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Area fire companies team up to extinguish blaze in Millerton

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County awards nonprofits \$2 million in grants to meet host of community needs

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Pine Plains fire devours building, but animals, businesses saved

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The hook and ladder truck from Red Hook helped put out the fire at 70 County Road, Pine Plains, on Thursday, Dec. 28, working with several other local fire departments to contain a fire at the Roe Jan Hardware Center and other businesses and farm. The farm and animals were saved, and the businesses are operational.

Brinckerhoff made honorary member by Millbrook Rotary Club

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OUR TOWNS



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Noon Day’s Eve Party

Miller Ideker, 5, takes a break from the NorthEast-Millerton Library’s Noon Day’s Eve party Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, with her aunt, Liz Barrett. The library’s story hour celebrated New Year’s with a countdown to lunch.

Millbrook discusses 2024 goals at annual reorg meeting

By JUDITH O’HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees covered several areas in its reorganization meeting Wednesday, Jan. 3, including approving the appointments of Frank Redl on the Planning Board and Mark Vila for the Planning Board of Appeals, with both terms running until Dec. 31, 2028.

Mayor Tim Collopy and the Board of Trustees agreed on a policy developed for the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB 57): The goal of the village is to achieve and maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year-end of 25% of the subsequent year’s budgeted expenditures to protect against cash flow shortfalls related to timing of projected revenue receipts and to maintain a budget stabiliza-

tion commitment. The village clerk presented an updated building permit fee schedule, which will be posted on the village website. Committees and committee members were named, and all were approved with no changes and are listed on the website. The Rules of Procedure were discussed, as were advance notice of claims, mileage allowance (government standard), and attendance at

envisioned for the local system. It is likely that residents will be invited to tag along on those site visits. As an engineering study to define the boundaries of a wastewater district, along with preparing maps and drawings is an essential element of the grant application process, the committee saw that as an immediate goal, along with the hiring of attorneys to assist with the process. That goal was met by a resolution passed by the Town Board at its meeting later in the evening. As a result of the Town Board’s action, the engineer-

ing firm Laberge Group of Albany, and the legal firm Tabner, Ryan and Keniry of Albany were approved to assist with the project of developing the map, plan and report, necessary to the grant application process. Community outreach in the coming months will be a focus to inform and engage with residents, with a wastewater district expected to be determined by the summer, Miller said. “We need a district in order to apply for a WIIA [Water Infrastructure Improvement] grant,” Miller explained. An established district map is

also needed to apply for other available intermunicipal grants. The project to test the surface water in key locations is expected to the completed with a report due in late May. A resident attending the meeting expressed concern about plans to locate the proposed treatment facility on acreage preliminarily identified on Lake Amenia Road, citing environmental concerns. Another resident questioned the calculations that assert that eventual construction costs and operational costs can be covered by monthly user fees.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice
Hazy Rafa LLC filed Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State on November 14, 2023. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and a copy of any process shall be mailed to 55 Locust Grove Road, Apt 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Its purpose is any lawful business.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, at a regular meeting held on January 4, 2024, duly adopted a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, that would AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MAP, PLAN AND REPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN THE TOWN OF AMENIA SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia is considering the creation of a new sewer district pursuant Town Law § 209-209, which requires the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report pursuant to Town Law § 209-b and § 209-c; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia has previously completed a Sewer Feasibility Study for the Hamlet of Amenia in June 2022; and
WHEREAS, the Sewer Feasibility Study delineated a proposed wastewater district centered in the

Amenia Hamlet; and
WHEREAS, in consequence of the Sewer Feasibility Study, the Town Board requested proposals for engineering and legal services for the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report; and
WHEREAS, in response to such request, LaBerge Engineering & Consulting Group Ltd. submitted an engineering proposal to prepare such Map, Plan and Report, as required by Town Law § 209-b for a fee not to exceed \$27,550.00 as set forth in said proposal; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group Ltd. is a duly qualified engineering firm to prepare such Map, Plan and Report; and
WHEREAS, in response to such request, Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP submitted a legal proposal for the preparation of such Map, Plan and Report, as required by Town Law § 209-b for a fee not to exceed \$18,000.00 as set forth in said proposal; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the law firm Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP is a duly qualified law firm to provide professional legal services in the creation of such Map, Plan and Report; and
WHEREAS, based on the proposal submitted by LaBerge Engineering & Consulting Group Ltd. and Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, the Town Board has determined that the cost for the preparation of the Map, Plan and Report will not exceed \$45,550.00, which will be paid from Wastewater Engineering Budget Line No. 1.080204.01.103.00; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges that the cost of the preparation of such Map, Plan and Report will be a Town charge, and shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other Town charges; and
WHEREAS, in the event the Town Board determines to establish such sewer

district pursuant to the aforementioned provisions of Town Law, as set forth in Article 12-a of the Town Law, the expenses incurred by the Town for the preparation of the Map, Plan and Report shall be deemed to be part of the cost of such sewer improvement, or the rendering of such services, and the Town shall be reimbursed in the amount paid therefor, or such portion of that amount which the Town Board, at a public hearing to be held pursuant to Town Law § 209-d, shall allocate against such district; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board further anticipates that the cost of the preparation of such Map, Plan and Report will be reimbursed to the Town through available governmental grants and aid, applications, which are actively being pursued by the Town Board.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby appropriates the sum of \$45,550.00 for the preparation of the Map, Plan and Report for the creation of the new wastewater district to be paid from Wastewater Engineering Budget Line No. 1.080204.01.103.00.
3. This Resolution, in accordance with §24 of the Municipal Home Rule, Article 7 of the New York State Town Law and §209-b of the New York State Town Law is subject to a permissive referendum. Dated: Amenia, New York, January 4, 2024. By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Amenia
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER,
TOWN CLERK
01-11-24
Legal Notice
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That a meeting of the owners of lots in Irondale Cemetery Inc. located in Millerton N.Y 12546 will be held at

North East Muffler ,5654 rt 22 Millerton N,Y 12546, on January 29th 2024 at 6:00 pm. For the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.
The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the lot owners.
Cindy L. Heck
Irondale Cemetery Sexton
01-11-24
01-18-24
01-25-24
LEGAL NOTICE
West Main Street Apartments LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/30/2023. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Charles Weinstock for a reduction in the required side yard and a reduction in the required front yard in order to add a one story addition to an existing residence, located at 31 Winchell Mountain Road, tax parcel #7171-00-177913, in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East. The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall. Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so

in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.
Dated: January 8, 2024.
Julie Schroeder
Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
01-11-24
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT 2024
TAKE NOTICE, that I, Dawn Marie Klingner, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Amenia for the year 2024, and that I will attend at 4988 Route 22, Amenia from January 2, 2024 to February 29, 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon on each day, excepting Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 29, 2024. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be an additional one percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.
January to February 29, 0% (percent) penalty;
March 1 to April 1—2% (percent) penalty;
April 2 to April 30—3% (percent) penalty;
May 1 to May 31 — 4% (percent) penalty;
June 1 until settlement with County Treasurer, 5% (percent).
In addition, after May 15, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Amenia will be returned to the County Treasurer of

the County of Dutchess on the 1st day of June. Dated January 2, 2024.
Dawn Marie Klingner
Amenia Tax Collector
01-11-24
01-18-24
TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX BILLS AND WARRANT
TAKE NOTICE, that I, Elizabeth “Tilly” Strauss, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the collection of property taxes within the Town of North East for fiscal year 2024. Collection of taxes will begin with the receipt of taxes through February 29, 2024 at the Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave, Millerton, New York, on the following days and times: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; and FEBRUARY ONLY Fridays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-noon. Checks are to be made payable to “North East Tax Collector”.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 29, 2024 without penalty. All taxes received after that date shall have an added interest of 2% for the month of March, 3% for the month of April, and 4% for the month of May. In addition, after May 15th, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that after June 1st, 2024 all unpaid taxes will be turned over to Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
Dated: January 4, 2024
Elizabeth Strauss Town Clerk/North East Tax Collector
01-11-24
01-18-24

OUR TOWNS

A year for infrastructure in Washington and Millbrook

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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Water and wastewater
The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded the Village of Millbrook a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant of \$1,837,500 toward the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant, or about a quarter of the expected \$7.35 million cost. A 30-year, 0% interest loan will cover the rest.
The replacement of the South Millbrook sewer pump is estimated to cost \$325,000-\$350,000. The pump is already purchased;



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

the village is now waiting for the generator. The installation is expected to be done in the first quarter of 2024.
Sidewalks and accessibility
The first phases of sidewalk replacement on Frank-

lin Avenue are 90% completed, and are expected to be done this spring. In May, new trees will be planted. The sidewalk replacement on the north end of Franklin Avenue will follow the same process, starting with applications for

Sheriff Kirk Imperati is beneath the umbrella, Rabbi Hanoch Hecht is standing next to him, and Rabbi Mendy Moschkia is on the ladder helping to add the lit candles to the menorah in Millbrook Dec. 10, 2023, the first Sunday after the start of Hanukkah.

grants and funding.
The Town of Washington received a grant for \$100,000 for the Recreation Department building at the Town Park, for accessibility and HVAC updates for year-round senior activities, including two accessible park-

ing spots, a new walkway/accessible ramp and a new accessible door.
Environment
The town and village worked together to install an electric charging station at Washington Town Hall. The station officially opened in August 2023.
The village and town joined with neighboring Clinton to create a Natural Resources Inventory of the area, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. It will provide useful information for planning and zoning decisions, said Washington Town

Supervisor Gary Ciferri.
Bennett Park
The east section of Bennett Park, which boasts hiking, biking and walking trails, opened Sunday, Nov. 5. The eastern section comprises less than half of the completed 32-acre park planned for the site of the former Bennett College.
In January, the Millbrook Community Partnership will meet with the village Planning Board to determine next steps.
Work on the park and abutting Thorne Community Center will resume in the spring; the western portion of Bennett Park may even open within the year.

