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## New York, Connecticut face burn bans with historic dry conditions

By **ALEC LINDEN**  
Special to the Millerton News

"The little bit of rain we got overnight won't put a dent in this," said Kent Fire Marshall Timothy Limbos about the light showers that fell on the Northwest Corner on the night of Oct. 29.

Historically dry conditions persist across much of the Northeast, prompting officials in many municipalities to prohibit outdoor fires. As of Nov. 5, Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection lists all counties in the state as facing "extreme" fire danger, while New York's Department of Environ-

mental Conservation classifies the southern part of the state as under "high" fire risk, with northern and western regions under "moderate" and "low" designations.

In his 20 years as public information officer for Norfolk, Jon Barbagallo has never seen fire

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## Dutchess County executive outlines EMS funding aid plan

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**  
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**POUGHKEEPSIE** — Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive, announced a \$2 million investment in emergency medical services before the release of the 2025 executive budget.

This funding will be used to support the launch of ambulance coverage, a public awareness campaign and to address the workforce shortage the county has been faced with recently.

The county plans on partnering with municipalities to set in motion the supplemental ambulance coverage program, hoping to improve emergency medical service reliability and response time with commercial providers. This program intends to provide relief to the county and improve medical service provider diversity with competitive costs. With more competition in the mix, municipalities could potentially lower their service costs.

Dutchess County is also working on recruiting more staff and attracting job seekers to the field, along with implementing first responder resiliency training and peer-to-peer support network for the mental and emotional well-being of first responders.

The \$2 million investment is a temporary aid in the long term search for solutions to the growing EMS cost crisis in Dutchess County.

Sue Serino had previously

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## Webutuck junior gets National Hispanic Recognition

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**  
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**AMENIA** — The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program has awarded honors to Webutuck High School student Gabriela Arteaga for her academic achievements.

In order for a student to be selected for the recognition program they must take a Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, commonly known as the PSAT,

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## Veterans Day events

### Millerton

**Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, 11 a.m.**

Location: Veterans Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue

Hosted by: Millerton American Legion Post #178

Point of Contact: Sean M. Klay at 518-929-3624

### Amenia/Dover Plains

**Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, 11 a.m.**

Location: Fountain Square, intersection of Routes 343, 44 and 22, Amenia

Hosted by: VFW Post #5444, and Dover Plains

Point of Contact: Vicki Doyle at 845-489-7826

### Millbrook

**Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, 11 a.m.**

Location: Veterans Green, 20 Front St.

Hosted by: Millbrook VFW Post # 9008

Point of Contact: Jeff Moseman at 845-505-4336

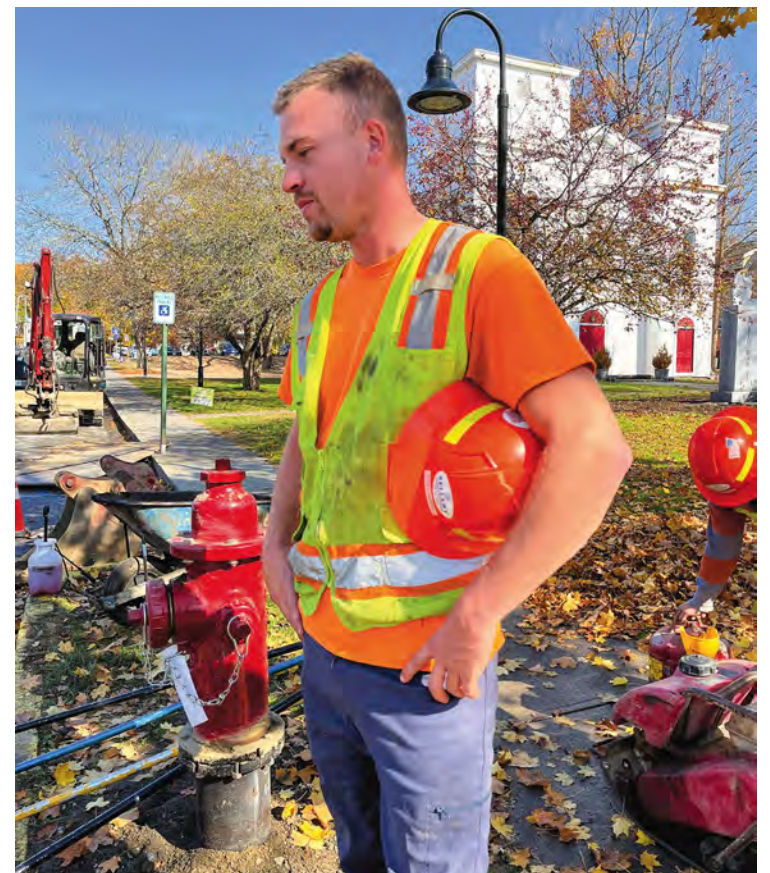
### Pine Plains

**Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, 11 a.m.**

Location: 9 North Main St.

