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Special, Inside

Preliminary 2023 election returns

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — November 2023 Dutchess County election results, posted on the Dutchess County Board of Elections website as of Friday, Nov. 10, at 12:28 p.m., remain preliminary and do not include a full count of absentee ballots.

In an off-year election, when there were no federal or state contests on the ballot, turnout is typically limited. Results in town board races this November showed the difference that a few votes can make in a local election.

Drago ousts Pulver

With the help of Working Families voters, Democrat first-time candidate Chris Drago upset popular Republican Gregg Pulver for the District 19 Dutchess County Legislature seat by 50.68% to

49.11%, a preliminary margin of only 60 votes. District 19 is composed of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains and Milan.

The second party line was decisive: although Pulver had strong Republican support of 47.26% over Drago's 44.99% on the Democratic line, Pulver chose to run on the Common Ground line and not to appear on the Conservative line (candidates are limited to two lines). Asked about his decision to run on the Common Ground line, Pulver said it was his way of "keeping divisiveness out of politics."

Pulver complimented Drago on doing "a better job of getting his message out. Now it's time to do the work."

With Pulver's defeat, the towns in the 19th District have lost Pulver's power as the chair of the Legislature, which remains strongly

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Flying the colors on Veterans Day

Lynn Clinch, left, holds one of three Quilts of Valor she handsewed for veterans honored on Saturday, Nov. 11, in Pine Plains. American Legion Post No. 426 Commander Marie Stewart helped to hold the quilt. For the full story, and more on Veterans Day acknowledgement, see pages A6-A7.



PHOTO COURTESY AMENIA FIRE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER HOWARD

Eight fire departments responded to the three-alarm fire at Silo Ridge on Thursday, Nov. 9, beginning at 8:48 p.m. The Silo Ridge Field Club and ten unoccupied condos burned well into the morning hours and continued to smoke for days.

Silo Ridge blaze draws several fire departments

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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AMENIA — A fire at the Silo Ridge Field Club on Thursday, Nov. 9, consumed a multi-unit condominium building and damaged surrounding structures.

The Amenia Fire District reported that the call was responded to at 8:48 p.m. by the Amenia Fire District volunteers, who upgraded the situation to a three-alarm fire

in order to summon more resources through the mutual aid system.

Area residents reported seeing a substantial orange glow in the dark night sky. Some observers said that the flying embers looked like fireflies taking flight from the fire's energy.

Eight fire departments reported, including Wassauc Fire District, North East Fire District,

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Band of brothers at deer camp

This isn't the Hollywood Band of Brothers, this is the real deal: the Rounders of Riga, founded in 1954 by group of World War II veterans and hunters with similar interests.

Today the Rounders consist of four vets and close associates, selectively chosen over the years for their high standards and respect for wildlife, stewardship of the land, sportsmanship and ethics.

A special camaraderie exists among friends and family who spend two weeks together at deer camp each year. Despite varying

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ages, the morning season opener is likened to youthful Christmas mornings past.

There's not much sleep during the night. Olfactory senses heighten at 4 a.m., invigorated by the eye-opening aroma of cowboy coffee percolating on the stovetop, co-mingled with the scent of

woodsmoke from the stove.

Someone peeks outside to measure temperature, wind direction and windspeed; stand locations and possible outcomes are discussed. Safety and respect for individual locations are a must.

We disperse around 5:30 a.m. exchanging rounds of "good luck." I trek slowly to my chosen hillside stand and get myself as comfortable as possible to avoid any tell-tale movement. Sight, hearing and scent are all attuned to long-ago-

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Parade of Lights

The Village of Millerton will hold its annual Festival of Lights next weekend, from Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26. Last year, a day of festivities culminated at sundown with the tree lighting and a jubilant parade of bedecked trucks and floats. Hundreds of spectators lined Main Street to watch the procession. For this year's schedule of activities and events, turn to see page A2.



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OUR TOWNS



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Kris Kudritz of Stafford Tree LLC in Ashley Falls, Mass., hovers with an electric plug in one hand as he strings lights in a tree near the Irondale Schoolhouse in Millerton on Wednesday, Nov. 8, in preparation for the Festival of Lights.

Millerton's annual Festival of Lights promises three days of revelry

MILLERTON — Every year, the shops, restaurants, fire department, and other businesses that comprise the Millerton Business Alliance put on a weekend of holiday entertainment for all ages.

Hundreds of revelers are expected to participate again this year, with festivities kicking off on Friday, Nov. 24, and continuing through the weekend.

Throughout, festive tastings and treats, trunk shows, art shows, seasonal discounts and sales in participating shops, a Himmelli ornament workshop at the Irondale Schoolhouse, and a snowman scavenger hunt sponsored by the Millerton Business Alliance that will take children on a hunt through participating shops on Main Street to complete a snowman scene.

Friday, Nov. 24

10:30 a.m. Free screening of "The Grinch" at The Moviehouse. Seats are first come, first served and include popcorn and a soda. Doors open at 10 a.m.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Ice carving demonstration at Veteran's Park with professional ice carver Jeff Scarpa, who will turn two 300-pound blocks of ice into translucent sculptures.

12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Children's raffle at Veteran's Park. Raffle prizes will include bicycles, gift baskets and gift certificates sponsored by local businesses. Raffle tickets will be given out after the movie or at the ice carving demo. Children must be present to win.

1 - 3 p.m. Cookie decorating and live music at North East Community Center. Create frosting masterworks

while being serenaded by Roger & Lenny.

1 - 4 p.m. Hot cocoa, sweet treats and giveaways at Veteran's Park during the raffle and ice-carving demo. By NBT Bank.

1 - 4 p.m. Hayrides will collect willing passengers at Veteran's Park and Dutchess Avenue.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Salisbury Brass Band will perform holiday songs in Veteran's Park before the Parade of Lights.

5 p.m. Festival of Lights parade and tree lighting (!!)

Saturday, Nov. 25

12 - 3 p.m. "Thankful for Reading" event at NorthEast-Millerton Library will include story hour, crafts for all ages, children's book giveaway, and a books-by-the-bag sale.

For more information, visit millertonnewyork.com

Town of North East approves 2024 budget

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Town of North East's budget, a guide to the town's priorities in the coming year, was approved unanimously at the regular North East Town Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9.

The library will continue to receive \$175,000, the judges will be in court on Tuesday nights, the youth recreation program will be funded, and the roads plowed and maintained. This year's budget is business as usual, but taxes paid will increase.

The biggest expenditures are employee-related, with salaries from supervisor to the highway department rising 4% next year, at roughly the rate of inflation.

The North East Fire District is the single biggest expense for the Town, and at \$756,222—\$13,847 higher than last year—it constitutes 17% of the Town budget. (The North East Fire District, like the school district, is a separate unit of government from the town. Elected Fire District Commissioners set their own budget, and present it to the taxpayers for approval at a public meeting.)

The contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics for ambulance services in North East increased 2% over last year, to \$376,858. The five-year contract, which the town entered with Dover and Amenia, expires at the end of 2024.

The only brand new item in the 2024 budget is the \$25,000 renovation of the new Town Hall on Route 22,

which was purchased from local Jehovah's Witnesses earlier this year. No revenue has been projected from the sale of the existing town hall or old garage.

Rising interest rates and inflation affected expenses dramatically. As interest rates have risen, the cost of carrying the Town's debt has increased dramatically, from \$47,812 budgeted in 2023 to \$177,081 budgeted for 2024.

Although employee salaries have risen 4% with no increase to the number of employees, the cost of employee benefits like health care and retirement has risen 8% to 10% in the last year.

However, despite increased wages, benefits and interest, the town has reduced its total expenditures by almost \$100,000. At the same time, revenues have increased by over \$150,000, in large part due to higher interest rates on the capital in the Town operating accounts and non-property tax distributions from the county.

The biggest change impacting the amount that the Town needs to raise through taxes is a reduction in the amount that the town has in its unexpended fund balance—an account which captures money that was budgeted but not spent in a certain year—from \$786,000 in 2023, to \$341,000 for 2024, mostly due to the Town's completion of the new highway garage.

This means that even though expenditures are

down and revenues are up, the amount to be raised by taxes increases 5.9% in 2024, to \$3,425,318.

The effect of the 2024 budget on any individual taxpayer is impossible to determine from the budget document alone; where a property is located (whether or not it's in the village or not, in the water district or outside it) and the various town funds all muddle the calculus.

All town and village taxpayers pay for Fund A and the Fire District, which will rise 11.1% over amounts paid in 2023. Taxpayers whose properties are outside the village also pay into Fund B and Highway Department expenses. Taxes due on these two funds actually decrease next year by 3.7%.

Tax rates are applied to property assessments that have already been increased by 8%. The town tax rate, or the mill rate per thousand, increases to 3.04 for village residents, an increase of 2.4%, and to 4.77, a decrease of 3.1% for properties outside the village.