OBITUARIES

Joan Schuster

MILLERTON — Joan C. Schuster, 88, a fifteen year resident of Cedar Hill, Texas and a thirty-four year resident of Stanfordville, New York, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at her home in Cedar Hill. Joan was a retired school bus driver for Dutchess B.O.C.E.S in Poughkeepsie, NY.
Born July 30, 1935, in Millerton, New York, she was the daughter of the late Albert N. and Florence (Parmalee) Silvernail. She was educated in the Webutuck Central School District. On April 9, 1955 in Millerton, she married Robert F. "Bob" Schuster. Their marriage lasted nearly fifty-four years. Mr. Schuster passed away on Dec. 4, 2008.
Joan was a parishioner of the North East Baptist Church in Millerton for over fifty years where she served as a Sunday school teacher as well. She was currently a member of the Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, Texas. Joan was also a member of the Senior Activity Center in Midlothian, Texas. She enjoyed playing cards and Bingo in her spare time and was an avid reader and also liked puzzles. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many friends.



Joan is survived by her daughter, Terry Young and her son, Mark Schuster; seven grandchildren, Ryan Young, Amanda L. Young, Jessica L. (Young) McGowan, Jennifer (Schuster) Copley, Jacob Schuster, Kellie (Schuster) Derryberry and Kim Schuster; nine great grandchildren, Gavin Singh, Kira Khadivi, Kayla Khadivi, Ryalee Copley, Hailey McGowan, Caitlyn McGowan, Trinity McGowan, Abby Derryberry and Branson Derryberry; her sister-in-law, Joan Silvernail and her nephews, Robbie Silvernail and David and Peter Corbett and many friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Joan was predeceased by her brother, Bernard O. "Bernie" Silvernail and her sister, Isabel Corbett.
Private committal prayers followed by burial in the family plot will take place at Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains, New York this week. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Joan's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546.

KENT — Charlotte Irving Lindsey, 89, of Kent, passed away peacefully at her new home on Cape Cod on Dec. 2, 2023. A gifted wood carving artist, skilled drug and alcohol counselor, admired second grade teacher, and revered volunteer extraordinaire, Charlotte was a woman of many talents. She was a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, and recent widow of her husband of 45 years, Richard "Dick" Lindsey.
A Journalism major at Boston University, Charlotte nimbly employed those skills in many capacities throughout the years as a proficient relationship-builder. No matter the locale, many people she met walked away with a new friend. Several Appalachian Trail hikers likely still remember her generosity of a tasty meal and hot shower at their home on Main Street. Her second grade students from 60+ years ago, many of whom she kept in contact with over the years, shared sentiments such as, "she made learning natural and fun," and stories of how she made them feel valued while infusing the love of learning. Her counseling colleagues remembered her as compassionate and caring with clients.
One of the things Charlotte was most proud of was her long sobriety and subse-

Charlotte Irving Lindsey

quent career as a drug and alcohol counselor after getting sober at the age of 50. Her message to many in the throes of addiction was that it's never too late. Right to the end, she modeled not being afraid to start something new.
Not one to shy away from adventure, some of Charlotte's fondest memories were when she and her beloved husband, Dick, would say, "Yes" to something new like moving to Maine for several years; traveling for months in a borrowed pop-up camper across the Trans-Canada Highway and then winding their way home through the United States; or adopting Luke, Beau, and Rosie, her treasured donkeys. In her late 60s, having survived lung, breast, and skin cancer all at once, she wrote a letter that began, "Dear Intrepid Women..." to five fellow cancer survivors — all women from Kent — inviting them to join her for a high ropes course adventure. With her friends by her side, she courageously wrangled her fear of heights, donned a harness, climbed 30+ feet into the trees and cables where she proudly and successfully navigated the aerial challenge course.
Despite growing up in



Darien, she considered Kent her hometown having summered there on her grandfather's farm in South Kent since she was a toddler and moving to Kent full time after college. Serving the town in a variety of capacities brought her great pleasure.
Some of her service included the Veterans Memorial Committee (and co-authoring a book called, "One Small Town in World War II," with Fran Johnson about Kent's contribution to the war), Kent Garden Club, Kent Historical Society, and the Kent Center School Scholarship Fund (to which she brought the idea for The Chocolate Fest). Charlotte and Dick were also members of a local Unitarian Fellowship and enjoyed many community activities.
The daughter of the late James E. and Cecile (Cottrell) Irving, Charlotte leaves five children, Polly Goddard (Andy); Melissa Makris; Constance Hedden (Don); Eliza-

beth Tobin; and William R. Tobin, III (Terry); three stepchildren, James Lindsey; Jennifer Lindsey; and Katherine Dunn; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her brother Walter Irving (Pam), sisters in-law Claire Irving (Bill) and Shari Adams (Rob) as well as many nieces and nephews, and her uncle, Griggs Irving. She was predeceased by her brothers William C. and Robert M. Irving, her parents, and her husband, Dick.
In her memory, donations are welcome at: Kent Center School Scholarship Fund where a scholarship in memory of Charlotte & Dick will soon be created so please be sure to designate donations in memory of Charlotte and/or Dick Lindsey: www.kcssf.org/support.html or P.O. Box 794, Kent, CT 06757 or Kent Historical Society www.kenthistoricalsociety.org/memberships/become-member/ (scroll to bottom of membership page) or P.O. Box 651, Kent, CT 06757.
A Celebration of Life will be held later this year in Kent.

More obituaries appear on Page A4

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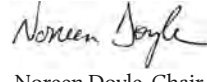
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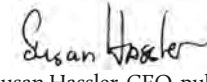
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OBITUARIES

Robert Andrew Parker

WEST CORNWALL — Robert “Bob” Andrew Parker, 96, passed away at home on Dec. 27, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Husband to the late Judith Mellecker, who died in August, he was a father of five sons and a grandfather of six.

Born in 1927, in Norfolk, Virginia, to Harriett Cowdin Parker and William Clay Parker, a dentist with the Public Health Service, the family moved frequently, living in New Mexico, Seattle, Indiana, and Chicago. He began drawing as a child while sick at home with tuberculosis.

Near the end of World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps, where he worked as an airplane mechanic. After being honorably discharged from military service in 1949, he attended the Art Institute of Chicago, beginning a long and prolific career as an illustrator, painter, and printmaker.

His work was expressive, often cheeky, with an implied narrative that reflected a wry sense of humor; some of his favorite subjects were war scenes, battleships, airplanes, dogs, monkeys, insects, landscapes, portraits, and lingerie-clad women. Known for his evocative watercolors and vivid prints, he had a loose style of drawing. Print Magazine described him as “One of the great masters of 20th century illustration.”

In 1952, he was the youngest artist to show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Later, he attended the Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, and Atelier 17 in New York City.

He went on to create illustrations for the New Yorker, Playboy, Penthouse, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Esquire, Time, New York, and other magazines. He played the hands of Vincent van Gogh, recreating his work in the 1956 film “Lust for Life,” starring Kirk Douglas. After the film, he was able to work as a full-time artist.

Blending his passion for jazz and art, he painted album covers for Columbia Records musicians from Duke Ellington to Thelonious Monk, and illustrated works by literary giants such as Vladimir

Nabokov, Stendahl, and poet Marianne Moore, who wrote of him as an artist “for whom small things could be great things.”

Parker raised five sons with his first wife, Dorothy Daniels Parker, in Carmel, New York, where their home was filled with music and art, which passed on to his boys — one, now an artist, and four who became professional drummers.

He illustrated dozens of children’s books, earning a Schneider Family Book Award and a Randolph Caldecott Medal, among many awards. He also taught art at the New York School for the Deaf, Parsons School of Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam, and the School of Visual Arts in New York.

His world travels included treks in the Himalayas, and forays to Central America and West Africa on assignment for Fortune Magazine. Aside from his art, he loved fly fishing on the Housatonic River, hunting pheasant in Ireland, and drumming in his jazz band, Jive by Five, playing at New England venues for 30 years.

His work appears in permanent collections of the Guggenheim, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and others. Inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in 2004, his life and work are showcased in a 2019 documentary “A is for Artist,” produced by the Vision & Art Project.

