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**By LEILA HAWKEN
and NATALIA ZUKERMAN**
Special to The Millerton News

Food insecurity within the population has remained steady for the past 25 years, said Linda Quella, founder of Tri Corner FEED (Food Equity, Education, and Distribu-

The question becomes one of getting quality food to those who typically can't afford it, and getting

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The Berkshire Resilience Brass Band played in front the Millerton Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 4, during the first of the Winter Farmers Markets managed by the North East Community Center. From left, Dathalinn O'Dea, Eric Loffswold, Yonan Sadeh, Charlie Keil, Paul Uhry Newman, Shamu Sadeh, and Ken Liegner.

O'Neil's budget marks the 11th

O'Neil noted in announcing the budget that New York state has in-

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BAILEY

From left, theater designer David Korins, Millbrook Community Partnership CEO Cora Cahan and MCP President Oakleigh Thorne in the Thorne Building.

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"This will be for the people who

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By DEBORAH MAIER
Special to The Millerton News

Performing artists from Chashama circulated, danced and sub-

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PHOTOS BY DEBORAH MAIER

From left: Scarecrow Sage Dugan, square dance caller Paul Rosenberg at rear, Kyle Kirby with back to the camera, McEnroe store manager Olivia Skeen, and Chashama founder Anita Durst, keep up with orders from the caller at McEnroe's nonprofit benefit Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 4.



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OUR TOWNS

Amenia workshop hears public comment on proposed 2024 budget

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Attendance was sparse at the workshop meeting of the Amenia Town Board on Thursday, Nov. 2, to consider the preliminary 2024 town budget, which included a public hearing on adopting a local law to override the current tax cap regulation and to hear residents' comments on the proposed budget.

Fewer than ten residents attended the meeting in person. One resident clarified that to adhere to the tax cap could result in taxpayers receiving a tax rebate, a benefit seen in previous years.

Later in the meeting, the Town Board voted unanimously to adopt a local law to allow for the tax cap to be set aside for the coming year's budget.

The preliminary 2024 budget totals \$5,993,414 in

expenditures. Reduced by expected revenues estimated at \$1,231,044 and presuming use of \$450,000 from the General Fund, that leaves a balance of \$4,312,371 to be raised by taxes.

Comments at the brief public hearing came from town employees requesting compensation increases to align with similar positions in area towns, reasoning that increases are warranted due to increased workloads.

Resident Munawar Ahmed spoke in support of highway department personnel, asking that the Town Board examine their compensation and the current policy on health insurance.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti announced that the final budget will be considered by the Town Board at its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16.

In other action, bids for

snow removal were opened and contracts approved. Snow removal on the Wassaic Trail to Train was awarded to Northwest Lawn and Landscaping for its bid of \$13,312. Town sidewalk snow removal was awarded to Kindred Property Care for its bid of \$39,000.

Councilmember Vicki Doyle announced that the Climate Smart Task Force is completing an application for grant funding in support of installation of energy-efficient heat pumps to heat and cool the Town Hall gymnasium.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Segelken, noting the age of the building and lack of wiring, asked if there would be sufficient electrical power and distribution to serve the proposed eight split heat pumps. At present, he noted, the gym's heat comes from hot water radiators.



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Farmers Market delight

Prachi Godiwala, an OB/GYN and fertility doctor from Wallingford, Conn., who works at Sharon Hospital, shopped for samosas with her husband Brandon Oto and their son on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Millerton Farmers Market. Kamini Oppenheimer, left, was kept busy with a steady line of customers during the first of the winter-time markets that run through the end of the year.

Veterans Day ceremony plans

Amenia/Dover Plains
Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at Fountain Square, intersection of routes 343, 44 and 22, Amenia. Ceremony hosted by VFW Post No. 5444, and Dover Plains. For more information, contact Vicki Doyle, 845-489-7826

Millbrook
Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at Veterans Green. Ceremony hosted by Millbrook VFW Post No. 9008. For more information, contact Jeff Moseman, 845-505-4336

Millerton
Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue. Ceremony hosted by Millerton American Legion Post No. 178. For more information, contact Sean M. Klay, 518-929-3624



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In Millerton, Veterans Park in the center of town will be the site for a ceremony Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Pine Plains
Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at 9 North Main St. Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post No. 426 and VFW Post No. 5519. For more information, contact Robert Clinch, 518-821-7450

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Oct. 26 - Nov. 1.

Oct. 30 — Deputies responded to Benwood Knolls trailer Park Lot, 5 Old Post Road 3, in the Town of North East for a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Oct. 30 — Deputies checked a residence on County Route 83 in the Town of North East after the home-

owner received a remote notification from his security camera. The homeowner reported that he observed a white male with blond hair wearing blue jeans and a blue jacket on his property. Area was checked negative for any trespasser.

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.

Correction

An article on page A7 of the Nov. 2 issue of The Millerton News incorrectly stated the frequency of communal Thursday lunches at Lyall Community Church. The lunches take place weekly.

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OBITUARIES

JoAnn Godburn

CANAAN—JoAnn (Remer) Godburn, 90, of 77 South Canaan Road, formerly of Grove Street, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2023.

JoAnn was the wife of the late Don Godburn, with whom she had three sons.

Known affectionately as “Nini” to her grandchildren, JoAnn is survived by her sons and their spouses; William and Lynette of Venice, Florida, Robert and Kim of North Canaan, and Stephen and Jennifer of Sarasota, Florida. She leaves behind six grandchildren; Kathryn, Erin, Christopher, Keith, Olivia, and Brittany, along with twelve great-grandchildren; Gabriel, Henry, Anna, Maryann, Nathaniel, Isaiah, Isabella, Teddy, Avery, Hadley, George, and Arthur.

Born Dec. 1, 1932, JoAnn was the only child of George H. and Josephine (Flynn) Remer. A lifelong resident of North Canaan, she worked for both Bicron and Becton-Dickinson Company after graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1950.

With a love of mystery novels, JoAnn was an avid supporter of the Douglas Library where she also used resources to research her family history. As an early adopter of the internet, she was able

to connect with many family members over the years.

After the loss of her loving husband Don in 1991, she traveled to Europe with her lifelong friend Muriel, visiting London, Switzerland, and Italy. But through the years her attention remained focused on her family, hosting large picnics and holiday gatherings, as well as knitting keepsakes for weddings, newborn babies and Christmas stockings for each of her loved ones.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday Nov. 4, 2023, at St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church, 4 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018. Burial followed the mass in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Calling hours were on Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, CT 06018 from 9 a.m. until the procession left for church. The family would like to thank the staff at Geer Village; Marsha Brown, RN and hospice staff; and Dennis Kobylarz, M.D.

In lieu of flowers and at JoAnn’s request, memorial donations may be sent to the following organizations: Chromosome Disorder Outreach Inc., chromodisorder.org/donate/ North Canaan Ambulance Corp., 15 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018.

Paul A. Collier

FALLS VILLAGE — Paul A. Collier, 66 of 105 Rt. 7N died October 21, 2023 after being stricken at his home. Paul was born April 25, 1957 in Sharon, son of the late Nelson Beard and Florence (Anderson) Collier.

Paul worked at Hamilton Books as a book picker. He was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and enjoyed beer and wine making. He also enjoyed playing his guitar.

Paul is survived by his brother Wayne A. Collier with whom he lived. He was predeceased by his three sisters.

Funeral services were held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements were under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St., Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be made in Paul’s memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741

Nina Loretta Brammer

LAKEVILLE — Nina Loretta Brammer, 88, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 24, 2023, at Wake Medical Center, Cary, North Carolina.

Born in Columbia County, New York, she was the daughter of the late Raymond William Duntz and Nina Wyble Duntz.

Nina was a committed wife and mother, worked hard every day for the betterment of her family and friends. She had many artistic talents that she shared with others. Nina drove a school bus for over 35 years. She will be missed greatly.

