best known as a "horse whisperer," whose philosophy and training methods form the basis of the program at The Equus Effect.

The program, as described by Strong, helps with "moral injury and emotional impact" trauma exhibited by some veterans as they transition from military active duty to civilian life. They work with the horses and are able to heal with the help of the large animals' exceptional sensitivity.

"What horses feel is what they



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Equus Effect's Jane Strong (with Dutch Boy Paint) has planned a COVID-19-safe gala at the Amenia drive-in for Sept. 12.

do," Strong said, describing a profound ability to trust that is tempered by the wariness they develop as prey animals. "They question the intentions of everyone."

Strong and her team are working to make The Equus Effect a program of choice for the Veterans' Administration in helping veterans "who need to come home but who suffer the costs of locking feelings away."

With a heart rate half that of humans, horses offer an innate calm and an honest temperament to help to relieve buried traumatic stress, whether induced by military service to country or pandemic-related service experienced by first

responders here in the Tri-state region.

"We hope it will be a terrific evening out for the community — without the risk of being in one space together," Strong said.

Future plans for The Equus Effect include expansion of the program to year-round, which would require the addition of an indoor arena for work during the winter months.

Horse Whisperings at the Drive-In is expected to sell out early, though Strong said on Monday, Aug. 24, "We're not full yet."

To reserve a space or for more information, go to [www.TheEquusEffect.org](http://www.TheEquusEffect.org).

## Building inspector weighs in on the matter

# Town considers how to deal with illegal copters

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Having received several notices about helicopters flying illegally over the town of Amenia, members of its Town Board considered what could be done to handle the ongoing issue at a recent meeting held on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Rather than convene via videoconference, the board gathered in person at 7 p.m. in its regular meeting room at Town Hall, with members keeping a 6-foot distance from one another. The meeting can be viewed on the town's YouTube channel, "AmeniaTV" and on Public Access Channel 22.

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle brought the issue up for discussion by informing the board that it received another notification about "helicopters flying over to and from Amenia, which is being done illegally." Turning to Building Inspector Michael Segelken, she asked him to clarify how enforcement works in handling this issue and if there was something the board could do. Councilman James Morris asked where the helicopters have been landing, to which Doyle said the last one sounded like it landed at the new equestrian program at Keane Stud, located at 217 Depot Hill Road in Amenia, before adding that the helicopters have been mainly landing at the still under construction luxury Silo Ridge housing development and golf

course, located at 4651 Route 22. She repeated this issue has been an ongoing complaint.

When asked this week why the helicopters have been landing in Amenia, Segelken said he was still trying to figure it out himself. However, he said one of the contractors at Keane Stud told him that there's an option on the Uber ride sharing app, called Uber Copter, which includes rides to and from downtown Manhattan and JFK heliports that allows people to order helicopter transportation. Segelken speculated some part-time Amenia residents may have been ordering the helicopters on Uber to fly them back and forth between Amenia and the city. However, it should be noted that the website, [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com), has recently stated that due to COVID-19, the Uber Copter service has been temporarily suspended.

Back at the Town Board meeting, Segelken told board members that he looked into the issue repeatedly last year when it was happening, and since the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has no issues with it anymore, he said the helicopters are allowed to take off and land. Though the town code stipulates that the helicopters must have an airstrip or landing pad in order to land, Segelken said the choppers have been randomly landing at different areas without a lit landing pad to indicate where they're supposed to land.

After contacting the FAA, Segelken was told that the agency allows the helicopters to land five times a year, though he pointed out that the FAA considers each landing and takeoff as one land-

ing.

"I tried all last year — I even got pictures of them landing," Segelken said, "and it's just the federal agency does not seem to be concerned."

"But the town has its own laws," Doyle pointed out, and Segelken affirmed that the town code requires a landing strip or a landing pad.

Reading aloud a related section of the town code, Councilman Damian Gutierrez confirmed that airfields aren't a permitted use in any of the zoning districts in the town of Amenia, though he was uncertain as to whether the term "airfield" was defined elsewhere in the code as a pad or strip.

Seeing as the town cannot provide an airstrip, Doyle said, "What they're doing is illegal from the FAA's point of view and from our point of view, because they don't have a proper landing strip, even if they were going to limit themselves to five trips per year."

When asked by Doyle what the Town Board needs to do to get the helicopters to obey the law, Segelken replied, "Take them to court."

Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti added that there isn't a designated fine for the town to enact, which makes enforcement difficult. As far as how the town can get the legal process started, Segelken said he can issue an appearance ticket, as courts are starting up again; he added that only judges can issue fines.

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# PINE PLAINS/AREA



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A flagger was employed to direct traffic around paving work being done in Pine Plains last week.

## Drive with care, expect delays

PINE PLAINS — Motorists were advised to exercise a little extra caution when driving through the town of Pine Plains last week to make way for paving work being done on a number of local roads.

Residents and visitors alike were asked not to park from Factory Lane to the main street in downtown Pine Plains at the intersection of routes 199 and 82 starting on Thursday, Aug. 6, while paving and mill work

was being done. A flagger was employed on the scene to direct traffic through those areas while orange cones were set up in the middle of the roadways.

The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists to anticipate single lane closures while the mill work is done, weather permitting, weekdays through Friday, Aug. 28, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., northbound and southbound on Route 82 between Main Street and Fac-

tory Lane and eastbound and westbound on Route 199 between Highway Boulevard and Route 82. Drivers should expect delays and plan accordingly, according to the DOT, which advised motorists to drive slowly and responsibly in work zones, where fines are doubled for speeding.

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— Whitney Joseph

## Board of Ed examines re-entry scenarios for school sports

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PINE PLAINS — While discussing the various logistics associated with reopening for the 2020-21 school year, the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) began its meeting on Wednesday, July 17, with an update from Athletic Director Robert Scott regarding how next year's sports seasons might fare once the district reopens.

BOE members gathered for the meeting via video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler invited Scott to go over how the fall coaching and sports season may look.

Scott said he'd had two Zoom meetings so far with his fall coaches. At the moment, he explained that the only definitive guidance his athletic department has from Governor Andrew Cuomo is that coaches aren't allowed to give their athletes workout plans or "conduct meetings virtually or otherwise that involve athletes getting together in any group settings." Right now, Scott said the department can't even have a pre-season program that includes more than one workout for its athletes.

Turning the BOE's attention to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), Scott reported the association has a COVID-19 task force in place that had already met twice and had another meeting scheduled for the near future. To that end, he said NYSPHSAA has come up with six separate scenarios based on how the state's schools will operate once they reopen. The Pine Plains district recently informed the governor it plans to open remotely this fall.

Keeping COVID-19 protocols and student safety in mind, Scott said all sports have been individually categorized in terms of risk assessment. High-risk sports include football, wrestling, lacrosse and competitive cheerleading while moderate-risk sports include basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, track (indoor and outdoor) and relay races; low-risk sports include individual track and throwing events, golf, sideline cheer and cross-country.

Guiding the BOE through the six scenarios set forth by NYSPHSAA, Scott said the first scenario involves all schools being open for in-person instruction and all sports being played.

"I would love if that was the answer to the equation, but it doesn't sound like it will be," Scott said before knowing the district's decision to go remote. The second scenario involves all schools being open with hybrid schedules and all sports being played. With the third scenario, there would be a seasonal adjustment in that all of

the sports that are currently being played would be played at different seasons. For example, all of the spring sports would be played in the fall; all of the fall sports would be played in the spring; and all of the winter sports would continue being played during the winter season. In this scenario, the sports seasons could also be split into five separate eight-week seasons — including Fall 1, Fall 2, Winter, Spring 1 and Spring 2 — to cover the 40 to 42 weeks of the overall athletic season.

Under the fourth scenario, schools would be open with hybrid education and there would be no athletic participation at the start of the school year; instead, the athletic program would start on Jan. 1, 2021. For the fifth season, there would be specific sports seasons divided into three 10-week seasons. Winter sports would run from Jan. 4 to March 13, 2021, while fall sports would run from March 1 to May 8 and spring sports would run from April 5 to June 12.

Taking regional differences in schools reopening and confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations into account, Scott said that, under the sixth scenario, sports seasons would be amended on a sectional or regional basis with a

focus on engaging students with participation opportunities.

### Pine Plains honored as Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction

On Tuesday, July 21, NYSPHSAA announced that Stissing Mountain Junior High was one of four districts in Section IX to receive the honor of being named a 2019-20 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction.

According to an announcement from the school district, the purpose of the awards is to "unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor."

A total of 56 schools received the School of Distinction Award during the 2019-20 school year, four of which were from Section IX.

Scott explained on a later date that the honor was given because all of the athletes on the fall varsity sports teams (including football, boys soccer, girls soccer, volleyball and field hockey) and all of the athletes on the winter sports teams (including winter track, boys basketball and girls basketball) at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School earned grade point averages of 90 points or higher for the season. The BOE praised the athlete-scholars.

## Pine Plains Free Library reopens after COVID scare

# Dutchess County libraries receive \$72K through grants

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HARLEM VALLEY — Thanks to a special allocation to Dutchess County's Agency Partner Grant Program, 11 libraries across New York state received critical funding this summer to help bridge the digital divide and address technology barriers to literacy, early reading, English as a Second Language and literacy for those seeking jobs.

The funding for "Dutchess Reads: Bridging the Digital Divide" was made available by the Dutchess County Legislature through the 2020 budget process, according to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, libraries across the state were closed by the governor. Since March, many have been successful in shifting their services and programs online, including local libraries in Millerton, Pine Plains, Amenia and Millbrook — keeping their patrons connected to important services.

To assist in that connection, Molinaro said the grant helped expand internet access to 63 households through hotspot lending programs made available throughout the county.

The Amenia Free Library and the Pine Plains Free Library were among the 11 libraries that received the grant awards.

The Amenia library was awarded \$5,500 to purchase two tablets with an early literacy software program geared toward children ages 2 through 8. The program features more than 4,000 interactive and engaging learning activities created to help expand children's knowledge in a wide range of subjects, from science and social studies to reading, math, art, computer skills and more.

"I am so excited that we received a grant from Dutchess Reads for two tablets," said Amenia Free Library Director Victoria Herow. "The grant will allow us to purchase technology that is geared toward early literacy for our younger patrons."

The Pine Plains Free Library was awarded \$1,200 to offer the digital service Hoopla to its patrons to access a diverse selection of movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, periodicals and TV shows through Hoopla.

"It is cool because unlike other ebook resources, more than one person can check an item out at once," said Pine Plains Free Library Director Veronica Stork. "We know that even as we start to open up, it is likely that people will be nervous about using public facilities for a while, and it is also possible that social distancing measures, once lifted, may need to be implemented again. We're hoping that by offering Hoopla to our patrons, we can give them more options for movies, TV shows, books and music to enjoy at home without the need to go anywhere or spend money on streaming services."

As of this time, libraries can operate with statewide guidelines. The New York Library Association posted the guidelines issued by the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) on its website, [www.nylib.org](http://www.nylib.org).

Residents, meanwhile, can check to see if a specific title is available at their local library by going online to [www.search.midhudsonlibraries.org](http://www.search.midhudsonlibraries.org). Residents can still access the Pine Plains library's curbside pickup service by calling 518-398-1927 or by emailing [requests@pineplainslibrary.org](mailto:requests@pineplainslibrary.org).

On Monday, Aug. 10, the library's website announced it had

a scare that COVID had infiltrated the building, though it wasn't sure; it let the community know it was taking action to make sure its patrons remained safe.

"We have learned that somebody who was recently in the library is sick. There has been no positive COVID test, but in an abundance of caution, we are closing until the library can be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Returns can be put in the outside box."

Stork addressed the library's health concerns in the days before the library's closure.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of our staff and patrons," Stork said, "so we don't want to rush into anything. I'd rather err on the side of caution... We will offer physical items and services to people as soon as we are safely able, and in the meantime will continue to make sure our patrons have access to great digital resources."

By the 17th, the Pine Plains library announced online that "Yes, we're open!" adding that "testing proved that the person did NOT have COVID-19, and we have had the library cleaned and disinfected again as an extra safety measure."