He is survived by sons Christopher, Anthony, Eric, Geoffrey, and Nicholas; daughters-in-law Janice Parker, Toni Marie Casella, and Shantal Riley; grandchildren Claudia, Jack, Max, Russell, Willem, and Reed, along with scores of dear friends and colleagues.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

sons; Kenny, Frederick and his wife Maryann, Brian Cass, and her two daughters Jane Jackson (Cass) and her husband Roger, Susanne Scott (Cass) and her husband Robert Pierce. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren; Stephanie and Allison Chase, Marty Cass, Janice Barnes, Skeeter (Roger) Garren and his wife Chrissy, Chelby and Ben Cass, Rebecca Scott and Emily Svenningsen; six great grandchildren; Dyllan Munson, Willie, Katy, and Izzy Barnes, Colton and Brianna Southworth and two great-great-grandchildren; Ryker and Talyn Munson.

She will be sadly missed by her nieces who loved her as a surrogate mom; Annie Barnes, Lisa Morales, Mary Mosegard, Carolyn Shepard and Kathy Venute.

It gave her great joy when they, along with all of her nieces and nephews came to visit her.

She also had a special fondness for Rob Budny who was a caregiver for Kenny and became like another son to her.

At her request services will be private for the family.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Dorothy Cass

CORNWALL — After a long, full life Dorothy Cass entered eternal rest Jan. 5, 2023.

She was born on June 15, 1925, and grew up in Queens, New York, a daughter to Susanna and Frederick York and sister to siblings, Dolores Orton, her twin, Germaine Wininger and Howard York.

She married her husband Joseph B. Cass and moved to the country where she resided with him and their children. They moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, until his death, at which time she returned to Connecticut to be closer to her children. She resided in Cornwall for the last 25 years of her life.

She died in her home surrounded by family.

She was an avid gardener and had many treasured friends. Dorothy was an active member of the Woman’s Society of Cornwall and helped in many fund raisers.

In addition to her husband Joseph B. Cass, she was predeceased by three children; Brad, Michael and Amanda, three grandchildren; Wendy Jackson, Jody Cass and Michael Southworth.

She is survived by her three

CORNWALL — Lisa Lansing (Simont), age 81, of Cornwall, passed away on Dec. 24, 2023, after a short illness.

Lisa was born on May 13, 1942, to Tod and Elizabeth Lansing in Providence, Rhode Island. After she graduated from Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, she went on to get her undergraduate degree in 1964 at Mount Holyoke College where she was the chief editor of the Mount Holyoke News.

After her college graduation and knowing that she wanted to be a newspaper reporter, Lisa started a three-year stint working for the Berkshire Eagle in Pittsfield, Massachusetts

In 1967 Lisa left Pittsfield for Washington, D.C. where she took a position at the Congressional Quarterly.

In early 1968, Lisa left the Congressional Quarterly to join her first husband, Milton Gwirtzman, to work on the campaign of Presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy.

Lisa, who worked for Pierre Salinger, the head of the press operation for Kennedy’s campaign, was with the campaign in California when Bobby Kennedy was assassinated and returned to New York on Air Force One with his body on board.

In 1969, Lisa’s journalistic work in politics took a back seat to motherhood after Matthew, the first of her two children, was born. A year later she spent 18 months in Paris to absorb the culture and to pursue her passion for cooking where she took a six-week course at Cordon Bleu.

While pregnant with her second child, Dan, in 1971, Lisa came back to the US to live in Chevy Chase, Maryland where, throughout the 1970s, she often volunteered her talents to causes she embraced.

In 1976 her family moved



Lisa Lansing Simont

to Newton, Massachusetts. In 1981, Lisa earned a master’s degree in business administration with a specialty in public management from Boston University. Later in the 1980s she worked in the development office of the Museum of Science in Boston.

Lisa was passionate about art. She worked at the China Trade Museum until its 1984 merger with the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem.

Often the traveler and adventurer, in 1976, she visited China with Milton in one of the first groups to travel there from the west since 1949. In the mid-1980s Lisa went on an Outward-Bound trip in the Everglades in the southwest coast of Florida.

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Patricia A. Conway

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EDITORIAL

Nonprofits get support

The nonprofit sector has for years relied on government support to provide social services that otherwise would not be funded. In 2010, the Urban Institute, founded by President Lyndon Johnson as an independent social and economic policy group supporting the War on Poverty, reported that \$1 out of every \$3 given to public charities came from government sources. In other words, about one-third of crucial social services wouldn't be available to local communities without government support.

In Dutchess County, the Agency Partner Grant Program, entering its 12th year, has been a source of funding for nonprofit organizations across the county. On the front page this week, we report on biennial grants totaling almost \$2 million awarded in the last week of 2023 to 32 nonprofits in our community.

The competitive grants are awarded based on an organization's ability to demonstrate its vital community role. In announcing the latest round of grants, outgoing Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said: "Our Agency Partner Grant Program continues to serve as an important collaboration between local nonprofit organizations and Dutchess County Government to address critical needs in our communities. We thank the Dutchess County Legislature for its ongoing support of the APG program and the agencies that strive every day to improve the lives of our residents."

The Urban Institute has pointed out — in its study of the mutual dependency of governments and nonprofits — that while nonprofits are dependent upon the public sector, so, too, is government dependent on the nonprofit sector.

Nonprofits deliver vital social services, strengthen communities, and promote civic engagement.

In Dutchess County, the 32 nonprofits receiving grants provide a broad range of services. Some are familiar: assisting students with special needs; offering afterschool programs that nurture academic, social and behavioral development; providing English as a New Language (ENL) courses for elementary school students; promoting literacy, job skills training and 4-H youth development.

This grant funding also aims to address a much broader range of community needs: homelessness prevention; senior nonemergency medical transportation; initiatives to reduce criminal recidivism; programs for enhancing parenting skills, helping grandparents and other relatives caring for children; LGBTQ+ teen support; food, nutrition and health programs.

The list of recipients across Dutchess County, which includes our North East Community Center and a number of organizations based in Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Poughkeepsie, represents an impressive array of nonprofits helping to fulfill the diverse needs of our community. (For the full list, go to www.millertonnews.com.)

Extracts from past news pages

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn, Vivian Sukenik, Nancy Vialpando and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

91 years ago: January 1933

"Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Dean Observe Golden Wedding": This past week has been an exciting one for Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Dean, of Center Street, Millerton. To begin with, they attended a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mr. Dead having been especially invited by Mrs. Clayton Loan. It was during the hour when the covered dish supper was being served that Mr. and Mrs. Dean had a most pleasant surprise. The Rev. Raymon ward Presented them with a gold piece in honor of the coming gold wedding anniversary.

The golden wedding day itself...Mr. And Ms. Dean spent the afternoon quietly at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ward Dean... They were married on Jan. 9, 1883 at the Methodist parsonage at Millerton.

Miss Kristine Hoffbeck and Miss Violet Simmons

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

were in Poughkeepsie on Saturday.

Mrs. Block, of Block's Department Store, is in New York City for a few days buying Spring dresses.

"Ken Brown Injures Leg While Chopping": The Blue and Gold was weakened last Sunday morning when Ken Brown, captain of the M.H. S. basketball team, cut his leg with an axe. Dr. Hoag put four stitches in the cut. Bown will be out of the game for at least two weeks.

Mrs. A.H. Gilbert and her daughter, Constance, are able to be up and about after entertaining that popular disease, "flu". Mr. Gilbert is reported improving.

50 years ago: January 1974

"Millerton Fire Co. Honors Silvernale After 50 Years": Ronald J. Silvernale of Millerton, better known as "Juddy," wil retire in April from the Millerton Fire Department after 50 years of service... Juddy Silvernale joined the



"Well, you can pick your friends, you can pick your nose, but..."

SCOTUS on trial

No other democratic nation on earth has its highest court Justices appointed for life. In all other countries there are mandatory term limits and/or mandatory retirement age for high court Justices (like U.S. corporations where CEO's retire at 65). The nation's "marriage" to confirmed justices "til death us do part" is non-comprehensible to other nations, and resented by many Americans.

There is no national election for Supreme Court Justice, rather a Presidential appointment which requires Senate confirmation — no confirmation — no ascension — ask Bork. The Senate confirmation is a republic validation for a Justice — the process certainly isn't democratic. California with a population of 40 million has two Senators — 1 per 20 million citizens. Eight states

GUEST COLUMN

Kathy Herald-Marlow

have populations of less than 1.1 million – 6 of these states have 1 of their 2 Senators representing abbut 250,000 citizens. Like the Electoral College, voters in all 50 states are not equally represented. Half of U.S. states, 25 states, have less than 5 million citizens — one eighth the number of voters living in California, one quarter the voters living in New York, one third the number living in Pennsylvania.

Up to 1991, when Clarence Thomas was confirmed by a Senate vote of 52-48, appointed Justices received over 90 confirmation votes:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support in Fire District election

I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote for me in the North East Fire District election on Dec. 12. We will work to keep making

forward progress.
Thank you,

James Milton
Millerton

company in 1924 when it was still the E.H. Thompson Hose Company.