Nina is survived by her daughter, Cindy Marie Webb (Rodney) of Lakeville; sons, Gerald “Jerry” Brammer, Jr. (Dr. Robin Brammer) of Windcrest, Texas, Jeffrey Michael Brammer (Liz) of Moore, Oklahoma; sister, Leona Reid of Salisbury; brother, Raymond Duntz of Philmont, New York; grandchildren, Jerod Brammer (Amber), Jessica Smith (Joe Leifert), Rodney Webb, III (Dwayne Thomas), Jenna Ayala (Hilder), Jeffrey Brammer, Jr. (Vanessa), Braidon Brammer (Jennifer), Jaycee Stevens (Adam), Dylen Brammer (Amber), Madison Grant (Taylor); great-grandchildren, Dina Brammer, Gerald “Jed” Brammer, Ava Ayala, Logan Ayala, London Brammer, Pierson Brammer, Kolton

Brammer, Rigdon Brammer, Landon Stevens, Carter Stevens, Bentley Brammer, Esme Brammer, Nora Stevens, Everson Brammer, Bennett Grant, Grayson Brammer, and Casen Grant; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald “Beefy” Brammer, Sr.; beloved godson Bobby Brammer; sister, Barbara McGee; brother, Russell Duntz; and a great-granddaughter, Lillian Brammer.

A service will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Town Grove in Lakeville.

Mary Pitcher Lamb

SHARON — Mary (Pitcher) Lamb, 84, passed away on Nov. 5, 2023, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. She was born in Canaan, on Dec. 10, 1938, daughter of William Pitcher and Margaret (Hueston) Pitcher. She lived her entire life in Sharon.

Mary was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, and the Krissler Business Institute in Poughkeepsie.

She was predeceased by her best friend and loving husband of 52 years, Peter Lamb, and also her wonderful sister, JoAnne Danforth and her husband James Danforth of Dalton, Massachusetts.

Mary’s greatest joys, accomplishments and rewards in life were her family. She is survived by four sons, Donald Lamb Sr. and his wife, Rachel, of Salisbury, Michael and his wife, Frances, of Raymond New Hampshire, Robert and his wife, Kathleen, of Clayton, North Carolina, and Joseph and his wife, Christine, of Salisbury. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Donald Lamb Jr. and his wife, Erin, of Dunlap, Tennessee, Jocelyn Chaplin and her husband, Arthur, of Uncasville, David Lamb and his wife, Kendra, of Walpole, Massachusetts, Carrie Monks and her husband, Matthew, of Winchester, Massachusetts, Morgan Lamb of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jacob Lamb of West Hart-

ford, Shayla Lamb and Morgan Lamb, of Clayton, North Carolina. She also leaves ten great grandchildren: Aiden Maurin, Gabriel Lamb, quadruplets Maryann, Nathaniel, Isaiah and Isabella Lamb, Phoebe, Jonah and Rhys Lamb, and Cameron Monks.

Mary’s sister-in-law, Karen, and husband, Stephen Blass, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and brother-in-law, John Lamb, of Sharon, and sister-in-law, Suzanne Lamb of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, also survive her. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Ameen and her husband, Richard, and her brother-in-law, Arthur Lamb.

Calling hours will be Thursday, Nov. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, CT. Funeral services are Friday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. at St. Kateri Parish (St. Bernard’s), 52 New St., Route 361, Sharon, CT. Burial immediately following in Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to United Cerebral Palsy at ucp.org/, Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County (SVNA), 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068, or Sharon Fire Department Inc. Ambulance Squad, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

As was typical of Mary, she requested that family and friends do an act of kindness for a stranger.



Dorothy Elizabeth Burroughs Wright

LAURENS, S.C. — Dorothy Elizabeth “Deb” Burroughs Wright, age 69, of Laurens, South Carolina, and wife of Gerald Kenneth Wright, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at her home.

Born in Milford, she was the daughter of the late Bruce Burroughs and Helen Temple Rutland Burroughs.

Mrs. Wright worked for eighteen years with Becton Dickinson, and retired from Ed Herrington, Inc. where she worked as a purchasing agent of lumber and building materials. After living many years in Connecticut, she and her husband moved to Laurens, South Carolina, six years ago and have loved every moment of making and calling Laurens home.

Deb and Jerry’s love of traveling has taken them on cruises to the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii, Alaska, Greece, and Italy. She took delight in horticulture and gardening, and

enjoyed cooking and entertaining for family and friends.

Mrs. Wright was a member of First Baptist Church of Laurens and the Bobby Smith Sunday School Class, which have become family to Deb and Jerry.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Richard William Rogers; two sisters, Helen Louise Burroughs of Waycross, Georgia, and Lucie Ann Burroughs of England; and three grandchildren, William, Gavin, and Raelyn, and their beloved Pekingese, Dolly.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Laurens, conducted by Rev. Tim Marsh with burial in Laurens City Cemetery following the service.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 300 W. Main St., Laurens, SC 29360. Condolences may be expressed online at www.thekennedymortuary.com.



For more obituaries, see page A7

Email obituaries to johnc@millertonnews.com

Cheryl Meyer

MALONE, N.Y. — 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; her 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; her great-grandchildren Gabriele Rooney, Allie Teal, Jack

Teal, Draeko Campbell, Don- teez Campbell, Indigo Stine, Noah Gifford, Juliet Muncey and Madeline Muncey; her 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.



Worship Services
Week of November 12, 2023

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
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The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
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Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

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OUR TOWNS

Exploring Schaghticoke Mahican roots in Wechquadnach (North East and Amenia)

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — “We acknowledge that the land presently referred to as the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Schaghticoke Mahican Peoples,” said Carol Sager Lee, president of the Amenia Historical Society, in her introduction to a roundtable on local Schaghticoke heritage hosted by the Society on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The panel of experts in the genealogy, linguistics and history of the Schaghticoke Nation used Colonial records to demonstrate that the Schaghticoke have what they called a “legitimate legacy” from Putnam to Rensselaer counties.

“By ‘legitimate legacy,’ we mean to affirm that our people have been here since ancient times, and descendants are still here today,” said Valerie LaRobardier, Schaghticoke genealogist and president of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society. This research “counters the ‘last of their kind’ narrative” that settlers began establishing back in the Colonial period, she said.

Together with Betsy Strauss, historian and genealogist with the Amenia Historical Society, LaRobardier showed documents dating from 1622 on through the 18th century that testify to the extent of the Schaghticoke territories and population still present during the Colonial period.

The records included maps, deeds and other written materials that historians like LaRobardier are using to create a more complete picture of Schaghticoke history, and to offer a more intimate record of the people who lived on this land.

“The goal of the research I’m doing now is to unravel the history of the Schaghticoke-Mahican people throughout the wide regions of the original territory,” said LaRobardier. She continued: “The purpose of these round table presentations is to familiarize people with their local history, and to correct misconceptions” about Schaghticoke extinction.

Descendants who trace their lineage to pre-Colonial



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Sachem Hawk Storm of Schaghticoke First Peoples spoke at the Amenia Historical Society on Saturday, Nov. 4.

eras still reside in New York as well as Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.

Sachem Hawk Storm, Schaghticoke hereditary chief, described current efforts to educate New Englanders on the subject and bring together the Schaghticoke community in their hereditary home.

Storm leads the nonprofit Schaghticoke First Nations Inc. (SFN), the mission of which is “to preserve, promote and enrich the Schaghticoke peoples’ heritage and provide a safe learning environment for Schaghticoke descendants.”

Ecosystem restoration, climate change and water issues are also central to their work, he said.

Kasike Roberto Mukaro Borrero, a member of the Guaina Taino Tribe of Boriken (the indigenous name for the island Puerto Rico) and an expert in the languages of native peoples, spoke about how mistakes in reporting, such as early miscounts of the number of people in a native community, were often taken as fact by later historians. He said that the examination of records from a more diverse set of sources can correct those errors.

For example, the accounts of Moravian missionaries, who established missions on the eastern shore of Indian Lake in Sharon and in Kent

in the 18th century, are playing an important role in understanding what happened to the Schaghticoke people.

As white colonists settled on traditionally Schaghticoke land, the Moravians supported the Schaghticoke People by, for example, giving legal advice on property matters. They also tried to mitigate the damage that had already been done with programs supporting recovery from the alcoholism that white settlement had fostered.