Hosted by: AL Post #426 and VFW Post #5519

Point of Contact: Marie Stewart at 845-546-7349 or Brian Coons at 914-456-5616



PHOTOS BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

Cory Moore of Bellamy Construction reflects on the work installing new fire hydrants in Millerton on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

## Aging Millerton hydrants swapped out for new models

By **KRISTA A. BRIGGS**  
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**MILLERTON** — Ten new fire hydrants have now been installed in the Village thanks to the Water Infrastructure Improvement Award (WIIA), a \$1 million-plus grant which provided the funding for this project as well as two additional projects with a focus on water meters and painting the local water tower.

Mayor Jenn Najdek explained it was necessary to replace the Village hydrants, which had been deteriorating, and were less efficient than the newly installed ones. "It was a problem," Najdek said, citing public safety concerns as the motivating factor for prioritizing this particular project. The decaying hydrants, Najdek said, were con-

siderably older than their counterparts outside the Village, which were replaced back in the 1980s.

The reliability of the aging Village hydrants was becoming a source of unease to Village officials as their dependability could not be guaranteed in an emergency. The new models promise to be reliable and more efficient as they are equipped with a shut-off mechanism to prevent unnecessary water overflow, which, as a bonus, also makes them environmentally friendly. Additionally, the upgrade will enhance the character of the Village with the more visually appealing new models.

Najdek was quick to credit Bellamy Construction, who began work on the hydrants at the be-

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## Election results

Final results for the 2024 election were not available at the time of print for this issue of The Millerton News. Available results can be found online millertonnews.com.



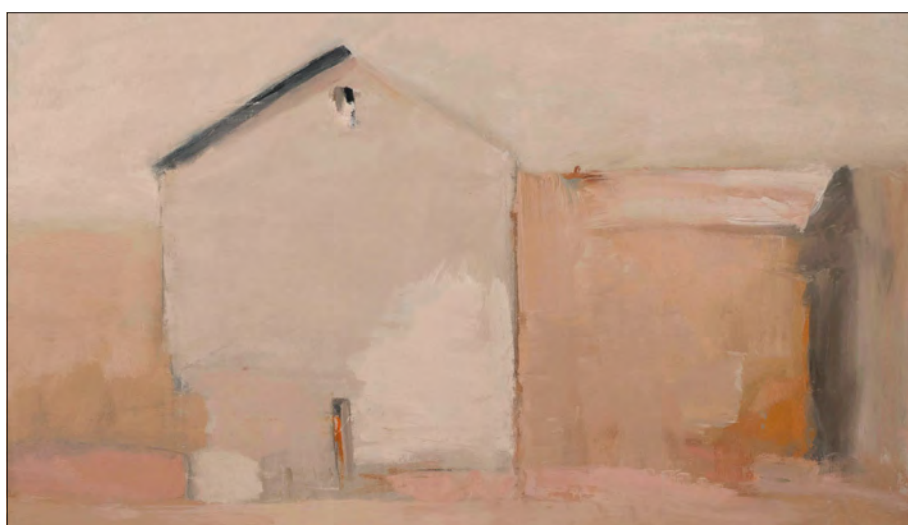
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OUR TOWNS

# Millerton Habitat house expected to be complete by mid-December

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — The Macagnone family of four that was chosen for the Habitat of Humanity house in North East has a completed foundation, with plans to bring the home to the site this week.

The family was welcomed to the community with a Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony at the beginning of September.

“In the middle of October we also installed the sill plates to the foundation which was done by 8 volunteers,” said Todd Bowen, Senior Project Director at Habitat for Humanity. “That day was just amazing especially because the homebuyer was with them volunteering as well.”

The Millerton project is currently preparing for their



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

The foundation for the single-family home being built by Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County on Rudd Pond Road is ready to receive the modular home.

modular delivery, expected by Tuesday, Nov. 5, and will be setting the home on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess is anticipating completing the home by the middle of De-

ember. “We have adjusted our schedule a few times because of some construction delays but every time we post a new schedule on our volunteer hub we have no problems

with getting volunteers to sign up,” Bowen said. “Specifically volunteers located in Millerton.”