The library opened the next day, on Aug. 18; its hours are now Tuesday through Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for "short visits." Masks are required.

As posted online, the Amenia library is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; it's closed Thursdays and Sundays. Only three patrons are allowed in the library at one time, for 15 minutes at a time; face masks are required. For details, go to [www.amenialibrary.org](http://www.amenialibrary.org) or call 845-373-8273.

## Brain Teasers

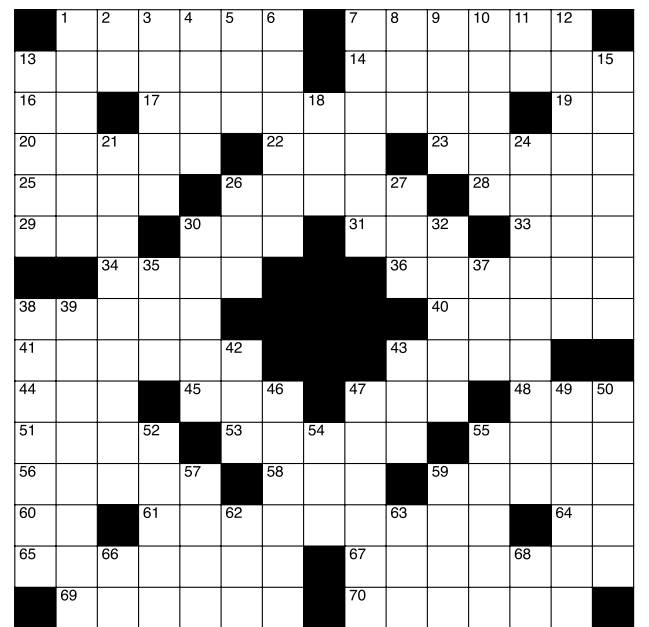
### CLUES ACROSS

- Slopes
- Attacks
- One who has left prison
- Goes against
- Atomic #37
- Home of The Beatles
- Mac alternative
- A common boundary with
- Fluid in a plant
- Genus that includes scads
- Longer of the forearm bones
- Gradually disappears
- All risk assessor
- Type of whale
- Jaws of a voracious animal
- Patriotic women (abbr.)
- Ancient Egyptian God
- Obsessed with one's appearance
- Erase
- A type of smartie
- Nostrils
- Influential French thinker
- Popular K-pop singer
- One point south of due east
- Payroll company
- Moved quickly on foot
- Bar bill
- An idiot
- Indicates silence
- Protein-rich liquids
- Rhythmic patterns
- Scatter
- Belongs to bottom layer
- Impulsive part of the mind
- Carousel
- Type of degree
- Ornamental molding
- Locks in again
- Sounds the same
- Come into view

- An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- Unhappy
- Alternate term for Holy Scripture
- Influential French scholar
- What thespians do
- Local area network
- Free from contamination
- Coastal region of Canada
- Sun up in New York
- High schoolers' exam
- Fathers
- Call it a career
- Suitable for growing crops
- Rose-red variety of spinel
- Orange-brown in color
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks

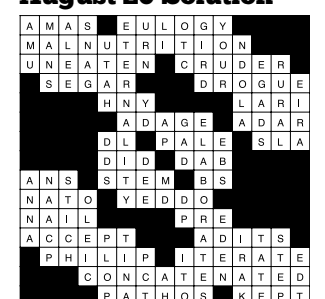
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- Trauma center
- River in W. Africa
- Ancient Greek district
- Bulgaria's monetary unit
- Children's ride
- Absorbed liquid
- Markets term
- Retail term recording sales
- Automaton
- Spanish form of "be"
- Divide
- Malaysian sailing boat
- Writers
- Cool!
- Popular tourist attraction studio
- Sets free

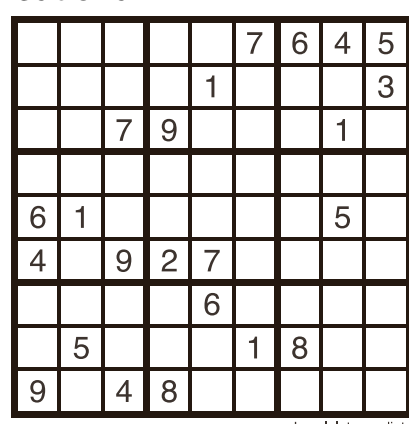


- Late TNT sportscaster
- A way to wedge
- Cold, dry Swiss wind
- Hockey players need it
- Something highly prized
- Atomic #45
- Top lawyer

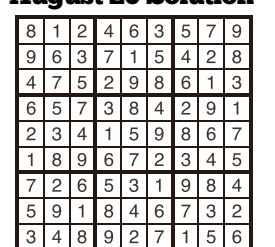
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# BOCES chooses hybrid model for reopening its campus

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SALT POINT — While many school districts in the area are opting for remote reopenings in the next academic year, the Dutchess County Board of Co-operative Educational Services (BOCES) has decided on a hybrid model at its Salt Point campus. The educational facility serves more than one population, and is instrumental in many special education opportunities for students in all 13 school districts in Dutchess County. Some districts, such as Millbrook, Pine Plains, Wappingers, Arlington and the City of Poughkeepsie, are opting for remote learning only, probably through the fall semester, while others are still deciding

what to do.

BOCES Superintendent Richard Hooley recently sent out a letter to parents, guardians and staff, and hosted three online Town Hall meetings last week, to discuss his plans for reopening the BOCES program and how to implement state safety requirements. He said the health and safety of students and staff was the top priority in the BOCES Board making its decision, as was the size of its facilities and the ability to practice social distancing, and the ability to have an on-campus presence. He noted that nearby districts are using the remote model, while many other schools around the state are opting for in-person and hybrid reopenings.

The BOCES hybrid model

will offer a section for students to attend in-person classes on Mondays and Tuesdays, and to learn remotely on Thursdays and Fridays. Section B students will learn remotely at the beginning of the week, staying at home the last two days of the week. Some students may attend special classes on Wednesdays, as may others with special needs.

At one of the virtual Town Halls on Wednesday, Aug. 19, which had prepared questions sent in, Hooley and BOCES Deputy Superintendent Cora Stemple explained the process, which includes filling out a form each day, which can be done online before entering the buildings, taking temperatures, enforcing social distancing, practicing good hygiene, wearing face

masks and contact tracing.

Two other meetings were held the following day for those who couldn't view Wednesday's program.

Hooley also remarked that things may change, depending on the state and the prevalence of COVID-19 in the county and the district. He also noted that the BOCES model might be used throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Because BOCES serves students of various ages, from different districts, students coming from different school districts to use the Dutchess BOCES facilities will use their home school districts' transportation systems.

"We understand that we ourselves are powerless over the virus, and we struggled to find a

way to open safely for staff and students, and help them feel comfortable coming back," said Hooley. "A good teacher modifies and adjusts to the student's needs and we hope to be like that good teacher, and if we need to, to adjust as we go."

The planning for the reopening has been arduous and intense, agreed all involved.

"We'll be looking for feedback from staff and parents," added Hooley. "We would like to be more face to face and at some point, we may be able to do that on Wednesdays. If there is a change, however, or a spike, we'll also have to adjust for that."

Hooley also made it clear that if there are reasons for a child not to attend in-person, they will be accommodated. Unclear

at this point is how internships and work-site instruction will fare during this pandemic. Many of the BOCES population depend on those work and intern programs to gain career experience, and some take courses at local colleges as well.

While everyone is being asked to pull together at this time, things may understandably change. The changes will depend on health issues and technology needs as well as government and public health mandates.

Construction for the upgraded facilities at the Salt Point campus will continue; parking could become an issue, so the BOCES administration is suggesting the use of public transportation rather than private vehicles whenever possible.



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## Feeding those in need

Community Action Partnership (CAP) sponsored food distribution for area residents at Millbrook's Grace Episcopal Church this summer, with the help of Annie LeBron, family resource coordinator for CAP's Dover office; Grace Church immigrant outreach coordinator Evelyn Garzetta; and Millbrook Business Association President and Village Trustee Kevin McGrane. Volunteers from Dutchess County Mutual Aid and the Dutchess County Food Bank helped. CAP has been operating since 1964, and along with many other community agencies and private volunteer groups has helped to provide food to those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Choosing Millbrook's interim mayor is a bit of a sticky wicket for trustees

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MILLBROOK — In a Village Board meeting held at Village Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 11, more questions came up about finding a new mayor than were answered. The announced, but unplanned early vacating of the mayor's post by former mayor Rodney Brown, has been complicated by several factors, namely this being an election year, the fact that one trustee has recently been absent for health reasons, and the fact that one possible interim mayor, Trustee Tim Collopy, is planning to run for mayor in the November election.

Under Brown, Collopy was the deputy mayor. However, the deputy mayor only has the title as long as the mayor remains in office. When the mayor's job is vacated, the deputy position is also considered vacated. Collopy led the Aug. 11 meeting as a trustee. He announced, though, that he is planning to run for mayor in November, which complicates things. Collopy prefers not to sacrifice his trustee position, which he would have to do if he was appointed by the board as the temporary mayor, to fill in the position until the end of Brown's term, when the election will be held and a newly elected mayor will be chosen to fill the role for the next two years.

If this sounds complicated, that's because it is. No one can be the mayor and a trustee simultaneously. If Collopy were to become mayor until the election, he would give up his trustee position; if he then lost the mayoral race, he would be out of luck and no longer be a part of the Village Board.

The two trustees who are running for reelection this year are Mike Herzog and Joe Rochfort. Kevin McGrane, currently taking a leave of absence due to illness, and Collopy, have two years left on their trustee terms. At the end of the board's discussion on Aug. 11 it was decided that Village Attorney Josh Macklin will be asked to look into all legal options and the board planned to meet on Aug. 25 (after presstime) to try and resolve the problem.

### Miscellaneous village news

Also on the agenda, the new fire truck was described by fire department President Matt Ro-

chfort as "beautiful," and is due to be delivered in two to three weeks. Rochfort also made the announcement that the planned block party in September will not take place, leaving them without a major fundraiser this year.

The Guertin Gym at Village Hall is available for rent for community events, and discussions with Town of Washington Director of Recreation Chelsea Edson, the Boy Scouts and possibly the school system are taking place, which may also be interested in using the gym. A set rate has not been established; more research among other facilities must be done.

Changes to the Village Code are being made and will be applied to the website. Rochfort and Collopy have been working on this and said there may be as many as 30 changes made; the first five have been identified and involve local laws. There will be a public hearing, likely on Zoom due to COVID-19, with a link on the website and required public notices.

The Knights of Columbus Council 381 of Millbrook has asked permission to have a procession on a Sunday, either on Sept. 13 or Sept. 20, for the purpose of blessing the village; it would take from 35 to 40 minutes and engage Franklin and Merritt Avenues. The organization said it will apply for a permit, and the New York State Troopers will be alerted to help with traffic, etc.

The board agreed that the Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club does not need a permit for a fireworks display on Sept. 5, with a rain date of Sept. 6, because it will take place on private property, but the board said Police Sgt. Jared Witt will be notified to arrange some form of traffic control, as many residents like to watch the display and often park their vehicles along local roadways.

Rochfort discussed a Thorne Building Planning Committee meeting he attended on July 31. Thorne Building architect Michael Sloan gave a presentation; Rochfort said he was impressed

with the plans and said the idea is to move full speed ahead. The parking area and plans to move the Band Shell have been laid out.

The public tennis courts have been repaired; the village contributed \$500 toward the work. Further work will be necessary in the near future, estimated at about \$20,000. Money is being contributed from private citizens, but how the fund will be set up is still being determined.

Some discussion of the recent Tropical Storm Isaias on Aug. 4 showed that many local customers of Central Hudson and Optimum were unhappy with communications during its aftermath. County Executive Marc Molinaro will talk to the Public Service Commission and will discuss the utilities' response within 21 days, said the board.

## MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

### Millbrook at Home keeps seniors connected

The Millbrook at Home senior group wants to stay connected with local residents, so it's sharing a link to its website where seniors can find out about programs and meetings through the online platform Zoom.