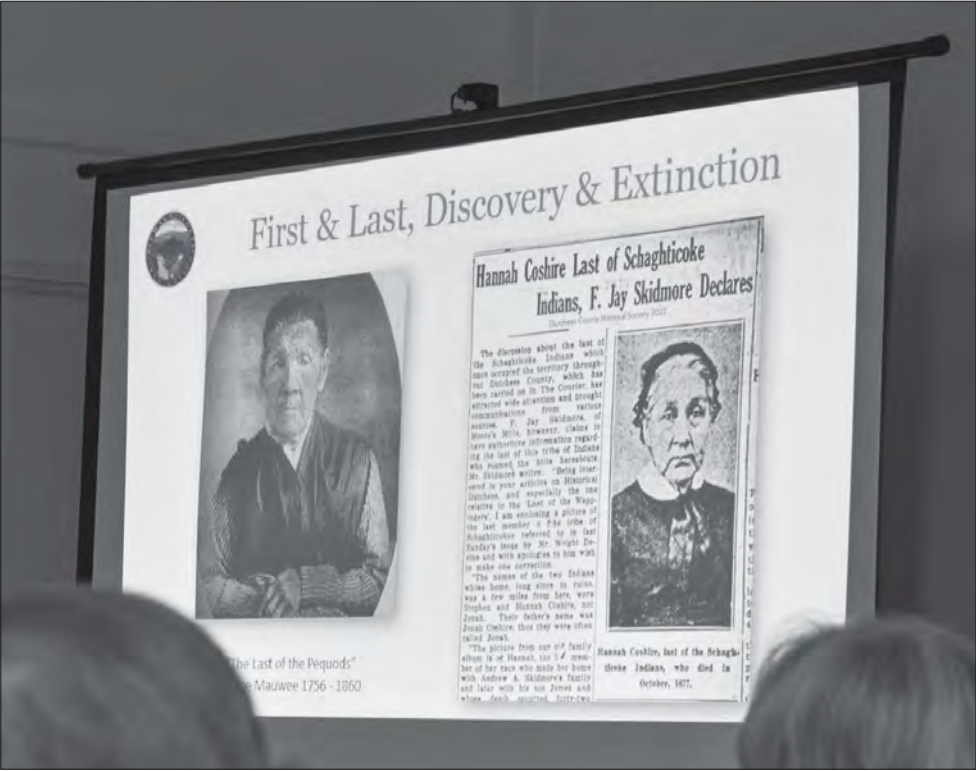
Storm summed up this aspect of their history: “If it wasn’t for the Moravians, we would have been wiped out a long time ago.”

The trade-off was the acceptance of Christianity, which displaced traditional Schaghticoke beliefs.

Despite Moravian and Schaghticoke efforts, many Schaghticoke people were displaced from their traditional lands and driven west. At least one incident resulted in the massacre of 90 tribe members by the Pennsylvania Militia.

LaRobardier described the tribe’s three-pronged approach to the equitable restoration of the Schaghticoke community and culture: education, acknowledgment and reparation.

Reparation can take many forms, said LaRobardier, including scholarships and the



Two Colonial-era articles claim to depict the last of the Pequod and Schaghticoke peoples. However, descendants of the Schaghticoke still live throughout eastern New York, western Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

creation of credit unions to strengthen Indigenous communities.

Reparations might also include acquiring traditional tribal lands, where the nation could reestablish a Schaghticoke culture and community, said Storm.

Storm emphasized that ecological restoration is integral to their efforts at cultural restoration.

A focus on forest maintenance, agriculture and food programs, he said, will help the country—as well as the tribe—prepare for the growing effects of climate change.

Attendee George Bistransin of Amenia asked about the total area of land restoration being sought: “I wondered if you included my house.”

Storm replied that there is a huge amount of unoccupied

land currently owned by the state. Other lands are being bought back, he said.

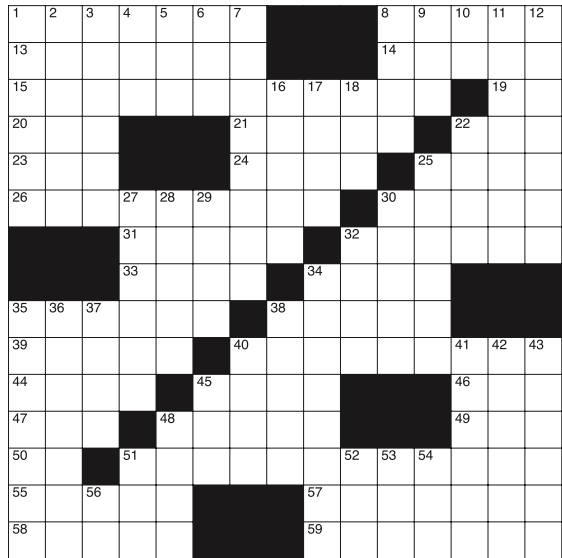
An attendee of Schaghticoke lineage also responded, saying that because the Schaghticoke people have had their land taken from them, they do not wish to take land from others.

The Schaghticoke tribe is still seeking recognition at both state and federal levels.

Brain Teasers

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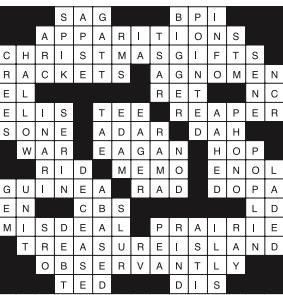
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- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie ___ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
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- 51. Being revered
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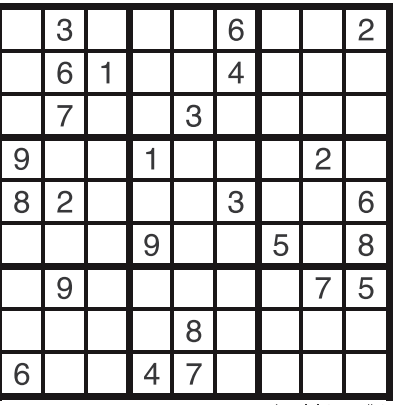
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- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. “Night Train” author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer
- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up

- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
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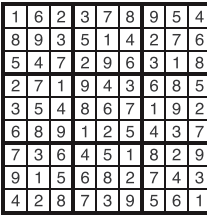
Nov. 2 Solution



Sudoku



Nov. 2 Solution



Register now for youth theater arts program

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Registration is still open for local students enrolled in the second through fourth grades to participate in an after-school performance workshop which will culminate in a mid-December performance at the new Webutuck High School auditorium.

Developed by the Vanaver Caravan and Arm of the Sea Theater, the multicultural music, dance, puppetry and storytelling program, titled

“Into the Light,” offers students instruction in all aspects of theater arts, performance and technical theater, as well as familiarizing students with musical styles and dances from a variety of cultures.

Students will work with the Caravan’s professional performers, led by Caravan director Livia Vanaver.

The four after-school workshops will run between Monday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The final performance, a which will fuse live music, dance, storytelling and giant

puppetry into a holiday story, is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Dec. 17 (snow date: Monday, Dec. 18).

Registration will close on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The free program is sponsored by the Town of Amenia, assisted by a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

For more information, email vdoyle@ameniany.gov, call (845) 489-7826, or visit vanavercaravan.org/intothelight

To register online, go to ameniany.myrec.com

Citizen Preparedness training Nov. 14

MILLERTON — A presentation of the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd.

The program will present the basic information on what to do in case of a natural or human-caused disaster.

The Corps will provide a list of locations at which to seek shelter, recommendations regarding emergency

supplies to have on hand, and guidelines for creating family emergency plans.

Reservations are suggested but not required. For more, visit www.nemillertonlibrary.org/calendar or call 518-789-3340.



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Protesting in Peace

On Thursday, Nov. 2, a group organized by Millerton-based nonprofit The Watershed Center gathered together at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield, Mass., for a peaceful sign making event in preparation for a protest in Washington, D.C., and a rally in Great Barrington, Mass. Both events took place on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Wastewater Committee discusses Lake Amenia Road property purchase

Possible wastewater treatment site

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Continuing discussion on the possible purchase of the existing home and acreage at 74 Lake Amenia Road, the Amenia Wastewater Committee considered its next steps at its regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2. Committee Chairman Charlie Miller reported that the Housing Board is obtaining cost quotations to meet the requirements of a town application to the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program is intended to help communities to fund infrastructure improvements. Quotes are being gathered for corrective repairs to the home. When repairs are completed, the town could offer its first unit of single-home affordable housing. Miller reported that the Housing Board has received two quotes for asbestos abatement and will soon have quotes for septic upgrades and general smaller repairs, including window replacement and kitchen updates. The house is presently served by a cesspool, commonly found in homes of its age. The Wastewater Committee's 2024 budget request for

\$85,000 to fund engineering services to create a Map, Plan and Report for the proposed wastewater district is included in the 2024 town budget proposal, Miller noted. The acreage at the Amenia Road property is well positioned to serve as location for a modern wastewater treatment facility that could drain treated clean water into Amenia Brook. Members of the Wastewater Committee are responding to requests from residents along Railroad Avenue and Lake Amenia Road to extend the wastewater district to include their homes. The members have been visiting with those residents to measure interest. Responsive to a suggestion from Lake Amenia Road residents, the committee is planning to study the performance of systems in area towns where those systems are of similar design to what is being considered for Amenia. Once comparable towns have been identified, the committee will arrange a field visit for residents to see for themselves how they operate. Committee members also agreed to conduct another survey, perhaps in January, to measure residents' interest, opinions and concerns.