The house lies on a half-acre plot of land and will be an approximately 1,400 square foot ranch style home with three bedrooms.

“As I mentioned we will be setting the home on Nov. 6,” said Bowen. “And then it’s go time for all of our volunteers and subcontractors to make this modular a place for a family to call home.”

Habitat for Humanity is still looking for volunteers throughout the process of building the home for the Macagnone family. To volunteer, go to [www.habitat-dutchess.org/volunteer/](http://www.habitat-dutchess.org/volunteer/) and look under “construction volunteer opportunities.” You must be 16 years old to participate.



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

A red mailbox for letters to be delivered to Santa has appeared at the Millerton Fire Company. Millerton and North East children up to the age of 12 whose note is deposited by Nov. 30 and includes an address and a gift request will receive a visit at their home from Santa and his elves, transported by fire trucks.

## Millerton Fire Company plans Santa Run Dec. 13

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Santa Claus will be coming to town on Dec. 14, making a personal visit to each local child up to the age of 12 who sends him a letter with a wish and their address by Nov. 30 via the red mailbox at the Millerton Fire Company’s station at 24 Century Blvd.

Santa and two of his elves will be traveling the highways and by ways of Millerton and North East with an escort of six fire trucks — sirens blasting and lights flashing — filled with gifts for each child and

Santa-hatted volunteer fire heroes who keep our community safe.

Started during COVID, for this fifth Santa Run Fire Company Treasurer Kelly Roger will be Letter-Reader-in-Chief. She, in turn, is hoping to learn what each child might like such as a toy, a book, a board game or even a ball to play a favorite sport.

Roger says donors may call her at 517-929-8293 or deliver potential gifts any Monday evening starting at 6 p.m. to North Pole South — aka: the Fire Station. Checks may be sent to P.O. Box 733, Millerton.

## Serino unveils \$627 million spending plan

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced a \$627 million spending plan for 2025 that increases public safety funding and invests in initiatives that benefit individuals, families, youths, seniors and veterans, all while remaining under the New York State Property Tax Cap.

Among the highlights of the proposal, unveiled on Oct. 29, are a \$2 million program for Emergency Medical Services to attract talent and provide public education. Another allocation expands coverage to underserved areas, \$700,000 for



PHOTO PROVIDED

Sue Serino

youth service programs, and a \$200,000 expenditure for the Real Time Crime Center — a collaboration between the Sheriff’s and District Attorney’s offices, expected to launch by the end of this year.

Additional proposed expenditures include anti-drug

and vaping prevention agendas, senior support programs, and the Think Accessible initiative, which provides training and educational opportunities for businesses, organizations, and municipalities.

The budgetary proposal is an inaugural effort for the Republican county executive, who assumed office in January 2024. While spending is up under the 2025 plan with an \$18.3 million (3%) increase, homeowners and businesses will benefit from a reduced county property tax rate under the plan, with rates decreasing about 4% from \$2.23 in 2024 to \$2.14 for 2025.

The increases are the result of reimbursable state mandates and grant-funded expenses.

Without these costs, spending would have risen only 1%, owing primarily to increases of approximately \$9 million in pension costs and health insurance.

Serino believes her proposal is fiscally sound and citizen-centered, stating, “With careful planning, we have delivered a responsible budget that makes essential investments in Dutchess County, [and] provides the services our residents rely on while limiting the impact to our taxpayers.”

## Compost old pumpkins with Climate Smart

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — On Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., community members can participate in Climate Smart’s Pumpkin Smash event.

Climate Smart is taking

initiative to gather pumpkins together to create compost safely and effectively. Climate Smart and McEnroe Farm are asking people to bring in their old pumpkins and to smash them into compost, helping to reduce waste after Halloween.

McEnroe Farm is helping

collect pumpkins that the community brings to them, and, in return is giving out free cider donuts.

The farm is located at 5409 Route 22, Millerton and the rain date for this event is Sunday, Nov. 10, with the same timestamp.

### Correction

AMENIA — In an Oct. 30 article about Webutuck’s Spanish lessons for faculty and staff, members of the Board of Education were misquoted. The article mistakenly quoted Paul Wladarczyk and Lauren Marquis, instead of Ray Castellani and Nicole Reyes.

It should have read: “So we are looking at a Spanish

introductory Spanish class for teachers and faculty,” said Ray Castellani, Webutuck District’s superintendent. “Not just teachers; faculty, staff, clerical — whomever — after school. Two sessions a week, two different times a week to make sure that we get to both our secondary and elementary staff.”