The website link is [www.millbrookathome.org](http://www.millbrookathome.org).

Also, the group's newsletter will be out soon. Meanwhile, if

there are any questions, suggestions or concerns, email [connect@millbrookathome.org](mailto:connect@millbrookathome.org).

Millbrook at Home seeks to create and deepen connections among those who remain in their homes as they advance in age. Its network of local volunteers helps senior citizens maintain vibrant, engaged and socially active lives.

### Innisfree Garden now open for exploration

After being closed for many months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Innisfree Garden is now open. To protect visitors and staff, advance reservations, social distancing and masks are required.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays and legal holidays, rain or

shine. Admission is \$10; \$5 for seniors (65 and older) and children (ages 5 through 15); free for Innisfree members and children (ages 4 and under). Tickets are available at [www.innisfreegarden.org](http://www.innisfreegarden.org) tickets.

For more information, call 545-877-8000.

### Town of Washington recreational activities

Due to COVID-19 the are new rules and guidelines programs need to follow. Some registration spaces may be limited; please pay attention to program descriptions in regard to equipment needed, etc. Also, please be aware cir-

cumstances may change last minute; check emails prior to attending a program. All registration must be done online.

Fall Soccer — New additions. For more information, go to [www.washingtonny.myrec.com](http://www.washingtonny.myrec.com).



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OBITUARIES

Linda Susan Pezze

PINE PLAINS — Linda Susan Pezze, 69, a Pine Plains resident since 1992 and formerly of Ancramdale, died peacefully at her home in Pine Plains on Aug. 23, 2020, with her loving family at her bedside.



Mrs. Pezze retired from the Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg, N.Y., and had previously worked as a home health aide for Heritage Home Care in Sharon for more than 10 years.

Born April 29, 1951, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Anne (Albano) and Reginald Hough. She attended schools locally.

On Sept. 14, 1975, in Pine Plains, she married Samuel J. Pezze. Mr. Pezze survives at home.

Mrs. Pezze enjoyed drawing, painting, crocheting and computer games in her spare time. Mrs. Pezze was also a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ancram. She will be deeply missed by her beloved family and many friends.

In addition to her husband of 44 years, she is survived by her children, Eugene Thorn and his

wife, Kelly, Lonnie Thorn and his wife, Jessica, Samuel Pezze and his girlfriend, Heather Karch, and Jessica Pezze and her boyfriend, Brian Lowe; six grandchildren, Brandon and Dylan Thorn, Scott and Austin Baker and Lacey and Jayden Pezze; three brothers, Ed, Harry and Reginald Hough; and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Carol Mallet.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating.

Burial will follow at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 100, Pine Plains, NY 12567; or Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, 2649 South Road #101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

William Michael Manko

LAKEVILLE — William Michael Manko, 68, of Lime Rock Road, died Aug. 24, 2020, at home with his family following a years-long battle with cancer. He was the husband of Janet Manko, publisher and editor in chief of The Lakeville Journal Co.



Bill was born in Orange, N.J., on Feb. 15, 1952, and grew up in Florham Park, N.J. He was the son of Teresa Manko of Lakeville and the late William H. Manko.

He attended the public schools in Florham Park, then went to the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

He worked for the firms of Nadaskay & Kopelson, now NK Architects, in Morristown, N.J., then moved to Lime Rock upon his marriage to Janet in 1983 and worked at Schneider+Knapp Architects in Kent, Conn. He worked independently following his time with Sherm Schneider and Bob Knapp, with an office in his home.

Bill enjoyed his family and friends, and his garden, which was large and gave him good inspiration for cooking, which he did every weeknight. He also

enjoyed the vibrant cultural life in the Tri-state area and in Boston and New York. Picnics on the lawn at Tanglewood were a highlight of the summers, as well as visits to the Clark Museum and the Whitney, the Met, MFA and MoMA, seeing friends at every trip. He was a proponent of mid-century architecture, especially the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and Eero Saarinen. He read voraciously, especially on history, flight and architecture, and followed the news faithfully until the end of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; his daughter, Amber Manko; his mother, Teresa Manko; his sister, Joyce Manko and her partner, Kurt Freehauf; and beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be private due to COVID-19. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad at [www.salisburymbulance.org](http://www.salisburymbulance.org) or Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association at [www.salisburyvna.org](http://www.salisburyvna.org).

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of the arrangements.

Richard H. Fife

FALLS VILLAGE — Richard H. Fife, of Falls Village in typical Dick Fife fashion passed away Aug. 17, 2020, age 82, on his terms doing what he was best known for, working hard.



Dick was born June 27, 1938, in Great Barrington to the late Arlene and Jesse Fife and was a lifelong resident of Falls Village.

He owned and operated Four Seasons Landscaping and worked as a property manager for several local estates.

Dick had a love for collecting, restoring and selling just about anything, with a particular fondness for antique gas pumps, which he really had a talent for.

Dick was predeceased by his daughter, Gloria Warren; his son, Paul Fife; and his grandson, Christopher Hewins.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; four children, Laurene Hewins of Ashley Falls, Lisa Jamieson of Sheffield, Bob Fife of North Canaan and James Fife of Sheffield; a sister, Marie Hewins of North Canaan; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; six stepchildren, Laurie, Alice, Lorraine, Keisha, Frank and Clifford; two nieces; one nephew; and his beloved dog, Wrinkles.

Dick was loved and his side-of-the-road conversations will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shea Cohn Memorial Fund, 25 Deer Road, Falls Village, CT 06031.

A Celebration of Life was held at the VFW Couch Pipe Post on Aug. 22. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

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<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon - with Eucharist <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHERS &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North East Baptist Church</b> Historic Meeting House, Main &amp; Maple Millerton, NY God's word is always relevant! A Warm Welcome Awaits You SUNDAY SERVICES Family Bible School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 AM Evening Service - 6:00 PM WEEKDAY MEETINGS Weds. Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM at Parsonage 33 S. Maple Ave. Sat. Bible Studies for Men &amp; Women 3:00 PM FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON First Sunday of each month after AM services Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 Please go to <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> to log on. Followed by a virtual coffee hour Rev. AJ Stack <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> 845-373-9161</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Trux <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> The format for our Unitarian Fellowship has changed to Zoom. Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Jo Loi for the Zoom link at 860-435-2319 All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mngates125@gmail.com">mngates125@gmail.com</a> for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE 9 AM - St. Bridget (indoors) Monday, Tuesday &amp; First Friday 9 AM - St. Bernard (indoors) Wednesday SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget (outdoors) SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard (indoors) 10 AM - St. Bridget (outdoors) Face masks required Limited attendance indoors</p>
<p><b>Sharon Congregational Church</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>

LEGAL NOTICES

Auction

Take notice that a public auction will take place at the site of the former Deuel's Home Center located across from the Pine Plains Post Office on Route 82 in Pine Plains, New York, on Saturday Sept 12, 2020 at 10 a.m. Selling are four box trailers, one flat bottom trailer and one pallet of salt all purportedly owned by Kevin Clark whose last known address is 704 Langley Rd. Amsterdam, New York. Items will be sold to the highest bidder.

This sale is being held pursuant to Section 7-210 of Uniform Commercial Code.

8-20-20  
8-27-20

LEGAL NOTICE  
SCHOOL TAX NOTICE  
WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Collector of School Taxes in and for the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District, in Dutchess County the towns of Amenia, Dover, Northeast, Stanford and Washington and in Columbia County the town of Ancram has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes for the school year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The collection period is September 1, 2020 through November 5, 2020. For the purpose of paying taxes, checks and money orders shall be made payable to School Tax Collector and mailed to P.O. Box 377, Wassaic, New York 12592.

In person payments may be made at the Webutuck CSD, District Office on 9/9 6p-8p; 9/16 6p-8p; 9/25 12p-2p; 10/2 12p-2p and 6p-8p; and 11/3 12p-2p and 6p-8p or contact the Tax Collector to make other arrangements. Taxes may be paid on or before October 2, 2020 without penalty (payments must be postmarked on or before October 2, 2020 to be penalty free). On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 2, 2020, a two percentum (2%) will be added through November 5, 2020 at which time the remaining unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York to be then receivable on the land tax bills for 2021 with a seven (7) percentum penalty.

For Dutchess County residents paying partial payments there will be assessed a 5% surcharge. Dates due for partial payments are September

15, 2020 and March 15, 2021 to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance as indicated on the installment payment schedule portion of the tax bill.

Dawn Marie Klingner  
School Tax Collector  
08-20-20  
08-27-20

LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF AMENIA  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
Highway Material Bids  
BIDS FOR THE PERIOD  
9/17/2020 to 9/16/2021

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of supplies used by the Amenia Highway Department during the year will be received until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Bids are requested for the following road materials: Bank-run, sand, Item #4, crushed quarry stone and washed gravel, light, medium, and heavy stone fill, subbase NYS DOT Type #2, calcium chloride, bituminous mix hot and cold, road oils, concrete, catch basins and equipment rentals, Tree Work, Sweeping.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Highway office at 845-373-9922. All bids must include a notarized non-collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid 9/17/2020 to 9/16/2021".

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board Meeting September 17, 2020.

Megan Chamberlin  
Superintendent of Highways  
Town of Amenia  
08-27-20  
09-03-20

NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF AMENIA  
PLANNING BOARD  
APPLICATION FOR SITE  
PLAN APPROVAL AND  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
FOR EXPANSION OF  
OUTBACK SELF-STORAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Town of Amenia Code and Sections 274-a and b of the New York State Town Law,

a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia, New York, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7 pm at the Town Hall, located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York on the following matter:

Application by the Outback Storage for a special use permit and site plan approval to expand the existing self-storage facility located at 13 and 21 Mechanic Street in the Town of Amenia, New York by the addition of approximately 9,034 square feet and related improvements including the addition of two new self-storage buildings and a small office building. The property is located in the Hamlet Mixed-Use (HM), Hamlet Exclusion Area of the Stream Corridor Overlay (SCO), Priority/Primary Valley Bottom Aquifer (PVBA) and Floodplain Overlay (FPO) Zoning Districts. The existing storage facility is considered a non-conforming use in the HM Zoning District and therefore the proposed expansion requires a special use permit pursuant to Section 121-27(D)(2) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code. The proposed expansion also constitutes a major project under Section 121-60(C)(2) of the Zoning Code and requires site plan approval.

A copy of the application is on file in the Amenia Planning office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours at the Town Hall address noted above. The application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

At the public hearing noticed herein, the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the application. Persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent, and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at [jwestfall@amenia.ny.gov](mailto:jwestfall@amenia.ny.gov). Dated: August 21, 2020

Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
Planning Board  
08-27-20

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 16th day

of September, 2020, at 7:30PM, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the special use permit for a single-family detached residence and a separate accessory dwelling, submitted by Pocumtuck Valley Farm Trust, for a property located at Prospect Hill Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 6972-00-71435.

This meeting will not take place in person in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1. 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 September 16th, 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](mailto: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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89049616022?pwd=S0FmeWlOcFBpcGt3TjJ5ZHZhYmRlRkQ0>

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Alternatively, the public hearing may be viewed live on the Planning Board's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOMq6XtGoZf20YynEzVeRA>  
Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

By order of:  
Town of Pine Plains  
Planning Board  
08-27-20



EDITORIAL

19th Amendment: 100 years and counting

Last week, on Tuesday, Aug. 18, this nation commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote in the U.S. Constitution. Although it didn't grant that right to all women. Just to white women. But it was a start. And as we all know, the push for equal rights had to start somewhere.

It took decades for all women to be able to vote in America under the Voting Rights Act, which finally passed in 1965 — a mere 55 years ago. The 19th Amendment actually failed to include many women — African American women, Latin American women, Native American women, Chinese American women — many women remained barred from voting under the 19th Amendment — the very act that makes us who we are as citizens of what is inarguably the most Democratic country in the world.