OBITUARIES

Jay Marc Schwamm

MILLBROOK — Jay Marc Schwamm, 93, died at home in Manhattan on Oct. 16, 2023.

Jay maintained a home in Millbrook for 33 years, hosting countless weekends and holiday celebrations on Tower Hill Road for generations of friends and family. He and his beloved wife, Judy Mello Schwamm (1940-2003) valued their longstanding associations with the Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club and Saint Peter's Church.

Jay spent much of his time in Millbrook surrounded by grandchildren, teaching them horsemanship, organizing outings, and generally making life pleasant and fun. Countless friends and neighbors over the years joined his family in calling him Papa Jay, a tribute to his loving inclusivity.

Jay was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 17, 1930, and grew up in New York City. He attended the Ethical Culture School and New York Military Academy before majoring in history at Princeton, where he particularly enjoyed taking part in discussion forums led by Albert Einstein. Jay completed his required military service in the U.S.

Army Reserve Counterintelligence Unit, graduated from Harvard Business School (Class of 1953), and served as Chairman and CEO of the American Trust Company Bank, building successful relationships in the emerging Mexican banking sector.

He left the bank in 1962 to pursue other business ventures (representing Westinghouse in the USSR; producing "spaghetti westerns"; and developing dishware with pop artist Peter Max) as well as politics. Jay served as one of Hubert Humphrey's most valued advance men on the 1964 campaign trail, and spent 1968 as Special Assistant to the Vice President in the Executive Office Building of the White House.

Jay later established REDAFCO, the real estate development and finance company where he worked until his death, developing major commercial buildings and other properties.

Jay is survived by his three children (Jennifer Schwamm Willis, Michael D. Schwamm and Lee H. Schwamm) and their spouses, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.



John Franklin Green

WEST CORNWALL — John Franklin Green died Nov. 2, 2023, in New York after a series of health setbacks early in 2023. John was born on June 2, 1941, in Sutherland, Virginia, to Frank and Mildred Green.

He attended the University of Richmond, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting in 1962. Following a tour of duty in the United States Army, John moved to New York City to begin a career with the accounting firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell (now KPMG), where he worked as a partner until retirement. His employment at Peat included a three-year stint at the company's Milan, Italy offices from 1972 to 1975.

Beginning in 1977, John split his time between his house in Brooklyn, New York, and his newly acquired weekend home in West Cornwall, Connecticut, where he established full-time residence in 2012. Always generous with

his time, John worked tirelessly on town committees (including several terms as Town of Cornwall Treasurer) and on local boards, especially the Chore Service of Northwestern Connecticut. John maintained an apartment in Manhattan until his death, enjoying the city and all of the cultural amenities it offers.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, Connecticut. A private burial was held at the West Cornwall Cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

John was predeceased by his parents and his sister Charlotte. He is survived by his sister Patricia, his brother Thomas and wife Francine, many nieces and nephews, his partner Rudy Rambarran, friends Tom Bechtle and Don Bachman, and many other relatives and friends. He will be dearly missed by all.



More obituaries appear on Page A4

Elsie Lynn Meehan

SALISBURY — Elsie Lynn Meehan, a retired teacher at the Cornwall Consolidated School in Cornwall, passed away at Noble Horizons Nursing Home on Nov. 2, 2023.

A graduate of Pleasantville High School in New York, Lynn completed a Bachelor of Science degree at Bucknell University and two graduate degrees in Science Education.

Lynn served as a fifth-

grade teacher at the Cornwall Consolidated School in Cornwall, Connecticut for over two decades that included one year in England as a U.S. exchange teacher.

In addition to her teaching career, Lynn was also an active member of several local volunteer-based organizations.

Lynn is survived by her husband of 50 years, Joseph Meehan, as well as her sister, Barbara, and niece, Christina.



Joan Julia Palmer

LAKEVILLE — Joan Julia Palmer, 88, passed away peacefully on Oct. 17, 2023, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury after a brief illness.

She was born in Sharon, to Theodore and Ruth Johnson of Canaan.

Joan graduated from Canaan Elementary then Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where she first met her husband, John. She continued her education in the arts in New York City.

Joan and her husband were life-long residents and business owners that raised three children in Lakeville.

Joan was the art teacher for the Lakeville Day Care Center for many years. The children there adored her.

She retired to pursue her passions, painting and world travel. She was a well-known local artist in the tristate area. Some of her paintings hang in private collections throughout the United States.

She is survived by her daughter, Thea Latourrette, and two sons, Mark and Kurt

Palmer; by her grandsons and their partners, Brandon Higley and Julie, Adam Marham and his wife Rania; and by her greatgrand children Abigail and Zachary Marham.

She was predeceased by her husband, John, and her grand children Tony Higley and Eli Fitch.

A graveside ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Salisbury Cemetery.

There will not be any calling hours, however there will be a celebration of life and display of some of Joan's incredible artwork at a future date in the spring.

Special thanks to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, Sharon Hospital and Noble Horizon for their high standard of professionalism and dedication of care for their patients.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Salisbury Ambulance in her name.

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





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owed to the County by redirecting federal funding intended to help counties offset local taxpayer costs into State coffers,” he wrote.

Adding that “as Albany continues to spend recklessly in deficit [...] we must brace for multi-year, negative impacts to our County budget, requiring we bring our County Sales Tax rate level with the majority of other New York counties.”

The Democratic Caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature immediately condemned the sales tax increase.

Dutchess County Legislative Minority Leader, Yvette Valdés Smith said in a statement: “I will not support a sales tax increase. Our residents cannot afford it. Proposing such an increase at a time when most residents are struggling to pay bills is incompetent and shameless.”

Other Democrats echoed her comment, including Legislator Kris Munn, who stated, “Our Democratic Caucus proposed a sales tax decrease this year, which the Republicans rebuked immediately. This decrease would have put money where it belongs: back in the

pockets of Dutchess County taxpayers when they needed it most.”

O’Neil countered that Dutchess County’s 3.75% rate has been one of the lowest in the state for decades, adding that Ulster and Columbia counties are at 4%. Dutchess has an exemption on sales of clothing and footwear under \$110.

At the cash register, Dutchess County currently levies a 3.75% sales tax; New York state levies a 4% tax and an add-on MTA sales tax is 0.375%. Besides the counties in New York City boroughs, others that levy the MTA tax are Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam and Westchester.

“The 2024 Budget has no cuts to services, no layoffs and decreases the property tax rate by 10.6% and tackles tough challenges like affordable housing, public safety, homelessness and much more,” O’Neil said in a statement to The News.

“Expenses are rising primarily due to contract salary and benefits costs—contracts which were authorized unanimously by the County Legis-

lature—and due to \$16 million in additional mandated costs from New York State.

“Expenses must be balanced by revenue, which we have done each and every year with property tax cuts for the last 10 years,” O’Neil added.

“Our fiscal stewardship is evidenced by Dutchess County’s AA++ bond rating and high marks from the New York State Comptroller. It is dishonest for the Democrats to claim ‘fiscal irresponsibility’ and it’s obvious these are simply political lies just before Election Day.”

New York state is one of the few states in the nation to push Medicaid costs to county taxpayers. Additionally, the state will not be reimbursing Dutchess County \$15 million due from federal funding for prior Medicaid costs incurred by the county.

The Legislature will hold a public hearing on Dec. 4 in the Legislature’s chambers on Market Street in Poughkeepsie. The budget is scheduled to be approved on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Speaking of the budget review to come, O’Neil said: “Over the next few weeks,

instability, as well as funding for a vehicle to enhance HRH’s street outreach to homeless individuals.

—Opioid settlement funds will be used for new and existing behavioral health and recovery efforts.

—Expanded community partner support with a 4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) funding increase for not-for-profit community partners that deliver a wide range of vital programming, from domestic violence victim support to 4-H youth programming.

—\$200,000 grant program to expand composting opportunities for residents with a matching grant program for municipalities to install and operate in-vessel aerobic com-

posting equipment.

—Therapeutic meal delivery program for older adults to help meet specific nutritional needs.

—Continued outreach to and recognition of Dutchess County veterans, including bringing a traveling Vietnam exhibit to Bowdoin Park in 2024 and hosting the third annual “Red, White & You!” veterans appreciation picnic at Camp Nootemeing.