"Awards Dinner with Mets Star": New York Mets player Ed Kranepool will be guest of honor at the annual Millerton Lions club father-Son awards Dinner.

"Webutuck Lunch Menu": Monday, Jan. 28- Fresh Hamburger on a Buttered bun, Buttered Green Beans, Ketchup, Mustard, Crisp Cole Slaw, Chilled Bartlett Pears, Fresh Milk.

"Arnoff Moving & Storage Has Golden Anniversary": Richard Arnoff's grandfather Abraham founded the business. In the years before 1924 he ran a cartage operation, hauling loads of freight by horse and wagon between New Haven, Canaan and Lakeville. Louis Arnoff, Richard's Father, ...bought the first Arnoff truck, a Ford Model A.

25 years ago: January 1999

"Janet Manko Appointed Publisher of LJ Company":

The announcement was made... by the company which publishes the Lakeville Journal... We are delighted to recognize Janet's ... essential role at the papers.... Mrs. Manko said her objections remain the same in her new position, to maintain the strong community spirit of the papers.

Virgil Martin has donated a collection of spillways and spooners to the [North East Historical] Society. The glassware will be on display in the NorthEast-Millerton Library in late January.

Progress continues on Central Hudson Gas & Electric's comprehensive effort to address the so-called "Millennium Bug" within its computerized systems. A contingency plan is being developed and to date, approximately 70 percent of the utility's so-called "mission critical" systems are Y2K compliant; full remediation is anticipated on or before the industry's goal of May 31, 1999... to ensure utility service to customers remains uninterrupted.

O'Connor in 1986 was a 99-0 confirmation (followed by Alito 58-42), Ginsburg 96-3 (Barrett 52-48), Scalia 98-0 (Gorsuch 54-45), Stevens 98-0 (Kagan 68-37), Kennedy 97-0 (Kavanaugh 50-48). Many Justices privileged by "til death do us part" terms, have recently received less than 60% of the nation's Senate confirmation, some questionably confirmed by a national majority.

Let's review Thomas' confirmation vote in 1991 — 52-48. When one researches who, which Senators voted for Thomas's confirmation to a lifetime appointment, one finds that though Thomas squeezed through on 52 Senator confirmation votes, when one researches what actual Senators with what state population voted for Thomas, he was shy of 50% of the national vote. The majority of American voices were lost in the unequal distribution of Senators to actual voters. So what about Alito, Kavanaugh, Barrett, Gorsuch, Jackson — which states with what populations confirmed their life-time appointment to the highest court in the land?

Early in 2024, SCOTUS will not only host trials of high interest, high impact related to Trump, his 91 indictments and his eligibility to be on a state ballot but the Court, the Justices themselves will be on trial — intensely scrutinized for their deliberations and decisions, their process and their substance. With continued investigatory adeptness, individual Justices will be scoured — already much grist for dissatisfaction with a trio of the Justices. The Court itself is at question, is it fit to be at the constitutionally prescribed pentacle of the American judicial system? With the highest disap-

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proval rating ever for a Supreme Court, continuous headlines boldly unmask individual ethical and legal misbehavior — a bundle of fiscal follies/corruption. Some justices petulantly dismiss the American public's preferences and opinions as well as exhibit disdain for the core SCOTUS precept of stare decisis "to stand by things decided." At their very public confirmations at least three of the recent appointees swore allegiance to stare decisis then within months overturned Roe vs. Wade.

Not elected, appointed for life, some SCOTUS Justices are brazenly draped not in black gowned prudent judgment but sharp-tongued arrogance, personally having histories, decades, of misconduct, fiscal advantages parlayed by persons seeking Court favor. Alito with vim and venom toward the Congress falsely states: "No provision in the Constitution gives them the authority to regulate the Supreme Court — period." Really? What about confirmations, removals/impeachment, the number of Justices, terms of office, procedures such as motion dockets (i.e., shadow dockets judicial actions taken without any reported documentation)?

Regardless of sizzling rhetoric, the Supreme Court and its Justices collectively and individually are bound by law and order. It is past time to, in particular, reassess and revise not only codified ethical conduct but terms with limits — this isn't a marriage — it is a prominent position that ought have designated terms like the President, the Senate, the House.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

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ment of Behavioral and Community Health were awarded through the APG competitive grant process to ensure critical services and programs are administered, according to the county executive’s office.

The APG program has been in existence for 12 years. The focus of its support has been to bolster funding for youth development, housing instability, workforce development, mental health and wellness, and literacy programs. Under the program,

funds are provided on a biennial basis unless additional funds become available.

The work of the agencies funded in 2024 includes: providing help for students, parents and grandparents, such as assisting students with special needs, offering afterschool programs supporting academic, social and behavioral development, ENL (English as a New Language) for elementary students and promoting literacy, job skills training and 4-H youth de-

velopment.

Funding also aims to address a wide range of community needs, such as homelessness prevention, senior nonemergency medical transportation, initiatives to reduce recidivism, enhancing parenting skills, helping grandparents and other relatives caring for children, LGBTQ+ teen support and food, nutrition and health programs.

A complete list of 2024 grants is at www.millertonnews.com

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on the scene to assist.

On Monday, Jan. 8, Grace Nelson issued a statement thanking the Millerton Fire Company: “Ray and I are so grateful to God that nobody got hurt. We are also extremely grateful to the Millerton Fire Department for their swift, appropriate work and coordination,” with all the responding fire departments.

Ed Downey, who lives on

nearby Simmons Street and is the historian for the Town of North East, estimated that the house was built sometime between 1858 and 1887 when Millerton boomed as a railroad town. “I feel badly for Ray and Grace who have worked so hard on restoring that house,” said Downey. Known as the “Beehive” the 4,700-square-foot house was picked up and moved west in

the early 1920s to allow for the extension of Dutchess Avenue and the creation of Highland Drive.

It was reported that over 10,000 gallons of water from a nearby hydrant were pumped into the home, causing considerable water damage on all the floors. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Department.

PINE PLAINS FIRE *Continued from Page A1*

raged for several hours from around 7:30 p.m. until finally called under control at about 2 a.m., took efforts by many fire departments: Pine Plains, Milan, a Red Hook ladder truck, Ancram, Germantown, Livingston, Stanfordville, Taghkanic and Copake.

In this area, where there is no central water system, the firefighters set up a relay system with tanks along the way, getting water from Roe Jan Kill and getting it all the way to the fire site on a cold, dark night in a rural setting.

Established in the mid-1980s as a community lumberyard and retail hardware store by Alfred and Sarina Passeri, the business passed to son Doug around 2000. While operating the retail business, he recognized about 20 years ago the potential the property had and

opened a rental equipment business; the Farm, Wind & Solar company; and Foundation Screw Pile company. The Passeris also farm, raising Black Angus cows plus pigs and pheasants. The fire damage was limited to the retail store, offices and storage areas. The garage, vehicles, barns and animals were untouched, including about 500 chukar birds. “Thank God!” Passeri said.

Passeri also stated that while they are fully insured, they probably won’t rebuild, or will build a smaller structure on the site. All of the businesses — Roe Jan Hardware and Rental LLC, Hudson Valley Wind & Solar LLC, Hudson Valley Pheasant Farm, and GoliathTech of Hudson Valley Inc. — are still operating at full capacity.

In spite of her personal

losses, Greta Passeri was grateful, and commented: “Heartfelt thank you to all the departments that responded. The response and support were amazing. Getting water was tough in such a rural area, however, with well-rehearsed and a synchronized effort, getting the fire under control and keeping the animals safe paid off. Working as one team with so many involved was true community. Thank you.”

Added Passeri: “Thank you to Pine Plains Fire Department; fire Chief Brian Walsh and his team showed and provided excellent coordination with both Dutchess and Columbia County fire departments called in to help. Thanks also go out to the Milan Fire Dept. Chief Jeff Galm for fast response, knowledge of our property and support.”

Popular portable space heater usage sparks fire concerns

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Special to The Millerton News

Late December and early January saw a rash of house and structure fires in the region, among them a massive fire on Barton Street in Millerton, to which several fire departments from Connecticut’s Northwest Corner provided mutual aid, and a fatal blaze in Winsted claimed the lives of a man and a dog.

Elsewhere in the region and state, in late December, a two-story house fire in Torrington displaced five residents and claimed a dog’s life, and four children perished in a fire that tore through a home in Somers on Jan. 2.

While the causes of several of the recent fires are under investigation, as temperatures drop and people feel the financial crunch of heating their homes, fire officials are warning consumers to be mindful when using portable space heaters, fireplaces and pellet stoves.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the top three causes of fires in homes are cooking, heating equipment and electrical malfunction.

“We discourage the use of portable electric heaters, but if a person is going to use them, we recommend following the manufacturer’s safety information and definitely keep them at least

a minimum of three feet from any type of combustible materials,” such as sofas, beds, curtains and other furniture, said Winchester Fire Marshal Steven Williams. Some electrical units now come with an automatic shut-off feature should they be accidentally knocked over.

“The other important thing about electric heaters is you want to make sure to plug them directly into the wall outlet and not use an extension cord” or power strip, and never leave them on when you go to sleep or leave the room, he said. Children and pets should be supervised when around space heaters.

