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**Special, Inside**

## EPA grants \$3M to Hudson Valley Regional Council

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**93% of the emissions produced by the Town of North East come from its landfill.**

MILLERTON — The Hudson Valley Regional Council was selected to receive \$3 million through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program under the Biden-Harris administration. On Sept. 13, Regional Administrator Lisa Garcia, Hudson Valley Regional Council Executive Director Carla Castillo, and County Commissioner of Planning and Development Eoin Wrafter invited local community leaders to attend the press conference, which included Chris Kennan, the North East Supervisor.

“We are one of 14 different towns that have closed landfills that are seeping out methane,” Kennan said in a previous board

meeting. “We are going to put biofilters on top of those ‘candy canes,’ and it is amazing what that does for methane.”

The grant will allow the Hudson Valley Regional Council to install biofilters that will decrease the amount of methane being released into the atmosphere from the closed landfills within the Hudson Valley area. The council will also promote the installation of solar arrays, battery storage, pollinator gardens and long-term ecosystems plans at former landfill sites.

“The Town of North East has

been in the forefront of efforts to clean up our environment and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Kennan. “We are proud to be part of a cohort of Hudson Valley communities that are focused on mitigating GHG emissions from our closed landfills. We are deeply grateful to the Hudson Valley Regional Council and to the EPA for this initiative and for the recognition that there are practical and affordable technologies to accomplish this goal.”

Ninety-three percent of the emissions produced by the Town of North East come from its landfill. The filters will be piles of mulch and woodchips containing methane-eating bacteria. By next year, the town is hoping to cover the venting hooks with mulch, sending the emissions directly into the bacteria-eating area.

According to experts at the Environmental Protection Agency, methane is 30 times more harmful to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide.

“Investing in reducing green-

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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

### Millbrook High Blazers sweep Webutuck in varsity volleyball match

Nina Lapine of Millbrook sends a volley back across the net to Webutuck during the girls' varsity volleyball match at Millbrook High School Thursday, Sept. 19. The Millbrook High Blazers took the win in match play after beating Webutuck in all three rounds.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Sara Keleman, Climate and Agriculture Specialist, spoke at “Farming in a Changing Climate” held at the Greenagers' Barn at April Hill Farm in South Egremont, Massachusetts.

## BAV leads lecture on farming in a changing climate

By ROBIN RORABACK  
 Special to The Millerton News

SOUTH EGREMONT, Mass. — On Sept. 18, Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV) presented “Farming in a Changing Climate” to coincide with Climate Week NYC. It was held at the Greenagers' Barn at April Hill Farm in South Egremont.

BAV works to support Litchfield, Berkshire, Columbia, and Dutchess County farmers with

education, financial support, and technical assistance and to develop climate change resistant crops. Greenagers works with teenagers and young adults, through firsthand work in farming, environmental conservation, and natural resource management.

Sarah Monteiro of Greenagers started the event with a tour of the one-acre vegetable gar-

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## Amenia board weighs in on AirBnBs and short-term rentals

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — A continuing topic of discussion at previous meetings — the issue of AirBnBs and short-term rentals — was addressed as an agenda item at the regular meeting of the Housing Board on Thursday, Sept. 19.

To be decided was whether the Housing Board would agree to ask the Town Board to consider drafting regulations to govern such rental opportunities. Following discussion, the consensus of the board was to forgo that request and leave such rentals unhampered by regulation, at least for now.

When the Comprehensive Plan

Review Committee reconvenes assisted by a professional planner, however, the housing board agreed that the issue of short-term rentals is likely to come up again and can be dealt with then.

During discussion, Housing Board member Josh Frankel was concerned that AirBnB rentals impact the availability of workforce housing opportunities for local workers. He also wondered about the impact of any regulation on homeowners who want to rent their home to a tenant if they are going to be out of town for an extended period.

Another issue raised by Frankel involved absent homeowners seeking to rent the property to tenants for its

income potential. Frankel suggested that a regulation could be drafted to define and clarify the various iterations of such short-term rentals.

The potential for short-term rentals to be good for local businesses was discussed.

Newly appointed board member Juan Torres, attending his first board meeting, noted the importance of the town addressing workforce housing as a priority.

“We want the community to thrive,” Torres commented.

Housing Board chairman Charlie Miller said that although he op-

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OUR TOWNS

# New Millbrook Bank branch application moves forward

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MILLERTON — The site plan for the Bank of Millbrook was approved during the North East Planning Board meeting on Sept. 18.

The application plans to open another branch on Route 44 in Millerton, where Elizabeth's Jewelry and Fine Gifts is located. The bank plans to convert the 2,500 square foot store to host different amenities for the public.

"The applicants are proposing to convert an existing 2,500 square foot jewelry store into a branch of the Millbrook Bank," said Peter Sander, a representative for the bank. "Included in part of these proposed improvements is a new drive-through lane, which will access a teller window and have a bypass lane. We will also be installing an exterior ATM."

According to Sander, the new entrance will provide better sight lines and regulate traffic flow by having one way out and one way in. Some board members were wary of the new proposed entrance and exit and agreed with the applicants to come back if they feel that is not working in the town's best interest.

In the last board meeting for site approval, the Bank of Millbrook was sent back to reduce its lighting yet again. The board requested lowering the wattage of the lamp poles around the site.

"In response to planning board comments where we significantly reconfigured the lighting plan, we reduced the intensity, and we put some



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Elizabeth's Jewelry and Fine Gifts is the site of a proposed Bank of Millbrook branch on Route 44 in Millerton.

dark sky-compliant fixtures in," Sander said. "We still need New York state banking regulations."

The plan given to the board members showed three 50-watt poles on the west side of the building and two 80-watt poles in the front of the building.

"As we talked about in the past, one of the ways to reduce glare and also to reduce over lighting is to have more lights that are dimmer," said board member Bill Kish. "I think that the two lights in the front that are 80 watts should be replaced with 50-watt lamps ... We should also see a third 50-watt lamp added."

Sander responded, "The areas you are referring to as being overlit vary between 1.3 to maybe 5 [foot candles], and those are sidewalk pedestrian areas and places where people park so they can withdraw hundreds of dollars out of an ATM."

According to Sander, reducing the light in the front and adding another pole, as Kish suggested, would put the Bank of Millbrook under the requirement for New York State Banking, which the

bank had already expressed concern about. The applicant's first proposal consisted of 12-foot candles, which are now at 5.5 in the higher-lit parts of the bank.