In short, every property owner in the town will be paying more in town taxes in 2024. Town property taxes, however, make up less than half of total annual property taxes, which include county taxes, school taxes and, for some, village taxes, as well.

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Loan forgiveness, visas offered to fill rural health care positions

By MAUD DOYLE

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — The Northwest Corner was designated a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) by the Health Resources and Services Agency in late August, following two years of efforts on the part of local health care organizations.

The federally awarded designation grants medical providers in the region—including such entities as Nuvance Health's Sharon Hospital and North Canaan's forthcoming Federally Qualified Health Center—incentives to attract crucial primary care providers to the area.

The two principle incentives are loan forgiveness, for practitioners who took out federal loans to complete medical school, and visa sponsorship, for foreign practitioners who want to continue to work in, or attend school for, health care professions in the U.S.

To benefit the health care organizations operating in designated areas, the federal government increases Medicaid reimbursements for appointments with doctors and nurses who qualify as general practitioners.

Concerned by the lack of primary care services in the Northwest Corner—a nationwide trend in rural areas—the Torrington-based Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) first applied to the state Primary Care Office (PCO), a part of the state Department of Public Health, which in turn applied to the federal Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) a full two years ago.

However, the Primary Care Office based its assessment on outdated information on the number of primary care providers operating in the region—the numbers complicated by COVID-19,

among other things. For example, HRSA's data showed that in Canaan there were two general practitioners, when in fact, one had retired.

Across the country, the primary care workforce is aging, a trend that particularly affects rural areas, said a spokesman for the Primary Care Office.

CHWC also had difficulty proving that the region included a high level of low-income or poverty-level households, the designation's other principle criterion.

"North Canaan and surrounding towns have some affluence and pockets of wealth," said Joanne Borduas, chief executive officer of CHWC, who spearheaded the effort. Because of the area's small population, she said, providing evidence of a qualifying percentage of low-income patients in the service region was difficult.

After the first application was denied, CHWC worked with the Office of Rural Health Care, Sharon Hospital and other local organizations to revise their data, and after several months of work, the application went to HRSA again.

The "new" designation is technically an expansion of Torrington's HPSA designation, which has been in place for over 20 years, said Borduas.

The primary care providers incentivized by the designation include GPs and other practitioners of family medicine and internal medicine, including advanced nurse practitioners, nurses and even—on a case-by-case basis—licensed clinical social workers.

The incentives do not extend to specialists like OB-GYNs or gastroenterologists—other health care providers sorely needed in a region characterized by an aging population and a lack of reliable access to transport.

Asked if the program works, Borduas was unequivocal. "Absolutely, it works," she said. "I've hired maybe a dozen or so providers who have come looking for sponsorships for visas" since she began working at CHWC, she said.

She has also seen many providers come through the loan repayment program. It's "a big draw for those who are just coming out of medical school," she said, which is "a really big plus" for local health care "because [recent graduates'] skills are usually very high."

"The HPSA designation is one more tool in our recruitment toolbox to help attract and retain top talent from a larger pool of clinical candidates," said Sharon Hospital president Christina McCulloch in a statement. "We are actively building the needed infrastructure to take advantage of this opportunity."

Andrea Rynn, spokesperson for Nuvance Health at Sharon Hospital, said that the designation is primarily directed towards physicians and not nurses, so she doesn't expect the incentives to help Sharon Hospital attract and retain staff in their Labor and Delivery Unit, which Nuvance is trying to close.

"But we will be exploring all opportunities," she said.

Improving rural healthcare is also necessary for keeping people in the area and attracting new full-time residents, or for people to return to the communities that they worked in and grew up in, said Borduas. "This could be a promising step in that direction—to get folks to stay locally, and to get health care services where they are very much needed."

The new designation includes Salisbury, North Canaan, Canaan, Norfolk, Colebrook, Sharon, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Warren, Litchfield, and Morris.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Millbrook's sidewalks get a facelift

Millbrook beat the clock: At least some of the new sidewalks will be poured in before the winter sets in. Last week saw some progress made by SunUp Construction out of Wappingers Falls, which won the bid for the construction back on August 9. Construction began on Thursday, Nov. 9, and includes new sidewalks along lower Franklin Street, with construction spanning from Front Street up to Stewart's. While many residents cried out against the tree removal, others saw the need for the sidewalk replacement. New trees will be planted in the spring.

Sen. Hinchey to hold office hours across Dutchess County

By COLLEEN FLYNN
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — State Sen. Michelle Hinchey of the 41st Senate District has announced that her constituent services team will be hold "office hours" across the region throughout November.

Hinchey said, "Residents of the 41st Senate District can meet one on one with our constituent services team at convenient locations."

The 41st Senate District includes Columbia and Greene counties, northern Dutchess and parts of Ulster County.

Serving since 2020, Hinchey has seen over 50 of

her bills signed into law.

"My team and I are constantly working to make state government more accessible, and our mobile office hours are an important part of our effort to bring services to the communities," said Hinchey.

Hinchey's office is expecting that their office hours will be primarily dedicated to problems with E-ZPass, the Department of Motor Vehicles, unemployment insurance, food and health resources, housing support and community program and service connections, as well as any other issue or concern a constituent cares to raise.

This month, people will be able to make appointments at the City of Hudson Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Red Hook Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Hinchey's Kingston office on Monday, Nov. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Saugerties Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and virtually, on Thursday, Nov. 27.

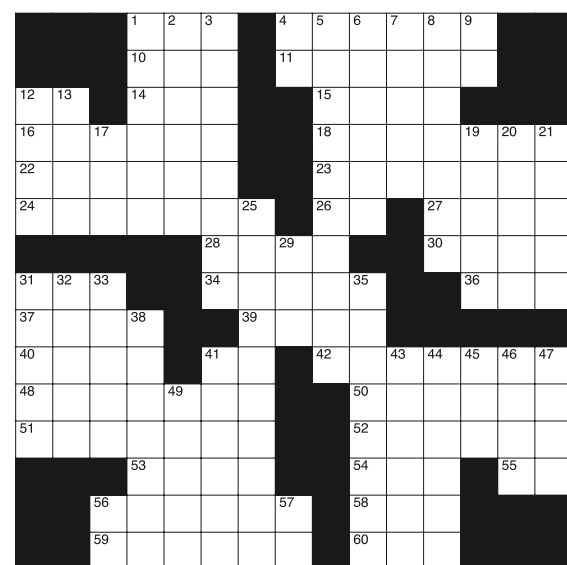
Hinchey's office encourages those interested in participating to book appointments as soon as possible.

To schedule a visit with Hinchey's team, go to <http://bit.ly/hinchey-appts>

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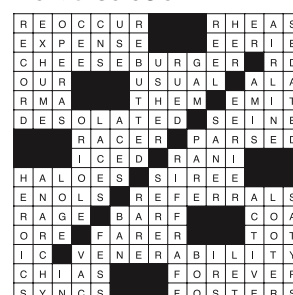
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4. Hindu deity
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Not chained to
12. Metric ton
14. Tall, rounded vase
15. Musical composition
16. St. Francis of ___
18. Discover the location of
22. Compact group of mountains
23. Mend
24. Not current
26. Atomic #64
27. Young hawk
28. Or ___
30. Pouches
31. Southern Thailand isthmus
34. Mends with yarn
36. Downwinds
37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
39. Italian archaeological site
40. Cold appetizer
41. Yes
42. Peninsula
48. Of that
50. A way to divide
51. Relating to the physical senses
52. One who makes money
53. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
55. South Dakota
56. Snow sport
58. The products of human creativity
59. Change mind
60. Born of

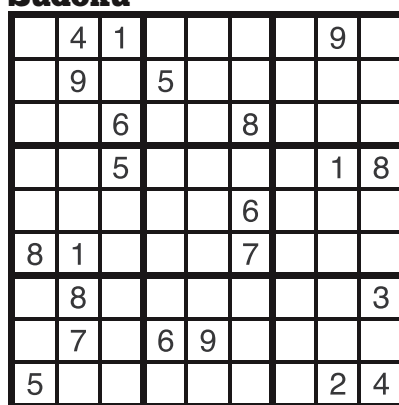


4. Type of meter
5. Revolt
6. Killed with rocks
7. Gregory __, US dancer
8. Nullifies
9. Home to the Flyers
12. Female parent
13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
19. Regal
20. Line
21. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
25. Clearing up
29. No seats available
31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
32. Groove in organ or tissue
33. Not of this world
35. Cooking device
38. Forget
41. Operational flight
43. Actress Danes
44. Poke holes in
45. A way to discolor
46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
47. Pharrell's group
49. Red fluorescent dye
56. Jr.'s dad
57. Electronics firm

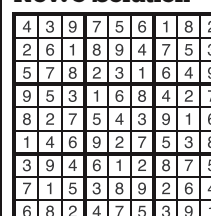
Nov. 9 Solution



Sudoku



Nov. 9 Solution



Level: Intermediate



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Oldies but goodies

Two relics of cast iron and steel were loaded up by Joe Murphy of Murphy's Auto Service in Salt Point. On Saturday, Nov. 11, Murphy was stopped with his spoils in Pine Plains, so that a passerby could admire the pair of lawn tractors awaiting his restorative touch. Murphy specializes in bringing such vintage workhorses back to life.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Nov. 2-8.