—Completion of new and existing radio tower site construction and upgrades, as well as installation of system radio equipment to establish a common radio network providing interoperability and county-wide coverage for all public-safety radio system users.

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farmers a fair return.

Representatives of local networks of food pantries, warehouses and farms made up the panel.

Jordan Schmidt, food program director at North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton, raised the issue of fair pricing in her discussion of NECC’s fresh food pantry, which delivers a variety of fresh, locally produced vegetables, milk, eggs and proteins to food-insecure residents.

The program not only makes it possible for low-income households to obtain fresh, nutritious food that they might not be able to afford, she said, but it also enables small participating farms to increase production and sales.

Getting food directly from farms into the food pantry system demands a shift from transactional to relational system of exchange, said Quella.

Sarah Salem, founder and director of Hudson Valley Food Systems Coalition, emphasized the importance of fostering connectivity and trust.

Renee Giroux, manager of the Northwest Connecticut Food Hub, said that food hubs can assist in resolving logistics and distribution issues faced by farmers, as well as ensure fair prices for their food. One of her goals is getting locally farmed food into schools in the Northwest Corner, she said.

Maggie Cheney, farmer and co-founder of the cooperative Rock Steady Farm in Millerton, described how the farm’s partnerships with food pantries and health centers offer a model that supports diversity and inclusivity within the local

food ecosystem. Cheney said that Rock Steady’s commitment to diversity extends to both farm workers and crops, and ultimately makes both the operation and the output of the farm more resilient.

Sarah Chase, farmer and owner of Chaseholm Farm, Schmidt and Cheney all emphasized the importance of asking the community how to make food access easier in their day-to-day lives as a way of understanding where and how resources are best distributed.

In particular, panelists emphasized the importance of mitigating the lack of affordable housing.

“We don’t have food if we don’t have farmers,” Quella said.

“Housing insecurity is connected to everything else,” said Cheney.

That everything is connected to everything else was perhaps the forum’s central message. Panelists made it clear that improvements across housing, transportation, health care and environmental sustainability are all critical to addressing food access.

They also emphasized the need for collaboration between farmers, community organizations and government entities. Systemwide improvement can only be implemented with system-wide participation, they said.

The Hotchkiss Library plans to continue the series of community conversations on food security; the next forum on the subject is scheduled for January, 2024.

The panel was sponsored by the new Guild chapter at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

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live here,” Cahan said. She described the Community Center as a place “where one can ply one’s imagination. There are all kinds of exciting possibilities.”

When MCP asked local

residents what they felt that Millbrook needed some three years ago, residents responded that they wanted a communal gathering space: a community center that would further education, culture and the community spirit.

MCP’s renovation of the Thorne building aims to restore the original architecture and overhaul its technological capacity.

What will become the Thorne Community Center abuts the property that was formerly Bennett College, which MCP is now transforming into a 35-acre park. Plans include a network of trails, a museum, a visitors’ center and an outdoor arts venue.

According to MCP, the Thorne Community Center will include a performance center to show films, dance recitals, and theater; a technology center intended to support public access to digital resources; a kitchen for event catering and culinary lessons; co-working and meeting spaces; and a recording studio.

On Sunday, David Korins of Korins Studio, which will be designing the theater and other spaces in the Center, spoke about the importance of preserving the building’s history in its new design. Korins, whose studio has designed more than 20 popular Broadway productions, said that, often mistakes are made when a building’s past is erased.

MCP also presented on the three development phases of Bennett Park, two of which have yet to get underway.

They showed slides of the new Greek theater, designed

by Lynden Miller; fields left open for fairs and events; and plans for wooded areas with hiking trails.

A wall made of the stones from Halcyon Hall, a stone tower in a play area for children, and a small bridge are also planned; so is a wildflower meadow and lodging for guest artists. The bandshell will be moved to a new location, and possibly added to.

Also in the future is the new Exmoor Visitors Center, and the Bennett Museum.

Of the \$25 million in gifts initially sought, \$18.5 million has already been raised. The Millbrook Tribute Garden made an anchor gift that will continue for 20 years. The Bechtel Osborne Art Gallery, the Donald Tober Culinary Center, the Community Workspace in Memory of David R. Hathaway, and the William Platt Harmonica Practice Studi have also made gifts.

Finally, a triumphant slide went up: “News Flash!” it read, “As of this very moment the Eastern portion of Bennett Park is officially OPEN!”

The audience was invited to finish their cider and donuts, take another look at the bones of the building and appreciate the intricate architectural details that will remain, then adjourn to Bennett Park, to see and enjoy the first finished section.

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mitted to being buried alive while imparting knowledge about composting. The Peck Brothers Band and Albany dance band Tamarack played beneath heaters scarcely needed on the sunny, crisp day.

“It’s so good to wrap up the farming and gardening season in this way,” said local resident Kristy King, who, with her young daughter, made an avid pair of square dancers.

A buffet included “something for everyone,” including a killer ratatouille made with prime North East squash. The outdoor dining area, which usually houses the Kings Highway cider shack, buzzed with darting young children.

20 or 30 dancers responded to the calls of Tamarack’s Paul Rosenberg, who moved the crowd from “Square Dance 101” to “102” in short order, occasionally throwing in calls that required quick thinking and fancy footwork.

Local performer Sage Dugan, outfitted as a scarecrow with ornithophobia—fear of crows, to be exact—acted as support as couples coalesced, then reformed in the “rip ‘n snort” idiom of square dance.

For Fritz “Fun with Fritz” Donnelly’s interactive Compost Man performance, Donnelly, in a skintight one-piece, stood on a pile of McEnroe compost and propounded the benefits of turning food waste into “black gold.”

Children then received shovels, and promptly began burying Donnelly in compost until he was submerged to the ears. As he freed himself, he reiterated that the process is cyclical. He then invited children to pelt him with tomatoes furnished for the purpose.

Offering some final words as the event drew to a close, Matt Hamm, McEnroe’s chief of composting operations, noted that composting is a “really intricate part of farming” and a way of solving a great portion of society’s current waste problems, whether done commercially, as at McEnroe’s, or in one’s

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WELLNESS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

A voice in the dark

From of the wreckage of his life as an addict, Thuan Nguyen found a way to heal others

Thuan Nguyen, the wellness manager at addiction treatment center Mountainside in North Canaan, has remarked that an addict's journey from a life of addiction to a life of service and spiritual fulfillment is a testament to the transformative power of the human spirit.

Nguyen created Mountainside's signature Spirituality in Recovery curriculum, which many of the treatment center's alumni have said helped them begin their own journeys to the peace of mind and self-knowledge necessary for sober living.

Nguyen's own life began in tumult. Born in South Vietnam during the war, he was just 11 months old when his father, a pilot for the South Vietnamese air force, received word that Saigon was on the brink of falling.

Nguyen's mother fled via motorcycle with her four children and "just the clothes on their back," said Nguyen. The men were destined for mainland Thailand, but in a desperate bid to be with his family, Nguyen's father and a friend stole a plane off the air force base and deserted. Re-united, the family ended up in a refugee camp in Pennsylvania, won the sponsorship of a church in Pleasantville, New York, and finally came to settle in Westchester County.

"I've been told that I thrash at night sometimes, so I think it's still in my body somewhere,"

Nguyen confided. "I probably have some trauma from it, but I don't know consciously."

Struggling against social anxiety, Nguyen began drinking in high school. "I'd been so anxious, and I used it as a tool," he said. "I wanted to fit in. I was an introvert. I was really shy. But when I drank, it was like, 'OK. Now I can be like everybody else.' And I wanted to be like everybody else."

In sobriety, Nguyen has come to realize that at the time, he simply didn't like who he was, and alcohol offered him the illusion of transformation.

Asked if alcohol eventually "stopped working," as many alcoholics report, Nguyen laughed: "I don't think it ever stopped working. It was the crystal meth that took me down."

A driven and successful student, Nguyen went from high school to Vassar College to Cornell University into a successful professional life in New York. One night out at a club with colleagues, a work friend's dealer offered him crystal meth. "The sense of euphoria was unbelievable," said Nguyen. "Crystal meth made me feel like Superman. I felt like I could do anything I wanted."

And for a time, he was indeed Superman. In a turn of events that many people with addiction experience, promotions and raises flowed.

"I thought, 'No one needs to know as long as I can control it,'" he said. "I controlled it for a good three years, and then the last year was just horrendous. I was doing it at work, around the clock. I thought people didn't



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Thuan Nguyen

know, but people knew."