“I remember Brody in pre-k, just like, ‘Mom, can I learn Spanish? Like I want to talk to my friends?’” said Nicole Reyes, “So teaching them at a young age helps them, and then there’s so many friends he could speak to, and it’s still a constant barrier for him... They get by when they get on the playground, but I’d think it’d be amazing.”

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# Millbrook school capital project to face Nov. 19 referendum

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — As part of an effort to provide residents with complete information on a Central School District maintenance and upgrade construction project, the first of two public information sessions was held at the Middle School auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Three years in the planning, the project has been conceptually defined by BBS Architects of Patchogue, New York, represented at the meeting by Frederick Seeba, BBS Managing Partner, and Joseph Rettig, BBS Partner. They were on hand to answer questions or provide clarification.

Attendance at the meeting was scant, but it was only one aspect of a vigorous multi-pronged information dissemination effort. Flyers that summarize the project have been distributed to all households in the district, as have newsletters and other notices. The district's website also describes the project in detail and invites residents to ask questions or provide comment.

"It took three years to get to where we are today," said school superintendent Caroline Hernandez Pidala. The objective of the planning was "to make the learning environment better for the students," Hernandez Pidala said. The work had begun with a survey of building conditions.

An Energy Performance Contract was included in the initial planning "to identify upgrades that would pay for themselves over time," Hernandez Pidala said.

As the planning developed, Hernandez Pidala said that solar energy was eliminated from consideration by the project design team in an effort to trim costs.

"We are looking at how our buildings breathe," Hernandez Pidala said, in explaining the need for instituting modern systems of ventilation and circulation throughout district schools.

The project planning has been organized into school-specific needs divided among four schools. Elliot Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel, explained in reviewing the highlights of needed maintenance and upgrade work.

In addition to a roof with 80% needing repair and leaking, the Middle School building exhibits the highest maintenance needs, particularly to the HVAC systems, Garcia said. Plans call for the present HVAC system to be removed and replaced with air filtration and circulation provided by an energy-efficient system.

The relationship of the buildings to current code is an important consideration, Garcia said. When improvements are to be undertaken, the state is likely to require that the project include whatever is necessary to bring the structure up to meet current code.

The project's three Propositions, although voted upon as a package, are contingent, the scope of work of each dependent upon passage of the one before, Garcia said. He explained that if Proposition 1 (Elm Drive and the Middle School) passes at the referendum then Proposition 2 (Alden Place) could proceed, and if Propositions 1 and 2 pass, then the way is clear for the work contained in Proposition 3 (High School) to proceed.

All three propositions in-

volve improvements to the heating and ventilation systems, with the Middle School also gaining roofing and window replacement along with ADA compliant elevators.

Because there are funds on hand and other resources identified, the tax impact would not be felt by residents until the 2027-28 school year, Elliot said.

The total project cost for all three propositions is estimated at \$59,867,973, but the cost to taxpayers would total \$20,949,512 for all three propositions, the lesser figure made possible by using cash reserves, debt being retired, energy savings, and state aid.

Putting the tax impact into perspective, Elliot used a model of a home qualifying for a STAR exemption, with an assessed value of \$500,000, that would see an annual tax increase of \$513, for which the property owner would be getting \$60 million in value for school improvements.

A second Public Information Session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Middle School Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. The final date to register to vote in the referendum is Thursday, Nov. 14. The referendum on the project will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Middle School Auditorium, 12 to 9 p.m.

Any questions or comments are welcome and can be emailed to [district.info@millbrookcsd.org](mailto:district.info@millbrookcsd.org).



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

White-tailed deer are focus of state-wide study.

## State DEC seeking deer hunters for expanded ecology research

ALBANY — The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is seeking deer hunters to participate in a non-lead ammunition study.

The conservation department is expanding its "Non-lead ammunition for eagle conservation" project during the 2024-'25 deer season.

The biggest change for this season is that all licensed deer hunters are eligible anywhere in the state where hunting with a firearm is legal. Like last year, conservationists are collecting data on scavenging rates and dynamics at gut piles of harvested deer including how long it takes for scavengers to find them, how long gut piles persist, and

differences based on habitat and location.

The conservation department is asking volunteers, during their normal deer hunting activities:

— To place a trail camera at the gut pile after harvesting and field dressing a deer;

— To record a small amount of data including location of the gut pile; and

— Whether they have a trail camera they'd be willing to use for this effort. \*\*The conservation department has a limited amount of trail cameras that it could loan to volunteers.\*\*

Interested deer hunters can sign up online at [huntersforeagleconservation.org/new-york](http://huntersforeagleconservation.org/new-york).

