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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Doris Barrett, left, and Mindy Weiner get ready to play bingo at the Friendship Center in Millerton on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Seniors forge bonds at Friendship Center

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Office for the Aging's (OFA) Friendship Center is a place where anyone over age 60 can stop in and have lunch, celebrate a birthday with chocolate cake and ice cream, play bingo, and participate in other activities.

Helen Hopkins, whose birthday was being celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 11, joked as she passed out cake and ice cream, "I'm 25 again—and again, and again, and again!"

Todd Tancredi, director of OFA in Poughkeepsie, said the aim of the Center is to "provide activities that keep seniors engaged." He stressed that it is important to "avoid isolation and loneliness." Especially after the COVID-19 shutdown, it was important to get people back into socializing. He said, "We don't want people to be home alone."

"The friendships are great," said Doris Barrett, who was getting ready to play bingo. Mindy Weiner, also a bingo player, said of the Center, "I like everyone and the activities we do."

The director of the Friendship Center, Martha Schultz, plans activities in addition to serving lunch Monday through Thursday. Regularly scheduled activities include exercises, yoga, crafts, brain games, bingo, and card games. Participants can join in any or all of the activities or just lunch.

In addition to her other duties, Schultz likes to keep an eye on the health and well-being of the participants at the center. The Department of Behavioral and Health's mobile unit visits the center periodically.

Special presentations coming up include a painting project on Thursday, Oct. 19; a presentation on healthy living by the Alzheimer's Association on the Wednesday, Oct. 25; and a Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 31. On Thursday, Nov. 9, Sharon Audubon will give a PowerPoint presentation on "Birds of Winter" and on Wednesday, Oct. 15, students from the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, will give a musical performance at 1 p.m.

Tancredi is looking for volunteers for a new program called

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On Election Day, local and county races abound

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — How many voters will show up in an off-election year with no statewide contests?

Will voter distress with either or both political parties affect voters' desire to go to the polls? Will voters vote the party line? According to February 2023 New York state records, there are 72,961 active Democrats; 53,475 active Republicans; and 54,948 active voters not affiliated with any party registered to vote in Dutchess County. Absentee ballots have already been mailed out. Early voting started on Saturday, Oct. 28, and continues through Sunday, Nov. 5, and polling locations will open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

What do voters know about the eight candidates running for four 14-year terms on New York State Supreme Court District 9, which rules on major cases in Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess counties? There has been slight attention to the four Democrats and four Republicans running for these judicial positions. Each has impressive qualifications posted on their individual campaign websites.

There are three important countywide positions with four-year terms that are also being contested. Republican Sue Serino, a former state senator from Hyde Park, is running against a newcomer to politics, Democrat

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Local history through maps revealed in society's exhibit

By MEG DOWNEY
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Go into any historical society's archives and you will find many ways to document the story of your community — news clippings, books, diaries, business records and photographs.

Another way is through maps, which show not just the geography but also reflect the businesses, transportation networks and families that settled in a particular location.

The North East Historical Society is offering an exhibit through the month of November titled "Understanding Local History Through Maps," at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St. Representations of a dozen different maps will outline the story of the development of the Town of North East from Colonial times into the 21st century.

The maps include important Sanborn fire insurance maps from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which show specific businesses in Millerton and reflect how the village grew over time. Other maps show where Indigenous people lived, where the first land patents were awarded by New York's Colonial British governor, and how the first geopolitical borders of precincts—the predecessors of townships—developed.

After the Town of North East was created as a separate entity in 1788, later 19th-century maps show

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left: SOAR Executive Director Lauren Brown with Salisbury Central School students Zeira Collins, Noah Tencer, Augustus Tripler and Theodore Kneeland after the screening of their student-produced, -directed, -acted and -written series of short films shown to the public at on Sunday, Oct. 29, at The Moviehouse in Millerton.

Students' scary movies shown at The Moviehouse

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLERTON — On Sunday, Oct. 28, The Moviehouse hosted a screening of short films written, directed, acted in and produced by youth from Salisbury Central School (SCS) in Connecticut, all participants in the Salisbury-based SOAR (Seek, Originate, Aim, Reach) program.

The first film was "The Dream,"

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OUR TOWNS

Planning Board discusses solar farm, property values

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Planning Board held a workshop meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25, concerning the Carson Power solar project in particular.

The first item to be discussed was whether a comment made pertaining to a study mentioned during the Sept. 13 public hearing was admissible, as the comment came after the public hearing was closed. It was determined by the board, and agreed to by the applicants and attorneys, that the material and research could be referenced but the commentaries coming after the public hearing had closed would not be part of the record.

The material in question had to do with a Berkeley Lab study on the influence a large solar farm has on property values in the surrounding area. It was determined by members of the board that property values have been going up since the advent of COVID-19: the bubble will burst at some point, and property values will then begin to drop.

The distance a home is from a solar farm has something to do with how the property value is determined, but very little; the actual appearance of the solar farm can have an effect on property values, but Carson Power has promised that it will attend to landscaping to make the area as attractive and as inconspicuous as possible.

Carson Power has also negotiated with conservationists and will adhere to conservation principles favored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and conservationists so that the impact on the environment is minimal. It was mentioned some studies have shown that property values have actually increased when solar power has been instituted in a given area. It was also noted that this is an elastic situation and there is margin for error.

After reading through the materials in question, it was agreed that nothing had changed and a conditional approval could be made, although the board wants to see an actual conservation plan, environmental protection as represented by special permit, and they want to see what is actually filed.

It was further restated, as it had been in prior meetings, that the fire chief said proposed road access to the site was 10% above the grade that is necessary for access, not just for EMS vehicles, but for all emergency vehicles.

Further questions were asked about the possibility of the town finding a beekeeper to help pollination propagation at the site. It could be in the buffer zone, outside the fence line. There would have to be insurance in case of injury with mowing or maintenance and the bees.

A motion was passed for a special draft resolution allowing the application to go forward; a formal resolution and vote will be made at the regular Wednesday, Nov. 8, Planning Board meeting.

A mention was made of the day care proposed for the town on Pilcher Drive. There has been a site visit by two board members, who claim there is an invasive plant species in the playground area but that it is not toxic, and this will be brought up at the Nov. 8 meeting when the applicant will be on hand and a resolution concerning the day care may be made.

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Attracted by the chance to meet the Republican slate of candidates for local, county and judicial offices in advance of casting their ballots in the Tuesday, Nov 7, election, voters attended a meet-and-greet event on Sunday, Oct. 29, at Four Brothers Pizza in Amenia. Left to right are Republican candidates A.J. Beephan, Joe Egitto, Sue Serino, Matt Weishaupt, Paul Winters, Karen Ostberg, Brad Kendall and Victoria Perotti.

Voters meet and greet Republican candidates

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Voters turned out for a meet-and-greet event for the Republican candidates on Sunday, Oct. 29, at Four Brothers Pizza, an opportunity to speak in person with candidates seeking local and county office in the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election. The event was sponsored by the Amenia Republican Committee.

Candidates attending the event were Sue Serino, seeking election as county executive; Victoria Perotti, seeking reelection as town supervisor; Brad Kendall, seeking reelection as Dutchess County Clerk; Paul Winters, seeking election as town councilman; Joe Egitto, seeking reelection as Family Court judge; Matt Weishaupt, seeking election as district attorney; Karen Ostberg, seeking election as state Supreme Court judge; and Anil (A.J.) Beephan, seeking reelection as assemblyman for the 105th District.

Early voting is now underway at various locations. Visit the Dutchess County Elections site for a listing, at www.elections.dutchessny.gov. On Election Day, polls will open at 6 a.m. and remain open until 9 p.m.

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Willa opens on Main Street

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Millerton's newest restaurant is now open for business on every evening except Sunday and Monday.

Willa occupies the former home of village favorite 52 Main, owned and operated by Eleanor Nurzia. The new owners are Jim Buhs, 52 Main's longtime bartender, and Alanna Broesler. The chef is New York City-trained Daniel Meissner.

The trio have been working on the project for eight months, changing the menu to locally sourced seasonal dishes like Maplebrook burrata with butternut squash, snapdragon apples and pine nuts; cheeses from Chase-holm farm; and Averill Farm quince cobbler. The interior has been brightened up with light green walls, mirrors and art. The long bar serves signature cocktails and mocktails.

Willa serves dinner from 4 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Alanna Broesler, one of the owners of Willa at 52 Main St. in Millerton, pointed out the Eric Forstmann painting of a farm in northwest Connecticut in the dining area.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Oct. 19-25.

Oct. 20 — Deputies responded to 4372 Route 22 (Metro North Train Station) in Amenia in an effort to locate a stolen vehicle that may have been abandoned in the parking lot. Vehicle initially reported stolen to the Metro North Police Department. Stolen vehicle located in the parking lot. Metro North police responded and continued with the investigation.

Oct. 21 — Deputies responded to 49 Powder House Road in Amenia for a criminal mischief complaint. The caller reported that an unknown suspect(s) paintballed his Halloween decorations and residence overnight causing damage. Investigation ongoing.

Oct. 22 — Deputies responded to Route 199 near the intersection with Schultz Hill Road in Pine Plains for a reported disabled vehicle at that location. Investigation resulted in the arrest of James Eaton, 21, for driving while intoxicated. Eaton to appear in the Town of Pine Plains Court at a later date.

Oct. 24 — Deputies responded to 14 Prospect Ave. in the Town of Amenia for a sister vs. sister domestic dispute. Matter investigated without further police intervention.

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

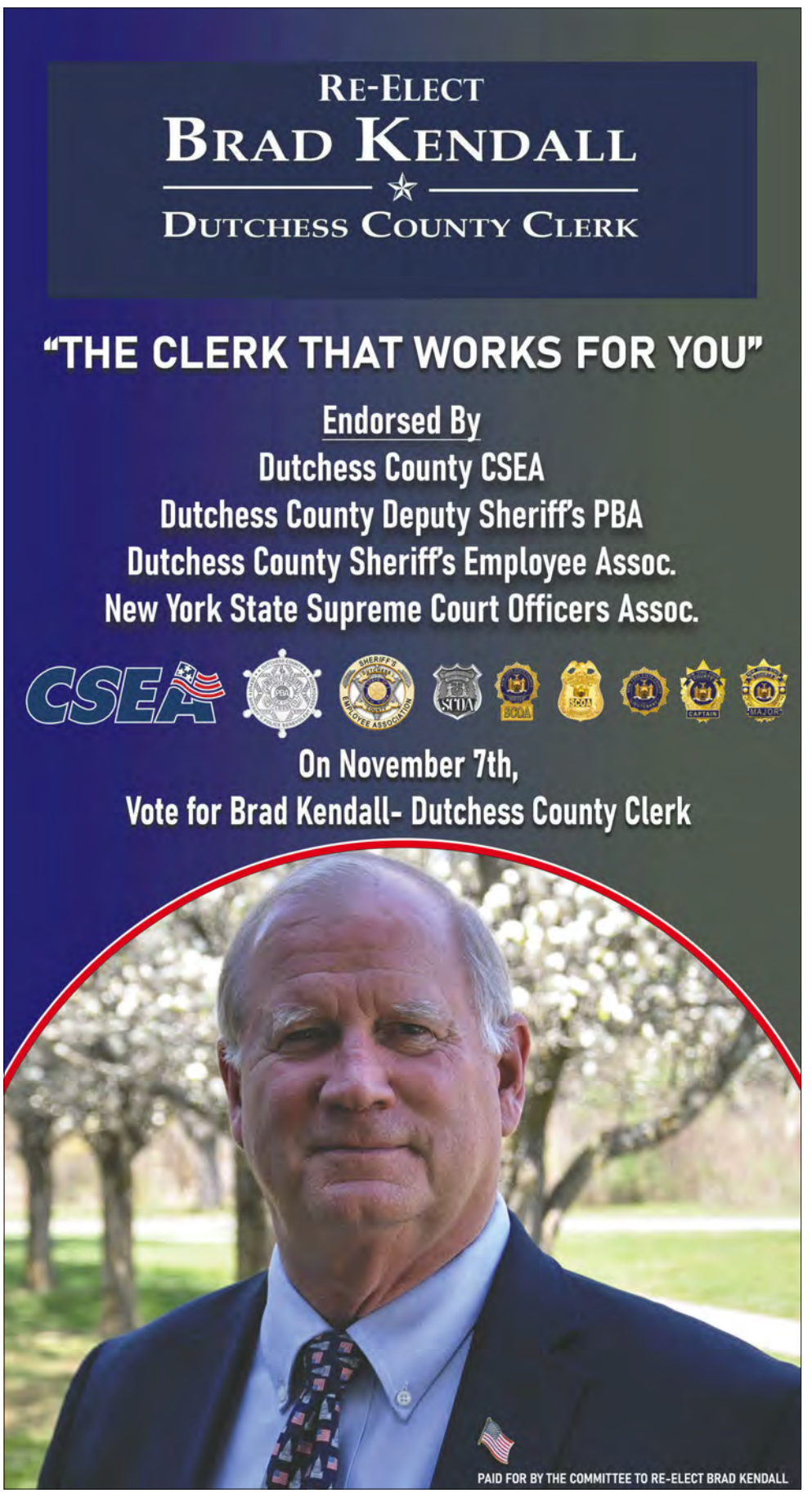
Library's Election Day bake sale

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library will host its annual Election Day bake sale on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd. during election hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. while supplies last.