He was fired. "I couldn't stop," he explained. "I kept telling myself I'd stop if my partying life got in the way of my professional life, but when it actually happened, I was like, 'Well, I can't stop now.'"

He moved to Seattle, hoping that, in a more relaxed life, he would be able to stop drinking and using drugs. But he couldn't.

In the throes of his addiction, convinced he would die, with the police showing up at his door, no job, and the threat of homelessness

looming, Nguyen finally checked in to High Watch, a 12 step-based treatment program in Kent.

I remember walking into the dining hall and seeing the 12 steps on the wall and thinking, 'Oh god. I'm in one of those places. How did I get here?'" Nguyen decided he'd get through the 21-day program, get his family off his back, and get back to his life.

"That was the plan," Nguyen explained, "Until I realized I couldn't live without drugs and alcohol."

One night at High

Watch, a blizzard came through the area. The campus was covered in crystal rock salt to prevent slipping. Alone in his dorm room, Nguyen mistook a chunk of rock salt for crystal meth and thought this must have been a test of the program.

It was then that he realized, "I am obsessed. When I'm not doing drugs, I'm thinking about doing drugs."

This total acceptance is what people in recovery sometimes describe as "surrender"—and for Nguyen, it enabled him to commit to his recovery

"I think self-love is the holy grail of the entire program. Because if you can learn to love yourself, you will never do anything to harm yourself."

ery and to Alcoholics Anonymous. He found himself surrounded by a community of people who were spiritual and peaceful, and he shared, "I wanted what they had."

Three years since he had last held a job, Nguyen left rehab and secured a position in housekeeping at High Watch.

"I couldn't exactly pick and choose," he said of his then-new position. "It taught me humility." He told himself, "I'm just like everyone else here. I'm just gonna do my job and be okay with that."

Through his work at High Watch, he became a 12-step coach. Fueled by a deepening connection to spirituality through meditation and yoga, Nguyen became a certified yoga and reiki teacher, in Yoga of the 12 Steps, and special training in qigong.

This path eventually led him to Mountainside, where he could explore an array of healing modalities. Here, he revels in the opportunity to share his journey and the wisdom he's gathered with clients.

"I think self-love is the holy grail of the entire program. Because if you can learn to love yourself, you will never do anything to harm yourself," said Nguyen. He said that working at Mountainside helps to keep him sober day to day, and to find immense gratitude for his journey.

"Most of it is knowing how hard it is to get sober, how painful the beginning is and getting to be a voice for people because there were voices of hope for me," he said. "I want to be around to help somebody when they finally say, 'OK, I'm done. Now what do I do?' and to be one of those people that gets to help."

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Robert Dance presents Joan Crawford biography and film series at the Norfolk Library

Norfolk resident and author Robert Dance is presenting his new biography “Ferocious Ambition: Joan Crawford’s March to Stardom” and a film series featuring Crawford at the Norfolk Library.

Norfolk Library director Ann Havemeyer said: “The first film screening was great. Lots of people came, even those who had seen “Mildred Pierce” several times, and everyone agreed it was just wonderful to watch the film on the big screen. All his books were sold, and he has ordered more for the next screening on Nov. 10 of “Sudden Fear.”

Crawford became the potential subject of a biography during a conversation with Dance’s publisher soon after he delivered the manuscript of his previous book, “The Savvy Sphinx: How Garbo Conquered Hollywood.”

“Craig Gill of the University Press of Mississippi told me that he had his best successes with “lives.” Jokingly I responded, “You’re not going to make me write a book on Joan Crawford.” “If you do,” he said, “I’ll publish it.”

Dance had read “Mommie Dearest,” written by Crawford’s daughter Christina, which was a bestseller in the late ‘70s and chronicles her mother’s meteoric rise as well as her abusive parenting.

“Christina’s remarkable story was the first in what has now become an industry of survivor stories told from the point of view of the victim. She suffered terribly at the hands of her mother, as did her younger brother. How to reconcile this story with Crawford’s brilliant career as possibly the

greatest actress to come from the golden age of Hollywood became my quest,” Dance said.

Although Dance had written many books about classic Hollywood, he did not consider himself an authority on Crawford. To immerse himself in his subject, he watched her films, from her first silent films from 1925 through the 1970s. He also researched her life and career using primary resources to describe her upward trajectory in the world of cinema.

“It took four years for her to become a star. When she did, Crawford became the epitome of cool, elegant sophistication and chic, and was Hollywood’s first ‘influencer.’ When she wore a dress on screen, it was copied by the tens of thousands days after the film was released. She was the most imitated woman in America,” he said.

“When she arrived at MGM, the studio that would nurture her career, and where she would stay for 18 years (1925-1943), she was untrained, gauche, overweight, pretty, but hardly movie-star attractive. Through her amazing will and ferocious ambition, she transformed Lucille LeSueur (Crawford’s birth name) from Kansas City into the ‘queen of the movies.’ Not only was her ascent improbable, but so too was her staying power. Perhaps most striking was her ability to reinvent herself with the passing of years. She reimagined her career at the age of 40 when she moved to Warner Bros. and became a brilliant dramatic actress,” he added.

The film series at The Norfolk Library began on Friday, Oct. 27, with

Crawford’s first Warner Bros. film “Mildred Pierce.” Based on a novel by James M. Cain, the film tells the tragic story of a single mother with two children and her struggles to achieve financial and personal success. The movie contains sharp social observations and intense emotional violence.

“Crawford won the Academy Award for her performance and proved, even back in 1945, that life could ‘begin’ even for a woman who had just turned 40,” Dance said.

“Sudden Fear” (1952), which garnered another Academy Award nomination for Crawford — to be shown at the Norfolk Library on Nov. 10 — will be followed by “Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?” (1962) on Friday, Dec. 1. Both films come from the later part of Crawford’s career and show her continued relevance throughout the decades.

Throughout his research, Dance was surprised to learn that virtually every one of Crawford’s 80 films was a box-office success. Another revelation was that though she was known as being extraordinarily generous to her inner circle, Crawford privately maintained four rooms at Hollywood Hospital for folks who were unable to pay and covered doctor’s bills.

Crawford even had a connection to Litchfield County. “Crawford was a close friend of Lakeville resident Genie Chester [daughter of Colby Chester, head of General Foods]. They met when Crawford was married to Douglas Fairbanks Jr., her first husband, and remained lifelong friends. Chester was one of many friends with whom she maintained an active correspondence,” Dance said.



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Joan Crawford, left, with Genie Chester

The legacy of Crawford still resonates today. Though many of Hollywood’s female stars like Garbo, Bette Davis and Katharine Hepburn have faded, Crawford remains a vital presence.

Dance said, “Crawford

reads contemporary and unmannered, and the age-old story of the woman from the wrong side of the tracks who, through grit and determination, succeeds spectacularly, has staying power.”

Reservations for the next two screenings of Joan Crawford films followed by Dance’s book talk are recommended and can be made through the Norfolk Library website at www.norfolklibrary.org.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Colored cotton canvas at BES

Painter and print-maker Meg Musgrove will be showcasing a selection of her color studies on raw cotton canvas at BES on Main Street in Millerton, starting with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

With meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to quality, every piece is made with the utmost care, from the selection of the water-based inks and 100% cotton fabrics to the construction and finishing.

Born in Los Angeles, Musgrove exhibited widely under her maiden name, Berk. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from New York University in 2001, and in 2008, she graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute.

Her work, which was narrative and personal in nature, shifted when she started a family. Musgrove explained, “When I had kids, I stopped painting so much and turned to printmaking as a way to keep my practice going.” After working for a time doing surface design for wallpaper companies, Musgrove started her own textile company (megmusgrove.com). She clarified, “Freelance just stopped being fun.”

More recently, Musgrove reignited a passion for painting by exploring color. This experimentation has led to the wall hangings, which Erica Recto, owner of BES, saw and immediately wanted to show in her shop. Musgrove emphasized:

“Erica, apart from being a great person, comes to people whose work she loves and whose practice she’s interested in and puts a lot of trust in them to bring their best work to the shop. She has put a lot of trust in me in terms of what I want to bring to the shop and in doing this show. That means a lot.”

In BES’s introduction to the show, Recto writes that the work “emphasizes intuition and joy while avoiding pattern and resolution.” When asked about this idea as it relates to her process, Musgrove shared: “I always try to stop before they’re finished. There’s an uneasy feeling, and that makes it more accessible to people.”

Her inclination to

leave a touch of ambiguity invites viewers to engage with her work, she said: “Things that are too well resolved don’t leave any space for people to get into them.”