Nov. 2 — Deputies responded to Main Street in the Village of Millerton for a reported grand larceny complaint. The reporting party indicating that they had had large sum of money fraudulently taken from

their NBT Bank account. Investigation ongoing.

Nov. 7 — Deputies arrested Douglas J. Guerriero, 32, for aggravated driving while intoxicated and aggravated unlicensed operation in the second degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of Sycamore Boulevard in Dover. Subject to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned cases or any other suspected criminal activity, please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office at 845-605-CLUE (2583), or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All will be kept confidential.

All persons arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.



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OBITUARIES

Steven E. Camardi

NORTH CANAAN — Steven E. Camardi, 67, of North Canaan, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

Steve was born on Sept. 30, 1956, in Brooklyn, New York. After living in Brooklyn and working several years for the MTA in Manhattan, he moved to North Canaan with his loving wife of 35 years, Marilisa (Traverso), in 1991.

He began his career in the private school sector in 1998 at South Kent School where he served as Business Manager and Chief Financial Officer for 21 years. His career path ended with a short stint as Business Manager at Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York.

At home, he enjoyed watching sports in every season with his family. The center of his world were his two sons, Anthony and Nicholas. He was always supportive of their professional and athletic endeavors, endlessly encouraging them to be successful.

He was an avid golfer, handball player, and terrific cook. In 2018 he won the Albany Handball Men's Doubles tournament. His love for cooking stemmed from his



Italian heritage. He brought the tradition of the 7 fishes Christmas Eve meal to the table year after year.

He was a member of the Finance Council of St. Martin of Tours Parish and served as a Trustee. Steven will always be remembered for his generosity and kindness.

In addition to his wife and two children, Steven is survived by his brothers, Ben Camardi (Doreen) of Edison, New Jersey, and Richard Camardi of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, along with an aunt, an uncle, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Saturday Nov. 18, 2023, at St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Steven's memory to The Last Post Sanctuary, P.O. Box 259, Falls Village, CT 06031; South Kent School, 40 Bulls Bridge Road, South Kent, CT 06785; or The Darrow School, 110 Darrow Road, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

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

SALISBURY — Joan Ellen (Crooker) Hicks passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at the Fisher Home in Amherst, Massachusetts, at the age of 91. She was a long-time resident of Worthington, Massachusetts. She was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on July 15, 1932, the daughter of the late Orville Dewey Crooker and Ester (Sandell) Crooker and resided in Bethany, Connecticut.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut June 18, 1954, and a Masters degree in Medical Technology at Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joan lived in Canton, and worked at New Britain General Hospital until she married John Clark Hicks June 2, 1962, and moved to Millerton. While in Millerton she was active in the Millerton Library and was a founding member of the North East Historical Society. She was also a long-time member and active Committee Chairman of the Twin Lakes Beach Club in Salisbury.

In 1977, she and John relocated to Salisbury, and Joan continued to work at both Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and Sharon Hospital as a Registered Medical Technician. She was a 70+ year

member of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, active in the White Water Canoeing and the Trails Committees and became Trails Chairman in 1983 for several years during the major relocation of the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut.

After her divorce in 1986 she relocated to Canaan, and eventually retired from Sharon Hospital in 1994 and moved to Paonia, Colorado, to be with her dear friend Polly Pulver and enjoy the Colorado snow. In 2004 she moved to Worthington, Massachusetts, where she became a well-known artist and crafts person known as "sparrow" and had many of her art displayed in local galleries in the Berkshires.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Eastman and her long-time companion, Oliver Wiley of Worthington, Massachusetts.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Sandell (Hicks) Kitt and her husband A.J., of Hood River, Oregon, and 3 grandchildren, Aksel, Ava, and Ayden Kitt, and her ex-husband John Hicks, of Salisbury.

The Williamsburg Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Massachusetts is in charge of all arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Marion Cooper

PINE PLAINS — Marion Cooper passed away peacefully in her home on Sept. 17, 2023, in Sarasota, Florida surrounded by her three children.

Born Feb. 7, 1930, in Passaic Park, New Jersey, she also lived in Pine Plains, Poughkeepsie and Sarasota, Florida.

Predeceased by her brother, Clifford Morris Cooper, in 1948, and her mother, Dorothy Stone Cooper, and father, Walter George Cooper.

Marion was co-owner with her mother of two Fins and Feathers pet shops in Kingston, New York, 1952-1956. From 1972-1992 she was a well-respected Supreme Court reporter in Dutchess County, New York.

Marion's interests were watercolor painting, trips

to Great Britain, traveling throughout New York state, studying the genealogy of her

Cooper and Shults' families from the Revolutionary War in the Mohawk Valley to the 1800s Steuben County, New York.

One of her greatest pleasures was her lake cottage in the village of Pine

Plains, New York, and the people and town of Pine Plains.

Marion is survived by three children; Laura Flock Barrett of Port Charlotte, Florida, Nancy Flock, and Frank Flock of Sarasota, Florida. Her grandchildren Christine Barrett O'Keefe (Michael O'Keefe) of Fresh Meadows, New York, Andrew Barrett of Westchester, New York, and her great grandchildren, Keira O'Keefe and Arthur O'Keefe of Fresh Meadows, New York.



"All In": civic groups in CT focus on housing, food insecurity

By GINNY MONK
CT Mirror

Groups of civic-minded residents in several Connecticut towns are banding together to raise awareness about the importance of local government and issues that affect people across the state, like affordable housing and food insecurity.

Members of "All In" ran for local school boards and zoning commissions in Tuesday's election, organized meetings with officials and improved community gardens. They've organized letter-writing campaigns and opened a food pantry. Some have been appointed to town boards and committees. One chapter in Ansonia and Derby even has a standing meeting time with the mayor.

The movement, which began three years ago, has chapters in municipalities across Connecticut's Naugatuck Valley including Ansonia-Derby, Oxford and Seymour. There is also a chapter in Milford.

All In is made up of residents and organizations that aim to get the community more involved with local government by encouraging people to attend meetings, interact with local politicians and stay up-to-date on new policies in the town.

Housing affordability and food insecurity, and related issues, are their primary focus.

"People sometimes feel like they don't know enough to engage," said Jenny Rice, a founding member of All In for Seymour. "We are giving them enough knowledge to feel they can navigate those spaces."

The movement gets consultation and support from TEAM Inc., a Connecticut-based human services non-profit.

Rice, a consultant with TEAM, got involved with All In two years ago and runs a food pantry out of her home.

Part of the movement's focus is to bring in a diverse

people from across the political spectrum, said Jamie Rude, a member of All In for Milford.

"It's very different," Rude said. "You can't tell who's a Republican or a Democrat. Folks are coming together because they love Milford."

Research has shown that the people who speak up at public meetings are more likely to be older, male and white.

Lower numbers of voters turn out for local elections.

All In is working to change that dynamic, to encourage people to place more importance on local government.

"Getting people in town meetings is huge, so is getting people to show up at planning and zoning, and getting people to show up at board of education and selectmen meetings," Rice said.

Housing

Many of the All In chapters are working to advocate for an increased affordable housing stock in their towns.

The state lacks 89,000 units of housing that are affordable and available to its lowest-income renters, and local zoning ordinances mean that developers have to get special permission from zoning boards in order to build multifamily housing in more

than 90% of the state.

One of the ways All In is tackling the issue is by urging elected officials to loosen restrictions on accessory dwelling units. A 2021 law aimed to streamline the process and regulations around accessory dwelling units, but more than two-thirds of Connecticut towns opted out. Still, most allow units of this type in some form.

Accessory dwelling units are additional units of housing on the property of a single-family home. Many advocates, including some from All In, have advocated for looser restrictions around housing of this type including allowing attached or detached units and allowing nonrelatives to rent out the spaces.

Several All In groups have pushed for loosening ADU restrictions in their towns.

"Those are our two big issues that we've been looking at tackling in our area — especially in Ansonia and Derby. We've got very high rates of folks living in poverty without access to affordable housing, affordable food," group member Rose Hatt said.

Food insecurity

About 1 in 10 Connecticut residents don't have access to enough food, according to

Feeding America's Map of the Meal Gap study.

All In members are helping out at food pantries and nonprofits that recover food waste, such as baked goods that don't sell, to use at food pantries or shelters.

Some of the chapters, such as the one in Oxford, have also organized meetings with elected officials so that community members can get to know them, said group member Lynn Aiksnoras.

They had a couple of forums with elected officials in Oxford to talk about issues such as how to use the city's money from the American Rescue Plan Act, Aiksnoras said.

Two of the Oxford All In members were appointed to the committee that made proposals about how to spend the money, Aiksnoras added.