It wasn't until 1924 that many Native Americans were able to cast their ballots, after the Snyder Act made them U.S. citizens. Chinese immigrants weren't able to vote until the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed in 1943. And although Black and Latinx people had the right to vote on paper, they were functionally disenfranchised by poll taxes for decades, as well as by literacy tests, "White Primary" laws and other forms of voter suppression. It was the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that helped curb many forms of racial discrimination in voting and contributed so greatly to the suffrage movement.

Clearly, it takes time to make real progress. For a number of years, suffragists picketed tirelessly outside the White House to win the right to vote. In fact, they were the very first group to do so. In 1913, thousands of suffragists descended on Washington for the Woman Suffrage Procession, according to The New York Times. The procession was organized by the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), the day before President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration.

Here is what The Times reported:

"Inez Milholland, a 26-year-old suffragist, led the parade on horseback. Three years later, she would collapse while giving a speech in Los Angeles and die shortly thereafter. Her last public words were reportedly, 'Mr. President, how long must women wait for liberty?'"

But there was a lot of resistance against giving women the right to vote in the U.S. After all, men — white men — ran the country, the world. Why would they want to give up that power?

Even The New York Times expressed opposition to the movement in a 1913 editorial, one of a long string of anti-suffrage commentaries of the time.

"The benefits of woman suffrage are almost wholly imaginary," it stated. "Its penalties will be real and hard to bear."

During the 100 years since the 19th Amendment was ratified, there have been many hard-won battles in the fight for equal rights. And the war is still raging. Women continue to try to shatter glass ceilings as they strive for equal pay and workplace equity, reproductive rights, constitutional equality, an end to gender-based violence, educational equity and equal access to credit, among other issues. It all began with the suffrage movement, which paved the way for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Title IX, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and other important legislation.

Just think about it: The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972, but it failed to reach the three-fourths threshold for ratification before a congressional deadline and it wasn't until this year — on Jan. 15, 2020 — that Virginia finally became the 38th state to ratify it. Even today, the law's fate remains uncertain.

That seems unbelievable, as we witness Democratic California Sen. Kamala Harris step forward as only the third woman in history to be selected as a vice presidential nominee for a major political party, though the first VP nominee of African-American and Indian-American descent. But there you have it.

Have women come a long way? Yes, there's no question that they have. But there's also no doubt that they still have a lot further to go.

The August Moon

Many of you older folks may remember the 1956 movie, "Teahouse of The August Moon," starring Marlon Brando and Glenn Ford. It was a satire of the U.S. occupation and Americanization of the island of Okinawa.

After serving 10 months aboard an aircraft carrier in the Western Pacific, I was assigned to Commander Fleet Activities-Ryukyus, with Okinawa being one of the Ryukyu chain of islands southwest of Japan. I worked under a lieutenant commander with oversight from the base commander. It was great duty — exciting, challenging, sometimes dangerous but always achievable. While on Okinawa, I had the once in a lifetime honor and privilege to attend a function at the Tea House of The August Moon as the island's Navy representative.

This is my story: One afternoon, my lieutenant commander summoned me to his office to ask me for a favor. Would I fill in for him one evening at a function at The August Moon? I agreed and he said to include my wife,

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Yoshi. The reception, presented by the Okinawan Chamber of Commerce, was an elaborate event involving several hours of dining and entertainment. I was to dress casually and pass myself off as a lieutenant commander. It was quite a stretch — my rank was as a second class non-commissioned officer.

Most non-commissioned officers run the military. Strict deference to authority and chain of command is enforced. Smart officers listen to their non-coms. I was told to keep my eyes and ears open for useful information.

It appeared to be an all expense paid fun night. The venue proved to surpass my wildest expectations. The August Moon exuded opulence, elegance and splendor with a delicate balance of charming atmosphere, which provided unbelievable service, hospitality and courtesy.



No hiding under desks this time

The last time science made a leap forward with our understanding of incredibly small objects it ended with Hiroshima and Nagasaki — not to mention either the nuclear Cold War, which lasted almost a half-century and the nuclear proliferation that continues to this day. The atom was, until 1932, almost the thing of myth until James Chadwick was able to accurately describe the physical presence of a neutron, proton and electron and their relationship to the mass of each atom in the Periodic Table. Coupled with Einstein's Theory of Relativity and that famous formula, it was a brief hop, skip and a jump to the first nuclear reactor and the A-bomb.

What's changed since then? Different elements have been used for the runaway reaction, different compounds used to contain the reaction and harness it, fission or fusion, but in essence that teeny, tiny, particle called the atom has been harnessed and has irrevocably changed the world — for good and bad.

Now we're on the brink of a similar fundamental change in life as we know it. A woman — who was denied a Nobel Prize simply because she was a woman — Rosalind Franklin — was a genius who harnessed X-rays to be able to see crystalline structures and even all the way down to molecular structures including viruses. Without her on their team, James Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins would never have been able to claim to uncover the secrets that are embedded in DNA. Everyone in the field of biology and chemical science knows it was her work that showed the way forward and exposed the helix of DNA. But today, Rosalind Franklin's work is once again at the forefront of a revolution that is sweeping the planet: Virus research.

Forty years ago, Russian scientists wanted to drill into a frozen lake, miles beneath the ice in Antarctica. Like a frozen primordial cesspool, the primitive bacteria, mold and viruses there could un-

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

lock secrets of evolution. Calm scientific heads prevailed and they never did tap that ancient water. Fifty years ago, men first stood on a celestial body other than Earth. When they came home, they were encased in a sealed, purified, sterilized metal home for 30 days in quarantine — even though they had stood on the lunar surface devoid of any air or water, the risk to all humanity was too high. One pathogen alien to our planet's defenses could end all life on Earth.

Today, scientists across the planet from the WHO in Geneva to the CDC here, to almost every nation on Earth, are probing the benefits and dangers of pathogens like viruses. Some viruses will be used to enhance delivery of cancer-fighting agents, some will be harnessed to tackle diabetes. And some will be mishandled or handled as weapons.

In any event, like the discovery of the atom's properties and the quick harnessing of those possibilities, viral research and new fields of benefit and danger are quickly presenting themselves. COVID-19 may well prove — once again like the successful lesson of SARS — that governments need permanent, capable systems in place to respond to these pathogens before we all perish. Like the early atom bomb age, shelters, staying at home and hiding under desks is not the answer.

Prevention, research, negotiation and mutually asserted inspection and prevention is key. Let's hope the next administration renews those WHO and NATO ties and get that preventative ball rolling once more, or else the next pathogen may overwhelm civilization as we know it.

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

We entered by an alcove and were ushered in by two elderly gentlemen who took our shoes and coats to store, and providing us new slippers. Our coats were taken to be brushed and our shoes to be shined so bright they looked like mirrors, all to be claimed upon our departure. We were escorted to a large tatami room with low tables adorned with a flower and bird design. Drinks were immediately served and refreshed every 15 minutes, regardless of their content. There were appetizers galore presented for over an hour.

I was seated beside a lady in her mid-50s, who obviously had a head start on the liquid refreshment. She was semi-annoying and extremely distracting. She examined my nameplate and remarked I appeared awfully young to be a lieutenant commander. I thanked her for the compliment and replied, "Many others have often said the same." Thankfully, this seemed to appease her.

Entrées were served, featuring Oriental, French, Italian and American cuisine. We chose

Kobe beef prime rib with much to supplement it. On an elevated stage in front of us, Japanese folk songs, Kabuki and '60s music were performed by talented individuals. The night passed quickly.

We left thoroughly satiated and hydrated after claiming our coats and shoes and tipped the ushers for their excellent service.

This was one of several experiences on Okinawa that will remain forever in my mind. But never once while I was at the Tea House of The August Moon did I have a single cup of tea.

God bless you, faithful readers, and your families. Don't forget to say a little prayer for our selfless health care workers and first responders.

Stay safe and enjoy what's left of your summer as best as you can.

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 the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors is here to help Ancram families

With the expiration and re-duction of much needed, basic governmental aid programs, we want to remind anyone in need that Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association (ANHNA) continues to provide assistance to local families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you rent your home and are facing possible eviction, if you need financial assistance with unexpected, emergency expenses, please contact us. We may be able to help.

Ancramdale Neighbors weekly food pantry continues to provide wholesome, fresh food to families each week. Thanks to the Regional Food Bank and other generous donors, we have been able to maintain plenty of quality food for distribution. If additional families need nutrition assistance during the coming weeks and months, we extend our hand.

All emergency medical issues should contact 911 or your personal doctor. The New York State Department of Health Hotline is 1-888-364-3065. Our Medical Co-Pay Assistance Program is available for anyone to help in that regard. If you are elderly or infirm and in need of transportation or shopping assistance we can help.

As our local schools consider how or whether to open safely for in-class learning, we are adapting our annual school supply drive to better address the needs of local Ancram students and their

families. If you need educational supplies for your children, or assistance in accessing online education courses for your children, please give us a call.

And finally, we still have masks and hand sanitizer available. Our community has been very lucky so far with low infection rates, so please continue to protect your neighbors by always wearing your mask properly over your mouth and nose when out in public, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently.

Ancram is fortunate to have a community of kind, caring residents who are willing to help look out for each other. ANHNA is grateful to many of our neighbors who have made additional, generous contributions in these times to support our efforts and to others who have stepped up to volunteer.

Those who live outside the township of Ancram, which includes Ancramdale and Boston Corners, and need assistance, may also contact us and we will refer you to the agencies that can assist you.

Remember, everybody can use a hand from time to time. If you need our help, please call.

Jack Lindsey, 518-329-7306

Ancram Hila Richardson, 917-414-8270

Ancramdale Co-Chairs of Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Glad people are protesting Cricket Valley Energy Center

I am so proud to know the protesters who drew attention to the pollution that is coming from Cricket Valley.

In 1980, I was arrested at the No Nukes protests because I was chained to a sewer grate next to Trinity Church at the corner of Wall Street and Broad Street. The No Nukes protests are famously remembered because of the No

Nukes Concert movie. I was in court with 300 of the more than 1,000 people arrested. The judge dismissed all the charges and said, "It's people like you that make America great!"

It's people like the Cricket Valley protesters who make this country great now!

Arthur Moshlak Millerton

Census news from the director of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library

I had thought — as had all our libraries, based on our Census training — that people only need to complete the Census once, for their primary residence.

This week we learned that second homeowners actually need to complete the Census twice (or more if they have three or more properties). They list the residents at their primary residence, but also need to respond to the Census for their secondary residence, and note that no one lives there.

I didn't know this, and I am

sure many of our second homeowners don't as well.

The Roe Jan Library staff will be sharing this information with our patrons, but thought we would share it with readers of The Millerton News here now as well.

This likely accounts for some of the low response rates we've seen in our area.

Tammy Gaskell Director, Roeliff Jansen Community Library Hillsdale

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for them to begin reopening in our communities, this is not the time to forget that the pandemic is ongoing. New Yorkers must closely adhere to the guidelines and local health departments are required to strictly enforce them to help ensure gyms and fitness centers reopen safely and protect the public health."

Family Fitness Factory closed as a result of the health crisis. In mid-March, the governor ordered all non-essential businesses to close down to stop the spread of COVID-19. The gym, which opened for business in 2008 and had prided itself on its exercise classes, its array of equipment and its on-site massage therapy and community events, couldn't sustain itself during the shut down.

"If I had thought we could have continued forward, I would have done so," said Family Fitness Factory owner Maria Tamburrino. "Our business was thriving and growing until the day we closed. My heart is heavy and hurt... but financially, it was the only choice that we saw going forward."

"We appreciated and loved all the amazing members that became friends over the short time we were open," Tamburrino added.

Cuomo stressed on the 17th

that gyms that plan to reopen must follow the state's guidelines to keep the infection rate low. He said the fact that it's remained below 1% positive for 10 consecutive days was a driving factor in his decision to give local elected officials the leeway to allow gyms in their locality to reopen.

While gyms could open on the 24th, the governor has said that "local elected officials may choose to delay the reopening of gyms and fitness centers until Sept. 2 to, in part, provide time for required local health department inspections, and may also choose to delay the reopening of indoor fitness classes until a date beyond Sept. 2."