Email news and photos to [editor@millertonnews.com](mailto:editor@millertonnews.com)

## Hotchkiss Library to lead architectural tour of Amenia's St. Thomas Church

AMENIA — Join the Hotchkiss Library on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. for a progressive architectural history tour to learn about the significance of the Gothic Revival St. Thomas Church.

The program will begin at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon for an introductory talk with Katherine Crumm. Attendants will then travel just down the road to look at the interior of Christ Church before proceeding to St. Thomas, five miles south on Route 41.

St. Thomas Church, in Amenia Union (1848), appears in every book on Gothic Re-

vival architecture in America. The talk will focus on what makes St. Thomas such a significant architectural monument. What's radical about it? How did it break from the tradition that preceded it? The talk will compare St. Thomas with Sharon's Christ Church, the latter an excellent example of early 19th century Protestant church design.

Participants must provide their own transportation. Refreshments will be served at St. Thomas Church.

Pre-registration is requested at [hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/13421885](http://hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/13421885). More information can be

found online at [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org) or by calling the Library at 860-364-5041.

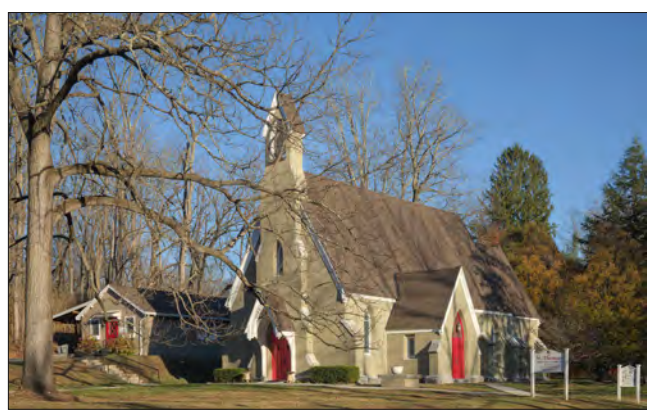


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The Gothic-revival St. Thomas Church in Amenia Union will be the subject of an architectural tour on Nov. 17.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY 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 plot owners.

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### LEGAL NOTICE ANNUAL ELECTION OF The Pine Plains Fire District

**On December 10, 2024**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Pine Plains Fire District will take place on December 10, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Pine Plains Fire House located at 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, New York 12567 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner: one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029. Only residents registered to vote with the Dutchess County Board of Elections on or before November 18, 2024 and have resided in the Pine Plains Fire District for at least thirty days prior to the election, shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall file their names and the position they are seeking with the Secretary of the Pine Plains Fire District, Heather Lamont, P.O. Box 860, Pine Plains, New York 12567 no later than November 19, to 2024. October 22, 2024.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
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### Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Camp Melody LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 7/28/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50 Natures Way Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of John Kevin Webb and NML Farm LLC for a Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment on Tax Parcel #7170-00-082854 and Tax Parcel #7170-00-232833 located at 144 Skunks Misery Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at [pb@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:pb@townofnortheastny.gov) or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

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.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary A. Whitbeck

**SALISBURY** — Mary A. (Baumann) Whitbeck, formerly of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and longtime resident of Salisbury, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, where she will experience communion with God and all her departed loved ones.



Mary was born on Dec. 19, 1937, in Housatonic, Massachusetts to the late George M. and Louise M. (Maier) Baumann. She was the baby of thirteen brothers and sisters whom she celebrated and adored throughout her life. She continued this love and sense of community into her beloved Salisbury and all her relationships with abundant generosity and joy.

Mary is survived by her son, Peter M. Whitbeck and his wife Trina of Bethpage, Tennessee, her daughter Kim W. Isabelle and her husband David of West Hartland, Connecticut; her beloved grandson David C. Whitbeck and his partner Jennifer Gwinn, and their children, Tucker D. Whitbeck and Kaelary Gwinn of Madison, Tennessee; her surviving brothers Gerald R. Baumann of Lee, Massachusetts, and M. Peter Baumann of Great Barrington, Massachu-

setts. The family also wishes to honor Dominic Franzoso of Everett, Massachusetts, for the joy and friendship he brought to Mary's life.

Mary is predeceased by husband, Charles E. (Tuck) Whitbeck, her brothers Thomas W., James A., Paul M., George R. (Bob), John F., Joseph P., and her sisters Patricia Ciolina, Ann Costa and Joan Clark.