Musgrove is continuing her exploration of textiles and is excited about a journey that is leading her to find better, more sustainable materials. She said, “There’s this blurred line between the commercial textiles and my studio work, which is uncomfortable but good.”

As she finds her way back to her narrative work, creating new stories through the intersection of her two distinct bodies of work, she mused: “They’re coming together. It’s working itself out.”



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Meg Musgrove

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FOOD: PAM OSBORNE

Really good chicken & rice

I was checking out at a supermarket not long ago—basically an out-of-body experience these inflationary days—and while I was focusing on keeping my head attached and putting my credit card back where it belonged, my checker took my bags and started packing them.

When consciousness bubbled up, I realized she had taken the largest bag and loaded it with six big cans of plum tomatoes, four cans of soup, eight bars of Cabot cheese (it was on sale), and more besides. I gave it a trial heave, just to show I was a sport, but there was no way.

“I can’t lift this bag,” I said. “You have so many cans,” she said, proving that watching politicians on the evening news had in fact been instructive re: offering evasive non sequiturs as being responsive.

Feeding a big group
This recipe feeds a lot of people, 12 at least, or a smaller number can eat it for several days, as it keeps well. You can make it ahead of time and it doesn’t suffer, and neither will you—is there anything better than having people over and not having to do a lot at the last minute?

This is very easy to serve up without a lot of fuss. The first time, I put it together from what was in the refrigerator—sometimes that works out. Don’t be discouraged by the list of ingredients, or by the initial prep work. A lot of chopping, but then it’s done.

If you are a vegetarian, you can probably substitute drained and rinsed canned beans—Roman, navy beans, etc., and I use Goya, they’re the best ones—for the meat, although I haven’t done this.

Really Good Chicken And Rice

4 to 5 cups cooked chicken. I first made this with duck, but chicken

is easier to come by. Cut or shred into bite-size pieces.

4 bunches scallions—about 20, trimmed, coarse stalks cut off, thinly sliced

One 1-pound package frozen cauliflower. Cook in the microwave, drain, squeeze out excess liquid moderately with paper towels, chop into bite-size pieces

Hot pepper flakes to taste, at least a teaspoon. I use very hot peppers chopped and put into a jar with a neutral olive oil (Berio). This will keep for a few days in the refrigerator and it’s guaranteed to set your mouth on fire. But the pepper flakes are okay. A hottish afterburn is what you want.

10 Mission figs. Remove the tough stems, then slice.

3/4 cup sultanas or raisins. Soak in hot water to cover for about half an hour to soften. Drain.

2 teaspoons ras el hanout, a North African spice, which can be found in the supermarket spice section. This has a very unique flavor, and its contribution to the finished dish is out of proportion to the amount used. It’s important.

5 cups cooked basmati rice

Using a big, deep skillet (mine is non-stick) or a cast-iron casserole, sauté the scallions over low to medium heat in some butter and neutral olive oil—a few tablespoons of each will do.

When they are softened, make a well in the center, put in a little more oil, and add the garlic. Cook for a minute or two, using a silicone stirrer to keep it from sticking to the pan. Don’t burn.

Stir in everything else, rice last. This is the base mixture you will keep in the refrigerator for up to a day or two until you are ready to serve.

At some point, chop: 1/2 head green cabbage and thinly slice, on the diagonal, 6 or

Lifestyles of the rich and clueless

I recently spent a week chasing trout in the Catskills, and went back last week for a couple of days to button up the camp for the winter.

My accomplices in this endeavor were my nomadic attorney Thos. and my regular fishing buddy Gary.

A good fishing buddy is a rare find. Different anglers have different styles, and what I don’t want is a low-holer, or a fish bro, or someone who’s gonna spout Latin names of bugs at me.

It’s also good if someone has a truck. Gary does, and it holds copious amounts of stuff plus three of us.

Either the passenger ponies up for gas or picks up the lunch tab, preferably at the World’s Second-Greatest Restaurant, the Roscoe Diner.

(The World’s Greatest Restaurant is, of course, Mizza’s in Lakeville.)

In a previous incarnation, Gary built homes for the rich and clueless, which is how he can afford to be a serious trout bum now. On the long ride back to Phoenicia from the West Branch of the Delaware, he entertained us with amusing tales from this era.

Such as the time in the 1980s when the Famous Actor decided the Upper West Side condo needed crystals installed at the four compass points.

Bottom line: They had to rip up a lot of stuff but the condo’s chi is still humming along, 30 years later.

“The guy didn’t even live there,” said Gary. “He just kept it for his New York girlfriend.”

His what?
“Yeah, his New York girlfriend. He’d show up every once in a while for some movie bleep, and she’d be his girlfriend for a few days. Rest of the time she was on her own.”

“They bleeping explained it to me. He had the same deal with other women in other cities. Just matter of fact about it. The girl didn’t seem to mind.

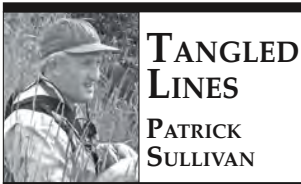
“He told me that his spiritual advisor told him he needed to have the crystals put in. I don’t know how many people he had on his payroll.

“It was a pain in the bleep but KA-Ching!”
This year I discovered the Shandaken Wild Forest. This is described by the N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation thusly: “Shandaken Wild Forest contains six different parcels, each with its own distinctive character. The many remnants of past industries found here including farms, sawmills, bluestone mining and tanneries, will intrigue those interested



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Rochester Hollow brook requires a lot of crawling.



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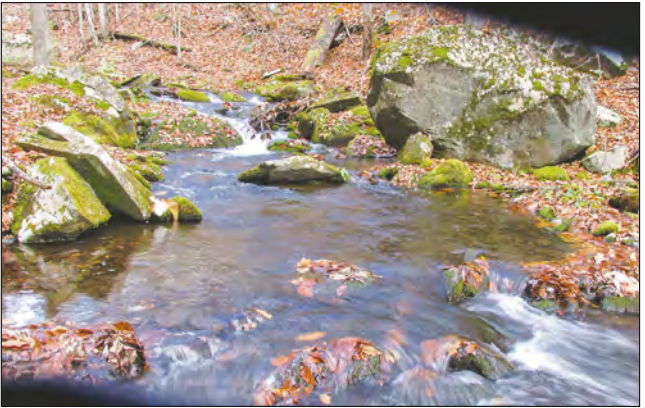
in Catskill history. “
I’ve been driving past the signs for these spots for decades and never took a look. It’s embarrassing.

Birch Creek is a squirrelly little brook. You get there by banging a sharp right off Route 28 in Pine Hill just before the long rise that tops out at the entrance to the Bellayre ski complex. Drive past a small neighborhood and take another right on a dirt road, and look for the blue and white DEC signs that indicate public access.

More accessible, far less squirrelly and also part of the Shandaken Wild Forest is Rochester Hollow, which is off Route 28 in Big Indian.

This involves a very short ride up a dirt road to a trailhead. The babbling brook is about 30 yards away.

My first attempt at Rochester Hollow during vacation was less than stellar. I managed a cou-



The Unfinished Business pool on Rochester Hollow brook.

ple of wild browns but it was cold that day and I wasn’t feeling it.

Last week, between domestic chores, I took another crack at it.

Got a brookie right off the bat, and had both browns and brookies chasing big bushy flies on the surface.

Then the dang sun came out and it was behind me, causing my shadow to fall on the stream. This is not good.

In the two hours, me and my shadow proceeded to send approximately 80 bazillion trout scurrying for cover.

I finally found one decent pool without ruining it and low-crawled.

Pausing briefly to savor the lower back pain, I then enjoyed possibly the

most frustrating hour of fly-slinging in a 50-year career.

They came up and looked. They chased things subsurface. They hemmed and hawed and swam in circles.

And when they did finally hit a fly, the take was so subtle that I missed the strike and sent the fly into the trees. Because I didn’t want to stand up and send my shadow across the pool, I had to yank. Good thing I had plenty of flies, because I left enough there to pass for Christmas decorations.

That pool is now etched in my memory under “Unfinished Business.”



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ROUND CORNERS: An NYEP Art Exhibition

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

In November, the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village (CT) will host ROUND CORNERS, an exhibition by art students of the New York Educational Program (NYEP) in Manhattan, including Falls Village artist John Hodgson. Taught by practicing artist and art instructor, Baris Gokturk, the NYEP art class explores art mediums through a step-by-step multi-layered process creating an environment in which the artists can express themselves and interact with each other. There will be a reception for the artists on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. Mr. Gokturk will give an informal art talk about the group at 3 p.m.