Cuomo has granted counties the option to opt out of indoor group fitness and aquatics classes. Currently, Dutchess County will permit such classes. However, it's reserving the right to reverse that decision at any time for any reason, including an outbreak at a gym or fitness center, or locality, or an increase in the county's infection rate.

Additionally, there is a zero-tolerance policy regarding compliance. If a gym is out of compliance, the local government will issue a cease and desist order, which will prohibit the activities indefinitely.

Thompson said he sees the gym as a vital part of the community, and would have hated to let the opportunity to purchase it pass by. Speaking as the plaza owner, he said he could either "keep fighting the fight or watch it disappear on me."

Thompson officially bought the business and gym equipment from Tamburrino at the beginning of July.

"I wish Ken all the luck in the world," Tamburrino said. "I hope that it thrives for him and that it turns out to be everything he wants it to be."

Taking on the job of clearing out the gym, bringing in all the equipment and redecorating the space with a fresh coat of paint and new decor, Thompson created an open space for people to stretch out in and exercise in — all while socially distancing. He moved all of the equipment so that there's now an 8 to 10 foot distance between each piece of equipment.

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the state and by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), Thompson said he's opening his gym to a third of its capacity, roughly 80 people per day. Along with wearing masks and having their temperature taken, he said members

will be required to log in and out every day so that the gym can keep records for contact tracing purposes. Additionally, Thompson said no shared water fountains, locker rooms, communal showers or saunas will be available.

The governor is requiring that local health departments inspect all gyms or fitness centers before or within two weeks of their opening to ensure compliance with his new health and safety regulations.

Personal trainers will be available as well as a masseuse at the Millerton Athletic Club. There will also be a room for exercise classes along with an area where people can purchase snacks, energy drinks, energy bars and weight-building products.

Beyond the perks for those looking to add a trip to the gym to their regular routine, Thompson was pleased to add other features to appeal to community members of all ages, "from toddlers to 100 year olds." Given the gym's proximity to his new Kids Time Nursery School at the plaza, he shared his vision of having mothers drop their children off at the nursery school and then watch them play through the gym's window as they exercise.

"Can you imagine working out and seeing your kid on the other side of the wall?" he mused. "Can you imagine how relaxing that would be? That's a big feature for moms."

After a vigorous workout, the gym will have massages and tanning beds available for its clients.

Heading upstairs to the second floor, there's also a room with a pool table that can be rented. As an added bonus, Thompson said gym members can go upstairs and play pool; the pool hall can be rented for events at \$100 for three hours.

Opening for business on Monday, Aug. 24, the Millerton Athletic Club's hours of operation will run from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. With Thompson and his daughter, KT, running the gym, its initial starting price will be \$39.95 a month for the first three months, though Thompson noted the fee might be adjusted over time.

To reach the Millerton Athletic Club, call 518-789-9643.

**VOTING** *Continued from Page A1*

person at the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE), at 47 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie.

Once the signed request form is received, the BOE will send the voter an absentee ballot, which may be mailed or dropped off at the BOE office or at early or regular voting locations. That ballot is not signed, but in order to be valid, the voter must sign an oath on the submission envelope, which is then enclosed in an outer envelope. In the recent primary, some votes were excluded because the oath was not signed.

With all of the controversy surrounding the United States Postal Service (USPS) these days and concerns about possible delays with mail delivery, the dates for ballot requests and voting have been changed so voters can begin the process immediately. Mail-in-ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, or carry a time stamp showing it was delivered to the BOE by Nov. 4.

Republican Dutchess County BOE Commissioner Erik J. Haight noted the basic process is not new, as absentee ballots have been used "forever — ever since there have been elections."

He noted, however, there will be a difference this year.

"No one's going to know who is going to win on election night," said Haight. "I don't know if that constitutes a problem or not. We're going to do what we need to do to get our job right. Our results in the end will be accurate, but with that significant increase in absentee ballots, we'll take several weeks to count [the results]."

To handle the influx, he added, "We're supplementing our full-time staff with temporary workers to accomplish the increased work flow. I'm confident we'll have enough workers to get the job done."

Mail-in voting is not without controversy. After the measure, which was passed mainly along party lines, Democratic Gov. Cuomo released a statement.

"The federal administration has ordered an unprecedented attack on the USPS and with COVID-19 threatening our ability to have safe, in-person voting, these measures are critical to ensuring a successful and fair election at one of the most important moments in our nation's history... These actions will further break down barriers to democracy and will make it easier for all New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote this November."

Republican Haight, who encourages in-person voting despite the pandemic, responded to the signing of the law.

"I understand for this public health crisis that we're facing, folks should be able to apply for an absentee ballot if they're afraid of going to go to the polls... I just don't feel it should be permanent."

If voters do have a change of heart after they vote by mail in this year's election, they may change their vote by going to the polls in person. That's because when a ballot has been submitted by mail, it is assigned a number and registered in the BOE's computer system. If the voter then arrives at a polling place later on, that ID number is checked against

the BOE's program and the earlier vote is removed, so that only the in-person vote is registered.

The request form may be obtained online, in person or requested by phone. Although there have been concerns about the efficiency of the process, ballot applications requested by phone by two Millerton voters on Friday afternoon, Aug. 21, were confirmed to have been delivered at their homes by Monday, Aug. 24.

On the 24th, Cuomo passed an Executive Order that requires county BOEs to take the following actions to assist voters:

- Send a mailing outlining all deadlines for voters by Tuesday, Sept. 8

- Send staffing plans and needs to the state BOEs by Sept. 20 so BOEs can assist in ensuring adequate coverage

- Adopt a uniform clarified envelope for absentee ballots and require counties to use it

- Count votes faster: Require all objections to be made by the county board in real time, make sure that boards are ready to count votes and reconcile affidavit and absentee ballots by 48 hours after elections.

For more information on the absentee voting process in New York State, and specifically in Dutchess County, go to [www.elections.dutchessny.gov](http://www.elections.dutchessny.gov) or call 845-486-2473.

**ROBERT TRUMP** *Continued from Page A1*

or at the Millbrook Diner as you would in a fancy restaurant or at the country club."

He and his new wife, Anne Marie (Pallan), whom he married in March 2020 after many years of being together, entertained their family, her children and grandchildren and their friends often. The majority of events they attended were in support of various local charities.

Anne Marie was the co-owner of the popular Monte's Local Kitchen & Tap Room in Amenia, which closed last month due to the coronavirus pandemic; the couple was known to treat customers like friends, visiting each table, talking to everyone and becoming fast friends with customers. Monte's was a frequent scene for many charity events.

One charity Trump was involved with was Angels of Light, which makes Christmas wishes come true for local terminally ill children and their families.

Millbrook businesswoman, Lori Decker, co-founder of the charity, spoke highly of Trump.

"With Robert, it was always about the greater good," she said. "He was humble and kind."

Decker's family had dinner with Trump shortly before he

died. She said she'll miss visiting with him and his wife, and working on good causes together. "He was smart, funny and he had a heart of gold."

Deanna Mancuso is the founder of Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue in Dover Plains, which often benefited from Trump's generosity; she remembered words of wisdom that he shared with her.

"Be impeccable with your word. If you say you're going to do something, do it and do it kindly. Always be kind," Mancuso said Trump advised her. She said she struggled when she learned of his death. "Today was one of those days I wasn't sure how I'd get through. This morning I was still sobbing after hearing the news of Robert. As the kids kept showing up and the horses needed tending, my grief had to be met with responsibility. That is one of the greatest lessons I learned from Mr. Trump."

Danielle Mollica-Whitely and her son, Dominick, were great fans of Trump as well. She remembers fondly the time when he took her young son aside at an Angels of Light Christmas event at Monte's. He read him a book the Monte family wrote

about its dog, named "Monte," and gave him a stuffed animal modeled after the mutt. Dominick looked up to him fondly and slept with the toy puppy for months, said his mom, who so appreciated that Trump took the time to spend a moment with a small boy "that would stay with him forever."

Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson had a longstanding relationship with Robert Trump.

"We were very good friends, and in fact neighbors, living just a few towns apart, said Anderson. "He was a casually elegant man with a great love of life and family. He loved his dogs, horses, enjoyed heavy equipment and most importantly the relationship he shared for all these years with Ann Marie, his wife, and now the grandchildren."

As with so many other friends and neighbors, Anderson was touched by Trump's generosity and community spirit.

"He was a wonderfully, engaging individual and whenever I called upon him to assist me with a charity or children in need of assistance, his response was always, 'What can I do to help?'" said the sheriff.

**VACCINE** *Continued from Page A1*

Northwest Corner or commute from the nearby Berkshires, for their "heroic dedication to working during the pandemic to ensure that our country, and the world, have access to these much-needed devices to administer the vaccine when it is ready."

U.S. officials have estimated that the country would need approximately 850 million syringes, and that two doses of the vaccine might be required.

BD recently finalized an initial pandemic order for 50 million devices, to be delivered by the end of December 2020, which Rick Byrd, president of medication delivery solutions for the company, said will be fulfilled through BD's current manufacturing capacity (a new plant is being developed in Nebraska that is expected to open in a year).

"The company does not expect that this initial order or future quantities will impact BD's ability to fulfill existing customer requirements for needles and syringes — including the annual flu vaccination and childhood immunization campaigns," Byrd said.

The largest employer in the Northwest Corner, BD produces billions of syringes annually at its North Canaan facility.

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and syringes that serve the global health-care industry," Kirkpatrick said.

In addition to ramping up the manufacturing of needles and syringes, BD has been working closely with the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies to expand access to diagnostic testing and support treatment of


COVID-19 patients.

Through June, the company supplied health-care providers globally with an estimated 48 million swabs for flu and COVID-19 testing, more than 2.85 million rapid molecular diagnostic tests and millions of products used in the treatment of COVID-19, including infusion pumps, infusion sets and catheters, according to a press release.

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## The Sounds of Winter (in Summer) Benefit AMP

The end of summer is coming, a time when we think of things we should have done while the weather was warm and we maybe had some time on our hands. This year of course the end-of-summer regrets

are more profound as plans were impacted not just by COVID-19 but also by a week of power outages at the peak of vacation season.

Now is the time to do things we've meant to do — like attending a concert by

Paul Winter of the eponymous Paul Winter Consort. For the rest of the world, Winter was a leader of a new age music movement in the late 20th century that combined jazz, classical music as well and nature sounds.

Winter, 81, now lives in Litchfield. When a benefit he was planning in Washington, D.C., got canceled, he took a look at Ellen Griesedieck's epic American Mural Project in a converted factory space in Winsted, Conn. The massive mural is dedicated to American workers — includ-

ing the health-care workers and power company workers whose efforts we have so deeply appreciated this year.

The mural remains a work-in-progress but is very much worth a visit once AMP is able to offer tours safely again. Winter will now do a concert and dinner

there on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Also performing will be Theresa Thomason of Woodridge, Conn., who had also volunteered to support AMP so the work can be completed. Thomason is a gospel singer who has performed around the world, often with the Paul Winter Consort.

Benefit event seats are extremely limited and available at [www.americanmuralproject.org/events](http://www.americanmuralproject.org/events) or by emailing [info@americanmuralproject.org](mailto:info@americanmuralproject.org).



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Grammy Winner Paul Winter will perform with gospel singer Theresa Thomason, in photo above, in a benefit for the American Mural Project on Sept. 5 in Winsted, Conn.

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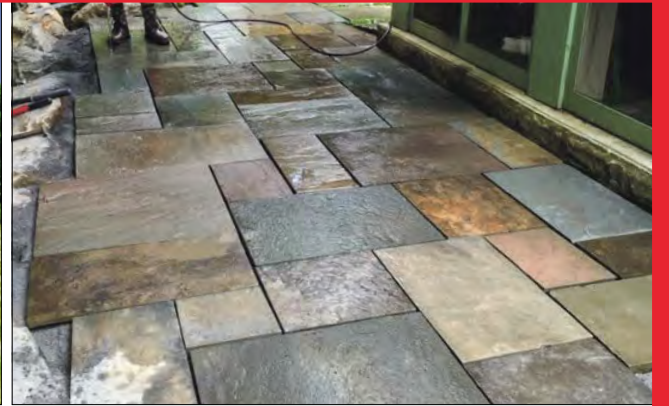
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Interior designer Alison Kist mixes horizontal and vertical lines with her books, and makes sure to leave some open space.