"They've achieved reduc-

tions; this is an improved lighting, and I think the applicant was trying to do what it thought you guys asked," said Chris Langlois. "In some cases, they [lights] are down by half. I think there has been a compromise. There has been improvement."

The board asked the applicant to consider putting in a motion-activated light or a timer to reduce the glare going into the town, the road and the sky.

All board members except Bill Kish approved the site plan for its next steps.

*In an earlier Planning Board article, legal representative for the Bank of Millbrook Peter Sander was incorrectly identified.*

## Fall Family Festival at Wethersfield Estate and Garden

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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AMENIA — Wethersfield Estate & Garden is hosting a fall family festival on Sept. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wethersfield is home to many different attractions that have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of the Interior for their architecture, landscape, conservation, arts and recreation. The estate houses several gardens, over 20 miles of hik-

ing trails, guided house tours and carriage house tours.

In the Wethersfield orchard, families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of pick-your-own apples, cider and donuts, as well as crafts and carriage rides courtesy of Elk Ravine Farm.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Family admission, which includes up to four family members, is available at \$50. To buy tickets visit [wethersfield.ticketspice.com/fall-family-festival](http://wethersfield.ticketspice.com/fall-family-festival).

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OUR TOWNS

# Community Day draws a crowd to village center and 'Fall in Love with Millbrook'

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Under clear skies and a warm pre-autumn sun, Community Day drew just about everyone to Franklin Avenue to enjoy being there and participating in activities on Saturday, Sept. 21. There was something for everyone to do from stem to stern along Franklin Avenue between the Thorne Building and all the way down to the Farmers' Market on Church Street.

The theme was "Fall in Love with Millbrook." Judging from the smiles, greetings and general aura of enjoyment, it seemed to be achieving the desired feeling. Love was in the air.

The lawn of the Thorne Building offered music by Laura Evans and displays by local organizations. Michelle Del Valle volunteered as one of the representatives of the Rotary Club, having also served as one of the planners of the event. The Rotary display demonstrated its Shelter Box program for disaster and conflict relief around the world. Shelter boxes are family-sized tents that provide instant shelter for displaced victims of catastrophe or war. Along with the tents, Rotary supplies additional equipment and supplies to sustain victims.

The Millbrook Library was buzzing with a popular giveaway of free books sponsored by the Millbrook Teachers' Association, a bounce house, a bubble bus later in the day, axe-throwing, ukelele strumming and more.

Ace, an agreeable rescue Siberian Husky was present, brought by Tonya Pulver of Pine Plains as an added fea-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Sampling farm chores of past generations, Julia Seaman, 7, visiting from Connecticut, helped prepare corn kernels for chicken feed at the Millbrook Historical Society's space at Reardon Briggs Hardware Store on Franklin Avenue. Community Day was held on Saturday, Sept. 21.

ture, as she served as one of the teachers' association volunteers for the event.

Two by Two Animal Haven enticed youngsters with a petting zoo on the library lawn, a popular draw as youngsters petted a tortoise and a hare that shared an enclosure. Meatball, an attractive chicken, had an enclosure to herself, and there was also a goat among the visiting creatures.

Louie Jean Siegel of Stan-fordville, who is nearly 3, particularly enjoyed her visit with Meatball, the chicken.

The Bounce House at the library welcomed a steady stream of youngsters who came, bounced for a while, and then went on to explore other activities. There was a pie contest and face painting and a scavenger hunt.

Merchants offered bargains to grown-ups who ambled up and down Franklin Avenue.

Down the hill, the Reardon

Briggs Hardware store hosted the Millbrook Historical Society and antique farm machinery, including a chance for youngsters to try their hands

at hand-cranking devices to strip kernels from ears of corn and then to grind those kernels into chicken feed.

Key to that activity was Jonathan Boice, Historical Society secretary, who had set up his grinding equipment dating to the nineteenth century, much to the delight of the children who could not wait to try it out.

"History is my life; I love it," said Boice, reflecting that he is the seventh generation of farmers in the area and appreciating his work with the local historical society.

Also on display was a Farmall tractor dating back to about 1950 in polished condition.

Delighting in this year's weather, historical society president Robert McHugh, a resident of Millbrook for 22 years, recalled that the previous year, it had rained and been windy on the Community Day.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE BATES

Rob Cooper stands next to the flying Pegasus at his restored Mobil Station on Route 44 in Millerton.

## NECC celebrates its many supporters, fills up on nostalgia

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East Community Council (NECC) celebrated its donors under a tent next to Millerton's iconic Mobil gas station on Saturday Sept. 21.

Guests mingled and explored the down-to-the-last-detail restoration of a 1957 Mobil gas station with its emblematic flying Pegasus, period gas pumps and a 1957 Chevrolet pickup while snacking on pizza from a food truck.

Christine Sargent, NECC'S executive director, thanked all of the contributors for making NECC's expanding programs possible.

The station was acquired

by Rob Cooper, owner of Associated Lightning Protection, in 2019 and became an instant Millerton landmark. The site of an abandoned gas station that sits between two functioning gas stations on Route 44 continues to be renovated.

Asked why he recreated a Mobil Gas Station, Cooper explained his nostalgic passion for old gas stations and also not wanting a national retailer at the entrance to the village which would compete with established mom and pop businesses. The gas station is not permitted to dispense fuel or operate as a business but has become a community gathering spot. The next event will be a car show on Oct. 4.

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### Legal Notice Notice of Formation of 2nd Quest CPG, LLC.

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 8, 2024. Office location: 42 Maple St, Beacon, NY, 12508, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 42 Maple St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: training and support for incubating CPG companies.

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### TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2024 to consider the site plan application of Carlo and John Longobardo. (the "Application") to selectively harvest timber on 120 acres of their land located at 364 Old Route 22

(SBL # 7166-00-368150) in the Town of Amenia, New York (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Suburban Residential and Rural Agricultural zoning districts and portions of the Site lie within the Stream Corridor and Scenic Protection overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Town of Amenia Planning & Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing. Written comments may be submitted by email to Planning Board Secretary Judith Westfall at [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov) or to her attention at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501. Dated: September 19, 2024

Robert Boyles, Jr.,  
Chairman  
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A FEW REASONS WHY YOU MIGHT BE LATE  
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# What does it mean to be an American?