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

Harpischord Festival Part II

The Kellogg Music Center on the campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock, 84 Alford Road, Great Barrington, Conn.

The Berkshire Bach Society continues its 34th season on Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., with the second concert in its Harpischord Festival—The Ensemble Harpischord with Elliot Figg and Caitlyn Koester. The duo plays works by scions of the dominant keyboard dynasties in the Baroque era, J.S. &

W.F. Bach and Louis & François Couperin. The event is a preview of the concert they will present on Nov. 30 at St. Malachy's Church in New York City, sponsored by Gotham Early Music Scene, Inc.

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 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 16

Virtual Book Talk and Cheese Tasting with Madame Fromage

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

The David M. Hunt Library will present a virtual book talk and cheese tasting on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. The event will be hosted by Tenaya Darlington, a cheese expert, journalist, and educator who has been blogging about cheese for a decade under the name Madame Fromage. Register for this class at huntlibrary.org.

■ NOVEMBER 18

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

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

On Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a talk with Paul Wegner, Assistant Director of the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Conn. Paul will discuss the history and archeology of the Indigenous lifeways here in the Northwest Corner.

International Poetry

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

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

MUSIC: JOHN COSTON

AHA benefit at Colonial Theatre

The Colonial Theatre rocked the night away on Friday, Nov. 3, as Cherry Pie Band took the stage for a performance benefiting AHA, the after school program at North Canaan Elementary School.

The Colonial, which for a century has been a fixture for community entertainment, has been revived to become a gathering place for a wide range of programming.

Cherry Pie played almost two hours of foot-stomping music that at times forced some to get out of their seats and dance in the aisles. Singer Jilian Grey left the stage to join the crowd of about 60 and prompted a sing-a-long. At one point, guitarist Paul John Tautkus joined her and added some fancy finger-picking energy to the night as they both pumped up the crowd.

The event was sponsored by Raynard & Peirce Realty to support AHA, which serves approximately 25 children each day in its afterschool program. Students range from Kindergarten through eighth grade. AHA runs Monday through Friday and eight weeks during the summer.

"I grew up in Canaan,"

said Chea LaMedica, AHA's director. "I got involved because many parents—including single parents—have to work past the school day, and I know what that's like."

AHA has been running since 1990.

Stephannie Grant, operations manager at Great Falls Brewing Company, whose children attend North Canaan Elementary School, ran a tasting table in the lobby.

In between the music, there were door prizes and a few remarks from Lenore and Marc Mallett of Lakeville, co-owners of the restored theater, who have put together an ambitious event schedule for November and December. See schedule at www.canaancolonial.com

For Veterans Day, "Good Morning Vietnam" will be shown as a free movie at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. Other free movies to come include holiday favorites such as "Elf," "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" with James Stewart and Donna Reed.

"We want to create a place for the community to come together," said Lenore Mallett, who, with her husband,



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Paul John Tautkus

bought the theater last spring with Stacey and David Fiorillo of Salisbury.

The theater's marquee provided colorful neon accent lighting to Railroad Street, and as the

theater's doors swung open and shut, the booming sound of music, including the Pretenders' "Back on the Chain Gang," filled the otherwise quiet night outside the Colonial.

...really good chicken and rice

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so stalks of celery, and some of the good leaves in the center of the head.

Both of these can be kept, chopped and ready, in bowls in the refrigerator. Squeeze out a couple of paper towels with cold water and place them over the bowls. This will keep things fresh and crisp, but do check that the towels don't dry out.

Make a cup of chicken stock using a bouillon cube. Vegetarians can use vegetable stock or water.

When you are ready to serve, mix together a couple of handfuls of celery, three or four handfuls of cabbage, and some big scoops of the base mixture. The base should be about 40% of the mix. Add about 1/4 cup (or more, depending on how much you're serving; it should be moistened, not wet) of stock or water. Microwave, covered, for about 4 and a half minutes at full power, until hot. Serve in heated bowls, with:

Chutney—I buy Stonewall Kitchen Mango, and Patak's Major Gray

Plain whole-milk yogurt—by itself, or mixed with your chopped herb

of choice (parsley, basil, sorrel), a little olive oil, and a pressed garlic clove. This can be made ahead.

Salted peanuts, sprinkled on top

Well, I'm exhausted, and all I did was tell you

how to do this. Anyway, I was thinking about the grocery bagging. What you want to do is put the heavy stuff into small bags and put those onto the floor of the back seat. Then take your big bag, which you've filled with

good bread, soft cheese, berries, tomatoes, potato chips—all the fragile things that make life worth living—and sit that on top.

Pam Osborn keeps her kitchen in Sharon.

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Recent property sales in Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook

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

September was a relatively busy month, with closings on six properties in the Village of Millbrook and the Town of Washington. With the exception of the sale of the estate on Shunpike for \$3.2 million, homes sold in a broad range, from \$310,000 to \$975,000 for a modest home on Valley Farm Road with an orchard on 18 acres and a view of the Catskills.

While there are only a few houses for sale in the village, the Town of Washington has almost 20 houses priced over \$1 million, including a seven-bedroom, nine-bathroom house on 309 Woodstock Road listed at \$28 million.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

3196 Franklin Ave., located on the edge of the Village of Millbrook, is a single-story brick and stone two-bedroom home built in 1962 on a .43-acre lot. The home sold for \$470,000 according to Dutchess Parcel Access, well above its previous sale price of \$330,000 in July 2018.

Village of Millbrook, September 2023

3196 Franklin Ave., 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom home on 0.43 acre, sold for \$470,000
9 Alden Terrace, 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo with

1,202 square feet, sold for \$310,000
22 Alden Terrace, 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo with 1,386 square feet, sold for \$335,000

Town of Washington, September 2023

97 Valley Farm Road, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with 6 parcels on 18.1 acres, sold for \$975,000
3716-3718 Route 44, 3-bedroom, 1-bath home with 2 parcels on 0.87 acre, sold for \$650,000
221-231 Shunpike, 6-bedroom, 5.5-bath house and guest lodge on 20 acres with a lighted tennis court and pool, sold for \$3.2 million

Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook real estate sales recorded in September 2023 are provided by Dutchess County Office of Real Property.

Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in



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Gallery stopover

From left: Sonia Zurita, Vincent Scala, Lisa Pelosi and Teresa Scala, who spent the afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 4, shopping on Franklin Avenue in Millbrook, stopped in to view "Tempo: The Passage of Time," an exhibit of mixed media artwork by Mari de Pedro at the Millbrook Library Gallery. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 18, when the library will host a closing reception with refreshments and beverages from 4 to 5 p.m.

Call for Volunteers: Millbrook's Parade of Lights

MILLBROOK — With holiday preparations underway, the Village of Millbrook is calling for volunteers to help decorate the village for the holiday season prior to Thanksgiving,

and to participate in the Parade of Lights, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 1.

In the past, the parade has included over 60 lighted vehicles, a visit from the Grin-

ch, and live music against the backdrop of the village and its shops all lit up for the holidays.

To volunteer for decorating, contact mbapresident@millbrooknewyork.com. To

volunteer for the Parade, contact ceciliacollop@gmail.com. Prospective volunteers may also contact Mayor Tim Collopy at 845-677-3939, option 5.

Health Department to offer Narcan training on Nov. 13

MILLBROOK — On Monday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook Firehouse, 20 Front St., the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and

Community Health will offer a free seminar on the opioid epidemic and how to help someone who has overdosed by using Narcan. Attendees

will be given Narcan kits.

Those interested in attending must register by Saturday, Nov. 11, in order for the instructors to know how many kits to

bring. For more information or to register, contact Mayor Tim Collopy at 845-677-3939, option 5, or villageofmillbrook-mayor@gmail.com

Music at the Annex on Nov. 18

MILLERTON — The Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd.

The program will consist of "classical to twentieth century music, including pieces from women composers, composers of color, as well

as a seasonal holiday collection." The group was founded in 2020 and has performed throughout New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

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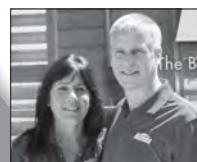
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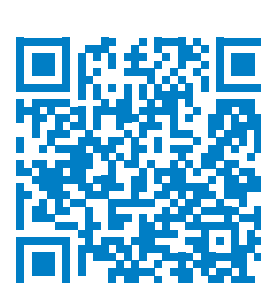
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