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# Decorating By the Book

I bought a house last November. I love this house, and I want it to be my sanctuary: peaceful, harmonious, interesting. But I have always felt insecure about my home decorating skills; I sometimes think they haven't evolved much beyond Dorm Room Chic, or Frazzled Parent Modern.

But I'm decades past the dorm room and my frazzled parent days are (mostly) over, so I am determined to make this the most beautiful house I've ever lived in.

I got off to a great start: I bought a pretty rug and painted a room a gorgeous shade of deep blue. My dad offered me the simple maple chair that was in his childhood bedroom and that otherwise would be headed to Goodwill. I put it in my own very bare bedroom, draped a blanket on it and put a big plant next to it and — voila! One room is done.

Now what? I felt a bit paralyzed, and the advent of COVID-19 didn't help. I subscribed to stacks of magazines — House Beautiful and Elle Decor and others — but found them overwhelming. I don't even open them when they come now.

I decided my next focus would be my books. Though I gave away dozens of boxes of books when I moved, I still have plenty, and my swaybacked and crooked Ikea Billy shelves, which I've moved from home to home for over 20 years, just won't cut it anymore. So I hired a local handyman to build a wall of bookshelves.

But how to arrange the books? Could I make the shelves look intentional and elegant?

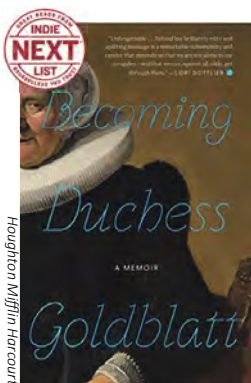
One of my friends arranged all her books by color — ROY G BIV and all. But that didn't suit me, and ostentatious coffee table books didn't seem

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right either (I need room on my coffee table for bowls of popcorn and, well, my feet), so I reached out to some experts for advice.

**IT'S ALL IN THE MIX**

Dana Kraus, who sells luxury vintage jewelry and has worked at some of the top design magazines, started with what's most important: "Books give a house a soul."

The book collection at her home in Sharon, Conn., is both beautiful and functional: It includes childhood favorites as well as reference books for her various projects, and incorporates books that are pleasing visually, first editions and ones with rich bindings, interspersed with objects that are beautiful and relevant to her work: fossils, sketches, catalogs, ammonites.

"Magically, it all works because it's reflective of our tastes and style," she said.

In other words, mix books that you love but make sure that mix includes tomes that are esthetically gorgeous. They will enhance the plainer books that are (also) important to you.

**BOOKS TELL YOUR OWN STORY**

Still unsure about my own taste or style, I made another call.

Interior designer Alison Kist of New York City and Lakeville, Conn., spent 9 years living in London, where she visited many homes with old English libraries. "I just was drawn to these libraries: The books bring a warmth, texture, a sense of history."

When she's decorating a home, her approach is to "shop the house" of

her clients, starting with what they already have.

"I like incorporating the owners' own things. It makes the space much more personal, as opposed to starting over all new."

She'll go to tag sales to find things that have a story to them. "Whether you learn that story or not, it's lived a life somewhere, so it seems more interesting," she said.

**HOW TO STACK**

She suggests stacking books horizontally, to break up the vertical lines of the room, so the shelves are not just rows and rows of books.

"That stack is also a great place to display a little object on top," Kist added.

I don't collect anything (having disposed of my previous collections of Party Goody Bag Trinkets and Decapitated Cat Toys) but I found some Harney & Sons Tea tins that remind me of my years in Millerton, N.Y., and a pretty vase. I stacked a few books sideways and put the tins on top, the vase next to them. Not bad, at least until my bedside stack of books gets too tall and tips over and I need to add them to the shelf.

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Finally, I spent a mesmerizing hour with designer Matthew Patrick Smyth in his simply decorated retreat in Salisbury, Conn. Each space he showed me was filled with books that have a personal meaning for him — with the author, with the subject, with the day he bought it or received it as a gift from a

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**For interior designer Matthew Patrick Smyth, more is more on the bookshelves in his workspace in Salisbury. The vertical lines of the books are broken up by beloved decorative objects, photos, ceramics.**

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“I try to stick to subjects that interest me,” said Dana Kraus of the books on her shelves. “In addition to garden books and decorative art books, I collect beautiful bindings.”

## ... decorating

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now-departed friend. How they looked on the shelf was unimportant; what he cared about was the memories, the feelings each book evoked. Together, his books told a story of a fascinating and well-lived life.

My books do say something about my life. There are feminist favorites, books by friends, nonprofit management tomes, parenting advice, my husband’s huge collection of bird guides, memoirs from people who have lived fascinating and inspiring lives, and lots and lots of fiction — great stories about worlds and experiences far away from my own.

Some I’ve read 10 times, others I’ve meant to read but never got around to. They aren’t bound in leather, and I

probably bought most of them either at library book sales or on the internet; I don’t have a lot of interesting stories about them.

That’s OK, though: as Dana Kraus told me, “Books are to be used and enjoyed every day.”

The other day, having given up on trying to make the shelves look any kind of way, I ran my hand over the titles and stopped on a battered copy of Jane Austen’s “Mansfield Park,” my book club’s pick for next month. I pulled it out and started reading the familiar words about the most fortunate Miss Maria Ward of Huntingdon.

I settled into my dad’s maple chair, pulled the blanket around me, and began to read.

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# How To Stay Sane During a Pandemic

Feeling a little jittery? Have the couch cushions settled irrevocably into the shape of your personal rear end-type area? Has the excitement of binge-watching season 7 of “Home Boyz from Outer Space” faded?

I have two suggestions.

The first is a streaming channel called “The Great Courses.” The offerings are a real grab bag. I concentrated on history, starting with Amanda Podanyi, who in addition to knowing everything there is to know about ancient Mesopotamia, was the bass player in the band that became The Bangles.

Then I moved on to ancient Mesoamerica, a subject I knew very little about other than a vague idea that they played something like basketball, and of course knowledge gleaned from the classic 1964 film “The Wrestling Women vs. the Aztec Mummy.”

A foray into Gnosticism made me understand why the early Christian church wanted to stamp this stuff out, and did you know the Etruscans invented pizza?

The beauty of these programs, which are essentially lectures with two camera angles and maybe some slides, is you can fall asleep during them and rewind if you're feeling ambitious.

But I was tired of staring at screens. So, well ahead of schedule I started my usual summer program of rereading old favorites.

I highly recommend an old Eric Ambler omnibus, “Intrigue.” It contains four novels: “A Coffin for Dimitrios,” “Journey Into Fear,” “Cause for Alarm” and “Background to Danger” — plus, in the edition I own, a forward by Alfred Hitchcock.

You will not be disappointed. As Hitchcock points out, the heroes are very ordinary people who get tangled up in extraordinary circumstances. Not a lot of gadgetry and fight scenes, just slowly mounting tension, economically described.

*Then I moved on to ancient Mesoamerica, a subject I knew very little about other than a vague idea that they played something like basketball.*

I always reread the Bertie Wooster novels by P.G. Wodehouse in the summer. I always find something new, even though I have read them dozens of times.

In “The Code of the Woosters,” Bertie is discussing the personality of his friend Gussie Fink-Nottle with the latter's fiancée, the soupy Madeline Bassett.

Bertie refers to Gussie as “a sensitive plant.”

Madeline replies: “Exactly. You know your Shelley, Bertie.”

“Oh, am I?”

I don't know how I missed that in the first 47 readings of “Code.”

The other writer I revisit every year is Robert B. Parker, best known as the author of the Spenser detective novels.

What's fun here, besides devastating descriptions of university faculty, extremists and poetry readings, is how over the course of 47 Spenser novels Parker moved from fairly lengthy exposition to a style almost completely dependent on dialogue, as with this scene from “Small Vices”:

“You ever wanted kids?” I said to Hawk.

“I like them a little older,” Hawk said.

“No, you animal, I meant have you ever wanted to be a father?”

“Not lately,” Hawk said

So put down the remote (unless you are watching a ferociously academic lecture series) and dig out an old favorite book.

The couch isn't going anywhere, and neither are you.



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**The author demonstrates how to watch serious educational television during a pandemic.**



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## Never Too Bored For Board Game Night

During quarantine I have mostly learned to surrender to the unexpected. The days are long, the news cycle dreary and the future unknowable. In a time of powerlessness, the one thing I have power over is a cardboard island called Catan. Let me explain.

Settlers of Catan, developed by German board game designer Klaus Teuber in the mid 1990s, pits players against each other as they race to build and develop properties, all while sabotaging and stealing from their opponents.

There are elements of Hasbro's classic Monopoly, but Catan trades the robber baron imagery of industrialist Manhattan for the pastoral life of feudal farming. There's no money to obtain. Instead, resources such as wheat, sheep and lumber make up the currency; and the game encourages open dialogue in an ever-moving free market where players can hawk amenities like vendors selling knock-off handbags on Canal Street.

"I've got two sheep for a brick. Any one got a brick? I'll give you two sheep. Or I could do three sheep and a lumber if you've got two bricks?"

While staying indoors, Catan has been a nightly ritual in my household this year, splayed out across the dining room table with a few glasses of wine. Since purchasing the board game in April I have won 45 times. My father has won 14. You can understand the pressure this has put on the relationship. I have briefly considered purposefully losing, gracefully flubbing my strategies in order to create a more egalitarian, albeit fictional, sense of

play.

Except that by its nature, Teuber's game seems to plunge players into a ruthless preoccupation with seizing dominance. Monopoly, whose lengthy runtime puts middle school children into a near coma by the second hour, can largely be played with decorum.

But Catan's combination of chance, bartering and quick maneuvering requires a steady flow of vocal participation. Which is why my family can now be regularly heard saying things like: "How could you do this to me?" "You've ruined everything I've built!" and "If I do nothing else, I'm going to make sure I destroy you."

In short, we have all become Joan Collins on "Dynasty."

The game was first introduced to me by my sister (a banker in New York City) and her fiancé. I thought of it as a novelty item, an odd hobby that they picked up at some retro parlor game party. As it turns out, the more that I mentioned the game to my friends, the more I realized I had been living under a rock. People who I know that are in their 20s and 30s, corporate assistants in Boston, fashion writers in New York, tech managers in San Francisco, had all been playing Catan long before the pandemic struck. They were as likely to be "trading brick for lumber" over Thanksgiving with their parents as they were to be hosting their own weekend game nights with their friends. So what is it about viciously collecting and trading sheep that resonates?

Perhaps the biggest reason old-fashioned board games are still alive and well, even with the younger crowd,





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even with screens of all sizes chirping for our attention, is that they force us to really acknowledge each other. If you're like me, I'm sure you've felt a monotony set in through these last five months. "Did you read in the Times...?" "Yes, I saw that column," my father and I say as we unpack another carton of eggs and put them into the refrigerator. I call my sister and she says, "You know, I'm busy and not busy." "What are you up to?" "I might take the dog for a walk." "Talk to you later."

But for an hour of Catan, even when I lay down my trap card, and my father has to turn over all his sheep to me, and he's waving his hands in the air bemoaning, "You don't know what I

had planned for those sheep!" — well, we're sitting at a table really looking at each other.

Competition is one of the oldest forms of social connection, and as it turns out, Catan's ability to bring out the conniving side of its players is exactly what makes it such an addictive social space. When it's easy to feel like you've lost an entire year to COVID-19, there's comfort to sitting down at a game, picking up your cards and thinking, "OK, how can I win?"

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Flocks of tree swallows can look like clouds of smoke, swirling over marshes in the evening.

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# Meditations On Migration And Summer's End

For most of us, the Dog Days of summer have just passed. They get their name from the "Dog Star," Sirius, in the constellation Canis Major — the Big Dog — which is in line with our sun in the noonday sky. Apparently the ancients, whoever they may have been, believed the Dog Star added to the sun's heat, resulting in Dog Days.