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at the Annex on Monday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Election Day until noon. For more information, contact the library at 518-789-3340 or info@nemillertonlibrary.org

Fire company to hold craft fair

MILLERTON — The Millerton Fire Company Support Team is sponsoring a holiday craft and vendor fair on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the firehouse at 24 Century Blvd. The fundraiser will also include breakfast and lunch items available for purchase, which will be prepared by the Millerton Fire Company. For more information, go to facebook.com/millertonfire



Planning Board agrees to retain consultant for Keane Stud Farm

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Understanding the complexity of potential requirements and the number of studies that must be completed in connection with possible development of Keane Stud Farm, a large parcel along Depot Hill Road, the Amenia Planning Board voted unanimously at its meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25, to contract with a consultant.

Following a reading of an extensive resolution by Planning Board attorney Paul Van Cott, the Planning Board agreed to hire the services of George Janes to work with the developer and determine what detailed studies will meet Planning Board requirements.

About 18 residents attended the meeting to hear the resolution, but were not permitted to comment, as there will be opportunity for comment when an actual application is submitted and a public hearing is convened.

The Keane Stud Farm would be divided into 26 new residential lots, according to preliminary information from the developer.

Items that the developer would need to submit, according to Van Cott, could include a conservation analysis, an aesthetic review, wildlife identification and protection, traffic pattern study, and potential environment impact, including a review of both daytime and nighttime impacts.

The possible need for wetlands permits should also be looked at, according to Van Cott.

Van Cott explained that the Planning Board had determined that it needed a third-party expert to provide peer review and determine exactly what studies the Planning Board should require.

If the lots were to be subject to deed restrictions, sometimes used on large-lot subdivisions, the Planning Board felt that such restrictions would inform future homebuyers.

Planning Board engineer John Andrews raised the question of enforcement of such restrictions.

Planning Board member Tony Robustelli said, "We need lots of information."

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Looking dapper as a ghost with a penchant for candy treats was Luka Sloka, 7, who attended the Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 29, at Beekman Park.

Tallamy talk outlines 'Nature's Best Hope'

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and the Millbrook Garden Club co-presented a lecture by bestselling author Doug Tallamy about his book "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard" on Friday, Oct. 27, at Lovejoy Auditorium and streamed online.

Tallamy is an entomologist, ecologist and conservationist who has a doctorate in entomology from the University of Maryland and teaches at the University of Delaware. He is one of the founders of Homegrown National Park, which is working to restore ecosystems through "small efforts from lots of people."

Part of the lecture discussed the survival of insects. Tallamy quoted entomologist, naturalist and ecologist E. O. Wilson: "Life as we know it depends on insects." Tallamy explained that if insects disappear, flowering plants would be lost, there would be a rapid collapse of "food webs," the biosphere would rot because there would be "no decomposers to turn over the nutrients in the soil," and it would "change the physical structure and energy flow of terrestrial habitats."

He outlined a plan of four steps that individuals can take to make a difference in their own backyards.

Step 1 involves shrinking the size of lawns by half. Instead of lawn, plant native plants, remove invasive plants and protect wooded areas.

Step 2 is to plant "keystone plants," which he defines as the "tow-by-fours that support our ecological house." One of the major keystones are oak trees, which support 950 species of caterpillars nationwide. He calls oaks "contributor plants" because they contribute to the food web. Caterpillars are one of the most important insects in the food web.

To stress the importance of caterpillars, Tallamy gave the example of the black-capped chickadee. Chickadees eat a diet of 50% seed and 50% insects, but their young are fed only on insects. Caterpillars are the preferred diet. In fact, "in 16 of 20 common bird families, caterpillars dominated the diet."

"Caterpillars are large, nutritious and easier to eat because they have a low percentage of chitin [which forms the exoskeleton of insects] and are the best source of carotenoids during breeding," continued Tallamy. Carotenoids are in green leaves and only made from plants.

Plants use carotenoids to absorb light and produce energy. Birds get carotenoids from eating caterpillars, which get it from eating green leaves. Carotenoids are antioxidants and help in making Vitamin A, enhance immunity and contribute to healthy reproduction.

Tallamy added that "plants don't like to be eaten." They create energy through photosynthesis and want to keep the energy it makes for their own uses. To protect themselves, they produce bitter and even toxic chemicals that do not taste good.

Insects, including caterpillars, have become specialized. Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed. They have developed ways to deal with the defenses of the plants they eat, but if milkweed dies out, so will monarchs.

It is important to plant flowering native plants for bees and other pollinators. Flowers such as goldenrod, which also supports 110 species of caterpillars, native asters and perennial sunflowers are loved by pollinators.

The third step is not to kill the insects attracted to yards once they get there. Use yellow lights in outdoor lights and security lights. The yellow wavelength of these lights attract fewer bugs. Motion-detector lights also cut down on the number of insects drawn to the lights and usually to their deaths.

Do not use a fogger to kill mosquitoes, as a fogger can also kill all other insects.

The fourth step is to allow caterpillars to complete their cycle of development. Some caterpillars complete their cycle in trees, going from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly or moth, but most drop from the tree to the ground as caterpillars and either burrow into loose soil or into leaf litter as pupae.

If the grass beneath trees is mowed and hard-packed, caterpillars can't burrow. Planting Virginia creeper, wild ginger, goldenseal, and native pachysandra around trees creates a soft bed for the caterpillars.

Tallamy left a message of hope by saying, "Concentrate on what you can do," which includes simple things such as a container pot of native plants on an apartment balcony, changing a light bulb to yellow, leaving woodland untouched.

Trunk or Treat offered candy treats, bubbles and fun at Beekman Park

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Despite the rain that drew comment from adult visitors to Trunk or Treat at Beekman Park on Sunday, Oct. 29, the smallish ghosts, goblins and several witches wearing black paid no notice to the weather.

They were intent on filling their bags with treats.

The event was sponsored by the Amenia Parks and Recreation Department that had arranged for local volunteer organizations to join in the fun of dispensing treats.

A major presence at the event was The Intruder, a purple character known to children and brought to animated life by the chairman of the Recreation Commission for that one afternoon.

Katie Sterk-Grassi, town recreation director, said that the attendance had been good and that she was pleased to have counted 11 trunks participating in handing out treats, one even blowing large bubbles.

Children in costume parade for treats in Millbrook

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Approximately 80 children dressed in a wide array of costumes met at Washington Town Park on Saturday, Oct. 28, for a Halloween parade around the sports field, followed by Trunk or Treat on the lower level.

Trophies were given out for costumes: Most Original was won by Gavin Wendover as Beetlejuice; Cutest went to Guiletta LaBute as Little Red Riding Hood; and Jordan Eades won for Scariest, dressed as Michael Myers. The judges were town assessor Lisa Evangelista, Loretta Koche, and Recreation Commission President Jason Zmudosky.

Danielle Szalewicz, recreation director for the Town of Washington, was pleased with both the beautiful weather and the excellent turnout, and was grateful for all of volunteer help.

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Emma Bissenger, left, and Guiletta LaBute at the Trunk or Treat event at Washington Town Park in Millbrook on Saturday, Oct. 28.

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All in the Family

From the Trunk or Treat event at Washington Town Park to early voting at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Center Dutchess County, the Rothschild family—from left, David, Isabel, 8; Mariana; and River, 6;—does everything together. The parents took advantage of early voting in Millbrook on Saturday, Oct. 28, and brought their children to learn how voting and democracy work. The family lives in Millbrook, and the children attend Dutchess Day School.

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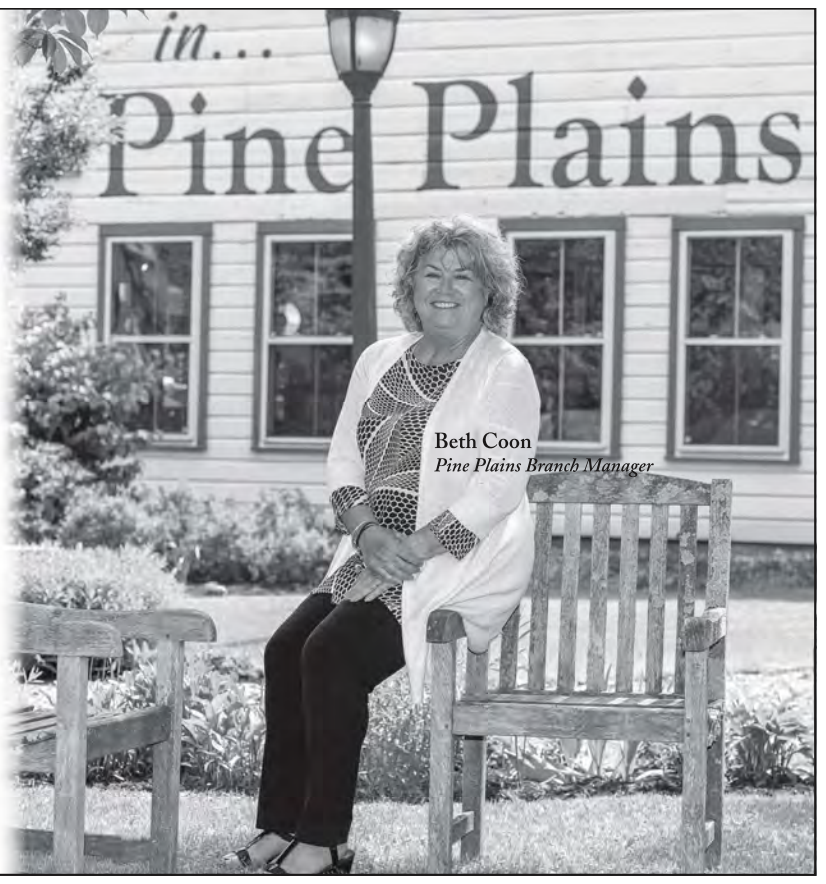

OBITUARIES

Jane Cole Geisler

VERBANK — Jane Cole Geisler was born June 20, 1923, and grew up in Hyattsville, Maryland.

After graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in Botany in 1944, she met H. John Geisler on an American Youth Hostel bicycle trip. They married in 1945 and moved to Urbana, Illinois, where daughters Carol and Emma were born while John completed a degree in electrical engineering on the G.I. Bill.