Whether portable or stationary, space heaters account for 82% of home heating fire deaths, according to latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association. Williams also suggests using seasoned firewood, which is dried for about a year, in wood stoves or fireplaces. “With fresh-cut wood there’s a lot of moisture, and it burns a lot smokier and contributes to the build-up of creosote.”

He stressed the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms, as well as CO detectors, on every level of the home, as the devices can detect odorless and potentially deadly carbon monoxide leaks from gas heaters or wood pellet stoves.

Under no conditions, said fire officials, is it safe to use a

portable propane heater with an LP tank indoors, such as those commonly used to fire up grills. Propane heaters produce carbon monoxide, which can be deadly if inhaled in an enclosed space.

Pellet stoves should be cleaned each season before use, and chimneys need to be cleaned regularly to prevent the buildup of creosote, a dangerous byproduct that comes from burning wood and stays in the chimney until it’s removed.

Live Christmas trees that are beginning to dry out also pose a fire risk this time of year.

“A dried-out Christmas tree is like a roman candle, if it catches fire it goes up quickly. Don’t keep the tree any longer than you have to,” noted Williams.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, it can take just 30 seconds for a small flame to turn into a major blaze.

Above all, never attempt to put out a fire yourself, and designate a meeting place where everyone can gather outside the home, said Williams.

“You have about two and a half minutes to get out of the house before that fire really gets going. Fires today get hot quicker and a lot hotter than years ago,” he said, due to petroleum and plastic products commonly used in home furnishings.

BRINCKERHOFF *Continued from Page A1*

The Millbrook Rotary Club was originally the Dutchess Rotary Club. It had to be started by another club and have well-attended meetings for one year before it could actually become a club. It was started by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park, which met at the Cottonwood Inn.

The bell, still rung at the meetings, is inscribed “Central Dutchess Rotary Club.” After much work and bringing ideas to fruition, the Millbrook Rotary Club was born, and it then helped three other clubs get started: Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill and LaGrange.

It was also mentioned that Bunch was originally recruited into the Rotary Club by Brinckerhoff, as were many others. In fact, Brinckerhoff has brought more new members into Rotary than any other member.

He is most known, however, for having been the catalyst for many local projects. The Veteran’s Monument at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and North Avenue was restored mostly at the determined insistence of Brinckerhoff. The signs welcoming visitors to Millbrook were also a pet project that he diligently worked to see to fruition. The Business Directory of Millbrook is a major means of funding for Rotary projects, and his work on that project has been immense.

Brinckerhoff was born in Sullivan County, and while not giving away his exact age, he will admit that he not only attended the Woodstock festival, but that he walked to



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Left, author/editor Bryan Bunch introduced David Brinckerhoff at a Rotary dinner Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Millbrook Cafe, where Brinckerhoff was made an honorary member after more than 50 years as a Rotarian.

the now-famous music venue. Brinckerhoff likes people; he waited tables in Catskill resorts, then pursued an education at Purdue University in Indiana. After earning degrees in the field of psychology, he was employed by the university.

Moving to Millbrook when he started a career in executive placement, he later went on to earn a certificate for counseling in alcohol and drug misuse, starting a second career instead of retiring. As president of MARC Agency, which deals in alcohol and drug recovery, Brinckerhoff negotiated a merger between MARC and Mental Health America.

A man who believes in the value of work and service, today, in his 80s, Brinckerhoff still works on large projects that will provide

lasting benefits to communities for many years to come. On a personal basis, he will help a friend at the drop of a hat; he has helped with tasks such as writing a resume for someone, and helping to cut up and remove a fallen tree from a friend’s driveway. He commuted back and forth to New York’s Sloan Kettering Hospital to care for a friend and one of his sons who had terminal cancer whenever they needed his help.

In his closing remarks, Bunch said, “Again, welcome to Dave in his new status as an honorary Rotarian. It is our hope that he will take advantage of the opportunities that arise where he can still join us at meetings and other events.” Knowing the verve and energy of this octogenarian, their wishes will probably be manifested, and often.

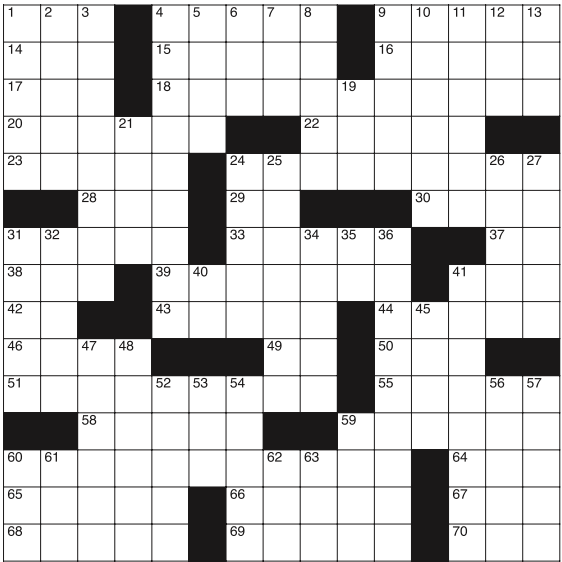
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
- 15. Cause to become less intense
- 16. Genus of tree bugs
- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. __ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
- 46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Lists
- 58. Positively charged electrode
- 59. Hard, colorless compound
- 60. Inflammation of the peritoneum
- 64. Trent Reznor’s band
- 65. Simply dry fruit
- 66. “Ivanhoe” author
- 67. Google certification
- 68. French commune
- 69. Medieval circuit courts
- 70. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indigenous people of Mexico
- 2. Dietary supplement
- 3. Having a particular sheen or luster
- 4. Views
- 5. Academic Bill of Rights
- 6. Automobile
- 7. When you anticipate



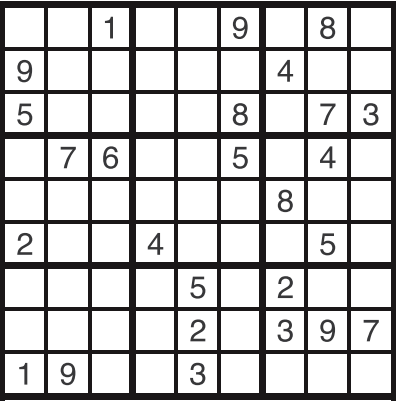
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- 8. Beef or chicken intestine
- 9. Conspiracy
- 10. Blood disorder
- 11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
- 12. Time zone
- 13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. Upton Sinclair novel
- 21. What a cow does
- 24. Cavalry-sword
- 25. Ancient Greek war galley
- 26. Stars
- 27. Rebukes
- 31. Billion year periods
- 32. Some are in a bottle
- 34. Tears down
- 35. Lethal dose
- 36. Humorists
- 40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- 41. Frameworks
- 45. Rocker Billy
- 47. More thin

- 48. Dog
- 52. Habitual repetitions
- 53. State of fuss
- 54. Uneasy
- 56. Chemical compounds
- 57. More cognizant of reality
- 59. A place to build
- 60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 61. Supplement with difficulty
- 62. Very slick
- 63. Hill or rocky peak

Jan. 4 Solution

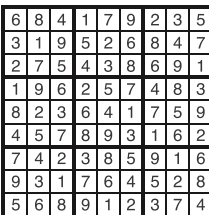


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A safe space at Simon's Rock

The Bard Queer Leadership Project (BQLP), originally slated to begin in the fall of 2024, opened its doors a year ahead of schedule.

Due to the alarming rise in anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation nationwide aimed particularly at schools of all levels, from elementary through college, the starting date was pushed up to September 2023, making this the first year for this progressive program.

Carla Stephens, director of the new project on the campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass., described BQLP as a transformative space for LGBTQ+ students. The program offers a dual concentration bachelor's degree, integrating leadership with students' chosen fields of study.

The average age of this first BQLP cohort is 17 years old. "The project was conceived as one for traditional college-aged students seeking their B.A. degrees and a couple of current BQLP participants are 18 and older," said Stephens. "We are very excited to invite high school seniors and college transfer students to apply to the BQLP."

Simon's Rock is known as "an early college" so when recruiting for the program, Stephens and John B. Weinstein, provost and vice president of Bard Academy and Bard College at Simon's Rock, have found that early college applicants (ninth and 10th graders) are attracted to the opportunity to participate in the BQLP Bachelor of Arts



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degree program. They understand that Simon's Rock is, and historically has been, a welcoming community for LGBTQ+ young people, faculty and staff.

Said Stephens, "We have a good proportion of our students who identify as LGBTQIA+ so it just seems very natural that this new innovation, this effort to become possibly the first LGBTQ+ college within the college, it just seems like a natural place for it to start."

BQLP offers a safe space for students. Stephens said of the program that it is, "sadly, an escape from persecution as the current political environment seems to be becoming worse."

From drag bans to sports restrictions, 75 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have become law in 2023 along with restrictions on gender-affirming care for transgender youth the most common. In total, 21 such laws passed this year. Stephens said, "The original plan was

for this project to start next year but there was an 'urgency of now,' to steal a phrase from the civil rights movement."