Speaking of ancient portents, the Great Comet of 2020, Comet NEO-WISE — the worst-named but most spectacular comet since 1997's Hale-Bopp — will be receding from view as it leaves the solar system. I hope you had a chance to see this brilliant celestial visitor in the northwest sky.

Back on solid ground, the ebb and flow of the seasons continues as it always has. For most migratory birds, August heralds the irresistible urge to go south. The young have left the nest, and it's time to think about fueling up for the journey. The first chill nights of late August will stir their wanderlust.

Hummingbirds are among the earlier birds to commence preparations for their departure. At this time of year, a patch of jewelweed flowers or a simple home nectar feeder can attract anywhere from a few to a dozen hungry hummers. Come September, most of our resident species, the ruby-throated hummingbird, will make their way to Mexico and Central America, with some overwintering in Florida.

The farther the journey, the more important the fuel. Tiny blackpoll

warblers, which leave later in September and fly nonstop from the Northeast over the ocean to South America, must double their body weight in fat before their epic flight.

Flocking is another feature of the pre-migration rush. Swallows — especially tree swallows — come together around now in enormous flocks. In the late afternoon and evening, you can see them swirling around marshes like clouds of smoke before disappearing into the reeds to roost. Similarly, "funnel clouds" of chimney swifts descend into chimneys to spend the night.

Most songbirds, such as warblers and thrushes, migrate after dark. Come fall, one of the best ways to enjoy migrating birds is simply to listen at night to the sounds of the voyagers as they pass overhead. You can't see them, but you can hear their tiny calls, "sips" and "seeps," as they follow the stars and the earth's magnetic field. I let my imagination fly with them.

Nighthawks are among my favorite birds — acrobatic migrants that flock up in late afternoon and at dusk over fields and ponds to hawk insects before gradually heading south. Catching sight of one of these silent nighthawk feeding frenzies is a real treat.

Not all migratory or resident birds are looking ahead. For some, summer lives on. Goldfinches are raising their families in August, perfectly timed to the ripening of seeds. Robins and other birds are having their second, third or fourth broods.

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**You can easily attract pre-migration hummingbirds with jewelweed or nectar.**

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And not only birds. Quite a few species of dragonflies and butterflies migrate as well. Among the former, green darners and black saddlebags are probably the largest and most recognizable. Monarch butterflies stage perhaps the best known migration among the lepidoptera, making their way to the forests of Oaxaca in southern Mexico, where they roost among the trees in the millions.

As for me, I relish the first cool, crisp nights of the advancing autumn, the crystalline stars, the Andromeda galaxy rising behind Pegasus, the flying horse, the croaking katydids, and the hint of excitement in the air. Maybe it's some remnant of the schoolboy in me, but fall feels like the season of renewal and rebirth in my bones, full of possibility.

Even now, as we shelter in place weathering the storm of infection and uncertainty, nature continues on, the seasons come and go, and love lingers.

*Fred Baumgarten is a regular contributor to Compass on music, culture and nature.*



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**The interior of Springwood, the former home of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is being renovated this year, but visitors can still walk the magnificent grounds of the estate.**

## DAYDREAMING AND DAY TRIPS: JEFFREY SEITZ

# The Splendor of the Hudson River Valley

New York's Hudson Valley is thick with historical sites, gorgeous estates and important landmarks, many of them near to or overlooking the glorious Hudson River.

Many are beginning to open again to the public, although often with COVID-19 social distance restrictions. But the grounds of many of the estates remained open even during the pandemic. Even if you can't enter the houses, the sprawling landscapes usually have hiking trails and exquisitely manicured gardens. And admission is generally free.

Here are four estates in the Hudson Valley with grounds that will be well worth a day trip.

### **VANDERBILT MANSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

One of the region's oldest estates, the Vanderbilt Mansion towers visually over the nearby Hudson River. Visitors will be surrounded by nature as they explore outdoor exhibits including the White Bridge and formal gardens with

a European touch.

The estate is on the Albany Post Road in Hyde Park, N.Y. For more information and directions, go to [www.nps.gov/vama/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/vama/index.htm).

### **HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

The 32nd president's home in Hyde Park, Springwood, is closed not only for COVID-19 but also for restoration work, but the magnificent grounds and trails remain open. You can combine your visit here with your trip to the Vanderbilt mansion, which is about 10 minutes away by car.

For more information and directions, go to [www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm).

### **STAATSBURG (MILLS MAN- SION) STATE HISTORIC SITE**

Sometimes referred to as a "hidden gem," the estate of turn-of-the-last-century financier Ogden Mills descends gracefully to the Hudson River.

The Gilded Age mansion has 65

rooms and 16 bathrooms, but the grounds are even grander and serve as a perfect spot for a picnic. Of the estate's original 1,600 acres, the state site still has 192, ample space to spread out and be socially distant.

Outdoor programming has been offered through August and will likely continue into the early fall. The Friends of Mills at Staatsburg also are planning a Gilded Christmas celebration Dec. 4.

For information, go to [www.eventbrite.com/o/staatsburgh-state-historic-site-30613960064](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/staatsburgh-state-historic-site-30613960064).

To learn more about the estate and to get directions, go to [www.mills-friends.org](http://www.mills-friends.org). The estate is near the Old Post Road in Staatsburg, N.Y.

### **LOCUST GROVE ESTATE**

The home of code creator Samuel F. B. Morse, this Italianate mansion on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie offers less grandeur than the other properties on this list but it has 5 miles of former carriage roads that are now walking trails. The 200-acre property has grand trees,

lofty hills and views down onto the Hudson River. For directions and more information, go to [www.lgny.org](http://www.lgny.org).

This is just a small taste of the bounty of beautiful manors and properties in nearby New York State. Better-known nearby properties include painter Frederic Church's magnificent Olana on Route 9G in Hudson ([www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org)); Montgomery Place in Red Hook, with its impressive orchards and which is now part of Bard College ([www.bard.edu/montgomeryplace/visiting](http://www.bard.edu/montgomeryplace/visiting)); and Boscobel in Hudson, which is offering outdoor activities including Ascend Yoga in its West Meadow ([www.boscobel.org](http://www.boscobel.org)).

For a more extensive list of Hudson Valley estates, many of them along Route 9, go to [www.hudsonriver.com/history/great-estates-hudson-valley](http://www.hudsonriver.com/history/great-estates-hudson-valley).

*Jeffrey Seitz recently completed his Master's Degree in English at the State University of New York at New Paltz.*





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Like many Hudson Valley estates, the Vanderbilt Mansion is closed for indoor tours this year, but visitors are welcome to walk the grounds, which overlook the Hudson River and include formal gardens and a historic bridge.

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**Emeric Harney worked out his shoulders with free weights during a morning circuit at Studio Lakeville in Lakeville, Conn.**

*"I think the heightened activity at the gym makes [the stay-at-home clients] uncomfortable to be there. Whereas they have confidence in how I conduct myself, and they feel confident I won't bring COVID-19 into their homes."*

**FITNESS: HUNTER O. LYLE**

## Spartan Racer Finds Alternative Training During Quarantine

To many, living through the COVID-19 pandemic has seemed like a watered-down version of what reality should be. The virus has brought everyday life practically to a standstill, with many of the usual aspects and activities deemed unsafe.

This is particularly true for people focused on fitness.

For the first four months of the coronavirus, many outlets for exercising saw restrictions or limitations. Basketball courts sat rimless, gyms had closed their doors and, for children, the majority of summer camps were canceled.

With the traditional routes of exercise in question, fitness buffs were looking for ways to stay active. Emeric Harney was one of those people.

Before the pandemic, Harney, 33, was on top of his game, working out Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. weekly. As a personal trainer at Studio Lakeville in Lakeville, Conn., being in shape was part of his job.

But in addition to his occupation, Harney is also a fitness fanatic who has competed in more than 25 Spartan Races, a series of intense obstacle courses that combine speed with physical ability and strength.

Before the lockdown, Harney had planned to compete in a Spartan Race each month from March to November. With gyms closed across Connecticut

and New York, he had to find new ways to effectively train — and new challenges with which to motivate himself.

"One of the pieces of equipment I use is sandbags," he said. "While I do use dumbbells and barbells and free weights and things like that, the sandbag is usually in two to three of my workouts a week."

Without access to a full gym, he said, "I was able to pivot from using both free weights and sandbags and all my tools, to just creating workouts around my sandbags."

Using 65- and 90-pound sandbags for strength training, Harney said he also started running outdoors, in places like Macedonia Brook State Park in Kent, Conn., for cardio workouts instead of running on a treadmill.

In late June, Studio Lakeville reopened in a limited fashion, allowing patrons to access the gym once again (with COVID-19 restrictions and safeguards in place).

Harney wanted to get back to work as a personal trainer and also get back to his own training regimen.

"I had a mild amount of anxiety [about returning to a gym during the pandemic]," Harney said. "But not a lot."

Since the gym reopened, Harney has returned to his role as a personal trainer, taking on eight clients a week for one-one-one sessions at Studio Lakeville, while also visiting clients

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who have opted to stay at home.

“I think the heightened activity at the gym makes [the stay-at-home clients] uncomfortable to be there,” Harney said, “whereas they have confidence in how I conduct myself, and they feel confident I won’t bring COVID-19 into their homes.”

Encouraged by his clients, Harney also ran a training camp in Cannon Park in Lakeville (across the street from Studio Lakeville) for children between the ages of 13 and 17. Over four weeks starting in early July, the camp would meet twice a week and train with plyometrics and sprints, as well as playing safe games like water balloon dodgeball with biodegradable balloons.

“Being able to train clients, especially young children, on proper form and technique is super important,” Harney said. “I want to leave my clients — these kids — with the knowledge of how to live a healthy lifestyle in the long run.”



**Brian Weinstein, one of Emeric Harney’s clients, worked out in a private training session using a 65-pound sandbag.**



**Harney trains for the grueling challenges of the Spartan Races with the help of a weight vest.**

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The roots of the author's interest in France and the French language began at a young age, while riding a carousel in Paris.

TRAVEL: LENA SZETO

# Language as a Portal To Another Culture

*Bonjour, ceci est votre phrase française du jour.*  
Good morning, this is your French sentence of the day.

Reading these words is how my mornings have started since the COVID-19 lockdown.

I've always wanted to learn French and when I told my boyfriend (who is from Paris), he happily came up with the idea of sending me French sentences everyday — and, after I insisted, audio recordings too.

This is my favorite way to learn, but I admit I am a bit biased. For those who don't have a French *petit ami* to help them, here are other resources that I've found to be helpful. Many of them have equivalent programs in other languages as well.

Pamela Rose Haze's "French Made Simple" is my main study workbook. Each chapter starts out with a dialogue in French, and then asks questions based on the dialogue and teaches grammar points. It also has pictures, guidelines on pronunciation, and a dictionary in the back. I bought it on Amazon for \$14 but a Kindle version is available for \$7.

Rosetta Stone is the first runner-up. It's convenient to use whenever you choose to, and it works on your oral and listening skills. It teaches mainly through realistic photos, and the accents in the app are very good.



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**Carousels are just a memory in Paris for now — but photos of them can evoke powerful memories.**

Rosetta Stone also offers interactive learning and live, group tutoring sessions focusing on particular subject areas. I’ve only tried a few live sessions and haven’t been disappointed yet. It’s a bit more costly, but I’ve found it to be worth the money. The different subscription options are as follows: three months for \$36, 12 months for \$180, 24 months for \$250 or a lifetime package for \$300.

I sometimes use iTalki, a website that allows you to connect to a native speaker via video chat for a very small fee (I paid \$16 for an hour). On the website at [www.italki.com](http://www.italki.com) you’re able to choose your teacher by watching a recorded video of the instructor, which allows you to listen to their accent and check out their lesson plan. This platform is especially great during COVID-19 because you get to have a safe, one-on-one social interaction even if you’re chatting with someone who is halfway around the globe.