They then moved to Duchess County, New York, where John worked at IBM until retirement. Jane had a son, Warren, in 1950, and while the three children were growing up she enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader and Jane and the whole family enjoyed ice-skating, skiing, swimming, and gardening at the Hillside Lake home.

Then they all moved to Verbank where John's mother lived with them in a two family house on Milewood Road. Jane led a senior Girl Scout group for several years. After her children left for college, she spent more time on environmental education projects, organized day camps, and led many other hikes and activities involving nature study. She was an Appalachian trail maintainer and was active in the Union Vale Historical society, conservation committee, ADK and the Waterman Bird club for many decades.

She was also an avid reader and loved to play scrabble. She created trails and activities at Tymor Park, attended many town meetings and Cary Arboretum events. She also spent time with relatives at South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, each year, swimming, shell fishing and walking. She was active and walking, almost daily, up until a month before she died.

She is survived by her three children, Carol Schlentner, Warren Geisler, and Emma Stamas, and grandchildren, Tonya Schlentner, Paula Hicks, Laura Stamas, Jed Stamas and Jeremy Stamas; also six great grandchildren, Wesley Hicks, Katie Hicks, Luca Mnookin, April Mnookin, Bodie Katsoras and Mira Stamas.

Instead of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite environmental cause.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Cheryl Meyer

MALONE, Ny — Cheryl Meyer, 78, passed away on Oct. 22, 2023, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1944, in Malone, New York, to Arthur and Shirley Crate, who both predeceased her.

She graduated from Franklin Academy in 1962 and went on to work as a secretary/medical transcriptionist.

She married Cecil Meyer on June 16, 1985, whom she lost on July 16, 2002. She loved her church, enjoyed being with her friends and family and was loved by all who met her.

Cheryl is survived by her children Barbara Delfa of Granville, New York, Wayne (Tammy) Rock of Jonesborough, Tennessee, Cheri (Roger) LaMere of Millerton, New York and Donna Muncey of Williamsburg, Virginia; Grandchildren Ashley (John) Teal of Brantingham, New York, Tamara Carter (Jazu Stine) of Pittfield, Massachusetts, Brittnee Muncey and Richard Muncey of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jessica Muncey of Jackson, Michigan; Great-Grandchildren Gabriele Rooney, Allie Teal, Jack Teal, Draeko Campbell, Dontez Campbell, Indigo Stine, Juliet Muncey and Madeline Muncey; brother Stephen (Phyllis) Crate of Tupper Lake, New York, sisters Debra (Percy) McMahon of Malone, New York and Susan (Cecil) Patenaude of Huntingdon, Quebec; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of which she loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Richard Wardell

SALISBURY — Richard Wardell passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 21, 2023.

Richard was born on Sept. 18, 1933, in Hamden Connecticut to Loretta and Arthur Wardell, and he grew up in the New Haven area.

He was a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and in 1959 he graduated from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He was a graduate student at Columbia University's Mortgage Banking School in New York.

He worked at National Iron Bank for 60 years, including many years as CEO and Chairman. From 1988–1991, he served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Richard was an outdoorsman. He loved fishing for trout and salmon with his wife Sara, and they both adored the many Labrador Retrievers who were part of their family for many years. He was also an accomplished painter and art collector.

He is survived by his wife Sara Belcher Wardell; his first wife, Jeanne Wardell; his daughter Lisa Wardell and her husband John Heissenbuttel; his sons Dan and Rick Wardell; his grandchildren Anna and Ian Heissenbuttel and Mackenzie and Tavish Wardell; and his dogs Jake and Lulu.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County or The Little Guild.

Edith M. Blodgett

SALISBURY — Edith M. (Weir) (MacNeil) Blodgett, age 99, died on Oct. 21, 2023, at Noble Horizons.

She was the widow of Edwin R. MacNiel, and of Alan H. Blodgett.

Born in Ellington, Connecticut, Jan. 27, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Bertha (Hazelton) and Irving H. Weir.

She was an active member since childhood of Salisbury Congregational Church, taught Sunday School, participated in fund raisers, and was a member of Women's Fellowship.

Edith was employed for 35 years at Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. and retired in 1987. She also worked as Asst. Town Clerk and Salisbury Tax Collector.

Edith was an avid reader, loved anything to do with "words;" board games, crossword puzzles or playing cards. She enjoyed being outdoors and taking long walks.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, June MacNeil, 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and her very dear friend Larry Cunningham.

She was predeceased by her son, Alan MacNeil, daughter, Diane MacNeil, her brothers, Harland Hazelton, Kenneth Weir, Irving Weir Jr. and sister, Shirley Rogers.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m. at Noble Horizons Chapel. Interment will be private at the convenience of family.

Memorial donations may be made to Noble Horizons Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06018 Attn: Aux Treasurer.

Arrangements are under the care of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, Canaan, CT.

REGIONAL

Sharon votes to allow funding for Mudge Pond aquatic study

By LEILA HAWKEN
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SHARON, Conn. — Heightened concerns about whether the hydrilla invasive aquatic plant found in nearby waterways might also be present in Mudge Pond led to a unanimous vote by residents at a town meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26, to have a study conducted.

Dale Jones was elected moderator for the meeting by unanimous vote by the 45 voters attending.

The Board of Finance had given prior approval for the expenditure in the amount of up to $5,716 to fund a study this fall by Northeast Aquatic Research of Mansfield Center (NEAR). The funding will be taken from the Silly Putty Fund that stipulates that a town meeting is required for any expenditure from that fund.

Expected to prepare a report within eight months, NEAR will study water quality and overall plant growth, reported Lynn Kearcher who spoke about the need for the study.

Hydrilla can hitchhike from one lake to another attached to a boat bottom. She noted that the southern end of the pond might be at risk, noting that hydrilla can multiply its biomass exponentially once it takes hold.

Kearcher said that the last study of Mudge Pond was done in 2006.

Voters also approved the repeal of ordinances no longer needed since the town has joined the Housatonic Valley Health District and is now governed by its rules and regulations. Repealed were local ordinances that were enacted to govern well drilling permits, sewer systems and food service establishments such as local restaurants.

Within a program to remove dead or dangerous trees overhanging or endangering roads, the town is working in partnership with Eversource, requiring an additional appropriation of $24,391 to be taken from the Undesignated Fund. The Board of Finance had given this expenditure prior approval.

First Selectman Brent Colley said that tree removal is part of the annual budget. Recently, however, an increase has been seen in the number of troubled trees, whether from spongy moth or infestation from the ash borer insect.

Putting the number of trees in perspective, Colley said that Sharon is the third largest town in acreage in the state.

"We're trying to prevent trees from falling over the roads," Colley said. "It's to keep our roads clear and our lights on."

Takeout roast pork dinner at Stanford Grange Nov. 11

STANFORDVILLE — Stanford Grange No. 808 will serve a roast pork dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m. at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82. The menu will consist of roast pork and gravy, baked potato with sour cream and butter, broccoli with cheese sauce, applesauce, and homemade bread pudding for dessert.

There is a $17 donation is $17 per dinner, and all dinners are takeout only. Participants are asked to drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for their dinner, get their food through their car window, and take it home to enjoy it.

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EDITORIAL

Expanding Compass

This week the Opinion page has moved to the first section of our two-section paper to give us the opportunity to expand Compass coverage.

Compass is where we chronicle Arts and Entertainment news and features, and starting with this edition, we will add Lifestyle to its coverage, labeling it "Arts, Entertainment and Lifestyle."

We also think that the Opinion page, which includes the Editorial, letters from readers and columns, are more at home in the first section of the paper with our community news and features.

We have long wanted to expand Compass' offerings to include coverage of the many lifestyle activities and events that make our lives richer here in the tri-state region and beyond.

While we are shuffling some pages around and putting a focus on lifestyle, we are not changing anything that's already here. We still will provide you with an Editorial each week, and will print the "Letters to the Editor." We also will continue to feature cartoons and photographs.

The biggest change to be noticed is that Compass will have a broader mandate, and will reflect not only arts and entertainment in our communities, but also life as we are living it. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

We are also busy getting ready to launch a new website by the end of this month that we hope readers will find useful and informative. We plan to give readers a fresher site by putting stories up online with more frequency throughout the week. We won't become a daily newspaper, but when important news breaks, we plan to get it to you on a more timely basis.

Often when the topic of "online news" comes up, readers ask if we are going to end printing The Millerton News as a newspaper. The answer is a definite "no." The plan is to continue with a print edition, while offering readers a more modern experience on their computer screens and phones. We also intend to continue to feed our social media outlets: Facebook and Instagram.

We Met Our Match!

Good news! A group of key supporters and Lakeville Journal Foundation board members pledged a total of $100,000 as a matching challenge, and we have now met that match.

To those of you who contributed, thank you! Your willingness to double your contribution through our matching campaign is an inspiration. We are truly grateful for your support, and we want you to know that your donation will make a meaningful difference to our efforts to expand and improve our town and community coverage.

If you have any questions or would like to stay connected, please feel free to reach out at publisher@lakevillejournal.com or (860) 435-9873. We value your feedback.

We'll list the names of everyone who's participated in the Nov. 9 issue of both papers. It's exciting to have so many readers pitching in!

"After you..."

Everyone loses in the 'Blame Game'

GUEST COMMENTARY
Kathy Herald-Marlowe

Nobody, no non-terrorist government Sunni, Shiite, Muslim, Palestinian, Israeli, Egyptian, Jordanian wants the Gaza Strip, wants to govern, provide well-being (education, medical services), to enable Gaza Strip residents.

The UN, the "humane" West, the Middle Eastern oil-rich nations have for decades witnessed, cast aspersions then seemingly ignored the distress of Gaza — a misplaced, abandoned tiny, poverty-dense place and people.

Gaza is the exact land size of Las Vegas having a population somewhat more than Phoenix and somewhat less than Houston. It is one of the most densely populated areas on earth.

Fifty-five percent of Gaza residents live in eight "refugee camps" in Gaza itself. With 48% under 18 with a mere 3% over 65, refugee camps have been the only home to generations of Gazans.

Occupied by Egypt from 1948 to 1967, Gaza was Israeli occupied from 1967 until the Oslo Accords in 1993 created the Palestinian National Authority with territories in Gaza and the West Bank.

In 2005, the last public election in Gaza was won by Hamas — no elections have been held since. In 2008, the Palestinian Authority after an Israeli-Hamas conflict refused to accept Gaza into its constituents — this Authority left Gaza to Hamas, left them untethered to the West Bank.

A sizable, though not majority Bibi/Sharon segment of Israelis sanctioned illegal settlements in the West Bank, proffered Hamas buy offs, and engaged in Kushner heel and spit diplomacy. No one, no nation is without blame.

Headlines, protests, outrage burns across the globe particularly in the Middle East and in intellectual bastions of words without deeds, without balance, thwarting peace. Ambitious, aggressive politicians everywhere seize the platform of terror and brutal militarism for their own gain — their own justifications and fear mongering.

Hamas terrorized Israel on October 7 and Israel has retaliated. The world isn't broken so much as cowardly, fecklessly riveted on blame vs. restorative co-existence.

Taking issue with Brian Walsh comment

I write in response to Brian Walsh's Oct. 26 letter to the editor. I'm a Pine Plains resident and the aunt of Chris Drago, candidate for Dutchess County Legislature, District 19, and Brian Walsh is my Town Supervisor and Fire Chief.

I greatly appreciate the firefighters and EMS who serve our town, but I do not appreciate Brian Walsh choosing partisan politics over talking to me, his constituent. I'm an 87-year old woman and I don't appreciate being called a liar. If there was concern or confusion about my experience of breaking my hip and waiting 2 hours for an ambulance, the respectable thing to do as an elected official, Fire Chief, and community member in Pine Plains, would have been to pick up the phone and ask me about it. Instead, Brian Walsh chose to call me a liar in a newspaper to gain political advantage for Gregg Pulver.