GUEST COLUMN

Jo Loi

The national atmosphere has shifted. I hear a lot of talk proclaiming that real Americans are white, male and Christian. Coupled with hate crimes aimed at Asians, Blacks, Latinos, women and other minorities, intolerance and hatred are raising their ugly head.

I have seen a lot of change in my 84 years. Born in New Orleans I witnessed segregated schools, bathrooms, fountains, seating on public transportation. My father resigned his diplomatic post in the Nationalist Chinese government so we could grow up as Americans with the opportunity to freely forge our own lives. Moving to Chicago at the age of 11, I later found out my father had to engage the help of the local Presbyterian minister to buy our house. It was an all-white neighborhood. I saw the great white flight as our neighborhood changed when middle class African Americans purchased homes. My father was called in the middle of the night by realtors asking him to sell the house. He finally said he would for \$150,000. The calls stopped. My father said, "No one is going to chase us out of our home."

I witnessed my father working very hard to build low-income and affordable housing in Chicago's Chinatown, especially elevating living conditions for the elderly with his senior apartments. I witnessed my mother being one of the first women financial advisors working for Investors Diversified Services, the precursor to Ameriprise.

I witnessed the change in civil rights and women's rights, especially with the passage of Roe v. Wade. I witnessed Title IX where women could compete in sports. I also witnessed the push back against women in leadership positions. My PE classes in 1970 were boys and girls separately. I purposefully made sure they got the same lesson plan. When classes were combined after Title IX I made sure both boys and

girls had leadership opportunities, not just boys, and that the teams were fair. At the end of my teaching career, I began to see acceptance, equity as normalcy when girls and boys, women and men worked together. We're going in the right direction but still have a way to go where you are respected for your abilities, not what you look like.

Fast forward to today, I'm seeing the continuation of open discrimination based on gender, race, and religion. Being an American to me means acceptance — our right to be here, our right to thrive, our right to just be. Freedom to make decisions over our own body, to choose whom we want to marry, to contribute our talents to community, state, and country to make our nation a better place for all. Freedom to vote and choose our leaders, to peacefully assemble and express our opinions in the written and spoken word — all guaranteed by our Constitution. Opportunity for self-determination. Respect for who we are no matter our differences. Lately, labels have become the norm — wise or unwise. Am I a Chinese-American? Or just an American? Can I be an American and still celebrate my ethnicity without bringing suspicion of my loyalty? America is strengthened by the talents and contributions of people from around the world. I have grandchildren who are Chinese, English and German. This is what makes America. There is no other nation in the world like ours. I am proud to be part of this great experiment and call myself an American.

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Jo Loi is a 5th generation American who lives in Lakeville.

# Should the U.S. ban fracking?

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER

Mac Gordon

A significant political issue that had escaped widespread public attention came to the fore at the recent presidential debate when vice-president Kamala Harris was asked about her changed position with regard to fracking. Did she still want to ban it?

Fracking is short for hydraulic fracturing, which is the process of creating fractures in subterranean rocks and rock formations by injecting horizontally specialized fluid into cracks to force them to open further. The larger fissures allow oil and gas to flow more easily out of the formations and into the wellbore, the vertically drilled chamber where the oil or gas is collected before being pumped out for eventual distribution.

Over the past decade fracking has become the dominant method for obtaining oil and gas; currently 79 percent of U.S. natural gas and 65 percent of crude oil is now produced by fracking and those percentages may well increase. Since 2005, more than 100,000 oil and gas wells have been drilled and fracked in the United States, and more than 17.6 million people live

within a mile of a fracked oil or gas well.

Economically, fossil fuels have been a success for several years, and now the United States is the world's largest producer and exporter of both oil and gas.

But there are several problems with fracking oil and gas. Like much of the world, the U.S. faces a growing crisis of diminishing fresh water due to more than a century of continuing overuse by agriculture, industry, and poorly planned urban development. Fracking uses enormous quantities of (mostly potable) water; and over the past decade the average amount of fresh water used in individual fracks has increased 600%.

In addition to drilling for oil and gas, energy companies are also drilling for the water they need for their operations.

Fracking produces liquid waste containing a host of toxic chemicals that are integral to the fracking process. These include kerosene, benzene, toluene, xylene, formal-

dehyde and others not publicly reported.

Earthquakes are an increasing problem, particularly in Texas and Oklahoma. The causes seem to be partly the fracturing of the subsurface shale but also the effects of the chemicals on the stone.

Methane gas, the main component of natural gas, is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. An enormous quantity of methane escapes into the atmosphere when either oil or gas has been fracked and is harmful to human health (including breathing) as well as a significant factor in climate change.

The major cause of the global warming is the burning of fossil fuels. Last year, the U.S., along with 199 other nations, agreed to phase out fossil fuels and replace them with renewable energy over the next few decades. Fracking is a strong incentive for those who want to continue using fossil fuel indefinitely. Proponents are planning to employ CO2 in place of water supposedly to help ease global warming while continuing to frack.

Fracking is currently banned in just 5 states; Ver-

mont, New York, Maryland, Oregon, and Washington. Back in 2019 while she was a presidential candidate, Harris said she would move to ban fracking but has since changed her mind. It would seem clear that whatever else might be responsible for her change of mind, election year politics might play a major part. Pennsylvania ranks second to Texas in past and present fracking activity and is considered one of just a handful of "battleground" states that will decide the coming presidential election. Even were she as committed to banning fracking as she seemed to be a few years ago, most environmentalists would probably overlook this in view of her opponent's totally negative positions on almost every environmental issue.

But the nation, and the rest of the world will be turning its back on arresting climate change if they do not soon start to phase out fossil fuels. A new Harris/Walz administration might begin by issuing several executive orders to at least clean up and regulate the fracking industry.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Support for Millbrook Library on the ballot

I write in support of the ballot referendum to appear before Town of Washington voters this coming Election Day to increase public funding of our Millbrook Library. The Library has not requested a fund increase since fund-

ing was originally approved by taxpayers in 2015. Since that time inflation has risen 33%. We need to keep our Library's funding current so they can meet their budget requirements. It is vitally important they have the funds

to attract and retain qualified staff and this means offering competitive pay and benefits in today's marketplace. Your Library Board, composed of our friends and neighbors watches every penny spent. There is no "fluff" in how the

Library spends their dollars. Let's all do the right thing and show our support. Vote YES on the Library Proposition this Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024!