All In members have also worked on tenant organizing efforts and host community meals.

Kevin Atterberry, a member of All In for Seymour, worked with other group members to organize the area's first Juneteenth celebration over the summer, he said. It was a combined event with Seymour and Oxford, he added.

Worship Services
Week of November 19, 2023

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<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp Shabbat Services Hebrew School CTeen YJP Judaism With A Smile! chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org</p>
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EDITORIAL

The digital news feed

The past week was an eventful one. Voters headed to the polls for off-year elections that to have handed us some surprise results. Then, last weekend, our communities also turned out to celebrate Veterans Day, gathering for ceremonies at public memorial sites across the county. Assemblies were held in schools, where students expressed their gratitude and respect for our service vets.

As families, we value the recognition accorded to our veterans, and look forward to the images of our youth presenting a thank-you message to a vet, or to seeing a gathering of our neighbors around a war memorial with American flags waving in the air on this annual day of remembrance—part of our lives since the end of World War I.

As voters, we are primed to want to know the results of an election as soon as possible—although of course, we won't really know how it shakes out until our newly elected officials settle down to business with our re-elected incumbents in January.

As a weekly newspaper, we adhere to a seven-day print cycle. That means that every Tuesday around noon we send our paper off to the printer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. But when big news happens, we get it out to you as fast as we can.

On Election Night, we worked late into the night to follow the results as they were coming in. The next day, on tricornernews.com, we reported on the outcome of county and municipal elections. We know that our readers are looking for their election updates on smartphones, computers and tablets; digital platforms have become the go-to sources for news by more than eight out of ten American adults.

Meanwhile, this week's paper provides full-page coverage on the on the Nov. 11 Veterans Day events.

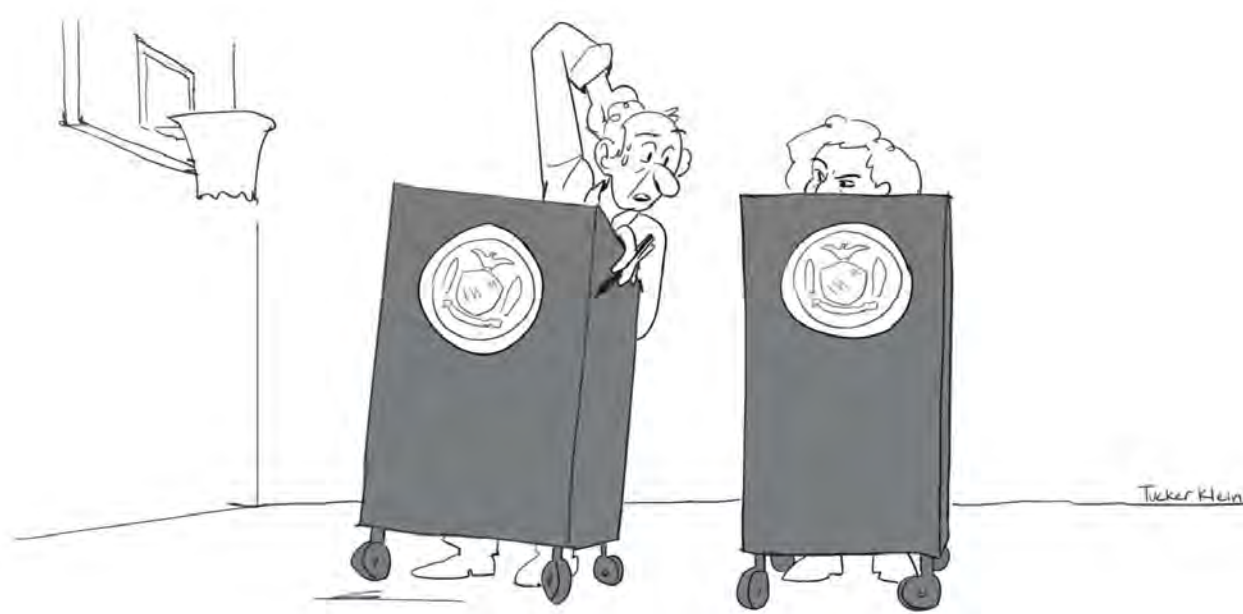
While we have no plans to end print publication, we are stepping up to provide our readers a better, more usable digital platform that will be updated with news throughout the week.

To meet readers more frequently on this dominant news turf, we are getting ready to unveil revamped websites later this month: millertonnews.com and lakevillejournal.com.

We will also be dropping the paywall, meaning access to digital news will no longer be restricted to subscribers. The goal is to offer a digital news feed, regularly updated with the latest coverage, and to reach more readers.

While residents of eastern Dutchess County and Litchfield County live under different governing arrangements, there is abundant cross-border interest in the rest of what life has to offer. Each paper will have its own identity on its unique website, and the two sites will be linked so readers can digitally "cross the border," just as they frequently do now in everyday life.

Thanks to your continued support, we are preserving the heritage of a weekly newspaper and updating our digital feed to better meet you where you look for news.



Can you remember who any of these guys are?

Wondering whether AI can help married life

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

Sometimes, in this pressured world, we end up texting our loved ones instead of calling, but those text conversations can add to the stress of relationships. When it comes to communicating over SMS, my wife and I sometimes think quite differently.

Here's a fictitious text from my wife the other day (I have elaborated only a little): "Now I am at Walgreens waiting for a flu shot but they have a few people ahead of me so I managed to review the list of shopping I still have to do and see that you forget to tell me to pick up your cleaning, do you need it today? I picked up the feed bags from Tractor Supply, then I'll stop off to see my friend at Tranquil Buzz, before I check the co-op for groceries we may be missing...do you have anything there you need me to get?"

Before I could reply, came

a second message, "Filled the car, more than \$75 which is ridiculous, perhaps we need to get a hybrid?"

And then a third, "Got the shot, off to Tranquil Buzz."

My response, even if I could have slipped in between those three, would have been tempered by workload in the office. To the first I replied, "Cleaning? Please. Groceries? Nothing. Thanks."

To the second I replied, "Car discussion later."

To the third, "Have fun."

Now, given that she had been so chatty, it might seem rude that I responded so tersely.

That was not my intent. If only there was a way to turn

my responses into something she would want to read.

What I want is a phone app that uses AI to translate what I have time to say into more caring wife speak. Here's what AI could have responded with to the first message: "I cannot believe Walgreens, where you made an appointment, are keeping you waiting. Poor you! And I am so sorry to have forgotten to mention my cleaning, so could you please drop in and see if you can pick it up, it doesn't matter if you don't have time. Oh, and thanks for collecting the Tractor Supply feed bags. I hope it did not inconvenience you in any way. Say Hi to your friend at the Tranquil Buzz, have a hot chocolate on me! I am so happy you and she take the time to visit. As for groceries, darling, you know best. Whatever you want would be best."

For the second, the AI could respond with, "How

terrible for you to need to spend all that money on gas. It is unfair. Perhaps we could look into buying a hybrid. Let's discuss at home later."

To the third, "Drive safe darling, have a great visit at the Tranquil Buzz, miss you. Love and kisses."

And if this new app was any good it could save me the time trying to wade through long text messages and would have reduced her incoming messages: message one, "Got feed. Pick up your cleaning? Need food?"; message 2: "filled car."; message 3: "Tranquil Buzz shortly."

In this way, AI could act as an SMS marriage counselor, of sorts. My wife deserves happier messages. It is worth considering... Or maybe perhaps not?

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

What kind of pollution do automobile tires cause?

EARTHTALK

From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of pollution do automobile tires cause?

— B.L., San Francisco, CA

Tire wear pollution was in the news recently after a group of Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate a possible link between tire pollution and declining populations of wild coho salmon there.

The tribes blame the chemical 6PPD, which has been used in motor vehicle tires for over six decades to make them more durable. It is also widely used in other rubber products such as footwear, synthetic turf and playgrounds.

While it might make rubber stronger, 6PPD can react with ozone pollution in the air to form a byproduct called 6PPD-quinone. Stormwater runoff containing 6PPD-quinone inevitably runs off into streams and other water bodies during rain, exposing aquatic organisms to it. Concentrations of 6PPD-quinone in stormwater in the Pacific Northwest were found to be lethal to coho salmon after only a few hours of exposure.

6PPD isn't the only bad stuff coming off tires. Another is microplastics, also used to strengthen the rubber in tires, but linked to a wide range of toxic effects that can make their way up the food chain to our dinner plates.

Another major consequence of tire wear and tear is the release of airborne pollutants. When tires roll over roads, they generate friction, which leads to the production of tiny particles and chemical compounds that can become airborne. These pollutants can

include fine particulate matter (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Particulate matter from tire wear is an especially concerning pollutant because it can be inhaled by humans and animals, causing respiratory problems and other issues. Fine particulate matter can also contribute to the formation of smog and haze, reducing air quality in urban areas. VOCs and PAHs emitted from tire wear can react with other pollutants in the atmosphere to create ground-level ozone, a key component of smog. Ground-level ozone is harmful to human health and can cause respiratory issues, especially in vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly.