At my request, I am meeting with Brian Walsh this week to share details and records concerning my 2 hour wait for Northern Dutchess Paramedics to arrive, and to talk about basic decency, leadership, and respect for your neighbors. There were multiple calls made to 911 from multiple numbers the night I broke my hip in June 2019, and I was not alone while I waited. My nephew, Chris Drago, talks about this experience in our family to share a personal experience tied to the need for more county support for EMS. That's something that most folks agree with around here — even Gregg Pulver agrees that EMS is a major issue in Dutchess County. We don't need this kind of cheap political attack in our local elections. What we need are better leaders.

Frances Silvert
Pine Plains

Nobody but LEO!

I am a resident of the town of North East since the late 1970's, a former NE Town Board member, an enthusiastic promoter of purposeful collaboration with individuals in neighboring towns and, an advocate for planning and zoning adjustments to create more affordable housing for our cost-burdened residents. Leo has become an inspiring cohort to seek and access available resources. He has productive connections with county and state officials and non-profit agencies such as the North East Community Center and Hudson River Housing. He is laser-focused on the urgent need for appropriate/affordable housing for every income level.

I met Leo at a region-wide strategic planning session moderated by the Pace University Law Center in the late 20th century. He was practicing architecture in NYC and coming to the Wassaic hamlet on weekends. Moving permanently to Wassaic, he has amplified his involvement in local politics and become an affable, energetic, and well-intentioned supporter in our rural district of northeast Dutchess. He has regularly participated in training sessions, webinars, in-person and virtual panel discussions.

Leo has been invaluable on the steering committee of the Tri-town housing Coalition (Amenia, Pine Plains and Millerton/North East), first as chair of the Amenia housing working group and now as a Town Board member and its Liaison.

Leo's long-standing experience, enthusiasm and community engagement is unmatched — solid and real — clearly the best candidate to lead Amenia into the future as Town Supervisor.

That will benefit all of us!

Sam Busselle
Architect/Planner,
co-founder NECC 1990,
North East

Voting for Leo Blackman in Amenia

Im voting for Leo Blackman and here is why:

Leo has lived in Amenia all of this century!

Leo is always available, supports community needs and has donated professional services at no cost to help his fellow residents. He gives countless hours and personal time to make sure someone else in town gets a benefit. Leo answers every call.

Leo has quietly served this community for all his time here, with little loud or public announcement. He humbly gets on with public service and is probably the most altruistic participant any town could wish for. Leo served for years on town boards and committees. As a current Town Board member, Leo has working knowledge and is more than equipped for the job.

Leo wants Amenia to benefit from much needed municipal upgrades with the professional knowledge and experience to guide that process.

Leo is a fiscal watchdog for our taxes and will take care with all expenditures. Amenia has known for decades the need for a wastewater system and affordable housing. Leo is acutely aware of any large project not adversely impacting residents with high costs and increased or unfair taxes.

Leo recognizes that Amenia government needs improved functionality for residents prioritizing:

A Town web site that everyone can navigate and is useful, rather than the current version which is poorly used and disfunctional.

—Better systems and transparency, so residents can see and access basic information such as budgets and expenditures.

—A Team of elected members on the Town Board, staff in Town Hall and volunteers on the Town's Boards and Committees, working together toward common goals.

—Improved recognition of Town employees, volunteers, and committees, along with our library, fire departments, constables, courts, school district, and local business.

Leo has made himself available to Amenia, conducted a polite, courteous campaign, and has done this while totally compliant with the NYS Board of Elections rules. The right to vote for representation is a privilege and an opportunity to support the best person for the job.

Leo is on the Democrat ballot line, but is offering to serve everybody in Amenia,

Andy Durbridge
Wassaic

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LETTERS

Write-in support for Ahmed

Serving on town board is neither glorious nor glamorous, so to those who volunteer themselves for the task, a degree of respect is due, but never deference. Tough questions should be asked of those responsible for running our town, and there is a candidate who is asking them relentlessly.

Munawar Ahmed is running for Amenia Town Supervisor on a write-in campaign. Munawar is pronounced "Muh-NOW-wer" which rhymes with flower. Unlike her legacy party rivals who have been planning their campaigns for a while, Munawar got into the race this summer, indignant over several quality-of-life issues. She is running in an authentic civic spirit to be a citizen-servant to our town, and her outsider's perspective will be a welcome change.

Munawar has an Ivy League master's in education and solves organizational problems for a living as an engineer. She will seek solutions to Amenia's issues from sources beyond government such as the private sector and non-profits. Raising her family in Wassaic, Munawar realizes that it's more important that an issue gets resolved than it is for government to get credit for resolving it.

For these reasons I hope you'll join me in writing Munawar Ahmed (spelling counts!) on the ballot for Amenia Town Supervisor!

Daniel Donnelly
Amenia

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OUR TOWNS

Franklin Avenue trees removed, to be replaced

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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A number of trees on Franklin Avenue in Millbrook, including one that once stood in front of Millbrook Floral Design and the Millbrook Pharmacy, have been cut down and are due to be replaced.

MILLBROOK — There are five things missing on Franklin Avenue.

There are stumps where some trees used to stand: in front of Alicia Adams Alpaca, the Millbrook Diner, the Millbrook Pharmacy and Millbrook Floral Design, the Aztec Agency near Church Street and Franklin Avenue, and Stewarts.

The trees were marked with yellow tape in April. One was dying. The others either extended beyond the space allowed by the state for tree/street/sidewalk ratio, or the tree roots extended beyond permitted boundaries. Looking at the surrounding areas, one can see where the roots actually forced up bricks and cement, making sidewalks uneven and unsafe for many.

Deirdre Houston, Dutchess County legislator for District 25 and owner of Millbrook Floral Design for more than 10 years, misses the tree that stood outside her business at 3272 Franklin Ave. "I knew this was coming," she said. "The trees had been marked for removal and I understood why. I appreciate that the Village Board looked for other solutions first, but in the end, sidewalk safety won out."

Mike Herzog, a Village of Millbrook trustee and chair of the Shade Tree Commission, said the removal of the stumps and the replacing of the concrete is dependent on the permit for the work being obtained from the New York State Department of Transportation—Franklin Avenue is a state road—and when the permit is approved, because the weather will influence the work schedule. If the permit doesn't come until after Dec. 1, then work will have to wait until spring, as the cement and asphalt companies close for the winter.

Herzog was happy that the village was able to work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Urban Forestry to determine which trees would be good replacement trees, meant for urban plantings and able to deal with alkaline and salt. The public was invited to a previously held meeting the Tree Commission had with Urban Forestry where they had input as to which urban-friendly trees they would like.

The project has been funded by grants, and an extension has been permitted for the work to be completed in 2024 if the 2023 deadline isn't possible.

PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Will Tieger, 6, left, and Arlo Tieger, 3, right, paint pumpkins with their mother, Emily, at North East Community Center's "Halloween Kids' Market" event on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Millerton Farmers Market.

NECC hosts Halloween event at farmers market

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — On Saturday, Oct. 28, with bright skies and warm temperatures, the North East Community Center (NECC) held a "Halloween Kids' Market" event at the Millerton Farmers Market.

Children painted pumpkins outside at a table under an awning. Will and Arlo Tieger, who were there with their mother, Emily, were enjoying painting. "It's a great day," said their mother. "A fun, unexpected morning."

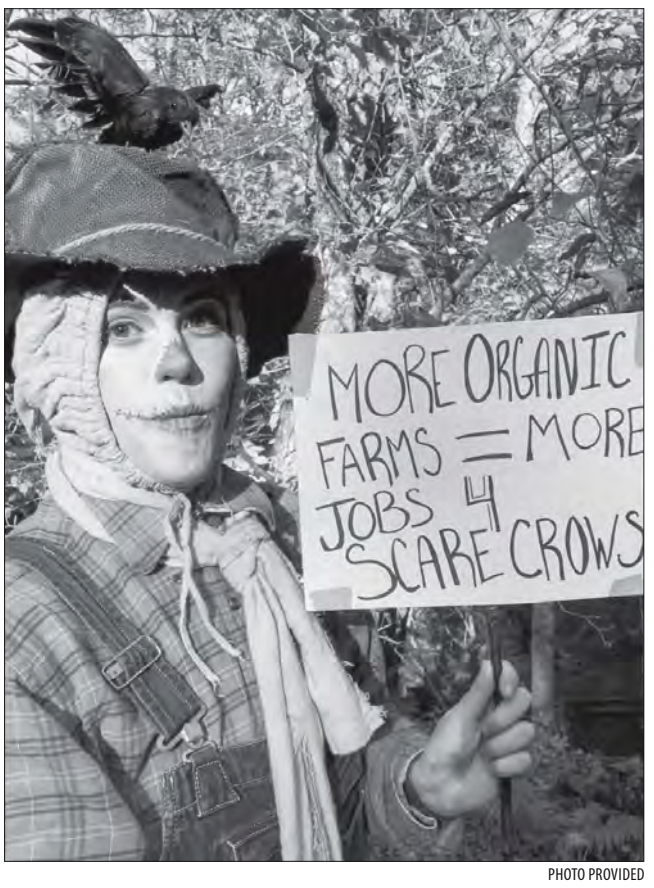
Catty-corner from the pumpkin painting was the farmstand of Jon Willmott of 6 Acre Farm in Millerton. Willmott grows Cinnamon Girl, Racer, Gumdrop, and Giant pumpkins. On display with his pumpkins were jars of pickled hot cherry peppers and dried cherry tomatoes. He plants flowers to attract pollinators that help his crops along. Around the cosmos, "It looks like a busy airport," he said.

Inside the Millerton Methodist Church, musician Tom Hanford played Halloween-inspired music on his guitar, harmonica and mouth harp. He wore a jacket decorated with skeletons. The audience played along with shakers and scarves and made witch, werewolf, ghost, vampire and zombie noises as needed.

"It's always good to play at the Millerton Farmer's Market Halloween Event," said Hanford. "I think this is the fourth time I've performed for the kids and their grown-ups at Halloween time and they are always enthusiastic and willing to have fun."

McEnroe Shindig to feature food, libations, performance art, education

By DEBORAH MAIER
Special to The Millerton News



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Performance artist Sage Dugan will entertain guests as a scarecrow at the McEnroe Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 4.

MILLERTON — On Saturday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 5 p.m., McEnroe Organic Farm will host a fundraising Shindig rain or shine at its store at 5409 Route 22.

The event, which supports the future of climate-resilient farming, will feature a farm-to-table meal, square dancing, performance artists, local beer and wine, a silent auction and environmental education.

Performance artists Sage Dugan, playing a hapless scarecrow with a fear of crows; interactive performer Fritz Donnelly; and Megan Sipe of Chocolate Dances will entertain the crowd with agriculture-, composting- and sustainability-related acts and facts.

Hayride tours of the compost facility are also envisioned, which may be more weather-dependent.

All proceeds from the Shindig will support McEnroe Organic Farm's mission, which is, according to its statement, to recycle 8,000 cubic yards of food waste, equivalent to 200 school buses; to divert food waste from landfills to support a constellation of 800 farms in the Northeast; and to host free, accessible public workshops, events and apprenticeships focused on composting and conservation.

Tickets begin at $10 and are available at the door as well as online. A link to tickets and more information can be found at facebook.com/mcenroeorganicfarm.

Students to share their storytelling skills

ANCRAM — Ancram Opera House (AOH), 1330 County Route 7, will host "Real People Real Stories: Taconic Hills Edition," featuring fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students from Taconic Hills Central School District showcasing their storytelling skills on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m.