Alec Pandaleon  
Town of Washington

### Gratitude toward my rescuers on Lion's Head

On July 24 I was hiking alone on the Appalachian Trail near Lion's Head mountain. I had just passed the peak of the mountain and was headed north when I slipped down a damp rock outcropping and fractured my ankle. I knew right away that I was in trouble, and that I would need help getting off the mountain. The part of the trail where I had fallen was very steep and rocky, and was over a mile from the trailhead. Using my mobile phone I was able to reach the emergency center at the Salisbury, Connecticut Fire Department. I explained that I was badly injured and would need help getting off

the mountain. I was told to sit tight and wait for help to arrive. Some 45 minutes later I called the dispatcher back to inquire as to how much longer I would have to wait for help to arrive. She told me that it was taking time to put together a rescue team at the trailhead, but that they would be arriving soon. A short time later an entire team of some 15 to 20 volunteer rescuers arrived where I had fallen: a Salisbury Fire Department EMT; a retired physician; and three separate rope teams — one from Great Barrington, Massachusetts, one from Amenia, New York, and one from Connecticut. The medi-

cal team attached a splint to my leg and ankle, and members of the three rope teams loaded me onto a specialized rescue stretcher which was balanced atop a large wheel. The teams then used ropes to pull me up and down the steepest parts of the trail, all the while team members on both sides of my stretcher steadied me while they carried me down the trail. It took the rope-teams about 45 minutes to get me to the trail head where there was an ambulance waiting to take me to the Sharon Hospital.

Recuperating at home following ankle surgery at the hospital, I have had a chance to reflect on what may well be the rarest of human virtues: gratitude. My rescue from Lion's Head mountain has made me very aware of how blessed I am to live in a community and nation where I have so very much to be thankful for. Needless

to say, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the nearly 20 men and women volunteers who carried me safely from the Appalachian Trail rock ledge where I had fallen. I was a total stranger to all the rope-team members who dropped whatever they were doing that weekday afternoon and traveled to the Bunker Hill Trailhead. There is a very good chance that I will never again encounter any of the men and women who carried me to safety. But I want them all to know that I am well aware of how richly blessed I am to live in a community and a nation where there is a long tradition of helping strangers who are in distress. I can not possibly repay them for their efforts. The common bonds of trust and caring they exhibited that day are crucial to holding American society together.

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den that is hand scaled, meaning no machinery is used. The work is mostly done by teens in the farm work summer program.

Monteiro is learning to deal with crops during climate change. Growing plants can suffer heat stress with the hotter temperatures, and she said it is becoming more difficult to grow lettuce and other greens. "A lot of it is observation," Monteiro said, referring to knowing what is growing well and under what conditions.

Climate change is bringing an increase of insect pests such as Colorado Potato beetles and squash borers. At Greenagers they do not spray with pesticides and use methods of covering the plants to deter insects.

After the tour Sara Keleman, Climate and Agriculture Specialist, spoke in the Greenager Barn.

Keleman explained that average temperatures are up three degrees from the 1970's. "And it may increase



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

**(From Left) Sara Keleman, American Farmland Trust Soil Specialist, Lauren Piotrowski of Roots Rising, Sarah Chase of Chaseholm Farm, Sarah Monteiro of Greenagers and Ben Crockett, Berkshire Agricultural Ventures Program Manager and moderator of the panel, answered questions about the difficulties of farming through climate change at April Hill Farm in South Egremont, Massachusetts. BAV presented the lecture to coincide with Climate Week NYC.**

more quickly in the next fifty years," she said.

"It will be hotter and wetter. There will be more precipitation, an extended mud season, and stronger, slower storms with heavier rainfalls." An extended mud season can

cause delayed planting.

"Winters will be warmer, and it will be hotter during parts of the year when it is supposed to be cold," Keleman said. With warmer winters there will be less snow. Snow protects soil during the winter

and helps prevent erosion.

Growing zones have changed. "Half the country has shifted to the next half zone," Keleman said. "We are losing cooler zones."

Keleman said it's best to have a backup power source,

emergency plans for animals, and have neighbors ready to help (get animals and crops under protection, deal with flooding, winds, or storm damage).

Ben Crockett, BAV program manager, moderated a panel to answer questions about climate change.

Sarah Chase of Chaseholm Farm in Pine Plains answered a question about increased temperatures and dairy cows. She has planted more trees to provide shade for her herd. Fans or misters in barns are other options for cooling animals.

Lauren Piotrowski of Roots Rising in Pittsfield, which works to educate teens on farming and food, commented about the challenges of climate change. "I've become trickier and more wily to cope with this. Soil health, biodiversity, and resilient systems with plans in place if things don't go right," are

important.

To the question, "what are the tools you still need?" Sarah Monteiro responded, "More supporting organizations and support for farmers when crises come and before they come."

An audience member said he'd lost a fruit crop two years before to seventy-degree weather in March. His trees budded, then temperatures plummeted and killed the buds.

Moderator Crockett said climate change will "make growing fruit more challenging."

Crockett suggested alternating rows of fruit trees with other crops to balance the risk for bad years and to try more resilient tree varieties.

The lecture and discussion ended with a reminder to celebrate and support local farm markets and farms and to support the Farm Bill coming up in Congress.

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house gas emissions and harmful air pollution is critical to combat climate change and create a greener future for all," said U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in a press release. "I am thrilled to see that the Hudson Valley Regional Council has been selected for this grant to reduce fugitive methane emissions and help protect Hudson Valley communities from pollution."

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant selections were made after a rigorous competition of nearly 300 reviewed applicants. Entities around the country could submit applications, and the applicants requested around \$33 billion in funding.

Based on the applications

that were accepted and their estimates, the grants should be able to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 148 million metric tons by 2030 and by 971 million metric tons by 2050.

The press release stated that out of the 14 closed landfills that were targeted, half of them were in historically disadvantaged communities. The participating municipalities are: the Town of Amenia, Town of Bethel, City of Beacon, Town of Cornwall, Dutchess County, Town of Gardiner, Town of Hurley, City of Mamaroneck, City of New Paltz, Town of North East, Town of Philipstown, Town of Rhinebeck, Town of Walkkill, Town of Woodstock.

# Wake Robin hearing continued to Oct. 16

By **PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**

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**SALISBURY, Conn.** — The second round of the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Aradev LLC's application for a special permit to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville featured changes on the plans from the applicant, intensified opposition from neighbors, and criticisms of the commission's process.