Tire wear and tear also pollutes water, and not only in salmon habitat. When it rains, the water washes tire particles into stormwater drains and eventually into rivers, lakes and oceans. The runoff can contain not only microplastics but also a variety of chemicals used in tire manufacturing and those generated during tire wear. These chemicals may include heavy metals, such as zinc and cadmium, which can have toxic effects on aquatic life and disrupt ecosystems. Furthermore, the leaching of chemicals from tires into water bodies can lead to

long-term contamination of aquatic environments.

Tiremakers are working on more durable and eco-friendly tire materials that emit fewer pollutants. To wit, low rolling resistance tires can help improve fuel efficiency and reduce both tire wear and associated pollution.

Meanwhile, we can all help by regularly having our vehicles maintained, and by making sure that our tires are inflated to recommended

levels.

Getting out of our cars altogether and walking, biking and taking public transit are also great ways to reduce reliance on cars and all the environmental evils they cause.

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Winchell Mountain view

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OUR TOWNS



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Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, left, and Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum review a box of antique documents ready for imaging.

Digitizing ancient records

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum, guardian of the written records of Dutchess County's past, breathed a sigh of relief last week when he and his team completed Phase 9 of the Ancient Document Online Archive project.

At this point, 167,000 pages of handwritten records of the Dutchess County Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions from 1721 to 1889 have been digitized and made accessible to the public, said Tatum.

"The Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions is the predecessor of today's court system," he explained.

They involve civil cases that mostly consisted of debts, he said, while "the criminal court ran the gamut from fraud to murder and all sort of salacious crimes.

"The contents of this collection are all the evidentiary statements, depositions—the narrations which laid out the case from the plaintiff's perspective—and the various writs and other items which made up

what we would consider the case file today," he said.

By detailing personal and local history, the documents give valuable insight into the way the country evolved in the colonies, he said.

The many cases involving debts demonstrate the stark disparity between the haves and the have-nots, he said, and the ways in which many entrepreneurs and farmers struggled to overcome obstacles.

Other records showed that even members of the upper classes, such as a grandson of famous Revolutionary War Gen. Philip J. Schuyler, could also end up facing "financial calamity."

The records also illustrate the small ways that the colonists resisted British rule. For example, British law restricted the degree to which ore could be refined, so that it would be processed in England instead, a limitation which affected the economic opportunities of the ironworks that dotted eastern Dutchess County.

However, a 1750 lawsuit against a Dover miner reveals that miners were processing ore and producing tools for

blacksmiths and others despite the royal edicts.

Thousands of court records remain to be processed. To that end, the Online Archive project was recently awarded another year of funding from the New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

Once digitized, the fragile documents are treated and stored in acid-free containers at a specialized facility in Pennsylvania, then returned to the county for archiving.

Tatum, who credits County Clerk Brad Kendall with both the inspiration and implementation of the Online Archive project, explained that much of the local work was done by the staff of that office.

Noting that information is not of use to anyone if it is not used, Tatum encourages anyone having difficulty finding the material they want to call his office for help at 845-486-2381.

The digitized documents are available through www.dutchessny.gov/ancientdocuments and www.dutchess.gov/countyclerk

VETERANS DAY

Millerton ceremony honors veterans

By MAUD DOYLE
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MILLERTON — Perhaps 20 American flags brightened Millerton's Veterans Park on Main Street on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 11, where veterans, their families and area residents assembled in front of the central memorial to honor Veterans Day.

Sean Klay, historian and member of American Legion Post No. 178 in North East, addressed the assembled crowd with a lesser-known story of the Battle of Get-

tysburg, the charge of the Minnesota First Infantry Regiment.

On the second day of Gettysburg, he said, the Minnesota First, numbering some 250 infantrymen, charged a brigade of 1,200 Confederate soldiers from the top of Round Hill and miraculously held the Union line. Gettysburg represented a critical turning point in the Civil War.

Due to their action, the Minnesota First holds the tragic record for the greatest portion of a single U.S. military unit lost to casualties in

one day.

"There's a reason that we hold the colors in reverence," said Klay. "There's a reason why we salute the colors and a reason why we take our hats off when the parade's going by—to show them respect. We're not just showing respect to those guys who were standing in formation on Round Hill, parading the colors before the charge, we're showing respect to everyone who never make it home."

Afterwards, a veteran played taps from among the flags, and the small crowd stood with hats in hand.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Amenia serenades service members

Assembling at Fountain Square on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, to honor veterans and their service to country, about 60 residents attended to hear prayers, patriotic music and speeches, and to witness the laying of a memorial wreath. VFW Post 5444 Commander Nick Woodard spoke movingly about the men and women who have served under the flag, and Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti urged residents to help a veteran in their midst. Offering prayers were VFW Chaplain Rick Butler and the Rev. R. Kent Wilson of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. The Chamberlin family led the singing. The town's Enhancement Committee assisted with the event.

Recreation Commission moves ahead on planning Wassaic Park improvements

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Following a meeting that included state officials on Thursday, Nov. 9, the Amenia Recreation Commission has charted a way forward for making improvements to Wassaic Park.

Recreation Commission Chairman Paul Winters described the outcome of a meeting that included Jane Didona, landscape architect from Didona Associates of New Fairfield, Connecticut, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and representatives of the Wassaic Project.

As reported by Winters, the Recreation Commission will move ahead with creating a trout fishing destination, which is seen as the next step in improving Wassaic Park by annexing DEC land to park land. A new playground area is also being planned.

Winters noted that the next New York State Parks grant application deadline comes up in July 2024. The Recreation Commission plans to combine the Wassaic Park plan with the Amenia Green enhancement plan to make one application.

In the coming months, the commission will determine the legal requirements for

establishing a public/private partnership.

Important to the process will be a public forum, anticipated to be held in January 2024, inviting residents to learn about the plans and to offer comments. After the public forum, the plans will be presented to the Amenia Town Board.

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Candidates for District Office of Commissioner shall file their names and the position they are seeking in writing to the District Secretary, Dawn Marie Klingner, PO Box 214, Amenia, New York 12501 no later than November 30, 2023. Only residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections as of November 20, 2023 shall be eligible to vote. 11/10/2023.

Dawn Marie Klingner
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Legal Notice
The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot

owners and general business meeting on December 2, 2023 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

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OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

TOWN OF AMENIA is seeking applications for the following volunteer positions:

- Board of Assessment Review (2 members);
- Planning Board (1 member);
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 member);
- Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals (2 members);
- Recreation (1 member)
- Ethics Board (1 member)

Town residency required for the volunteer positions. Letter of Interest and Resume may be submitted via email to townclerk@ameniany.gov or via mail to Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia NY 12501. Application Deadline: Noon, November 30, 2023.
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The Ct Mirror ran an interesting story this past week on the fact that with the heavy rains this past summer, many private wells have had a higher risk of bacteria infiltrating into the drinking water. Their source is the CT Institute of Water resources at UCONN, <https://ctiwr.uconn.edu/welltesting>. In their testing of water samples from private wells this summer, 50% tested positive for Coliform bacteria, which was a 30% increase from the previous year. The usual solution is to shock the well with bleach. The Institute is offering workshops and low cost testing for those interested. The other option is to ask your plumber to take a sample and send to a certified lab. In either case, the recommendation is to test your private well water to ensure that you have safe drinking water.

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Middle schoolers feast on food and conversation with service veterans

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — For the 17th year, Millbrook Middle School physical education teacher Joseph Carbone hosted a breakfast for U.S. military veterans and Millbrook middle school students Thursday, Nov. 9.

Some of the 19 veterans being celebrated were asked to attend by their children or grandchildren who are student, and some were there solely to share and enjoy the food and camaraderie.

While Carbone himself is not a veteran, both of his grandfathers were. As part of commemorating each of them, he feels that all veterans should be paid homage for having defended their country:

"It's the right thing to do," he said.

The visiting veterans and eighth grade students sat at tables decorated with flags and handwritten thank-you notes to vets. Veterans told their stories, answered



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Doris Zerafa of Millbrook, an Army veteran and member of VFW Post 9008, enjoyed sharing at the 17th annual Veterans Breakfast at the Millbrook Middle School on Thurs., Nov. 9. She was the only female veteran to attend.

questions and shared tidbits from their military lives. The youths were respectful and engaged, paying their guests close attention.

After breakfast, the veterans went to the auditorium where the students from the



The veterans and the eighth grade students at the Millbrook Middle School enjoy breakfast and conversation together at the 17th annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast at the middle school Thursday, Nov. 9, organized by teacher Joseph Carbone.

sixth through eighth grades were assembled. As the veterans marched in, they were announced individually, and a cheer went up, loudly, for every one, led on by Carbone and Principal Steve Cabello.

When the veterans were seated on stage, eighth grader Gabriel Gosselyn played taps on the bugle and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Carbone gave a short history of the holiday and this

particular event. The students then directed questions to the veterans.