AOH co-director Paul Ricciardi began conducting storytelling workshops for students at Taconic Hills Elementary School in 2020, which has since expanded to include more that 300 Taconic Hills students as well as teaching artists from AOH. The program has become an ongoing component of the middle-school writing curriculum.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ancram Opera House at 518-329-0114 or info@ancramoperahouse.org

Webinar to honor Native American Heritage Month

CHATHAM — The Columbia County Libraries Association is honoring Native American Heritage Month on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. with a Zoom program featuring Shawn Stevens (Red Eagle), who is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, whose ancestral lands cover the Hudson Valley as well as Berkshire County in Massachusetts.

An ordained minister in the Universal Church of Light as well as a certified facilitator of the White Bison Mending Broken Hearts program, Stevens' talents and interest include storytelling, Indigenous medicine, and traditional Native American dance, drums and song. His presentation will feature discussion of the history, traditions and modern culture of the Stockbridge-Munsee people.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact merka@chatham.k12.ny.us

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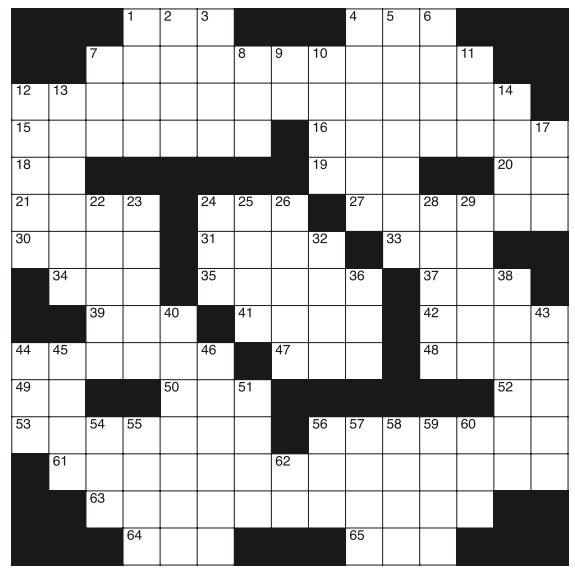

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56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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Woodcrafts sale to benefit school projects in Kenya

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — From a factory where he first learned his craft to his upcoming November charity sale at the Irondale Schoolhouse, John Roccanova has been producing unique wooden objects for decades.

He honed his skill as a hobby in the Bronx where he "created one-of -kind pieces" for himself and his wife and then began "taking commissions for furniture and sculpture."

A master's degree in art therapy/art education from the College of New Rochelle led to teaching woodworking in numerous schools throughout New York.

As he taught his students the value of producing projects that could benefit others in need, he completed his career with a 31-year stint as a technology/shop teacher in the Webutuck Central School District.

Because many of his creations are so unusual, Roccanova noted, people are often curious about how he produces such a variety. He explained that, for example, to make a checkered inlay in salad bowls, "I cut wedge-shaped pieces of wood and glue them into rings and then 'sandwich' them between two circular pieces of wood. The bowl is then shaped and sanded on my wood-turning lathe followed by four coats of finish."

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John Roccanova completes a toy tractor by applying a child-safe finish.

Bowls are but one of the items including platters, tea boxes, rolling pins, cutting boards, candle holders, earrings, toys and other wood items which he will be selling to help support his and his wife Jean's "Woodcrafts for a Cause" at the sale in November.

Since they begin supporting charitable work in Kenya in 2010, the majority of his work has been sold to supply funds there for schools, community wells and trees.

A project there particularly close to his heart provides bicycles for students to ride from their distant locations to the village school, whose computer room the Rocconovas funded. The bicycle program has been so successful in helping students manage the primitive roads that it has been duplicated in other areas.

Rocconova's ability to provide funding arises from the unique objects that are about as far from the world of AI and plastic molds as the muddy roads of Kenya are from Main Street in Millerton.

With items the result of 1,000 hours of work each year in his Ancramdale workshop, every year brings something new. The current specialty is a hospitality set, which converts on one side from a cheese tray complete with a little knife to a platter for chips with a dip bowl in the middle.

Rocconova was careful to explain that all items of that sort are sealed with material designed for "human use," as are the many wooden toys that easily travel from floors to tubs.

His treasures are crafted using mainly local woods including walnut, cherry, oak, ash, maple, poplar and mahogany, which he sources from everywhere from the woodpile for his wood stove to the wooden staves provided by a beer- and whiskey-producing friend.

In addition to earning funds for the anti-poverty program through the Irondale sale, Roccanova also welcomes buyers throughout the year to his home. For an appointment, email growagainstpoverty@gmail.com

The sale will take place at the Irondale Schoolhouse, 16 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11; Sunday, Nov. 12; Saturday, Nov. 18; Sunday, Nov. 19; and Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The former Holiday House, 2871 Route 23 in Hillsdale, included a 5-bedroom, 3-bath farmhouse with a 26-unit motel beside it on 4 acres. It sold on June 23 for $1.1 million, and renovation has already begun.

Recent property sales in the Town of Hillsdale

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

Sales of property over the four summer months of June through September in Hillsdale exhibit extreme price segmentation. Of the 13 total properties sold, six closed under $400,000; three between $700,000 and $1 million; and four over $1 million.

While inventory of properties actively listed for sale is at a historic low in many towns, Hillsdale has a wide assortment of properties for sale. There are 15 parcels of land available ranging in price from $275,000 to $1.695 million; six multi-unit residential properties; and 23 single family residences – only two are listed below $400,000 and 11 are over $1 million.

June 2023

2851 State Route 23, 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom single-family home of 805 square feet, sold for $290,000

73 Stone Ledge Road, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home, sold for $357,000

2871 State Route 23, 5-bedroom, 3-bath farmhouse with adjoining 26-unit motel on 4 acres, sold for $1.1 million

July 2023

2573 State Route 23, 3-bedroom, 1-bath home of 988 square feet, sold for $231,000

36 Hunt Road, 4-bedroom, 2-bath home, sold for $295,000

123 Taconic Creek, 2-bedroom, 2-bath home on 9.6 acres, sold for $1.4 million

August 2023

9361 State Route 22, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sold for $705,000

225 Mitchell St., 4-bedroom, 3-bath house on 8.7 acres, sold for $1.8 million

66 Wolf Hill, 4-bedroom, 5-bath home on 20.24 acres, sold for $945,000

September 2023

233 Mitchell St., 3-bedroom, 2-bath house, sold for $995,000

40 Marsten Lane, 4-bedroom, 2-bath house, sold for $329,000

30 Otter Lane, 4-bedroom, 3-bath house on 8.5 acres, sold for $1.375 million

10118 State Route 22, 1.61-acre residential building lot, sold for $12,800

Town of Hillsdale in Columbia County residential sales closed from June 1 to September 30, 2023 and active current listings sourced from Mid-Hudson MLS.

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Rotary hosts gathering at Millbrook Winery

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Rotary Club hosted a gathering on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery for members and advertisers.

Advertisers help to sponsor the Rotary's Business Directory each year, and the gathering is a means of saying thank you and introducing the sponsors and the members. Wine, soda and other beverages were available along with an assortment of finger foods from Simply Gourmet in LaGrange, and a variety of cookies and other sweets, including homemade Swedish butter cookies from past Millbrook Rotary Club President Mona Staaf Gunther, who made them from her mother's recipe.

PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, Kathy Kruger and David Kruger, Pleasant Valley Rotarians; Peter Sullivan, Rotary district governor; Mona Staaf Gunther, former Millbrook Rotary president; and longtime members Nan and David Greenwood, who is also a past president.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

he South Amenia Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Parish House of the South Amenia Presbyterian Church for the election of officers and trustees and the transaction of other such business as may legally come before it.

Amiee C. Duncan
Secretary
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Art. Of Org. Solidago Home, LLC, filed with SSNY on 7/13/2023. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 Woodlea Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Home and Garden Organization.

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Lyall Community Church offers biweekly lunch, conversation

MILLBROOK — Lyall Community Church, 30 Maple Ave., hosts a community lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Each event includes soup, sandwich, dessert and conversation. There is no cost for lunches, but donations are appreciated. For more information about the lunches, or how to volunteer or donate desserts, contact 845-677-3485 or communications@lyallmemorial.org

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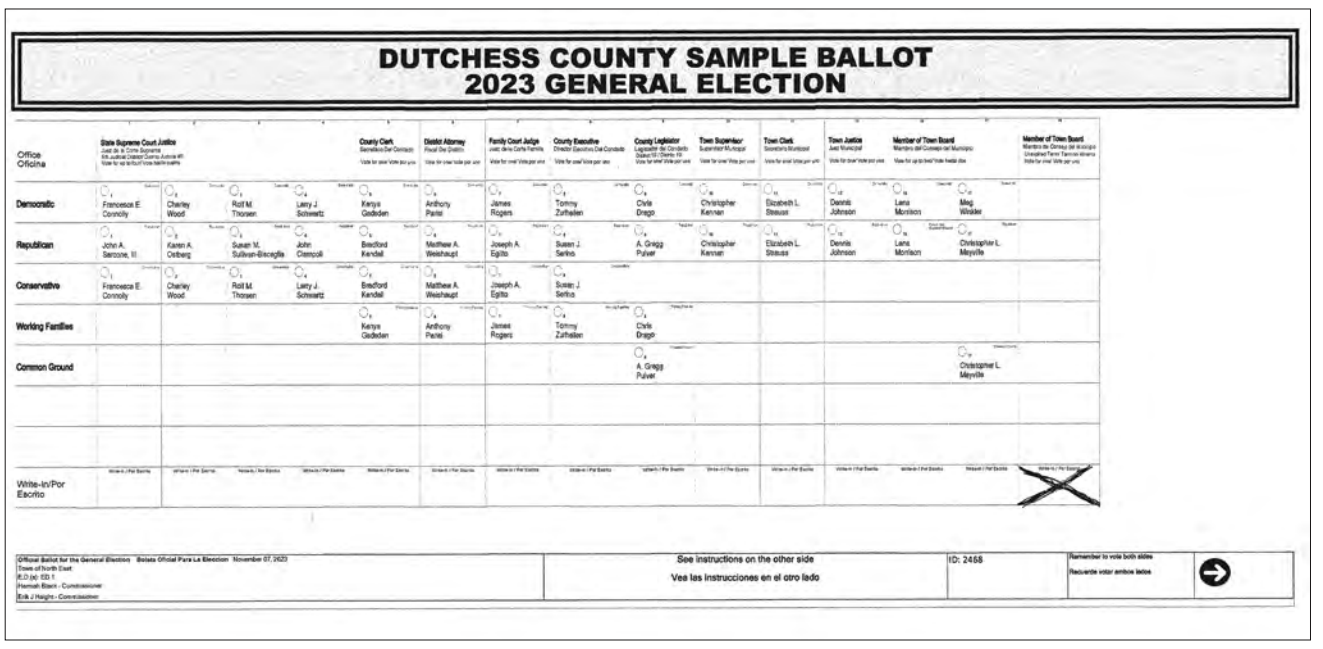

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A sample ballot for the Town of North East. The X in the lower right-hand corner denotes the proper place to write in a candidate.

Tommy Zurhellen, a professor at Marist College and a writer, who is relying on strong support from veterans.

Democrat Anthony Parisi is running against Republican Matt Weishaupt after Republican William Grady announced he would step down after four decades serving as the county's district attorney. Republican Brad Kendall, Dutchess County clerk since 2007, is opposed again by Democrat Kenya Gadsden from Beacon, who ran against him in 2019, when she received 45.22% of the vote.

Democrat James Rogers, who has a career in legal aid and social justice, is running for a 10-year term as Dutchess County Family Court judge, focusing on the court's poor record of removing children from their families. Rogers is facing off against incumbent Republican Joseph Egitto.

In the hotly contested District 19 of the Dutchess County Assembly, popular incumbent Gregg Pulver faces energetic newcomer Chris Drago in the district, which includes the towns of North East, Pine Plains, Stanford and Milan. Pulver, the chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature, emphasizes tax cuts and infrastructure investment while Drago is promoting new leadership and better services for county residents.