The hearing was continued to Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. on Zoom.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens, in introductory remarks, said "we regulate use, not users" and that the qualifications of the applicant are not in the commission's purview.

He noted that the commission can require bonding and has other ways of ensuring that a "project is completed in a satisfactory manner."

He warned against speculation about future uses of the property. In particular, he ad-



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**The existing inn (left side) would undergo an expansion.**

ressed rumors that the property would be subsequently converted to a religious use.

Klemens said he found this alarming because the town could find itself in danger of violating the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.

Citing a case in Cromwell, in which the town was subject of a punitive judgment of \$5 million (later reduced to \$2 million), Klemens cautioned "This is not an abstraction."

Mark Arrigoni of SLR Consulting took the lead in presenting revised plans in response to comments from

the public and from the commission at the first session of the public hearing Sept. 3.

Changes included: Reworking the height of the main hotel building and expansion to be lower than the maximum allowed by regulations; moving the exercise equipment to the main building and out of the spa building; adding a vestibule and limiting doors and windows on most of the event barn building to cut down on noise; fencing and a retaining wall along Wells Hill Road to cut down on visibility from the surrounding neighbor-

hood.

The item that received the most attention was Aradev's proposal to change the front access to the property on Sharon Road (Route 41), adding a separate road and exit off the existing drive.

During discussion commissioners asked if parking, especially at the pool and spa area on the Wells Hill Road side of the property, couldn't be reduced more.

Other suggestions included moving the cottages to the Wells Hill side and relocating the pool/spa or the event barn, and enclosing the event barn porch with glass designed to deaden sound.

Public comment was again uniformly negative.

One suggestion that the developers meet directly with the neighborhood group or groups, received a positive response from Klemens, and, toward the end of the meeting, from Aradev attorney James Mackey, who accepted the offer on behalf of his client and provided contact information.

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poses regulation on principle, the intent of any regulation would be to put rental inventory back into the long-term

rental market, particularly that portion of the inventory where the owner is permanently absent.

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## Humans welcome too at 'Dogs Only Hike'

Rusty maple leaves shook overhead in a light morning breeze as hikers both human and dog mingled at the edge of a large field. Residents and their canine companions congregated the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Hart Farm Preserve for the Cornwall Conservation Trust's (CCT) "Dogs Only Hike," and pleasant chit-chat filled the air, interrupted by the occasional bark or whine.

Previously, the CCT's guided walks did not allow dogs to join due to logistical and safety concerns such as trip hazards from leashes and excitable pets, CCT board member Katherine Freygang explained. She organized this outing so that residents could finally enjoy a guided walk on CCT managed land without leaving their furry friends at home.

Before the group embarked on the short walk, Phil Hart, whose family owned the land before it was purchased by the CCT in 2003, gave a brief overview of the layout of the property and various hiking opportunities either directly within the preserve or immediately adjacent. "There's so much the Trust can do with this," he said, alluding to the many possible uses for the property, which is composed of fields and woodland.

The group set off down the field's edge and descended into a meadow brimming with milkweed for monarch butterfly habitat. The trail then passed into a woodland, where people happily ambled along



Hikers of all shapes, sizes and species gather atop Cherry Hill to enjoy the morning sunshine.

PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

as dogs flitted back and forth among the group. At one point, Freygang stopped to clear a spiky branch of invasive multiflora rose from the path, then shortly after identified a growth of bittersweet, which she explained is also invasive.

Freygang noted that while she usually organizes guided walks around a theme or focus, she felt this specific outing called for a more relaxed format. "I just decided to let this one be open and social and fun," she said, adding that she plans to use this structure more in future hikes.

After a brief but steep uphill climb over rugged terrain, the group emerged in a spacious oak grove at the top of Cherry Hill. Humans and dogs regathered

themselves into their respective family units before heading to the main viewpoint of the excursion, a picnic clearing looking south over a field toward West Cornwall's rolling green hills, now lightly speckled with orange and red.

Here, people relaxed and chatted while dogs, some recently freed of their leashes, chased each other and rolled in the grass. The canine personalities in the group were as diverse as their owners': golden retrievers Chester and Rufus burst with excitement and social energy, while wirehaired pointing griffon Dottie was more reserved and stayed close to her own-

er Todd's side.

Not all participants brought dogs. Leslie Middlebrook of Cornwall was simply there to enjoy the morning and watch the dogs play. "I have cats," she said. Another hiker recently had a dog pass away, and had joined for a "puppy hit," as Freygang termed it.

The group eventually descended the hillside back to the cars, where the walkers said their goodbyes. While the group parted ways, Freygang assured that future "Dogs Only" hikes are coming - we just have to hope that humans are invited to the next one as well.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

Cast members each get to shine in the production at the Sharon Playhouse, running until Sept. 29.

THEATER: MATTHEW KRETA

## Charlie Brown comes to town

The Sharon Playhouse opened the final production of their main season, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on Friday, Sept. 20. The show will be open until Sept. 29 and has a run time of one hour and forty minutes.

The popular "Peanuts" comic strip upon which the show is based lends an inspiration far beyond the characters and their likenesses. The vast majority of the play flows quickly from scene to scene. Most scenes are structured like a four panel comic strip and no central plot point in the show stays for more

than a few minutes. These quick changes are intermingled with delightful musical numbers that cover a number of different styles in nearly every song, from opera, slow ballads, dream ballets and high energy showstoppers. Ultimately, this heavily works in the musical adventure's favor. This snappy, ever shifting approach to the show gives the audience plenty of different vignettes to see these iconic characters interact in. There are plenty of laughs and a full range of antics to enjoy.

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The author spent a lot of time in August catching largemouth bass, primarily on subsurface flies.

# Tangled: August wrap-up

I spent August at the old farmhouse on Mt. Riga. Most of the time it was just me. The cousins came and went weekends, and Mom pretty much stayed down at base.

Because I tend to drop things in the morning until I ship some coffee aboard, I took to making it the night before and putting it in one of those big Thermos jugs with a dispenser thingy. If you prime the jug ahead of time with boiling water it really works well. Coffee that goes in the jug at 9 p.m. is piping hot at 6 a.m. This is much better than stumbling around waiting for the ancient percolator to do its thing.

I was somewhat handicapped in the fishing department by two nagging injuries. My right bicep/tricep seems to be permanently sore, as if I decided to bench press 300 pounds all of a sudden, and my right knee hurts when I go up or down stairs, or the equivalent of stairs.