"What was the food like?" "We got used to it."

"What did you miss the most when you left the ser-

vice?" "The camaraderie, the sharing, the work."

Asked about the benefits of having served, most answered that they learned to be part of a team, they learned to work hard, and they acquired skills they would not have gotten elsewhere.

Asked to explain what "service" is all about, one said, "It's about freedom—giving up your freedom to give freedom to others."

Another, asked to recall the best moment of his service, he said, with a wide grin, "When I got my discharge papers."

The sole female veteran who attended, Doris Zerafa of Millbrook, answered the question, "What was the most difficult thing you had to do in the service?"

She responded that as a woman, getting accepted as a soldier and a comrade was the hardest part. Because she is a woman, she said, she always had to work harder to prove herself.

After the event, Carbone told The News that one day, a former student had come up to him and told him that, as a middle school student, she hadn't understood Veterans Day, but had asked her grandfather to participate one year. Before he died, he told her that one of the best moments of his life had been attending the veterans' breakfast with his granddaughter at the middle school, and how proud he had been that day.

Pine Plains vets receive Quilts of Valor

By JOHN COSTON
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PINE PLAINS — Veterans and their families assembled at American Legion Post No. 426 in Pine Plains on Saturday, Nov. 11, to honor veterans with service in the U.S. military.

Commander Marie Stewart of the American Legion Post began the ceremonies by welcoming the approximately 50 people who gathered on the brisk morning outside as veterans took seats on the lawn against a backdrop of flags from all military service departments.

"Let us pledge to honor their service by fostering a sense of community that re-

flects the same resilience and unity they have shown us," Commander Stewart said.

George Keeler, American Legion Post chaplain, led the group with a benediction.

Three veterans were honored with Quilts of Valor that were made by Lynn Clinch, wife of local veteran George Clinch.

The Quilts of Valor project was begun in 2003 to bring comfort and healing to service members or veterans who have been touched by war.

Clinch creates the colorful Quilts of Honor by hand with cotton fabric. She makes them in different shapes and sizes, but they always convey a patriotic message.

Clinch displayed each quilt then draped it over the shoulders of each of the three veterans who were being honored. They were Steve Camburn, Phil Amelio and Brian Coons, who is commander of VFW Post 5519 in Pine Plains.

Saturday's Veterans Day observance commenced with the reading of a handful of

thank-you cards from local grammar school children, who expressed their thanks for the veterans' service.

"Veterans thank you for protecting us in hard times of war. I appreciate your risking in putting your lives to save us," wrote third grader Charlie H.

Commander Stewart

closed the ceremony by saying: "Let us honor our veterans not only with words but with our action, by ensuring that they are welcomed and embraced as they return to the homes and their families."

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Brian Coons, left, Commander of VFW Post 5519 in Pine Plains, with Phil Amelio, center, and Steve Camburn on Saturday, Nov. 11, after receiving Quilts of Valor from Lynn Clinch during a Veterans Day ceremony.

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J.H. Ketcham (Dover Plains) Hose Company, Sharon Fire Department, Millbrook Fire Department, Lakeville Hose Company, Union Vale Fire District and Copake Fire Department, as well as Northern Dutchess Paramedics.

There were no reports of injuries.

Most of the responding departments are all-volunteer, including the Amenia Fire District. They take pride in their quick response time and the sense of community

engagement that binds those who fight fires in their communities.

Support was also provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police and the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office assumed responsibility for the scene at 2:53 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, according to official reports.

The fire remains under investigation.

DEER CAMP *Continued from Page A1*

learned deer movements.

Nature takes up its daily drama: The shroud of darkness to the east seems to dissipate from star-studded sky, shafts of gold are met with a choir of waking birds and animals. The leaf-laden forest floor is suddenly alive with color and sound.

Some mornings, a gorgeous sunrise is preceded by spectacular orange and red skies.

But not all mornings are tranquil. Mother Nature can be a tempest, throwing us adverse challenges, but we endure them all, and savor each hour of each day. We will miss all of it during the next 50 weeks of waiting to return.

We return to camp around noon for a quick lunch, comparing the events of the morning. Congratulations and help are offered to the successful hunter. Then friendly banter or perhaps a nap.

Around 2 p.m., we're off again, and don't return until the day ends. At camp, we regroup and discuss the day

while awaiting a camp dinner, prepared each night by a designated member. A drink or two are savored, stories exchanged, maybe a few hands of cards played.

Coffee is prepared for the coming morning, the wood stove banked and stacked before lights-out. We sleep until a 4 a.m. reveille is announced by our dog-barking alarm clock.

This is our deer camp, anxiously awaited each year by we Band of Brothers, who are drawn together by patriotism, trust, respect and loyalty to one another.

God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Enjoy your Thanksgiving dinners, lend a helping hand where possible and say a little prayer for those out there protecting our freedoms.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

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Republican.

Asked if he will run again, Pulver commented: "When I lost the election for Pine Plains supervisor, I thought I was done with politics. Two years later I ran for the county Legislature. You never know what doors will open."

Ballot errors disrupt North East results

In North East, the 712-voter turnout was significantly higher than 2021's turnout of 479, even though there were no contentious town races.

Town Supervisor Christopher Kennan ran unopposed, as did Town Clerk Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss and Justice Dennis Johnson. Broken down by party, however, the totals indicate that North East is becoming an increasingly Democratic town.

The race for three town board seats—two four-year seats and one two-year seat—was supposed to be uncontested as well, with Lana Morrison and Chris Mayville running for the two four-year seats and Meg Winkler for the single two-year seat.

However, a flawed ballot had these three candidates vying for the two four-year seats, and offered no candidate for the two-year seat. The results were 673 votes for Morrison, 415 for Winkler and 332 for Mayville for the four-year term, with 159 write-ins for the two-year term.

Until the write-ins are counted, it's unclear who will take the two-year term. If it is Winkler, she will have the choice to pick a two- or four-year term length. If she picks the four-year seat, the Town Board will appoint someone to a one-year term and, next



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Town Clerk Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss at work on Monday morning in the North East Town Hall. She received more votes than any other candidate in the Town of North East election.

year, there will be another election for the remaining year on that seat.

Pine Plains

In Pine Plains, Republican Town Supervisor Brian Walsh, Town Clerk Madelin DaFoe, who was endorsed by both Republicans and Democrats, ran unopposed.

In the Town Board contest,

Democrats Jeanine Sisco and Kevin Walsh overcame Republicans James Smith and Paul Murphy. In the race for Pine Plains superintendent of highways, incumbent Democrat Carl Baden easily overcame Republican challenger Lisa Ambrose 75.87% to 23.88%.

In the election of town justice, Pine Plains voters selected Richard Brenner, a former deputy sheriff and a real estate agent, with 54.19%. He defeated Democratic attorney Stella Isaza with 45.56%.

Towns of Amenia, Washington, and Stanford

In Dutchess County Legislative District 25—which includes Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley and Millbrook—incumbent Republican Deirdre Houston defeated Democrat Nallely Hanna 57.93% to 42.03%.

In the race for Amenia town supervisor, Leo Blackman seems to have defeated longtime town supervisor, Republican Victoria Perotti, by 29 votes. The last-minute write-in campaign led by Munawar Ahmed received 123 votes.

In the race for two seats on the Amenia Town Board, Republican Paul Winters edged out longtime incumbent Vicki Doyle by just eight votes, 533

to 541. Democrat and former schoolteacher Rosanna Hamm received 638 votes, secured a place on the board.

The Town of Washington remained solidly Republican, with Town Clerk Christine Briggs, Town Justice Carol Poles, and highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola all running unopposed. In the Town Board election for two seats, Republican incumbents Joseph Rochfort and Robert Audia easily overcame Adam Brandow, the only Democrat running for office.

In Stanford, Democrat Town Supervisor Wendy Burton won her third two-year term over Republican Bill Harkleroad by 12.2%, or 159 votes.

The contest for the two Town Board seats tipped toward Democrats Julia Desco-teaux and Eric Haims, who together won 1,307 votes over Republicans Adrienne Zetterberg's and Joe Colclough's combined 1,228.

Dutchess County

In countywide elections, only two incumbents ran for office. Republican Brad Kendall, county clerk since 2007, beat Kenya Gadsden for the second time, 53.57% to 46.38%. Unofficial results indicate that incumbent Family Court Judge Joseph Egitto has edged out Democrat James Rogers 50.61% to 49.33%, with strong support on the Conservative Party line.

In the hotly contested race to replace Republican William Grady after four decades as county District Attorney, Democrat Anthony Parisi beat Republican Matthew Weishaupt 51.66% to 48.29%.

Countywide, all four Democratic candidates for the New York Supreme Court, District 19, were elected, with Francesca Connolly garnering the most votes—including, curiously, on the Conservative ballot line, though they did not need those votes to win.