Lastly each of our local towns are holding elections for supervisor, clerk, judge and town board, and each seems to have a special situation. Amenia has a tough race for town supervisor, pitting incumbent Republican Victoria Perotti against Democrat Leo Blackman with a write-in campaign by management consultant Munawar Ahmed. Ancram has another fierce race for supervisor, with Democrat Bonnie Hundt running against former Democrat, now a Republican, James MacArthur.

In the Town of North East, which was expecting an uncontested election, the issue of an incorrect ballot may produce surprising results. Republican Commissioner of the Dutchess County Board of Elections Erik J. Haight confirmed that no ballots will be invalidated for the Tuesday, Nov. 7, election if they contain a mistake in voting for Town of North East board members. Voters who wish to select a candidate for the two-year unexpired term where no candidates are listed may write in a name in the signature bar on the far right of the ballot—see sample ballot below with X denoting correct placement.

For the three North East seats that are not contested—town supervisor, town clerk and town justice, please only vote once. Voters are free to write in candidates for any elected office on the ballot, from state Supreme Court justice to county executive.

After last week's Millerton News story about the North East ballot mix-up prompted by Ed Stillman's Letter to the Editor, Stillman remarked, "A number of people have told me that my letter and your article were the first they'd heard of the situation. People seem understanding that mistakes happen but frustrated that they were only hearing about it so close to the election."

On Sunday, Oct. 29, the North East Democrats sent out their first direct communication to Democrats about the ballot confusion with a recommendation on how to vote. "If you want to support [Councilwoman] Meg [Winkler], please vote for her in two spots (legal because these are two different roles). Please fill in the bubble next to her name for the 4-year role AND write her name in for the 2-year role. Remember, spelling counts."

FRIENDSHIP *Continued from Page A1*

Friendship Calls. Volunteers will be matched with an older adult who has similar hobbies or interests. The volunteer will make one call per week for eight weeks. The call should be 20-30 minutes long. After the eight weeks, Tancredi hopes friendships will have begun and "the calls will continue organically." Anyone interested in making Friendship Calls should contact him at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Schultz is looking for people to deliver meals during the week on a route that takes about 45 minutes to complete. "Lots of volunteers: That's what makes it work," said Schultz. Food is delivered to homes Monday through Friday, and anyone interested in delivering meals should call her at the Center at 518-789-3081. Ideas for programs or performances are also welcome.

To find out about home-delivered meals and eligibility for them, contact Tancredi.

The Friendship Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd. A donation of $5 is welcome, but not required, and the Center is accessible.

MOVIES *Continued from Page A1*

followed by "The Girl," "The Library," "A Walk in the Woods," and "Held Back." All of the stories held some element of fright interspersed with real-life situations, such as a dissatisfied teacher handing back papers, learning a lesson about a full moon, fellow students morphing into monsters, and strange happenings in the library. Only one story had an actual adult in it, who played both a teacher and a devil, and that individual was Karen Lundeen, one of the founders of SOAR.

The production came about through the collaborative efforts of SOAR Executive Director Lauren Brown and Kip Williams, a board member of The Moviehouse. General Manager Jeremy Boviard greeted the audience and introduced the films. At the end, he opened a question-and-answer session, praising the youths for their hard work and the quality of their endeavors.

What came through in the Q&A was the fact that while the students had fun producing the films, they also learned from the experience and came to appreciate the talents of others. They were given a certain amount of autonomy, but all said that the grown-ups were indispensable, and they were grateful for SOAR, without which, they all agreed, not even half a minute of film could have been created.

SOAR was begun in 2000 by Zenas Block, who served on the SCS board of finance for many years. As a chemist, business school professor and entrepreneur, he worked with C. Bynek Gold, the school's principal, to develop a program that would enrich the school's other curriculum. They were aided by Karen Lundeen, SOAR's first program director.

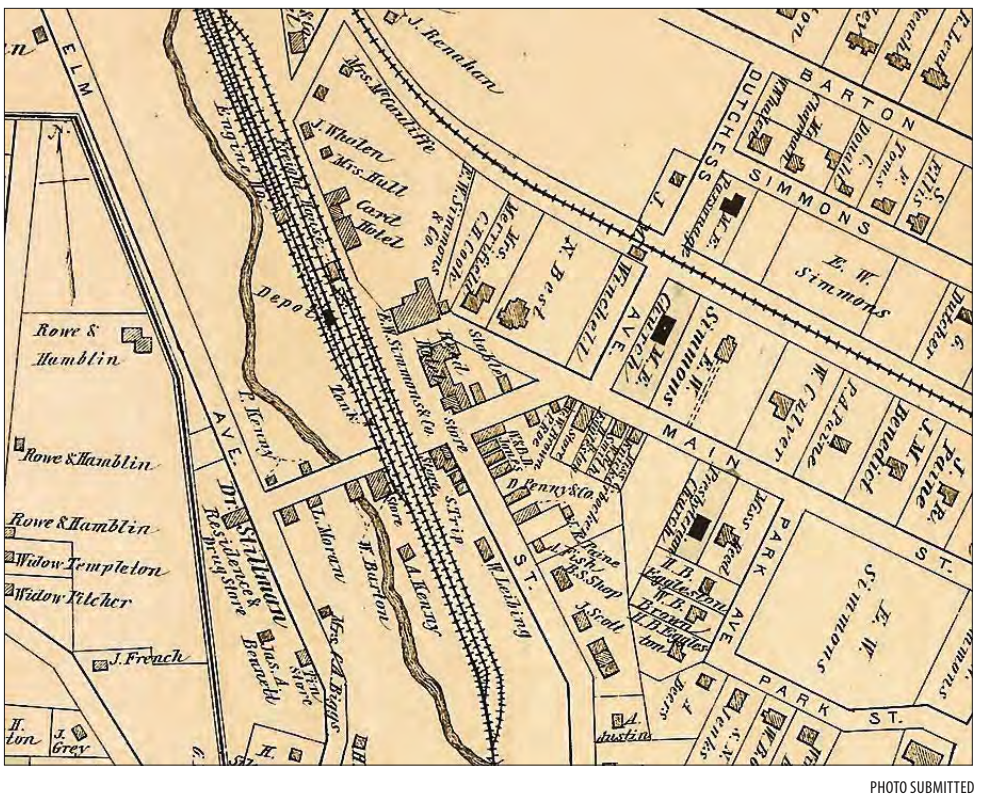
SOAR also provides after-school programs, in-school author visits, assemblies and reading programs, and gives small grants to SCS for field trips and other programs. SOAR also hosts community-building programs that allow SCS students to engage with the wider community in positive and meaningful ways.

MAPS *Continued from Page A1*

the impact of the railroads on commerce and the development of the Village of Millerton and the town's numerous hamlets. Other maps show the terrain and agricultural soils so key to the town's ability to sustain its agricultural heritage.

In addition, two modern maps show off the town's two historic districts that are on the National Register of Historic Places as well as on New York's own registry.

The exhibit is open during library hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

The Ungardener reviews the new fall cleanup

Thinking small in the Fall

The Ungardener
Dee Salomon

Most of us know that the expression 'fall cleanup' has become something of a misnomer. In our preparation for winter we are encouraged not to clean up the dead leaves or cut down plants as they become the winter homes for insects and other animals that keep the food chain of our habitats viable. This will look unkempt to some but may evoke a new, enlightened point of view as in 'I understand things about nature that I did not before and have changed my behavior and broadened my aesthetic in response." Or maybe you just want to save the fireflies. Admirable either way.

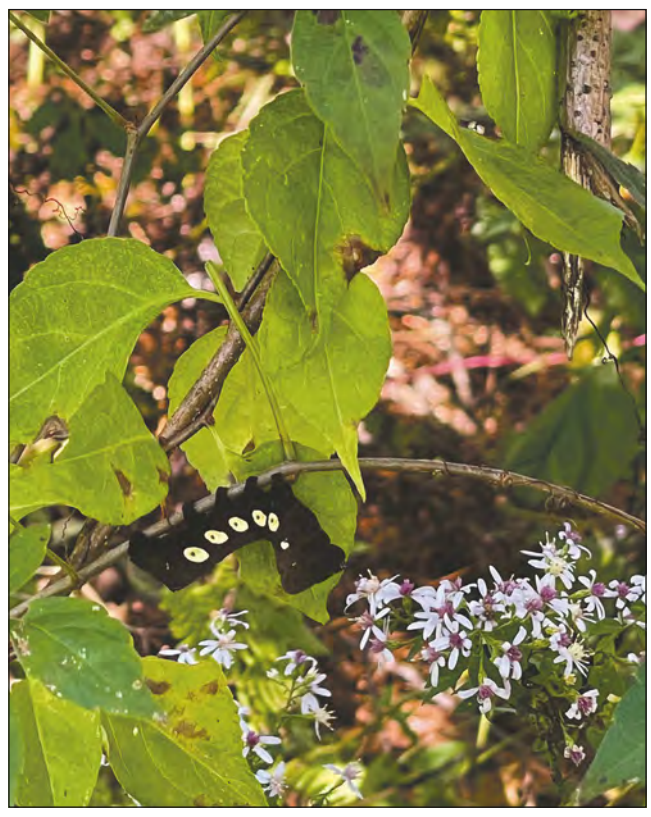
Habitats are delicate places where small changes have big impacts. We can augment birds' essential insect diet by not shredding the leaves which on which next year's insect eggs were laid. We can abet the spring awakening of pollinator bees that have moved into the hollow of goldenrod stems to ride out winter. The outcomes of collectively making small changes like these extend even to the human food chain. And the efforts made in the name of nature's caretaking — however small — can also improve one's mood and outlook.

The recent horrific news from the Middle East, on top of everything else going on in the world, sent me into an inertia powered by fear and depression. For two days I was unable to go outside for more than a dog walk. I recalled how I felt after the 9/11 attacks: a similar type of paralysis. At that time, the thing that got me back to myself was cleaning. Small tasks done meticulously: arranging drawers and closets, cleaning the floor, detailing the kitchen. At least I had control here when I had no control over the larger events that had sent me into that state of mind.

Reminded of that, I went outside to tackle more of my fall cleanup. Starting small, I concentrated on some bothersome plants that have been creeping into more space at the outside edge of the woods. One of these is a type of persicaria with small pink flowers that has efficiently spread outward into the lawn thanks to the lawnmower and crept into the woods by foot traffic. Oriental Lady's Thumb Persicaria longiseta is a familiar plant to all of us and resembles a taller, native version, Persicaria pensylvanica.

Kneeling on a pad I pulled out five or six trugs-worth of the stuff. In its place I planted a native grass mix from Prairie Moon Nursery. It took me a couple of days to get this boring job done.

Something about the narrow focus and repetitive nature of the work seemed to be just what I needed.



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Before cutting down a bittersweet vine the Ungardener notices a Pandora Sphinx caterpillar on its way to a nearby Virginia creeper, which is part of its diet.

Did I feel better? Of course! I was outside. I had accomplished a task. I had a sense of improving something; something I had control of. The persicaria will come back next year and the next; no doubt about that. But the effort has stopped it from spreading even more.

I recommend using this time of year to replace your old fall cleanup routine with invasive removal and planting of native perennials that require overwintering. Most herbaceous plants—native and not— have already gone to seed but those like the Persicaria longiseta are not gripping the soil and are easy to pull. Stiltgrass falls into that category. Young woody plants like burning bush are also easy to pull this time of year. In their place you can plant seed — maybe simply a shake of some aster seed off of a plant in your yard. Or seeds sourced from a reputable native seed company. Steer clear of wildflower mixes from big brands — I have noticed that they often contain non-native and even invasive seed. Ernst Seeds is a reliable source for native seeds with a helpful seed-finder tool on their website.