So I did not go out for extended sessions. I confined myself to about half of the lake, simply because I didn't want to get way the hell out there and have an arm or knee problem.

I caught numerous fat largemouth bass, and not quite as many and quite as fat smallmouth.



**TANGLED LINES**  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Also some surprisingly large perch and two pickerel. No panfish at all, although they were certainly there. And no crappies for the third year in a row.

There was very little surface action. I generally brought two rods, Western and/or Tenkara, one rigged for surface and one for sinking. After I got bored heaving the heavy Bass Vampire around underwater, I'd switch and try a popper or gurgler and some such. Very occasionally it brought something to the surface, such as the time I chucked a big dragonfly pattern and a smallie boiled up from under a lily pad and caught it before it landed.

But for the most part the action was subsurface.

I did not keep anything this year. There is a lady on the mountain who loves any sort of fish and eats them right down to the eyeballs, and I like to indulge her if possible. But her schedule and mine never coincided to the point where a bass could go from net to cooler to



Various infirmities meant that the author only made one trip in August into "Snodgrass Gulch," a code name for a favorite brook trout stream.

kitchen in a matter of hours, and I am not going to try to refrigerate a lunker in our small propane fridge. It wouldn't work very well and there would be no room for important dietary staples, such as the half dozen bottles of different kinds of mustard, all with less than an ounce remaining, that always accumulate in this setting, by federal law.

I began the month throwing pike flies with

a 10 weight, experimenting with wire leaders and different types of short sinking heads, and so on.

But the arm got so sore I dialed down to a six weight Western rod and the lighter side of the fixed-line arsenal, and cheated the heavy

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## ...Playhouse

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Every minute of the show is absolutely packed with charm, thanks in no small part to the Sharon Playhouse's efforts by its cast and crew. The set is stylized with bright colors and sharp shadowing like a cartoon, and the iconic costumes of the "Peanuts" gang keep each cast member distinct and really make them show against the backdrop. Charlie Brown's striped shirt finds its way into several layers of the set design as well, contributing to the angles of the set as well as some clever lighting.

The members of the six person show each have a few moments where they really get to shine, and the simple

charm of the show has clearly rubbed off on them as much as it had the audience. Daniel Plimpton (Charlie Brown), Nicolas Alan Fernandez (Snoopy), Courtney Balan (Lucy), Sammy Pignalosa (Linus), Jason Williams (Schroeder) and Hayley Podschun (Sally) each bring their all to the performance and won the hearts of the opening night crowd thoroughly. Some musical standouts include "Supertime", "My Blanket and Me", "T-E-A-M" and the absolutely incredible end of Act I, "The Book Report". Despite the hall being only about half full, the laughter and applause bouncing off the walls felt like a full house.

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**The Housatonic River is chock full of brown trout, and soon it will be cool enough to target them.**

pike flies in favor of standard items such as size 6 conehead Woolies with rubber legs. (Always get the rubber legs.)

Lake angling was leavened a few times by brook trout hunting in the Riga brook and, more significantly, one trip into Snodgrass Gulch (not its real name).

The latter requires a pretty hefty hike and involves a lot of the motion that hurts the knee, so I was antsy about it.

But the knee didn't trouble me much, which I attribute to pressing down on dirt instead of something hard like a wooden stair.

So all in all it was a decent month, a little subpar but by no means terrible or disappointing. I'd say the highlight was the improvement in the smallmouth population and the low point was the evening a storm blew up out of nowhere. I went from bobbing around peacefully in the gloaming to getting drenched as the air temperature dropped 15 degrees in as many minutes and fighting a nasty chop in a pontoon boat singularly ill-suited for the purpose.

**Meet & mingle with The Millerton News: Join us for our 2nd annual community event**

On Friday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Millerton News will host the second annual meet & greet at The Annex at The North East-Millerton Library. Building on last year's engaging ice cream social, this year's event will once again bring together key figures from The Millerton News to discuss the future of the paper and the role it plays in the community.

The panel will feature John Coston, Editor-in-Chief; James Clark, CEO/Publisher; Leila Hawken and Colleen Flynn, reporters; and Natalia Zukerman, Engagement Editor. Together, they will provide updates on the newspaper's progress, delve into its history, and outline exciting new initiatives. There will be ample time for Q&A, so come prepared with your questions and ideas about the paper's direction.

As always, it will be a great opportunity to connect with the



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**Attendees enjoy local news and local ice cream at the Millerton News' ice cream social on Sept. 27, 2023, at the Annex of the NorthEast-Millerton Library.**

team behind your local news and enjoy a lively discussion on how The Millerton News can continue to serve and grow

with the community. There will be copies of the paper on hand, the opportunity to sign up for a subscription if you

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**Art show at Douglas Library**

From autumn leaves to apple groves, from rustic local barns to vibrant flowers, paintings by members of the Canaan Art Guild are on display at the Douglas Library of North Canaan for the months of September and October.

Seven artists in the long-running guild share their works in a variety of subjects and styles. The members include Diane Cieslowski, Pat Medvecky, Ned Gow, Hope Mongeau, Lynn Martin, Olga Schwede, and Betty Cosgrove.

The exhibit can be seen during library hours: Mondays 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is at 108 Main St. in downtown North Canaan.

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# COMPASS TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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## SEPTEMBER 26

### Franz Nicolay, *Band* **People: Life and Work in Popular Music**

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, N.Y.

Franz Nicolay talks with Joe Hagan about the lives of working musicians.

Details: www.oblongbooks.com/event/band-people-franz-nicolay

FREE. Registration Required.

### Northwest CT Job Fair

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. americanmuralproject.org

From 3 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 26, job seekers can meet employers from all sectors at AMP during the Northwest Connecticut Job Fair. Come meet human resources personnel from manufacturing, healthcare, education, hospitality, finance—and more—to learn about job openings.

Employers can register for a table (or share one!) by September 20.

## SEPTEMBER 27

### Sharon Historical Society Talk

Sharon Historical Society Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn. sharonhist.org

Join us Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society Museum for a talk by Jeff Lynch, Head Gardener at Wethersfield Estate, and Hillary Henderson, COO, on "Challenges of Preserving and Maintaining

Wethersfield Gardens." The event complements our "Mrs. Poehler and Mr. Stillman" exhibition. Refreshments and free garden passes included. Limited seating; sign up early. sharonhist.org

### CAMA Fall Festival

Connecticut Antique Machinery, 318 Route 7, Kent, Conn. camamuseum.org

Connecticut Antique Machinery Association will host the 40th anniversary Fall Festival Sept. 27 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Described as "tons of fun for kids 3 to 103," the weekend includes steam engines, antique equipment, working sawmill, tractor parade, mining/geode exhibits, food and a swap meet.