Although not incumbent, well-known former State Sen. Sue Serino, with strong support from the Republican Committee, easily defeated political first-timer Democrat Tommy Zurhellen, 56.61% to 43.33%.

Following his loss, Zurhellen posted on his website, "I hope my campaign inspires other folks to get involved and pursue a life of public service."

Absentee ballots postmarked through Tuesday, Nov. 7 will be counted on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The names of write-in candidates, important in elections in Amenia and the Town of North East, will be tabulated later.

Recent property sales in the Town of Dover

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns.

West of Kent, Connecticut, and bordering on the towns of Washington, Amenia and Pawling, Dover covers 56.3 square miles and has a population of 8,699 people. Students attend Dover, Millbrook and Pawling schools, and the Metro North stops in both Wingdale and at Dover Plains.

The Dover real estate market is active with five single-family homes, one multifamily complex and a vacant lot selling in the month of September. At the moment, there are 15 single-family homes listed for sale, including to-be-built luxury homes for over \$1 million on Valley View Farm Road, and substantial residential vacant land.

September 2023

18 Cedar Knoll, 2 mobil homes and a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom house on 10.7 acres, sold for \$650,000.

108 Craig Lane, a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath raised ranch, sold for \$415,000

23 Dog Tail Corners Road,



PHOTO BY DAVID COPPOLA, COURTESY OF JANET MYER OF HOULIHAN & LAWRENCE

Originally listed at \$629,000 in 2022, this contemporary cape at 21 Ridge Road, sitting on 2 acres, sold for \$548,500.

a single-family home with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, sold for \$316,000

387 Dover Furnace Road, a 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath on 5 acres, sold for \$165,000

56 Dugway Drive, a 2-bedroom, 2-bath home sold for \$76,350

21 Ridge Road, a contemporary cape with 4 bed-

rooms and 3.5 baths, sold for \$548,500

Vacant residential land with 9.4 acres and 130-foot frontage on Ridge Road sold for \$105,000

Town of Dover real estate sales recorded in September

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CULTURE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Tea for the soul:

Exploring harmony and tranquility in Norfolk

Mr. Wenchin Tsai and Mrs. Li-Jin Chung greeted visitors with welcoming smiles at the open house held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center on West-side Road.

Mr. Tsai, who manages the tour guides for the Center, explained their mission is to “promote cultural exchange to enhance mutual understanding among people. This is a place where you can explore the roots of spiritual thought that have influenced the world.”

Beyond the ornate metal gates emblazoned with the logo of the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center lies a world that enchants, educates and humbles the viewer. The marble reception area displays its motto—“Love, Mutual Support, and Peace”—surrounded by the Chinese characters for gentleness, kindness, respect, frugality, yielding, benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom and sincerity.

As the tour began, Mrs. Chung continued: “The Center opened on Aug. 6, 2022, to introduce Asian culture through education and dialogue, and to integrate with the local community with the goal of creating a more harmonious society. We must walk together as a team, as we are all the same under our skin.” Mrs. Chung, formerly a systems analyst at Bell Labs, volunteers her time at the Center “because I am passionate about our mission.”

Housed in an extraordinary stone castle built at the turn of the century, the Center contains museum-style art and history exhibits exploring the background and meaning of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and the spiritual and mystical aspects of the Incan and pre-Columbian culture of Peru. Young docents, volunteers who come from as far away as Montreal, are on hand to answer questions, bring fresh glasses of water, and knowledgeably guide the curious through three floors of interactive, mysterious and informative displays.

Sculptures, paintings from Taiwan and Canada, ancient artifacts, stained glass windows, calligraphic scrolls, and brilliant silk ceremonial robes glowing in the light fill the senses. There is a tunnel of glass lit from within that has water flowing down its sides to help visitors feel tranquil in their Spiritual Exploration Zone.

While the purpose of the museum is serious, there are flights of fancy. For instance, in one display, a button asks visitors to choose whether they pray for peace. There is a hand suspending a globe that, if the wrong answer is given, pulls the Earth underwater and a film plays showing global catastrophic events; push the “yes” button and the message is hope, light and salvation. In a separate building on this 48-acre estate, there is a Peruvian cultural exhibit, which has at its centerpiece a life-sized llama



Mrs. Li-Jin Chung and Mr. Wenchin Tsai

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST



Gwendolyn Wong

serving as a backdrop for a selfie photo booth.

Entering the vast Victorian dining room, Mrs. Chung explained that in

1998 when the Confucian Study Association purchased the property, it was in a state of disrepair. The funding for



the restoration project has come from private sources around the world. Craftsmen from

Taiwan were brought to Norfolk to reproduce the mahogany panels and coffered ceilings from the heyday of this massive stone house,

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My hour with a medium

The Northwest Corner was in full autumnal regalia and still decked out for Halloween when I arrived at the home of Kia Hellman, self-described “psychic medium/intuitive advisor,” for my first session, so it’s possible that my feeling of the house’s peaceful, understated witchiness came entirely from my imagination.



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Kia Hellman.

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can often start the conversation.

She described three prompting images for me: a strict, taskmaster-type older woman with a stick; a child (me?) rolling joyfully down a grassy hill; and friends chattering over candlelight — all of which felt surprisingly resonant, and provided ample structure for our wandering conversation.

In many ways my hour with Hellman felt more like a warm and supportive life-coaching session — a sort of spiritual talk therapy — than what I’d imagined a session with a psychic would be like.

At first I was annoyed by the persistent occur-

rence of what appeared to be non sequiturs, such as a shift from our discussion of my book project to the necessity of engaging in more embodied creative practice, for instance: “When you dance, you push away that hard, enforcer energy that gets in the way of your expression,” she said.

It was these moments, when she offered unprompted suggestions, that I found most woo-woo (dancing is the path to writing more freely?).

Feeling like she was just filling the silence, I’d interrupt, injecting pointed questions about my most pressing anxieties: my new job and my love life — it will be about ten months before I’m able to verify either of Hellman’s predictions on these fronts.

It was only afterwards that I realized that the meandering streams of thought she’d been navigating in those unprompted spaces were among the most resonant and precise of our interview — only my roommate knows anything about the joy I derive from dancing in our kitchen. Should I return, I intend to stay quieter, and listen with more open ears to the answers for which I didn’t know to look.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Inside the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center in Norfolk.

...exploring harmony

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which was designed by Henry Hornbostel for his widowed client, Pulitzer-Prize-winning Serbian physicist and inventor Michael I. Pupin, who wrote in his memoir, “From Immigrant to Inventor”: “In 1897 I bought a farm at Norfolk. This blessed spot where I regained my health and happiness, became my real American home and I have never had any desire to seek a better haven of happiness in any other place.” There is a display in the museum honoring the origins of the home including an image of Pupin and his friend Albert Einstein.

On Nov. 5, the Center held an open house and tea ceremony for the community to enjoy. A table set with soft linens, flowers and a row of teacups waited in a sunny alcove of the great

paneled room. A row of guests joined the two women, who explained the tradition and meanings behind the aesthetic tea ceremony they call the Tao of Tea. They served red and green teas from Ali Mountain in Taiwan.

In a stone castle built to restore the soul of a man, it is fitting that its walls contain an organization that believes “The earth is the home we all share. By reducing conflicts and living in harmony and mutual prosperity, we are fulfilling our responsibility of protecting the earth. To achieve this goal relies on people being able to awaken and to manifest universal love, tolerance and mutual assistance. In this way we can honor the possibility of peaceful coexistence among people and create a

bright and happy future.”

For more information: ctasiaculture.com
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The Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center
207a Westside Road
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FILM: DEBORAH MAIER

First American indie film to open Orkin/Engel exhibit at Mad Rose Gallery

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3:30 p.m. at The Moviehouse, "Little Fugitive" will be featured in a free showing as an introduction to the work of Ruth Orkin and Morris Engel at the nearby Mad Rose Gallery.

The 1953 Silver Lion award-winning short film follows the exploits of a 7-year-old boy who runs away after he is cruelly pranked into believing he has murdered his brother. In a way almost unthinkable today, he ranges far and wide in Coney Island's amusement park, captured in evocative black-and-white cinematography of a New York that no longer exists.

As noted in the gallery's press release: "Also screened will be "Ruth Orkin: Frames of Life," a documentary directed by their daughter Mary Engel that offers an intimate look at Orkin's life, her creative process, and the enduring impact of her work. Mary will be present for a Q&A after both films."

A reception at Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) at the corner of Main Street, will follow the screenings. The iconic married couple, who began as collaborators, were active in the period from the late 1930s



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through the 1980s. They are recognized as having broken new ground in both moving pictures and still photography.

One of Orkin's best-known images, "American Girl in Italy," is emblematic of her gift for capturing a moment in time, often with a touch of humor as well as an eye for detail, in street scenes as well as portraits.

Her husband, Engel, likewise an accomplished photographer from an early age, served

in the Navy in World War II under Edward Steichen, and was an influential figure in independent filmmaking. With a friend, he had designed the first handheld 35mm camera based on the bulkier, heavier ones that had been used by the military in World War II.