Mary was a communicant of St. Mary's Parish in Lakeville, where her Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at 11 a.m. A Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Salisbury will follow. Ryan Funeral Home, Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's memory to Nobel Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury or the Salisbury VNA Hospice, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude for Mary's team of caregivers who tirelessly honored her and her daughter with tender merciful care during her infirmity at Noble Horizons.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com

**LAKEVILLE** — Joan H. Wallace, artist, political activist, and long-time resident of New York City and the Northwest Corner died at home in Lakeville, at age 93, on Oct. 30, 2024.

Ms. Wallace, née Joan Elaine Hochstuhl, was born in 1931, the daughter of Elsie Wibben and Ernest Hochstuhl, both the offspring of German immigrants. Much of her childhood was spent in Syosset, Long Island with a couple of years in the Adirondack town of Bloomingdale where she sought relief from severe childhood asthma. She attended secondary school at Friends Academy in Locust Valley, New York, and received an associate degree from Lasell College.

Fresh out of college, Ms. Wallace moved to New York City where she worked in public relations for The New Yorker magazine and dabbled in creative writing. A couple of her stories were published in Esquire magazine, something viewed by her parents as scandalous for a young lady. In 1956, she met a young engineer, George A. P. Wallace, and they married in 1957, had three children, and remained together for 54 years, until Mr. Wallace passed away in 2011.

Although Ms. Wallace returned to work in public relations for the Museum of Modern Art during the 1970s, she was above all an accomplished artist and lifelong student of art, specializing in oil painting, drawing, pastels, and photography. In New York City, she studied art history at Columbia University for three years, completed a four-year certificate program at the Art Students League, two years of study in composition and art analysis at the National Academy School of Fine Arts, and studied advanced photographic and darkroom techniques at the New School-Parsons School of Design. At one time, six mural-sized versions of her New York

City cityscape photographs were on permanent exhibit in the New York City headquarters of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Her work was shown in various galleries and exhibits, and she sold works to private collectors.

Ms. Wallace and her husband were active art patrons during their time in New York, as well as the brief years they were residents of Portland, Maine, Boston, Massachusetts, and finally in the Northwest Corner where they lived permanently from 1998 onwards. In addition to fine arts, they supported theater, opera, and early music. Ms. Wallace was passionate about politics, the positive role of government, and a firm believer in active participation in the democratic process. She worked on several political campaigns, notably those of John Lindsay for mayor of New York City and Hubert Humphrey for president, including hosting campaign events in her home. She encouraged her children to also volunteer in political campaigns. Ms. Wallace was an ardent feminist and early supporter of National Organization of Women (NOW) and worked steadfastly on their behalf for many years. She was also a devoted pacifist and threw herself into opposition of the Vietnam War, including helping to organize the huge New York City march in October 1969 that made up part of the national Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam.

Certainly, a highlight of her life was her fascination with Italy, including its long history, art, architecture, religious evolution, and present-day society. In 1988, she and her husband purchased a property in the medieval hill town of Casole d'Elsa. Together they renovated the house, a slice of the wall built in the 11th cen-

tury with the village on the inside and sweeping views of Tuscan farmland on the outside. Their many trips to Casole were the springboard for extensive travels in Italy, Greece, Turkey, many friendships, and a window into the rather frenetic, but wonderful, chaos of present-day Italian society.

Philanthropy was important to Ms. Wallace and, in addition to her support for the arts, she and her husband supported many national and local environmental organizations, including Salisbury Land Trust, Sharon Audubon, Appalachian Mountain Club, American Bird Conservancy, and Sierra Club.

She is fondly remembered by her family and friends as an active conversationalist, an avid reader, and one who was always sensitive to the beauty around her. Ms. Wallace is survived by a son, George E. Wallace of Salisbury, a daughter, E. Ainslie Wallace of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and eight grandchildren, four of whom are the offspring of her daughter Elaine who passed away in 2019.

A private memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Union of Concerned Scientists either via their website at [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org) or by mail to Union of Concerned Scientists, 2 Brattle Square, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Send obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)

## OUR TOWNS

### Ancramdale makers help Kenyan girls go to school

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to the Millerton News

**ANCRAMDAL** — Local residents can make a difference halfway around the world by the simple act of purchasing a high quality item hand crafted by retired Webutuck shop teacher John Roccanova of Ancramdale.

Since 2010, when John and his wife Jean began their non-profit "Grow Against Poverty," they have been sponsoring multiple efforts to improve the lives of others, mainly in Kenya.

This year, their fund raising efforts will again be funneled partly through "Prevent Period Poverty" which is focused on bringing much needed bathrooms and sanitary supplies to girls. The program has already built a \$11,000 bathroom in one school with four sinks, toilets and showers, which has already helped improve attendance.