I will still spray the boxwood and holly with Wilt-Pruf and root prune a few shrubs I intend to re-situate in the spring. The dahlia tubers need to be dug up and stored and young trees need their tree guards installed. I have taken photos of areas I plan on changing a bit next year and will document my ideas so they are ready for spring action. There is still some time left to accomplish these tasks as well as those that will be helpful to our animal neighbors in our shared habitat.

Healing nature and ourselves.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

HISTORY: ALEXANDER WILBURN

November casts spotlight on Native American stories

As theatergoers flock to cinemas to see director Martin Scorsese's adaptation of New Yorker journalist David Grann's 2017 book "Killers of The Flower Moon," detailing the tragic murders of Osage Native Americans in Oklahoma, several area organizations in Connecticut and New York State are honoring the history and heritage of the Northeast's Indigenous tribes.

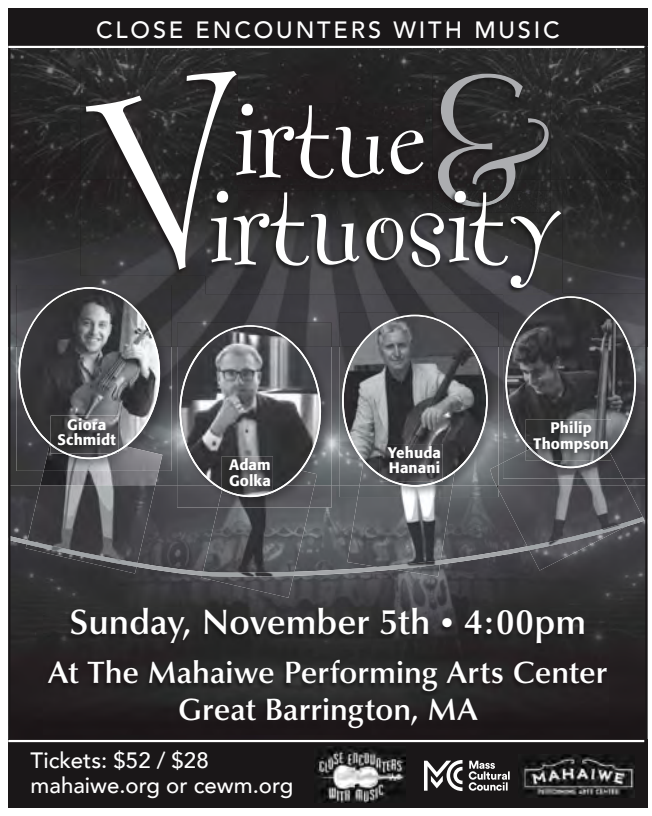
At David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., Schaghticoke Tribal Nation member Darlene Kascak, education director for The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum and Research Center in Washington, Conn., will share an interactive presentation of the history of Connecticut's Indigenous people on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. Per The Institute's research, the state's name Connecticut originated as an Algonkian word translated as "place of the long water" — Quinnetukut. Kascak's Schaghticoke Tribe shares a long history with the state's land, deeply entwined with the Housatonic River. The river, which runs through Western Connecticut and drains into the Long Island Sound, was also occupied by the Algonquins and originally by the Mohicans, an Eastern Algonquian Native American tribe that historically called Housatonic "usi-a-di-en-uk" or "beyond the mountain place." The river was sometimes known as "Pootatuck" or "The Great River" until the 18th century.

Earlier in the month, on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 12:30 p.m., The Institute for American Indian Studies will hold a service in honor of Veterans Day, memorializing the military service of Native Americans throughout the history of the nation's conflicts, both domestic and overseas. The event will be led by Gary Tinney of the Golden Hill Paugussett Indian Nation, a state-recognized Native American tribe with a reservation in Trumbull, Conn. He will be joined by the Yootây Singers Drum Group from Mashantucket, Conn. Culturally, drum circles have been traditionally used to gather participants in a ritual of healing, equity, and shared consciousness.

Also on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., the Spencertown Academy Arts Center in Spencertown, N.Y., will present "Still Here: A Survival Story of Indigenous People" led by activist and historian Heather Bruegl, a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and first-line descendant of The Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Tribe, who has presented her research at Bard and Vassar Colleges. She was a guest speaker at the first ever Indigenous People's March in Washington, D.C., in 2019.

For those looking to explore further, there is The Forge Project, a Hudson Valley, N.Y., initiative founded in 2021 by Zach Feuer and Becky Gochman. Housed in a residence designed by Chinese contemporary artist Ai Weiwei built on the ancestral homelands of the Moh-He-Con-Nuck, The Forge Project is host to a rich collection of contemporary work by living Indigenous artists, including Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, a Cowichan/Syilx First Nations painter from Canada and Nicholas Galanin, a Tlingit and Unangax multi-disciplinary artist from Alaska.

Dining



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BOOKS: MAUD DOYLE

Two lives, two journeys: Memoirists capture and share experiences

Authors Tara Kelly and Ralph Sneeden read from and discussed their recent memoirs, "No Last Words" and "The Legible Element" at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Conn., on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The memoirs are two different animals, and as the excerpts demonstrated, the authors are two different writers: Kelly's prose is bell-clear, her use of each detail decisive (she is a journalist), while Sneeden takes the scenic route, wandering associatively among his memories (he is a poet).

Marriage and divorce provide the framework for "No Last Words"—specifically, Kelly's apparently glamorous marriage to a playboy alcoholic which, over the course of the book, she learns to see more and more clearly, until she can finally free herself from it.

In the passage that Kelly read aloud, her husband commands her to "wood" Raven—that is, to more or less take apart then reconstitute a boat named Raven. After some initial resistance, she agrees, and the Maine November finds her alone in a boatyard, alternately taking refuge in the workmanship of the task, and struggling against the dull bludgeon of tedium.

Speaking afterwards, Kelly nearly described the book as detailing "the things that happened to me," but stopped herself—"everything that 'happened to me' happened because I said 'yes,'" said Kelly, "until I said 'no.'"

In the writing of the book, she sorted among different selves, with differing degrees of agency she said—"the Tara it 'happened to,' the Tara who's remembering it now, the Tara who's putting it on the page."

"The Legible Element" is a made up of essays that share the trope of water, as Sneeden seeks to better know himself by experimenting with different water sports (surfing, sailing, fishing, scuba diving, swimming, and skating).

In Sneeden's words, the book describes "the foibles of a complete amateur bumbling through these activities because he wants to be connected with water in some way."

The self he seeks in the book is amorphous and inclusive. He said he wanted to examine "the guilt or shame or selfishness—all things people have accused me of."

"I wanted to get as close as possible to what I'm actually like," said Sneeden.

Moderated by John Coston, Editor-in-Chief of The Lakeville Journal, the conversation was the latest installment of the White Hart Speaker Series hosted by Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., and the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, which has hosted such writers as Simon Winchester, Samin Nosrat, and Susan Orlean in informal conversation.

PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Featured artists Jean Saliter and Lynn Fowler attended the grand opening of the Art Bar & Cafe.

NIGHTLIFE: RILEY KLEIN

Art gallery and wine bar open in Union Station

Oil paintings, watercolors, landscapes and sketches filled the upper level of Union Station in North Canaan, Conn., for the grand opening of Art Bar & Cafe on Friday, Oct. 27.

Works by area artists lined the corridors with even more Northwest Corner creations hanging within the new wine bar above Great Falls Brewing.

Chris Tripler, owner of both the Art Bar & Cafe and Great Falls Brewing, said the inspiration to open a community art gallery arose from the unexpected success of a pop-up gallery at the brewery earlier this year.

"We were amazed by the number of people who showed up," said Tripler. "It was largely folks that never come to the tap room."

With so many art lovers in the area, Tripler felt the Community Gallery seemed like a perfect fit for North Canaan. After getting a few tips from a nearby art critic, including the ideal height to hang art in a gallery (the center of the image should be 57 inches from the ground), the gallery at Art Bar & Cafe was born.

From left, Pat Graf, Chris Tripler, and Bunny Mcguire on Oct. 27

Melanie Teardo, manager of the Art Bar & Cafe, said the addition to downtown North Canaan brings "something unique to the area. Definitely nice to have a little bit of night life around here."

On the new gallery, she said it creates "a sense of community" among local artists. "You don't have to be an expert painter to be a part of it."

On Oct. 27, work from several featured artists was on display, including ink and watercolor art from Jean Saliter of Salisbury. Saliter holds a photography degree with a minor in painting and said her interest in watercolor developed while at home during the pandemic.

"There was just so many hours in a day, so I thought 'why not teach yourself patience?' and I got some watercolors," said Saliter. "I just sat down and painted day in and day out. I taught myself from YouTube tutorials and books and mimicry."

Many of the pieces on display by Saliter showed intricately inked outlines of insects that were brought to life by an overlay of bright watercolor highlights.

At the Art Bar & Cafe, paper and pencils were placed on each table to keep the creative juices flowing, along with cocktails, wine, and beer, all sourced within Connecticut. Appetizers from Freund's Farm were also on the menu.

Saliter and fellow featured artist Lynn Fowler, along with a Lakeville Journal reporter, collaborated for a blind multi-artist sketch during the grand opening. Fowler drew the head, then folded the paper to allow Saliter to independently draw the torso. The reporter then poorly added legs and feet to complete the haphazard portrait of what looked to be an overweight beach bum in a feathered cap.

"Come to Canaan and have fun," said Fowler.

Visitors can tour the Community Gallery on the second floor of Union Station each day and the art on display is available for purchase. The Art Bar & Cafe will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 9. p.m.

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ANIMALS: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Ghosts, goblins, and good dogs at Haystack Pet Parade

Despite an early threat of rain, plus the presence of twenty some leaping dogs in Halloween costumes, and a few mysterious ghosts and goblins, the First Annual Norfolk Haystack Pet Parade went off without a hitch.

Overlooking the City Meadow with Haystack Mountain in the distance, the newly enhanced Robertson Plaza in the center of Norfolk was the perfect spot for the lively event, which attracted folks from eight months to eighty years, and their pets.

Organizer Vishal Grover, treasurer of the Norfolk Foundation said, "Vinita Patterson, a Norfolk resident, approached the Norfolk Foundation with the idea of a Halloween costume pet parade. We have been partnering with Mission Impact, the youth group of the Norfolk Church of Christ UCC, and their Pastor Erick Olsen. They helped organize our Halloween event, baking treats and making popcorn, and decorating. The Norfolk Library and Botelle School have been wonderfully supportive in promoting the event."

The Norfolk Foundation, founded in 2015, is a nonprofit group whose mission is "to contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Norfolk, particularly in relation to the town's natural setting and multiple artistic and cultural attractions."

As the crowd began to gather on the cobblestone plaza, dogs of every size, shape, and breed appeared with their humans, some in coordinating costumes. There was a tiny Bichon bumblebee, a massive Superman boxer, a tail-wagging black bat with wings, a Harry Potter terrier, a tiny Yorkie pirate, a hot dog hound, a pumpkin dachshund, and a boisterous black lab with an iridescent dinosaur costume. A gentle retriever had the proper decorum as Sherlock Holmes, and the dog Pippa wore a blonde wig, re-enacting the iconic photograph of a wind-blown Marilyn Monroe- complete with a grid to stand on.

All the dogs and their owners behaved themselves as they paraded around the plaza under the wise gaze of the Owl of Good Fortune, a bronze sculpture by Norfolk resident Jon Riedeman. There was cider and popcorn, home-baked cookies, candies, and a great display of dog treats that were handed out to each patient and cooperative pooch. Even the sun cooperated.

Vishal Grover credited his dog Teddy with connecting him with more neighbors in Norfolk, from many walks of life. He quoted from the book "Sapiens" by Yuval Noah Harari: "The dog was the first animal domesticated by Homo sapiens. A 15,000-year bond has yielded a much deeper understanding and affection between humans and dogs than between humans and any other animal."

Everyone in attendance agreed that the First Annual Haystack Pet Costume Parade was great fun, and will become a Norfolk Halloween tradition.