With 13 incoming students this year, Stephens and Weinstein began working with various community partners and avenues of outreach to expand over the next few years, making BQLP the first intentionally queer-serving college in the world.

Stephens recently attended the Learning with Love Conference, the PFLAG — the nation's first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families — convention in Washington, D.C. She said, "It was a bit sad for me to have parents of queer young people and chapter members and leaders tell me that they are grateful that our program exists."

Stephens participated in a lobby day with PFLAG and said: "The politicians in Massachu-

setts, not surprisingly, are amazing. So they were fantastic visits. However, I was talking with some PFLAG members from Texas and their meeting with an assistant to [Sen.] Ted Cruz [R-Texas] was terrible. The assistant actually denied the existence of trans folks to a trans person. It was terrible. And so, again, it's sad that we are we are so necessary."

BQLP's curriculum is further enriched through its speaker series, The Queer Leaders Vision Forum, which provides opportunities for students, as well as other audience members, to learn about leadership and the LGBTQ+ community directly from LGBTQ+ leaders.

The four pillars of the BQLP are: queer leadership in theory and practice; queer theory; queer history and culture; and career pathways.

Through storytelling about their lived experience, intellectual exploration, career paths and visions for the future, the

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PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

'Jane's Garden' by Robert Adzema

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Watercolors of Cornwall views in all seasons

Sometimes the title says it all.

"Cornwall Landscapes," a collection of countryside watercolors by resident Robert Adzema, opened at The Cornwall Library Saturday, Jan. 6, and will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 17. Painted outdoors without the use of photo references, Adzema's watercolors on paper highlight the extremes of the changing seasons in the small northwestern Connecticut town and include notable landmarks like the red lattice truss bridge that extends over the Housatonic River. The covered bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Seven of Cornwall's barns are listed on the Connecticut State Register of Historic Places, and Adzema made sure to include a landscape of a classic red barn and silo, darkened in shadow as a low winter sun illuminates a field shrouded in snow.

The 79-year-old artist, who moved to Cornwall in 2019, is best known for his public sculptures of sundials, including an 18-foot nautical-inspired canary yellow sundial commissioned in 1994 for Port Richmond High School in Staten Island, New York. The freestanding steel sundial uses light to mark high noon in solar time. Adzema also co-authored "The

Great Sundial Cutout Book" with his former wife, the late artist and writer Mablen Jones, for Penguin's Dutton boutique imprint in 1978. His current wife is potter Jane Herold, who has a pottery showroom on Sharon-Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall. Her handmade dinnerware and bone glaze saucers are used at The Mayflower Inn in Washington, Connecticut, as well as notable New York City restaurants like the seasonal Scandinavian-inspired Aska in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood and the rustic farm-to-table Marc Forgione eatery in Tribeca. Herold's green thumb is celebrated in one of Adzema's most charming spring watercolors, "Jane's Garden."

"The sundials are challenging and beautiful and mathematical and precise," Adzema said at the opening reception at Cornwall Library. "My watercolors are loose, and I need that artistic balance. There's a great challenge in getting the numbers to work when building the sundials, but I come back to painting because it is my real love."

Adzema's works are done in the plein air method that many Litchfield County scenic artists are quick to cite (who doesn't want to draw comparison to Claude Monet?). The style of outdoor painting was made initially possible for artists in the mid-1800s by the invention of portable easels and collapsible paint tubes. His one "cheat" can be seen in his single depiction of fauna — "Coltsfoot Valley with Cows" — in which Adzema relied on some bovine photography to position the farm animals in formation. Cows do not make patient models, Adzema found.



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Vigil at Race Brook Lodge

From the Vigil & Fundraiser for Gaza that took place Dec. 23, 2023, at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield. The gathering featured performances by Palestinian-American vocalist Mona Miari with multi-instrumentalist Zafer Tawil, and Rabbi Zach Fredman. Proceeds from the event went to United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and its efforts to support people in Gaza.



THEATER: LEE A. DAVIES

The healing power of live theater: Part 3

Live theater has a long and robust legacy of outreach-ing into the local com-munity, be it in ancient Greece and the Hellenic era, the Romans, me-dieval times, pre- and post-Renaissance, Elizabethan England and onward through our current modern live the-ater, which will certainly evolve in years to come.

This was general-ly done to bring live productions — music and dance, pantomimes, comedic plays — to the masses, who were frequently less educated and certainly of small means. True, archaeol-ogists have unearthed and explored majestic amphitheatres in ancient Greece and Rome, and even in Cornwall (no, not our Cornwall) and the southwest of England. Yet most performances were taken to the people rather than drawing au-diences to a permanent structure.

Depending on the area of the perfor-mances, the plays were performed in the middle of the street, on maneu-tered wooden pageant wagons in the streets of great cities. All the stag-ing for traveling produc-tions — the precursors of our modern “touring” productions — was con-sidered temporary and expected to be removed upon the completion of the performances. The upside: They would attract large masses of

audiences in outdoor markets and festivals who could investigate the scene as they passed by. The downside: It was not an environment conducive to elaborate staging and performanc-es.

This new type of stage changed the number of people who could view the plays: Instead of people having to travel to the church to see the play, the stage and the play could now come to them. The wagons often made cycles through towns or cities and would perform the acts multiple times so people could view them. The wagons would be dragged through the area and the actors would perform their roles over and over for the chang-ing audiences.

In Sharon and neigh-boring communities, The Sharon Playhouse has been proudly instrumen-tal in engaging directly with our community.

We’ve partnered with local support groups, as we did with Project Sage of Lakeville for our popular 2023 production of “Oliver!”

In conjunction with our 2023 production of “Lifespan of a Fact,” The Sharon Playhouse part-nered with The Salisbury Forum and The Lakeville Journal to co-sponsor a presentation and audi-ence talkback on the hot issue of truth in journal-ism.

We worked with the

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon to make its “Lit-tle Women” community read a success.

The Playhouse had a season-long presence with a fun raffle at the Kent Memorial Library’s popular book sale on weekends.

We conducted a sea-son-long trivia contest with theater ticket prizes to test the theater knowl-edge of our community — hundreds of respons-es proved that people enjoyed that, and were pretty much on target.

We’ve even taken pro-ductions out into local cemeteries for spooky Halloween play readings.

And as of 2023, just like you, The Sharon Playhouse is now a “homeowner,” with the purchase of a lovely building near Sharon Hospital to house our visiting casts and crews.

From a statistical perspective, look at the additional myriad ways that The Sharon Play-house has touched our community and beyond.

During the 2023 sea-son, The Sharon Play-house:

—Provided jobs for 250 professional theater artists, actors, techni-cians, musicians and educators.

—Welcomed 16,000 patrons to the Play-house.

—Offered over 95 live, in-person performances of 22 theater produc-tions.

—Produced 10 fully

staged youth produc-tions, four of which were original works.

—Offered 55 on-site educational theater classes for more than 700 students and participat-ed in three off-site school residencies with 300 students.

—Provided theater education and training to more than 1,000 stu-dents.

So, add attending live theater to your list of 2024 New Year’s reso-lutions, and make sure to keep this one. It’s physically and mentally healthy for all of us.

Thank you all for your patronage during The Sharon Playhouse’s record-breaking 2023 season. Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming productions and the 2024 season. This year looks to be a geopolitically turbulent one and, in keeping with the theme of this series, The Sharon Playhouse is striving to bring some extra relief and joy into our audiences’ lives. For more information, and to make a donation to help us keep you mentally and physically fit, please go to www.sharonplay-house.org

Lee A. Davies is a Member of the Board of Directors of The Sharon Playhouse and a resident of Cornwall Bridge. You can reach him with com-ments and/or questions at leedavies4@gmail.com.

...Simon's Rock

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forum guests are models and provoke areas of inquiry for the program’s students.

In December 2023, the forum’s guest was Paula M. Neira, a nurse, lawyer and renowned trans rights and health care advocate.

Neira graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1985, where she served as a surface warfare officer until 1991 when she came to terms with her gender identity. At that point, serving as an openly transgender woman in the military wasn’t an option, which led Neira to leave the Navy behind and begin a career in nursing.

“Nursing allowed me to have a career path where I could continue to serve,” said Neira.

Neira served as an emergency room nurse for five years before at-tending law school.

Of her varied career as a nurse, lawyer and

naval officer, Neira said the common thread was helping other people. She said leaving the Navy was the hardest thing she’s ever done in her life but added: “I didn’t give up my calling. I gave up my career in uniform because my calling, that sense of purpose, is ser-vice. It’s finding ways to try to make the world a little better for everyone. I’ve always considered myself blessed that I could do that.”

Because of her work, Neira shared: “There are now midlevel offi-cers, senior officers that know nothing of being in a service that doesn’t accept them. That’s a wonderful thing. We

have, unfortunately, the realization that those breakthroughs, that progress, is now proba-bly threatened.”