Using money from this year's sales, he says they are aiming at adding another bathroom to a school of 1,500 students and over 60 staff members which currently has only 2 bathrooms for the whole school.

"A lot of what we do is geared to female students because they get the short end too many times," Roccanova said.

He adds that improving education for girls "reduces teen pregnancies, increases graduation rates and helps them get themselves and their families out of poverty."

Inspired initially by a newspaper article on African relief needs, which tapped into their desire to improve education, their efforts have contributed to expanded classroom space, paid for computers, and helped supply funds for teacher salaries.

By providing bicycles with helmets, repair kits and safety



PHOTO PROVIDED

**Ancramdale woodworker John Roccanova applied final touches on one of his creations on sale at the Irondale Schoolhouse through November.**

vests to twelve schools for 510 students who must navigate more than five miles of often muddy, rutted roads, they have also boosted school attendance and have plans to expand the program with another 100 bicycles each year.

Their program has also helped plant gardens which supply fresh produce for the school and have expanded that to a "Carrots for Computers" program which uses profits from sales of vegetables to purchase more units.

He notes the November sale will feature salad bowls, "platters, tea boxes, candleholders, cutting and charcuterie boards, earrings, pens ... cars, trucks, helicopters, planes and several types of boats" suitable for bathtubs.

The items, all made with food and child safe finishes, are crafted from walnut, oak, cherry, maple, poplar, pine and mahogany with prices ranging from \$10 to \$150.

The sale is set for the Irondale Schoolhouse from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 9 and 10, Nov. 16 and 17, Nov. 23 and 24, Nov. 29 and 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1.

### Elizabeth Blodget Kent

**LAKEVILLE** — Elizabeth (Betty or Bebe) Blodget Kent, passed away Oct. 27, 2024, in Essex at the age of 105. She was born in New York, New York, on Aug. 4, 1919. Prior to moving to Essex in 1989, she lived in Lakeville.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Fred I. Kent II, in 2002, her parents Eleanor and Francis Malbone Blodget and her brother, Francis (Tod) Malbone Blodget, Jr.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses; Fred I. Kent and Kathy Madden from Brooklyn, New York, Nancy and Tom Henry

from Tequesta, Florida, and Peter and Alice Kent from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Essex Meadows Employee Appreciation Fund which supports the many wonderful employees who supported her since 1989, and cared for her over the last few years in the health center. Essex Meadows, 30 Bokum Road, Essex CT 06426.

A memorial service will be held for Elizabeth at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme at a later date.



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CTDEEP has an excellent resource section on both winter bird feeding and how to enhance your backyard habitat to be wildlife friendly. It is recommended that December to March are good times to feed the birds to help them through the winter, which is also the time that black bears are in their dens. With regards to habitat, one should address the needs of water, food and cover that most wildlife require. The guidebook is very instructive on the planting of native plants to attract birds and how to construct proper brushpiles to give wildlife cover from both the weather and predators. For more information, please go to: [portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/learn-about-wildlife/guide-to-winter-bird-feeding](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/learn-about-wildlife/guide-to-winter-bird-feeding).

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Week of November 10, 2024

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## Rounders of Riga

This year marks the 70th year reunion of The Rounders of Riga on Nov. 16. A two-week outing we've awaited for the past fifty weeks. A tradition beginning in 1954 by retired WWII vets interested in deer hunting. Today veteran members have dwindled to four supplemented by carefully vetted family and friends. We erected our 16 x 32 military tent in early October to allow sufficient time for the numerous chores to follow. All preparation and readied for the Friday evening before the Saturday opener of Nov. 16th. Each member is assigned preparation of an evening meal of their choice. Usually high in calories but necessary after a long day afield. Morning hunts followed by a brief late morning for a self prepared brunch of ham, sausage, bacon, eggs, cheese, pancakes, homefries or any combination thereof. Then back to the chase to return around 5/5:30 p.m. to warm ourselves before a drink or nap prior to the evening meal. A good deal of friendly banter follows: tales of the days hunt, past hunts and members missed, successes or lack of such and hopes for tomorrow. Perhaps a few hands of cards then lights out to await an annoying dog-barking alarm clock wake up at 4 a.m., which always entices immediate attention to silence. This signaling the beginning of another day followed by the

### VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

robust odor of cowboy coffee perking on the stove. A cup or two while planning the days hunt and informing all of individual locations. Out the door between 5:30/6 a.m. with good lucks exchanged to experience whatever Mother Nature delivers. I'm hoping one of our junior members connects with their first deer. A memorable event for our archives. Two weeks at deer camp — always enjoyable and cherished by we members and anxiously awaited for another 50 weeks until we reunite next year. God Bless you patriotic readers and your families. Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving together, ensure the welfare of neighbors, treat yourselves and support the area winter American Legion and firehouse breakfasts available and please take time for a little prayer of thanks for our military, police officers and firefighters who protect you and your family each and every day so you may happily enjoy your holidays safely and without worry.