### Nora Lange, *Us Fools: A Novel*

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Nora Lange discusses her debut novel with Ryan Chapman.

Details: www.oblongbooks.com/event/nora-lange-us-fools

FREE. Registration Requested.

### Closing party for cigar box exhibition

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

On Friday, Sept. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will have a closing party for the exhibition "Cigar Box Tradition Redux." Musician and

artist David Reed will be featured, playing his own hand-built cigar box guitars. Six new artworks created by children in a recent workshop have been added to the show. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to all ages.

## SEPTEMBER 28

### Car Show

Lone Oak Campsites, 360 Norfolk Rd. East Canaan, Conn.

The 10th annual Lone Oak Campsites Car Show returns Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the massive car display, there will be a DJ, food trucks, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the Canaan Fire Company. tinyurl.com/LOCCARSHOW

### National Good Neighbor Day

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

On Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy refreshments and meet members of the Falls Village Equity Group while local artist Breetel Graves leads a community mural project. Outside, enjoy lawn games and a native plant sale. Participate in a town-wide scavenger hunt with stops

### Last week's WotW

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for cider, donuts, art, and more around downtown Falls Village. Celebrate with neighbors and enjoy activities throughout town!

### Meet the Filmmakers: Look Into My Eyes + Q&A

The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, N.Y.

Lana Wilson's *Look Into My Eyes* gives us an intimate view of psychics in New York City. Over a series of interviews and with a camera that is not afraid to get up close and personal, director Lana Wilson highlights the ins and outs of being a psychic and what that entails, while constructing a tender portrayal of the clients.

A Q&A with Documentary Filmmaker Lana Wilson in conversation with Gabriele Caroti will follow the film.

More info at: bit.ly/TMH-Look-Into-My-Eyes-Q-A

Tickets: \$18 / Superstar Members \$16

### Mini Golf Tourney

Caddie Shack, 316 Ashley Falls Rd. North Canaan, Conn.

All ages and skill levels are invited to the Caddie Shack's miniature gold tournament to benefit Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry is \$10 per player and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third

place finishers. Putter's are limited so feel free to bring your own. Call (860) 824-7232 to register by Sept. 19.

### Livingston Taylor in Concert

St. Andrew's Parish, 1 N. Main St. (cnr. Rtes. 7 & 341), Kent, Conn.

Music in the Nave presents legendary singer-songwriter Livingston Taylor in concert on Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Parish in Kent, CT. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at: bit.ly/LTAYLOR24

Taylor has charted top 40 hits as a performer and composer, and has collaborated with, among others, brother James, Carly Simon and, recently, the BBC Concert Orchestra.

### Eleventh Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour

Stockbridge, Richmond, Monterey, Great Barrington, Housatonic, Mass.

The free self-guided 11th Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour is a geographic loop that brings visitors through Richmond, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Great Barrington, and Monterey. Participants can begin the tour at any studio. A detailed map and video previews of each studio are available on the Berkshire Pottery Tour website. Maps will also be available at each studio, and orange and white Berkshire Pottery

Tour road signs will mark key turns on the weekend of the event.

Studios will be open from 10am to 5pm each day on Sept. 28 and 29.

For more information contact Lorimer Burns, lorimer@berkshireartcenter.org, 413-717-0798

## SEPTEMBER 29

### Soil Ecology and Health: Public Program with Jane Lucas

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 2801 Sharon Tpk. Millbrook, N.Y.

Join Cary Institute scientist Jane Lucas on Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, for a public program on soil ecology. The event includes a brief presentation, hands-on soil exploration, a guided walk near Wappinger Creek, and a visit to Lucas' research site. Registration required. Dress for weather and uneven terrain.

### Concert: Crow Ensemble

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

On Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., join us at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library for a free concert by the Crow Ensemble, a bassoon quartet showcasing the instrument's versatility. The performance is in the Library's Community Room and is open to all ages. For more info, visit roejanlibrary.org.

## Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

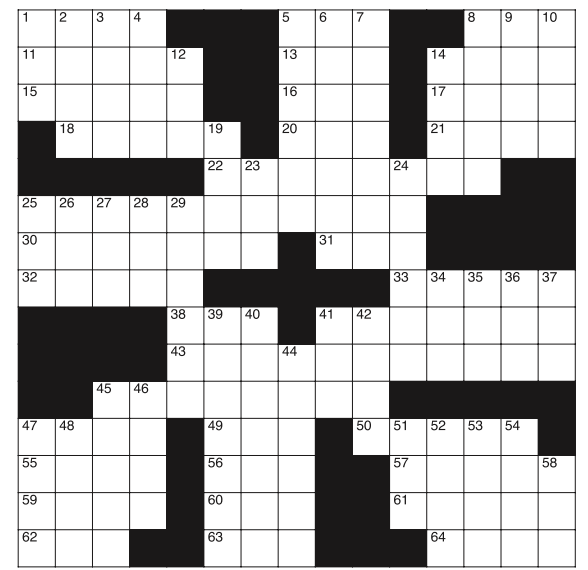

1. Actively use one's mind
2. Homophone for "witch"
3. Humanity's closest cousin
4. A young person
5. Fall is in the air

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## Brain Teasers

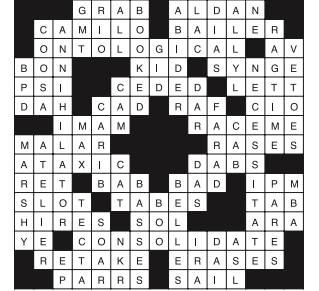
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Unequaled
5.    -fi (slang)
8. Synthetic resin
11. Chadic language Bura-
13. Influential come Election Day
14. Bucket
15. European river
16. Earn a perfect score
17. Horizontal passage
18. Barely sufficient
20. Dekaliter
21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
22. Australian city
25. Female servants
30. Plumbing fixtures
31. Tooth caregiver
32. Book of Esther antagonist
33. Say aloud
38. Thyrotrophic hormone
41. Absolute
43. Untimely
45. Area or neighborhood
47. Juicy fruit
49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
50. S. American rodents
55. Swedish rock group
56. Influential American president
57. Volume
59. Begged
60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Good friend
63. Body part
64. Tableland