The exhibit extends until Sunday, Dec. 31. The gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. To assure seating for the films, see the gallery's website for tickets.

THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

The Pilgrim House in North Canaan will host its annual Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. Thanksgiving dinner will be provided to all attendees, and deliveries are also available by request.

Those interested in contributing to the celebration can do so by making donations such as uncooked turkeys, potatoes, vegetables, rolls or condiments. Volun-

teers are also needed to help prepare vegetables Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. and/or work Thanksgiving Day, or deliver dinners to shut-ins — CDC requirements will be required for both days.

If there are any unused funds, they will be used to assist people in our local communities to help fight hunger and famine by spreading the word about the Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration. Monetary

donations can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT 06039 with "Thanksgiving Celebration" marked in the memo line. To make a food donation or volunteer, contact Beverly Becker at 860-671-1892 or beverlybecker4@gmail.com



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Solos and duets were brought to harmonic life by singers performing Sunday, Nov. 12, at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. At the left is soprano Marthe Ryerson, performing with soprano Donna Marie Castaner. Accompaniment was provided by organist Jon Lafleur.

MUSIC: LEILA HAWKEN

Community assembled for Sunday concert

Clearly, there is no shortage of lovers of good music in Sharon, judging from the capacity audience that assembled at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon for a benefit concert of sacred and secular solos and duets on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Church organist Jon Lafleur ably accompanied sopranos Marthe Ryerson and Donna Marie Castaner, offering an eclectic mix of music. Each piece was selected

to showcase the versatility and talents of the performers, whose voices blended harmonically to perfection.

Castaner self-accompanied on lever harp, smaller than a symphony harp but effective as a gentle companion for a solo rendition of "Amazing Grace."

For Lafleur, it was his first concert in 13 years, when he accompanied Trumbull High School's choir for a European tour.

The program was chosen by Lafleur to range from Mendelssohn to Broadway by way of Mozart and Schubert. Composers' dates spanned from the 13th to the 20th centuries, all still relevant to 21st-century ears, minds and hearts.

Secular pieces included an array of serenades, or love songs, in German, French and Italian.

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NOVEMBER 17

Children's Theater

The Center On Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Children's Theater proudly presents, "Folk Tails: Animal Stories from Around the World" Friday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. at The Center On Main, 103 Main St. in Falls Village. The show includes a folk tale written by the cast members. Amber Cameron directs, with musical direction from Brook Martinez.

NOVEMBER 18

The History and Archeology of the Indigenous Lifeways of the Northwest Corner

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a talk with Paul Wegner, Assistant Director of the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Conn. Paul will discuss the history and archeology of the Indigenous lifeways here in the Northwest Corner. Guests will have the opportunity to get hands on with Indigenous objects found in Connecticut that tell us a story of the state's deep history.

International Poetry

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

An in-person/Zoom hybrid poetry event will be hosted by Cornwall Library on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Join poets from around the world, poets from across the nation, and local poets for an afternoon of live readings. Spots are limited. To sign up to read, contact www.ccArshagra.com. Registration is required at cornwalllibrary.org.

Qigong Workshop

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org
The Hotchkiss Library

of Sharon will host an introductory Qigong workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Qigong is an ancient Chinese exercise form, created centuries ago to promote strength, flexibility, and resilience in the body, mind, and spirit. This introductory workshop will teach the foundational Qigong movements, as well as a few of the major acupressure points (acupuncture is derived from Qigong) for self-healing. Space is limited in this free workshop, but pre-registration is required: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11434397. Preference will be given to Sharon residents.

NOVEMBER 19

Turkey Tales

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, 120 Muser Dr., Cornwall, Conn.

Kick off the Thanksgiving holiday out in the forest as you search for the signs and sounds of wild turkeys! Learn all about this fascinating bird that is so prevalent this time of year and discover the turkey's natural history, unique adaptations, and connection to the first Thanksgiving. Check out turkey feathers, a call box, and more up close—and maybe even come across some live ones along the trail during a guided walk. Pre-registration is required. Visit hhnm.org or call (845) 534-5506.

NOVEMBER 22

SVNA Community Breakfast

15 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association will host a free community gathering at The White Hart on Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Salisbury. James Demmert, an experienced investment manager with over 35 years of experience, will discuss the tax benefits of charitable giving and provide a brief overview of the global financial markets. After the talk,

James will generously provide guests with a copy of his latest book, "Wall Street Lessons: Overcoming Fear, Greed and Being Your Own Worst Enemy." To attend this event, please RSVP to Joanna Geiger at (860) 397-9480, jgeiger@vnhlc.org.

Quinnnetukut – Stories of Survival

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Join Darlene Kascak (Schaghticoke Tribal Nation) from The Institute for American Indian Studies at the David M. Hunt Library on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. for an interactive presentation on the 12,000-year history of Quinnnetukut's Indigenous people for all ages. Listen to the stories that explain the great mysteries of life that teach about love, being a good human being, and our kinship with all living beings. IAIS will bring animal furs, replicated artifacts, organic instruments, and more contemporary items for an interactive and educational experience for all age groups.

NOVEMBER 23

Turkey Trot Fun Run

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Join the Cornwall Library for the Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. First and second place prizes will be awarded for a kids' sprint and a one-mile adult run. Refreshments will be available for purchase. \$10 entry for those over age 10, free to those under age 10. Register at cornwalllibrary.org.

NOVEMBER 24

Tree Lighting

Cornwall Bridge, Conn.

The Cornwall Association will host the annual tree lighting in Cornwall Bridge on Friday, Nov. 24. Guests are invited to take part in the seasonal merriment beginning at 5 p.m.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Baris Gokturk introduced the new art show at Hunt Library on Nov. 11.

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Connecting through art

‘Round Corners,’ an exhibition by art students of the New York Educational Program (NYEP) in Manhattan (including Falls Village artist John Hodgson), opened at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, Nov. 11.

All featured artists in the exhibit live with developmental complexities.

Instructor Baris Gokturk introduced the

show and noted that the group had expanded into sculpture, using found objects such as kitchen utensils.

The NYEP artists have held 10 group exhibitions, and some in the group have also exhibited work in additional shows. Hodgson, who has been working with Gokturk since 2008, has had 12 solo shows.

The Hunt show runs through Friday, Dec. 1.



MERRY & BRIGHT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS WEEKEND

On Friday, Dec. 1, holiday season festivities will kick off with a "Making Spirits Bright Stroll" in downtown Salisbury.

Local business will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. with special events and free food and beverages. Visitors can take part in a raffle for a grand prize made of gift cards and items donated from the participating businesses.

Saturday, Dec. 2, will feature activities throughout the day

and evening, including a holiday market, food vendors, Scoville Library Books & Bling, Noble Horizons Festival of Trees, choral concerts, and a holiday cocktail party at the White Hart.

Sunday, Dec. 3, will wrap up the weekend with a Parade of Lights, Santa Claus and the tree lighting at the White Hart and Town Green.

Donations will be collected for the local food pantry. Guests are

asked to bring a nonperishable food item or two to deposit in one of the many collection boxes around town.

Merry and Bright Hometown Holidays Weekend is a collaboration between local volunteers and businesses, spearheaded by Carolyn Picciorelli of Honeychurch Home, and the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce.

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OUR TOWNS

NECC to host annual winter coat and clothing giveaway

By **ROBIN RORABACK**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC), 51 South Center Street, will hold its 10th annual coat and clothing giveaway from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

“Residents are welcome to come choose a coat for themselves and immediate family members, as well as winter accessories like hats, mittens and snowpants,” said Jessica Raymond, NECC’s family programs director. There will also be a selection of shoes and clothing, she said.

“We are excited to expand [the giveaway] this year to include more coats, clothes and shoes than ever before.

It is crucial that members of our community have access to warm clothes as winter approaches,” she said. She also extended thanks to Dutchess Outreach and Designer Finds of Millerton for their large donations of

warm clothing.”

Light refreshments will be served. Donations of warm clothing, jackets and coats are welcome and can be dropped off at NECC. For more information, call NECC at 518-789-4259.

Grace Church to host pasta dinner on Nov. 17

MILLBROOK — Grace Church, 3330 Franklin Ave., will host a Pasta Night dinner on Friday, Nov. 17, with seatings at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, garlic bread and salad with water. Iced tea and coffee are also available for those who are dining in. Vegan

and gluten-free options will be available on demand, and a bake sale table will be set up to service all desserting needs.

The cost per meal is \$15. Reservations are required to eat in, and preordering is required for takeout.

To RSVP, go to bit.ly/grace-pasta



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Fire Company Craft Fair is lit

Jessica Anderson, left, of J.P. Anderson Creations, displayed her polymer clay jewelry at the craft fair at the North East fire station in Millerton on Saturday, Nov. 11. She was one of 25 vendors at this second annual fundraising event sponsored by the Millerton Fire Company Support Team, co-chaired by Helen Brandt and Martha Schultz.

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