Neira explained that “don’t ask, don’t tell” was essentially a compromise — one could stay in the military as long as they also stayed in the clos-et. She said: “it forced people to constantly compromise their honor, which also constantly compromises the honor of institutions because there is no honor when you ask people to lie. There’s no moral courage in forcing policies that were grounded in igno-rance and prejudice.”

Neira was emotional and vulnerable with the

small crowd and inspired applause by saying: “Yes. You should feel righteous anger. But then you need to channel that anger

into, ‘How can I make change that’s going to achieve what I want to achieve?’ And it’s incre-mental, folks. So you

have to think in terms of evolution, not revolution and you also have to take care of yourself. This is a long fight.”

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From farm to table with NWCT's Food Hub

The Northwest Connecticut Food Hub connects regional farmers with wholesale customers, even during these winter months when local food is harder to come by.

Farmers list available items each week on the hub's online platform — at this time of year mostly roots, squash, apples, mushrooms and greens. Restaurants, schools, grocery stores, and food pantries can go online and order aggregated items from multiple farms for delivery.

If one farm only has butternut squash left in storage from the fall harvest, another might be flush with arugula coming out of a winterized greenhouse, while another still has beets in the cooler. Alone, each crop might be hard to sell or hard to use, but put them together in a restaurant's shopping cart through the Hub's online platform and you have a winter salad special on the menu.

The Food Hub is a locally developed spin on a more typical industrial food distribution model where large farms that specialize in one item or another ship their crops to warehouses to be repackaged and trucked off to retail grocery stores or food service venues.

By the very nature of our region's topography, farms are relatively small and far from customers. Valleys and slopes don't make for wide, expansive fields, and quiet windy roads often set farmers at a distance from population centers. Growing a

"The Hub helps with distribution while lifting everyone up. It isn't a place where farms are in competition with one another, but rather gives them an additional outlet to expand their businesses into."

diverse range of crops is good for the soil and for business resiliency — if a crop is a flop one year, there are others that likely did well. All of these factors make for colorful, bucolic farm landscapes throughout Northwest Connecticut, but they also present local farmers with a significant marketing challenge, and local buyers with the significant logistical question of how to access fresh, local food.

The Food Hub began operations in 2017 as a project supported by the region's economic development plan to help bridge these gaps between the unique growers we have in our region and potential customers. It is an initiative of the nonprofit Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities, whose board oversees operations. Day-to-day management of the Hub falls to Renee Giroux, a farmer herself who knows firsthand the challenges and opportunities of farmers in the area.

"The Hub helps with distribution while lifting everyone up," said Giroux. "It isn't a place where farms are in competition with one another, but rather gives them an additional outlet to expand their businesses into."

While some buyers, like restaurants and grocery stores, pay full wholesale prices for the farm products, others have their deliveries subsidized by different grants. The Hub cobbles together a number of funding sources to allow them to work with schools, food pantries and health care facilities. Ed-Advance, an education nonprofit, helps fund farm-to-school initiatives facilitated by the Hub. A community wellness grant allows diabetes patients to receive produce prescription deliveries through Hartford Healthcare. Community foundations support food pantry purchases.

"Individual farmers don't have time to navigate all the potential funding sources that can help expand their markets," said Food Hub board member Jocelyn Ayer. "That's where the Hub comes in. We work with partners to secure funding for a wide range of projects."

On a frigid December day, Susan Zappulla-Peters arrived bright and early at the Hub's Torrington warehouse with a delivery of radishes and scallions from the farmer son manages, Maple Bank Farm in Roxbury. "The first time I delivered here, I was so inspired by



PHOTOS BY JANNA SILLER

Northwest Connecticut Food Hub director Renee Giroux moving a pallet of regionally grown produce dropped off by farmers, aggregated, and prepared for outgoing delivery to food access organizations.

what Renee is doing that I asked if I could help. Now I volunteer every week after I drop off Maple Bank's produce."

Zappulla-Peters spent the morning receiving produce off farmers' pickup trucks and compiling orders as generated onto lists by the online purchase platform. The pallets quick-

ly filled up with food, including apples from March Farm in Bethlehem; carrots and cabbage from Vibrant Farm in Bantam; and sweet potatoes and potatoes from River Bank Farm in Roxbury. Zappulla-Peters helped Giroux and driver Stuart Rabinowitz load a van headed for a delivery route that included

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, the Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville, and Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry in North Canaan.

"I love that this food, the best our region has to offer, is reaching people who wouldn't otherwise be able to access it," said Zappulla-Peters in between moving pallets.



Renee Giroux and Susan Zappulla-Peters with produce aggregated from different regional farms and prepared for deliveries to local food access organizations.



Locally grown produce aggregated at the food hub for delivery to a local food pantry.

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JANUARY 11

Triplex Cinema Celebrates Daniel Klein in Documentary

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass. thetriplex.org

Local writer Daniel Klein will be one of the people included in filmmaker Ralph Arlyck’s documentary, “I Like It Here” at the Triplex Cinema on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Q&A immediately following the film with Arlyck and Klein. At the end, there will be refreshments in the lobby for folks to pay tribute to Klein and his literary contribution to the community. For tickets to the film, go to thetriplex.org.

English Language Classes for Adults

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

Thursdays, Jan. 11 through Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., learn basic English language skills or improve your current level through reading, listening to stories, watching video clips, and playing interactive games. These free classes, open to adult learners of all levels, will be taught by Annie Muzaurieta, an instructor in the Global Language department at Indian Mountain School. Drinks and snacks will be available.

Registration is optional. To register or request information, please write to scovilleadultprograms@biblio.org.

Knitting for Kids

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

Kids in third grade and up are invited to learn to knit at the David M. Hunt Library. The class will be held over four Tuesdays (Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6) from 3:20 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn to knit a scarf. All materials will be provided. Sign up at huntlibrary.org

JANUARY 18

What Papa Told Me: Virtual Book Talk

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

On Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a virtual book talk with Felice Cohen, author of *What Papa Told Me*. *What Papa Told Me* is the story of Felice’s grandfather, Murray Schwartzbaum, whose courage and sheer will to live helped him survive eight different labor and concentration camps in the Holocaust, start a new life in America and keep a family intact in the aftermath of his wife’s suicide. A copy of the book is available to check out at the library. Register for the talk at huntlibrary.org

JANUARY 20

Film Screening

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

On Saturday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m., The Cornwall Library will show the award-winning feature documentary film WHAAM!BLAM!,

directed by James L. Hussey. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Mr. Hussey, editor and co-producer Tory Estern Jadow, and visual artist/art historian David Barsalou. The event is live only (no Zoom). Seating is limited. Registration on the library website is required, at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

52 Places to Go in 2024: A Talk with New York Times Travel Editor Amy Virshup

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

On Saturday, Jan. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m., hear the inside story of The New York Times annual “52 Places to Go,” the much-awaited annual list of outstanding destinations and insider tips on what to see and do. Times Travel editor Amy Virshup will discuss how this tantalizing travel research gets done, who makes decisions, what distinguishes a list-maker from a runner up, what Times readers look for in travel, and how Times Travel has changed over the years.

Registration is required for this event. Please use this link: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/11670848

Painting Class

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

Local artist Shaari Horowitz will lead a painting class at the David M. Hunt Library on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. The class costs \$65 per person, which includes all materials and instruction. Bring an open mind and a smock! Space is limited, register by contacting the David M. Hunt Library via phone or email library by 1/14.

JANUARY 21

The North East Historical Society Dine Out for History

Millerton, N.Y.

The North East Historical Society’s popular Dine Out for History series returns this month. This year two more dining establishments will participate, bringing the total to five (see below).

On select dates from January 21 through March 11, participating Millerton restaurants will host their own Dine Out for History night, where 10 percent of the proceeds from all patrons that night will be donated to the historical society to support its research, digitize its collection and make historic content more available to the public, particularly educators.

January 21, Sunday, The Millerton Inn, 53 Main Street, 5-9 p.m., (518) 592-1900. Reservations requested.

February 4, Sunday, Oakhurst Diner, 19 Main Street, 5-8 p.m., (518) 592-1313.

February 15, Thursday, Willa, 52 Main Street, 5-9 p.m., (518) 789-0252.

Reservations requested.

February 26, Monday, Round III, 5523 NY-22, 5-9 p.m., (518) 592-1240.

March 11, Monday, Golden Wok, Railroad Plaza, 2 Main Street, 5-10 p.m., (518) 789-9236. Takeout only.

“The Art of the Stitch and Needle”: A Group Show of Fiber Arts

Cornwall UCC Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall Village, Conn.

“The Art of the Stitch and Needle,” a Group Show of Fiber Arts, will launch at an Opening Reception on Sunday, Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the UCC Parish House in Cornwall Village. All are welcome! The show will continue until Feb. 29. Artisans exhibiting their work will be: Beth Dinneen, Eileen Gargan, Susan Hellmann, Jen Markow, Dana Saccardi, and Susan Saccardi. A wide variety of crafts will be represented; some will be for sale. Experiencing this exhibit will delight you and brighten your winter.

In addition to the Opening, the show may be viewed Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, Sundays 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. The Parish House is located directly behind the United Church of Christ at 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village. For more information, call the church office, 860 672-6840.