Speaking of social interactions, my neighbors in Salisbury, Conn., (who have much more experience in French than I) organized some weekly socially distanced French soirées.

One out of the five of us picked a topic each week for discussion. The subjects could range from an article in *Le Monde* (the French equivalent to the *New York Times*) to a music video. We would translate it and then talk about it in French.

From time to time I also like to watch French television shows or listen to French audiobooks —I mean, who doesn’t like to “Netflix and Chill”? When you’re doing that in a new language, it suddenly feels productive! I’ve been watching “Call My Agent” and “A Very Secret Service” on Netflix with English subtitles.

The next learning tool I would like to try is looking up a recipe in French and actually cooking it. Learning new words while doing an activity is the best way to learn. And, hey, if I don’t remember the words at least I’ll be able to (hopefully) eat whatever dish I make.

*Lena Szeto, 24, from New York City but currently residing in her Salisbury home, is a Bates College graduate. She is excited to be writing for The Lakeville Journal again after interning for two summers at the paper while in high school.*

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**Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck**, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org)  
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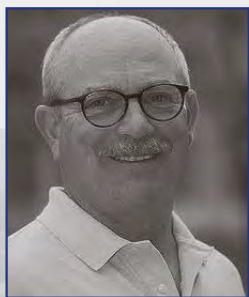
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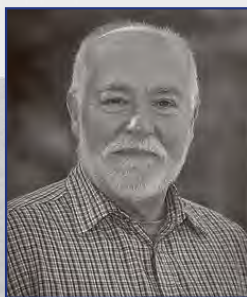
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I'm thinking of peaches, plums, blueberries and even tomatoes (yes, pizza is a pie).

Pie crust is intimidating and very few people claim to make it well. I can make a decent pie crust but I can make a fantastic pate brisée pastry dough that, in my opinion, is tastier, more buttery and much easier to work with than a traditional pie crust.

You can find a good pate brisée recipe almost anywhere, from the internet to print classics such as "The Joy of Cooking" and of course the always

dependable Ina Garten. I often use one from Jacques Pepin that was published in 1994 in Food and Wine magazine; and I often use one from the website Joy of Baking.

One of the nice things with a pate brisée is that it's sturdy enough to handle very wet ingredients, from drippy fruit to a pumpkin custard.

Here are some tips to make pie crust easier (especially if you use a pate brisée crust):

- Use cold butter
- When the recipe calls for ice water, use actual ice in your water; if small bits of ice get into your dough, that's just fine. They'll melt and help create layers. Add half as much water as you



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A pate brisée crust is sturdy enough that it can be folded into a galette.



think you'll need during the mixing process and then add the rest of the water little by little. With practice you'll start to see that often you don't need as much water as you think (or as much as the recipe calls for).

- Chill your dough in the refrigerator for a half hour before you try to roll it out. This helps keep it from getting sticky when you roll it out.

- Roll your dough out between sheets of plastic wrap; it's less messy, it's easier to work with, and it eliminates the need to add flour (which can make your crust tough).

You can use pate brisée in a traditional pie pan but you can also roll it out into a big circle and drop your fruit in the center, then roll the edges of the dough up and over the outer two or three inches of your fruit circle. This is called a galette.

If you make a galette, first line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Roll out your dough between sheets of plastic wrap, then peel the wrap off the top of the dough and slide your hand under the plastic wrap beneath

the dough and flip your dough onto the parchment paper.

Ideally with a fruit filling, you want to cook the fruit down and add some tapioca that's been dissolved in water for 30 minutes. This keeps the juices from leaking, and breaking your crust.

Add a few pats of butter (always!) and maybe cinnamon and orange zest.

I use pate brisée to make pizza crust, too, and people love it. No one has ever complained to me that it's not a classic yeast-based dough.

For pizza, I pre-bake the dough on parchment paper on a cookie sheet, with pie weights or beans to keep it from bubbling up and getting lumpy. When it's lightly brown, I take it out of the oven and add my pizza toppings, then bake it until the cheese melts

This recipe is from Jacques Pepin but the technique is from years of practice, with a tip I learned from Carla Lalli Music in a video on the Bon Appetit YouTube channel. She recommends cutting your dough into quarters, stacking them and rolling them out; this gives your crust a nice flakiness.

## JACQUES PEPIN'S PATE BRISEE

*Adapted from Food & Wine, September 1994*

- 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ sticks of cold unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch pieces
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup ice water

You can do this by hand, of course, but it's so much easier in a food processor, which also keeps you from warming up the cold butter with your hot hands.

In the food processor, combine the flour and salt (I usually add a tablespoon of sugar as well), pulse it a few times, and then add the cold butter. You want to run the food processor as briefly as possible; within seconds you will see that the butter and flour are pretty much combined into a nice sandy mix.

Turn on the food processor and slowly add the ice water. Very quickly the dough will separate from the sides of the food processor and clump

together into a ball. As soon as this happens, stop adding water and turn off the food processor.

Dump the dough out onto a nice big sheet of plastic wrap (I usually use two long sheets, one on top of the other, so I have more space to work). Squish your dough into a ball quickly; then cut it into quarters and stack the quarters on top of each other and squash them down again into a disc.

Wrap this all up and put it in the fridge for a half hour while you prepare your fruit and preheat the oven to 400 degrees (or you can leave the dough in your refrigerator for two or three days).

When you're ready, fill your dough (or pre-bake it, for pizza).

Bake it at 400 for as long as it takes to get toasty brown, which should be about 30 minutes, depending on your oven and how thick you made the dough.



A peach galette with a flaky and delicious pate brisée crust can be a little slice of summer heaven.

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**Locked room mysteries are perhaps the most perfect type of tale to read during a quarantine.**



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# For Connoisseurs Of the Mystery Genre: The Locked Room Tale

**F**or the avid detective fiction fan, there is no puzzle more alluring than a locked room mystery. In its simplest form, it is a crime (usually a murder) that has been committed in a room sealed from the inside with no way out (and in theory, no way in).

How did the perpetrator enter and escape? Solving the mystery now becomes not only a whodunnit but a howdunnit.

“Locked room” is a term that is often used not just for crimes committed in a literal locked room but also for any crime done under seemingly impossible circumstances, where it appears the criminal had no way of leaving the scene (or entering it).

For example: A dead body is found outside in the snow. There is no weapon near the body and no footsteps can be seen anywhere around it.

This could be considered a “locked room” murder, even though it does not take place in a room at all, because there appears to be no way for the crime to have been committed without the criminal vanishing into thin air afterward.

Like the armchair sleuth, the murder (or theft)-at-a-manor-party, or the inheritance-hungry family, the locked room mystery is one of the many tropes that furnishes detective fiction. They have a long and resplendent history within the genre — with “The Murders in the Rue Morgue” by Edgar Allan Poe often credited as the first murder mystery novel, as well as a locked room tale.

It’s a plot device that has been used by writers around the world, by Japanese crime writers (“The Tattoo Murder Case” by Akimitsu Takagi and “Murder in the Crooked House” by Soji Shimada), Scandinavian writers (“The Locked Room” by Maj Sjöwall) as well as by Agatha Christie in England (“The Murder of Roger Ackroyd”) and Ellery Queen in America (look for “The King Is Dead”), with the acknowledged master of the sub-genre being John Dickson Carr, who

is famous for his tricky “howdunnits” (look for “The Hollow Man” if you’d like to try one).

Mystery fans love them because it’s always more satisfying to solve a puzzle that looks impossible — but isn’t.

An important aspect of the locked room mystery is that it has to be solvable with a rational solution. Mystery fans will give thumbs down to any tale that ends with the perpetrator having the ability to walk through walls using magic or something like that.

The most ingenious mystery authors have found lots of different ways that these seemingly impossible crimes could be achieved — mechanical traps, hidden entrances, delayed deaths, suicides made to look like murders.

And the greatest of them will provide you with all the clues you need — and then still deliver an ending you never saw coming.

Many of the greatest locked room mysteries were written in the Golden Age of Crime Fiction, which roughly includes the 1920s and 1930s. Picking up a vintage paperback mystery can provide not only the fun of solving a crime in the safety of one’s home; it can also transport you to another era.

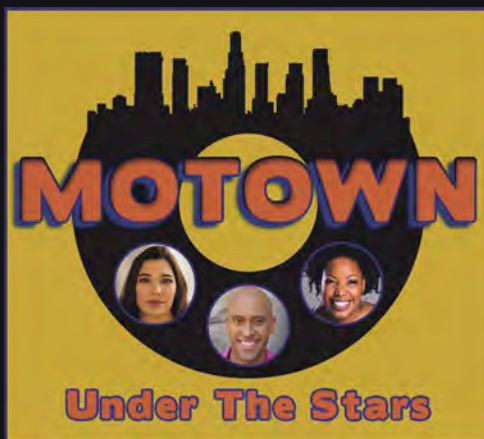
Another way to enjoy good old-fashioned crime fiction in the safety of your favorite armchair: Radio theater from The Two Of Us Productions in Copake, N.Y., which presents thrillers by golden age writers in an old-time radio format. The theater will sometimes dramatize John Dickson Carr tales. So far the schedule for this autumn includes The Shadow in “The Case of The River of Eternal Woe,” and “My Dear Niece,” both on Sept. 5; “Acting Like A Forger,” a Dragnet police story, is on Oct. 3. Additional tales are expected to be added to the schedule.

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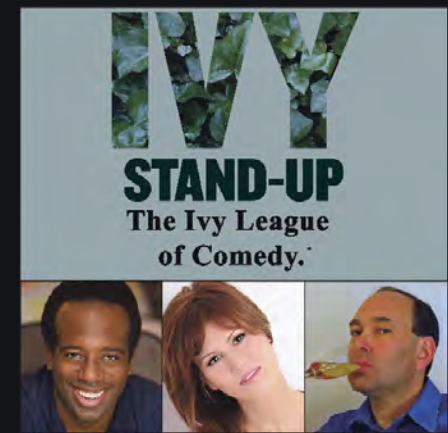
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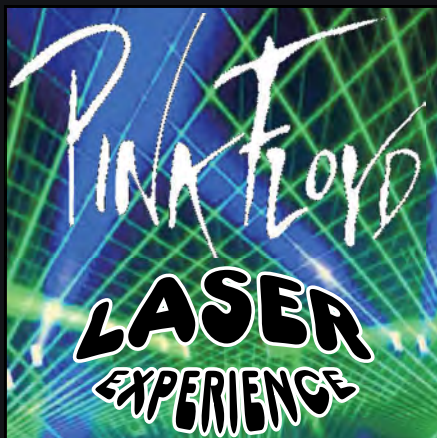
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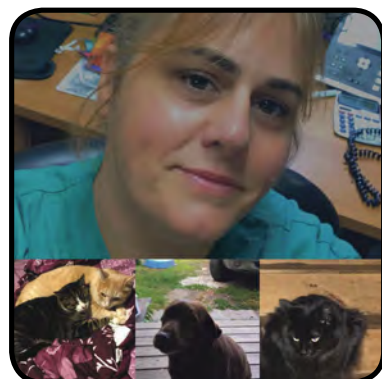
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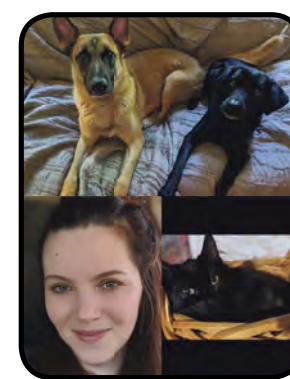
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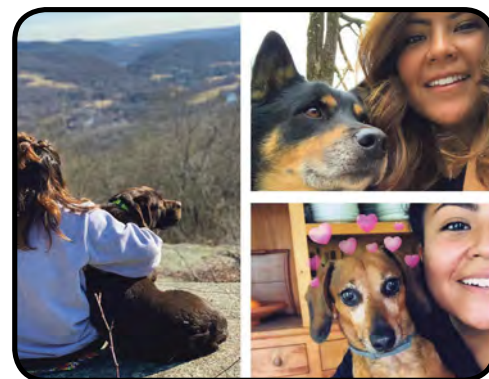
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