10. Substitutes (abbr.)
12. Moved swiftly on foot
14. Compensated
19. Volcano in the Philippines
23. Speak ill of
24. One who publishes
25. Expression of bafflement
26. Macaws
27. Matchstick game
28. We all have our own
29. Divinatory
34. Explosive
35. Follows sigma
36. Sea eagle
37. Type of bread
39. Bit used with a set of reins
40. Time away from work
41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
44. Actor Brosnan
45. It's part of packaging
46. Towards the oral region
47. Public Theater creator Joseph
48. Ancient Syrian city
51. Swiss river
52. Mollusk
53. A French abbot
54. Hoagies
58. Not present (slang)

### Sept. 19 Solution



### Sudoku

			4			6		
			8		7	6		9
1					3	4		2
	9				2		1	7
					1			
		9		8				
	1		7					
5		3						

### Sept. 19 Solution

5	8	3	2	1	9	6	7	4
7	1	4	5	6	3	8	2	9
6	2	9	8	4	7	5	3	1
9	6	1	4	3	5	7	8	2
8	3	7	6	9	2	4	1	5
4	5	2	1	7	8	9	6	3
2	9	6	3	8	4	1	5	7
3	4	8	7	5	1	2	9	6
1	7	5	9	2	6	3	4	8

Level: Intermediate

### CLUES DOWN

1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
2. Body parts
3. Invests in little enterprises
4. Rock legend Turner
5. Dug into
6. Laughed
7. Northern European nation
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Eight



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# Copake Repair Cafe Sept. 28

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — When the volunteer fixers arrive at a free drop-in Repair Cafe such as the one scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Copake Park Building at 305 Mountain View Road in Copake, they come with a wealth of knowledge and sense of community that enhances the experience for those on both sides of the repair table.

Cafe organizer Fran Colombo, Outreach Coordinator for the Roeliff Jansen which is co-sponsoring the event with the Climate Smart Committee says the event is more than an opportunity to extend the life of damaged items and aid in sustainability, it is a chance to chat and get to know one another.

One of the fixers, retired lawyer Bill O'Neill of New Lebanon, who specializes in lamp repair, began this second "non-profession" about 5 years ago when a fellow volunteer for county meal deliveries suggested he give it a try.

O'Neill's main focus is re-wiring and replacing sockets. But he is equally enthusiastic about providing information, especially on the newer, confounding LED lights which he says are safer because they produce less heat and are more energy efficient and economical.

The chats may be his favorite part. He says, "One of the things they (the organizers) do is ask people to stay with us when the repair is being made so we can explain what we're doing and why we're doing it."



PHOTO BY KATE SHANNON

**Bill O'Neill, a volunteer lamp fixer, will be among the experts at the Repair Cafe, Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Copake Park Building at 305 Mountain View Road in Copake.**

There are lot of reasons to like Repair Cafes. You get some time to meet new people. You get to talk to them. You get to find out why the lamp is important to them."

Citing his latest stint at a Cafe in Chatham, O'Neill said, "My first client was a young lady who was very concerned about getting her grandmother's lamp fixed. It represented a lot to her and her family. And that's really very, very satisfying when you can do that for somebody."

Unlike O'Neill, who began his lamp journey by fixing a few around his own house, Moy Wong, also of New Lebanon, became a bike expert as a teenager when he decided to ride his bike to school instead of relying on buses in New York City.

A college course on computers led to his combining technical knowledge with that gained from working part time in a bike shop. Now he delights in "demystifying" for

owners the way the various bike parts work together to keep the vehicles functioning and out of the landfill.

Another long time expert is Copake seamstress and knitter Leslie Wood who replaces buttons, mends split seams and hems whatever might need adjustment.

She says with everyone talking to everyone, "It's very much a community thing ... A sort of hug fest."

Volunteers helping to facilitate this second year event are Wendy Garfield, Ray Ginther, Colleen Lutz, Lena Leonardson, Bob Callahan and Harry Stenger.

In addition to O'Neill, Moy and Wood, fixers include: Nicole Landaw, Mimi Coleman, and Deb Macheski for jewelry; Mark Maljanian for general fixes; Doug Craig for knife sharpening; Jamie Nicholson for sewing and electrical device issues; and Andrew Solitano for small appliance general repair and advice.



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**Storied Migdale Castle, built by Andrew Carnegie's only child, was sold by the Wildenstein family at auction in London for nearly \$10.8 million. Currently the property is assessed at \$19.2 million.**

## August real estate transfers in Millbrook and Town of Washington

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Real estate transfers in August of property in the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington illustrate why average price should be disregarded when evaluating pricing results. Two residential sales in the Town were recorded over \$10 million and four below one million resulting in an average selling price of \$4.2 million for a house in Washington. A closer look shows that three properties were sold for less than \$500,000, a much truer picture of the housing market.

The bifurcation of the Washington/Millbrook market between estates and houses for everyone else continues to be apparent in properties listed for sale. The 25 currently active single family residential listings include the most expensive property ever listed in Dutchess County, the \$65 million dollar Hitchcock estate with 2,079

acres and three other estates over \$10 million dollars while there are just ten homes listed for less than a million dollars including three under \$500,000.

**August Transfers**  
32 Alden Terrace — 2 bedroom/2 bath townhouse with 1,202 square feet sold for \$340,000 which was the only property transfer recorded in the Village of Millbrook in August.

162 Horseshoe Lane — 3 bedroom/2 bath split level on .87 acres sold for \$425,600.

83 County House Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath restored cape on 1 acre sold for \$400,000.

3877-3874 Route 44 — Three residential buildings at Migdale Castle with a total of 14 bedrooms and 13 bathrooms on 198 acres sold at auction for \$10.796 million including the buyer's premium and other charges.

115-123 Fraleigh Hill Road — Four residential buildings with a total of 13 bedrooms/13

bathrooms on 145 acres sold for \$12.4 million. The parcel is assessed at nearly \$6.7 million.

296-302 Stanford Road — 5 bedroom/6 bath on 18.8 acres sold for \$811,974 to M&T Bank.

215 Mabbettsville Road — Commercial property with 4,717 square feet on 10 acres sold for \$800,000.

\*Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook real estate sales recorded between August 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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