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Top right, Monty the golden retriever as Sherlock Holmes, clockwise from top, Vishal Grover, Treasurer of The Norfolk Foundation, with Teddy as a pirate, Fergus as Harry Potter, Erick Olsen and Doreen Kelly with Margaret as a bumblebee.

ACTIVITIES: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Jack-O-Lanterns by moonlight

Thirteen carved pumpkins flickered beneath the full moon, lifting the spirits of those who dared to stroll, or drive, down Jack-O-Lantern Lane in Goshen, Conn.

The Oct. 27 event was a combination of the town's annual Halloween party for youngsters with a new twist this year: a Jack-O-Lantern contest.

Contestants of all ages unleashed their spooky creativity and imaginations on big and small pumpkins, and visitors submitted votes for their favorites. Their creations ranged from ghoulish, to funny, to classy.

Goshen's Recreation Director Erin Reilly said she was excited by the turnout.

"I couldn't ask for more for our first year," she noted. "We hope to make it an annual event."

Reilly said the idea was inspired by her mom, Sandi, who had attended a hugely popular Jack-O-Lantern contest in Keene, New Hampshire. "She told me, 'You should do something like that.'"

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As for the full Hunter's Moon in near full peak, which Mother Nature provided as a fitting backdrop, Reilly laughed, "I didn't plan it that way."

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NOVEMBER 3

Bingo for Education is Back!

Lee H. Kellogg School, 47 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Scholarship Association (FVSA) announced that Bingo for Education is back this fall. FVSA will host this popular event on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village.

NOVEMBER 4

The Sweater Project

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

On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host Wendy Summer to talk about an Afghan initiative she created called "The Sweater Project" (TSP). TSP purchases yarn from local merchants in Kabul, Afghanistan, pays Afghan women to knit sweaters and then distributes the sweaters to destitute children living in internally displaced persons camps. It's a win-win for Afghan women and local yarn sellers to generate income and provide new and much needed warmth for the poorest Afghan children. Wendy Summer will talk about TSP and share photographs from her many trips to Afghanistan. This program is free and open to the public.

Mohawk Mountain Job Fair

Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, Conn. mohawkmtn.com

Join the team at Mohawk Mountain! A Job Fair will be held on Nov. 4, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Now hiring for the upcoming season. Open to everyone, no registration needed. Visit mohawkmtn.com for more information.

Cornwall Author Talk

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

On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m., live and via Zoom, the Cornwall Library presents A Special Evening with Robert Dance, author of *Ferocious Ambition: Joan Crawford's March to Stardom*. Robert Dance's latest book (he is also author of *The Savvy Sphinx: How Garbo Conquered Hollywood*) examines Joan Crawford's astonishing career and how she rose to become one of the biggest-ever stars during the golden age of Hollywood.

Mr. Dance will be in conversation with Dan Dwyer, book dealer and owner of Johnnycake Books in Salisbury. Together, they will discuss Crawford's relentless ambition and colorful private life and offer fascinating insight into the now lost golden age of Hollywood. The event will be followed by a book signing.

Registration is required at CornwallLibrary.org.

Cupcake Challenge! Fundraiser

The Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., North Canaan, Conn.

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NOVEMBER 11

Art Show, Poetry Reading, and Workshop

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

The Cornwall Library is excited to announce that artist and prize-winning poet Sally Van Doren is offering an art show, poetry reading, and exciting workshop at The Cornwall Library, exploring the intersection of poetry and art for poets. The combined art show opening and poetry reading by Sally Van Doren from her new book of poetry "Sibilance" is on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. "Poetry and Art, A Creative Writing Workshop with Sally Van Doren," takes place on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free registration for attendance is required at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Movie Night at Colonial Theatre

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., Canaan, Conn.

Boondocks Film Society Presents STRICTLY BALLROOM (1992) (dir. Baz Luhrmann) at Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. (film at 8:30 p.m.). Live flamenco film-inspired food and beverages, artist-designed commemorative poster and much more flair in store! Tickets: $22 (food and drink sold separately.)

NOVEMBER 12

Benefit Concert

Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Renowned musicians Jon Lafleur, Marthe Ryerson, and Donna Castanar will be coming together for a special concert to raise funds for various Community Outreach Services. The performance will occur on Nov. 12 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. The benefit concert will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are $20 per person and $50 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 860-364-5260 for more information.

Free Food Distribution

7 Sand Road, Canaan, Conn.

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be a free drive-thru food distribution at the Canaan Seventh-day Adventist Church at 7 Sand Road, Canaan, Conn. "First come, first served" while supplies last!

NOVEMBER 18

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.

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Call and Response

Souterrain Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, Conn.

A new show at the Souterrain Gallery: *Call and Response*, works by the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones and Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones of Trinity Retreat Center opened on Oct. 7. The exhibit runs through November.

Friends & Family Storytime

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. will host Friends & Family Storytime, which will feature songs, rhymes, and stories, as well as crafts and other activities.

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THEATER: DEBORAH MAIER

Series ponders state of performing arts

PHOTO BY DEBORAH MAIER

Early on the crisp and sunny morning of Monday, Oct. 23, about 35 people representing regional groups gathered in the recently renovated Stissing Center in Pine Plains, N.Y., to explore the status and future of theater in our region, led by a panel of six.

This first session of the Performing Arts Business Series was organized by Brett Bernardini, the Stissing Center's executive director, who moderated throughout. As a frame for the morning's work, Bernardini had shared a recent article from American Theatre magazine titled "Theatre in Crisis: What We're Losing, and What Comes Next," which listed a history of theater closures and some pointed questions as to causes, including the traditional nonprofit business model.

Requesting personal definitions of "sustainability" and "regional theater" in the present terms, Bernardini then introduced the keynote speaker, Harlem-based Jonathan McCrory, artistic director since 2012 of Barbara Ann Teer's National Black Theatre (NBT). McCrory spoke of both spiritual and practical aspects of sustaining the community and practice of theater-going.

Addressing the emotional tone of the article and the meeting's purpose, he spoke of grief and vulnerability—as experienced via COVID-19 and in the circumstances of the field they love.

Theater's role, he continued, is to promote clarity of the heart, a softening of humanity, "space to fall in love—with others, with yourself."

Panelists ponder 'sustainability'

Panelists present in this first session were New York Assemblymember Didi Barrett; Ron Hicks of Dutchess County Economic Development; Lou Trapani, director of the Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck; Ancram Opera House co-director Jeffrey Mousseau; and Michael Rhodes, artistic director of Tangent Theatre Company in Tivoli. A sixth scheduled panelist had tested positive for COVID and was absent.

A major point of discussion was real estate. Trapani called theater "a landlord's game," with the costs of running his own facility "$1,100 a day—to do no theater." As to possible help from grantmakers, they are not interested in this type of community theater, he averred.

McCrory outlined how NBT got its start with Teer's purchase of real estate in Harlem, leading to its present home in a 21-story mixed-use tower on upper Fifth Avenue, with its commercial space fronting on 125th Street—"a place to live, serve and create." For playwright and screenwriter Darrah Cloud, who was responsible for bringing McCrory to the presentation, this move away from depending on the nonprofit model makes sense, along with other changes to how things are done.

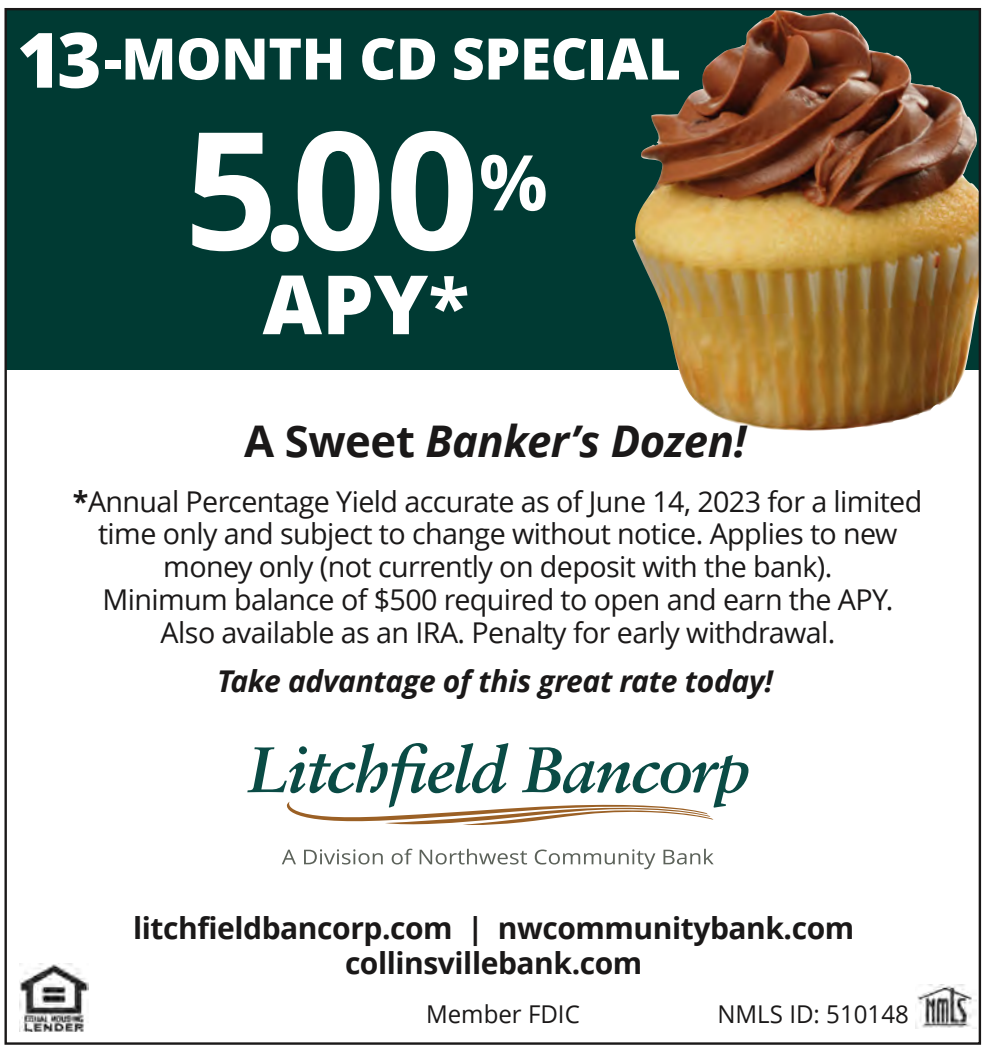
Declining audiences

"Older folks are not coming," Trapani and others lamented, citing distance, COVID-related concerns, and late-evening performances. By and large, it has traditionally been older, more financially secure patrons who most consistently support live theater. More matinees or earlier evening start times might draw in those who don't want to travel home at night, some suggested.

To an audience member's question as to how NBT so successfully attracts younger audiences, McCrory noted that NBT offers student residencies that have so far accommodated 300 young artists, holding 23 readings a year in which playwrights and actors are paid for their work.

As with other issues, the lack of affordable housing in our region loomed large in this discussion of creative businesses. "It all boils down to jobs," Trapani said, citing an Arts Mid-Hudson survey outlining the profits generated by the arts for restaurants, hotels and other businesses. Ron Hicks, crediting Barrett's $3 million affordable housing initiative, pled with the audience to "participate, know what affordable housing is!"

Future sessions in the series are scheduled for January, April, July and October 2024, similarly in each month's third week, at the Stissing Center unless the group decides otherwise.



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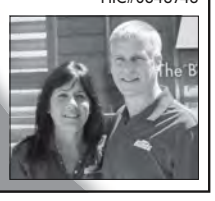

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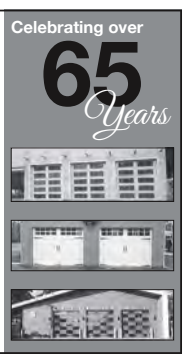

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