Free Concert

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

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon and The Guild, in partnership with Music Mountain to announce a free classical music concert series. The concerts will take place in the newly restored Hotchkiss Library of Sharon at 10 Upper Main Street in Sharon. The first concert will take place on Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. with The Ulysses Quartet and Oskar Espina Ruiz, Clarinet. Concert seating is very limited and registration is required, beginning Jan. 3 for the first concert at: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11763366.

JANUARY 23

Drawing Workshop

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

On Jan. 23 and Feb. 6 and 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., improve your drawing skills with artist and art educator Pieter Lefferts. This class provides instruction for all levels, from beginner to expert. Draw from a photo or still life, or bring in a drawing project of your own. Drawing materials will be available. Draw from a photo or still life or bring in a drawing project of your own. This workshop is for all levels, from beginner to expert.

Pieter Lefferts, a professional artist and 2023 Nautilus Book Awards Gold Winner, is the founder of the Northlight Art Center in Amenia, NY, where he offers art classes.

JANUARY 26

Cornwall Author Talk

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

On Saturday, Jan. 27, at 4 p.m., The Cornwall Library is starting off its 2024 book talks with an event that should enthrall literature fans throughout the area. Distinguished best-selling novelists and memoirists Dani Shapiro (*Signal Fires, Inheritance*) and A.M. Homes (*The Unfolding, The Mistress’s Daughter*) will discuss their work, with Roxana Robinson, celebrated novelist and biographer, moderating. This event is live only (no Zoom).

Registration on the library website

is required, at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

JANUARY 27

Art Exhibition

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

David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host WINTER WONDERLAND, an exhibition of painted winter scenes by art students at Lee H. Kellogg School. There will be a reception for the public, and parents of the artists, on Saturday Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display during operating hours through Feb. 23.

FEBRUARY 11

The Art of the String Quartet

Saint James Place, 352 Main St. Great Barrington, MA 01230

Close Encounters With Music presents the notable Avalon String Quartet. The group returns with another Berkshire premiere on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. “For Such a Time as This” is a retelling of the biblical Esther story for string quartet and vocalist, from a feminist perspective. Afterglow Reception in Saint James Place’s Great Hall following the concert in the Sanctuary Space. You are invited to meet the artists and enjoy bites and beverages by Authentic Eats by Oleg.

MEDIA: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Eric Veden unveils newest local video

Eric Veden’s latest video about Falls Village starts with an interview with First Selectman Dave Barger, who talks about growing up in Esopus, New York, which was “not unlike Falls Village.”

Barger comes from a long line of police officers, so when he was out of college, he was busy applying to various law enforcement agencies in New York.

He also applied to the Connecticut State Police, and they called first.

In an eventful few days in 1977, Barger graduated from the state police academy, got married, had a one-day honeymoon and reported to Troop B in North Canaan to begin his career.

His sergeant was Peter G. Lawson, who also served as First Selectman and on various town boards. (He died in 2012.)

“He took me under his wing.”

Lawson was ready to retire, and told Barger he thought it would be a good thing if Falls Village had another trooper

living in town.

It just so happened that Faye Lawson was starting her career in real estate.

So with one thing and another, the Bargers got a plot on Amy Road.

“And you’re sitting in it,” Barger says to Veden.

Ronna Welsh, a chef who splits her time between Falls Village and Brooklyn, takes a group through a cooking class at the Congregational Church.

She tells the group that rather than starting with a theme or a specific menu, they are going to try a different approach. “What do I do with what I have?”

Toni Siegel recalls her 19 years at CBS News in New York, where she worked with Walter Cronkite.

She was ready to switch to a teaching career when the phone rang with the news that Bill Play, the CBS News chief, was responding to legal and social pressure to provide more opportunities for women in the new business.

“So I became the first woman in the Director’s Guild.”

Shamu Sadeh and Jan-na Siller of Adamah Farm (which supplied many of the ingredients used by Welsh in the cooking class) take a group through the composting process, starting with food waste.

And Episode 31 concludes with Frank Hadsell, who figures he has spent 67 of his 70 years in Falls Village.

He recalls playing sports at every chance with the older children, who looked out for him.

“We policed ourselves.”

In those days the Lee H. Kellogg School did not have a gym.

So in basketball season, the boys practiced outside in the parking lot, in winter, with hats and gloves.

“We played all our games on the road.”

The video is available for borrowing or for sale at the David M. Hunt Library. Veden also has a YouTube channel called “Eric Veden.”

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OUR TOWNS

Library to host monthly Supper Club

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — As winter sets in, the NorthEast-Millerton Library has revived the age-old concept of a potluck supper club to give residents an opportunity to prepare favorite recipes and share them with others in a pleasant evening of companionship and warm feelings.

All are welcome to the inaugural event at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd.

Of what library director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson hopes will become a monthly program, she says, “It’s a fun spinoff from our cookbook group, which normally prepares a recipe from a current book. But this is exciting because we have more freedom to choose to cook a favorite

recipe instead.”

She gives credit for the idea to cookbook group member Lenny Sutton who, along with the group, came up with the month’s theme of “Soup, Chowder and Stews,” with more ideas for future sessions.

In addition to the main dishes, she said participants are also welcome to bring support items such as crackers, bread, tea and coffee, and noted that the contributions need not be homemade.

A soup dessert is also an option “if somebody wants to bring it.”

There is no charge for the evening, and dinnerware will be provided.

Leo-Jameson noted that while the supper will be taking place in the small front room, pingpong and board games will be taking place in the larger room “so if you don’t want to eat, you can go play.”



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Lenny Sutton, left, who suggested the new NorthEast-Millerton Library Supper Club, set to meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Library Annex, joined Francis Mousseron as they sampled offerings at the Library’s Cookbook Club. That group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month in the Library Annex.

Pine Plains and Stanford in 2023

By JUDITH O’HARA BALFE
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Pine Plains bicentennial

Pine Plains celebrated its bicentennial in 2023, beginning with a Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 9. Other celebrations included several presentations from the Little Nine Partners Historical Society, including the story of Morris Graham and slave Andrew Frazier, who came to Pine Plains around the time of the Revolutionary War.

In June there was a presentation on Seymour Smith, who left his entire estate to the town of Pine Plains for the purpose of education; the elementary school in Pine Plains is named after him.

Updating Stanford’s Comprehensive Plan

Town Supervisor Wendy Burton expressed great pleasure that the Town of Stanford’s 40-year-old Comprehensive Plan has finally been updated. The process started in 2010. The 2023 Comprehensive Plan was passed unanimously by the Town Board Thursday, Dec. 14.

“I once again would like to thank the multitude of volunteers who participated in the process since 2010. This was a true, bipartisan effort and I am grateful to everyone who made the commitment to be involved in this important process,” said Burton. “In January we will interview volunteers for the Zoning Commission, send out Requests for Proposals to Zoning Consultants, and begin the long-term and critical process of reviewing our Zoning Code, which dates back to 1982.”

Stanford Parks & Rec

The Stanfordville Recreation Campaign received a grant for \$247,420 from the New York State Regional Development Council. It is the largest grant the town has ever received. The funding will be used to renovate the Stanford Playground and Recreation Campaign, or SPARC, to update accessibility and safety standards for parkgoers of all ages, regardless of mental or physical abilities. In early January, organizing will begin for volunteers for the actual building of the park.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Dec. 28, 2023 - Jan. 3, 2024.

Dec. 29 — Deputies responded to Downey Road in the Town of North East for a mother/son verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further incident.

Dec. 29 — Deputies responded to the Taconic Distillery located at 179 Bowen Road in the Town of Stanford for a reported theft of various archery targets from that

location.

Dec. 29 — Deputies responded to 7 Fish St. in the Village of Millerton for a reported neighbor dispute. Matter resolved without any further police intervention.

Dec. 30 — Deputies responded to 5546 State Route 22 in the Town of North East to investigate a one-car rollover property damage automobile accident.

Dec. 31 — Deputies responded to the area of 6137 Route 22 in the Town of North East to investigate a car vs. dog automobile acci-

dent. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Jan. 1 — Deputies responded to the Cumberland Farms in the Village of Millerton for a reported dispute between the clerk and a customer over the sale of a lotto ticket. Customer gone upon patrol’s arrival.

Jan. 3 — Deputies responded to Route 343 and Yellow City Road in the Town of Amenia for a car vs. utility pole injury accident. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph Winter, 32, for driving while intoxicated. Winter

charged and is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned cases or any other suspected criminal activity, please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office 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.

Carson Solar

After over a year of hearings and meetings, the Carson Solar power plant at Pulvers Corners has been approved following a state finding that the array would cause no negative impact on the local environment (no emissions, light, noise, etc.).

The plant was approved to start moving forward at the Nov. 28 Planning Board meeting.

At the end of December, a group of neighbors and landowners near the proposed project filed a legal action in New York Supreme Court in Dutchess County seeking an injunction on the project.

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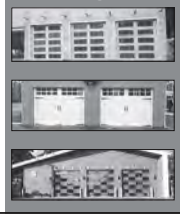
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