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



"I know it's early but we could just sleep through the election..."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to Barrett for advancing Melanie's Law

We write today to express our deep gratitude to Assemblywoman Didi Barrett for her pivotal role in advancing Melanie's Law. Named after Melanie Chianese, a woman from Dutchess County who lost her life to domestic violence. As sponsors of this legislation, we worked across party lines to ensure its success, united in our commitment to protecting domestic violence survivors and honoring the memory of Melanie.

Without Assemblywoman Barrett's leadership and support, Melanie's Law might not have made it out of the Judiciary Committee. Her dedication to this cause and seniority allowed the bill to reach the Assembly floor for a full vote, passing with nearly unanimous support.

Domestic violence is an issue that transcends politics, and this bill is a critical step toward ensuring greater safety for survivors in New

York State. We are proud to have worked together in a bipartisan fashion, and we recognize that the success of this legislation is shared.

We thank Assemblywoman Barrett for her partnership and

look forward to the bill's future impact on the lives of those affected by domestic violence.

**Assemblyman Brian Cunningham  
Assemblyman Anil Beephan**

### Note to the sign thief

To the person who "took" the election signs from my property on Rudd Pond Road, I would just like to say thank you for confirm-

ing that once again, I have made the correct choice on Election Day.

**Ray "Dan" Simmons**  
Millerton

## County's pheasant bounty; voter registration record; teacher job action

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.

November 2, 1933

'Pheasant Season Opens with Bang'; The pheasant season opened literally with a bang, followed by many more bangs at daybreak on Monday morning when scores of khaki clad hunters began their annual invasion of the area populated by the now much pursued feathered denizens. The fusillade is to continue for six days, ending at sunset Saturday night. The pheasants, on whom open warfare was declared without so much as a warning, were in a general retreat within a few minutes after the bombardment began Monday morning, many of the feathered gentry falling before well aimed hunters' bullets.

With the opening of the season on pheasants Monday, the hunting season is now in full swing. Dutchess County is experiencing one of the best hunting seasons in many years with game more plentiful. Because of private breeders and game clubs, pheasants are more abundant throughout the county than ordinarily.

'Registration in Dutchess Sets Record'; Exceeds Total Number of Eligible Voters for 1932, Previous High Mark

Dutchess County has established an all time registration record this year with 1,919 more persons eligible to vote Nov. 1 than in 1932, which was the greatest previous registration. The records of the commissioners of election disclosed that 57,026 registered for the presidential election last year, while this year the total registration for the county is 58,965.

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Although an "off," or local year, the total registration this year exceeds by 4,453 the 1928 registration when the Smith-Hoover campaign stirred up considerable political activity in the county. In that year, the city of Poughkeepsie set an all-time record of 18,000 voters.

When personal and non-personal registration ended Oct. 21, a check-up disclosed that both Poughkeepsie and Beacon dropped a trifle below their 1932 registrations, with only seven out of twenty-four election districts exceeding last year's mark, while only two districts in Beacon surpassed the 1932 registration. Forty-one of the remaining fifty-five election districts in the county, all of which are located in townships, have increased registration totals. Some townships and districts reported several hundred new voters having been added to the enrollment...

The town of North East has a registration of 866 in the first district and 751 in the second this year, representing a total increase of 132 over 1932. The town of Amenia has a registration increase of 253 this year, and the town of Dover has an increase of 198 registered voters over last year for the election on Nov. 7...

'Dutchess Celebrates Birthday'; Anniversary Observed by Historical Society Wednesday; Fitting Program [sic]

The 250th birthday of Dutchess County was observed yesterday with a fitting program arranged by the Dutchess County Historical Society. A meeting at the county court house in the

morning and a luncheon at the Nelson House at noon comprised the formal observance.

Originally The Duches County, the County continues to spell its name with a "t" at the age of 250, although the letter does not really belong in the name. The county was named after Mary Beatrice d'Este of Modena, and was one of the original counties of the Province of New York. It was almost exclusively settled by Indains, and there were not more than three or four white people dwelling within its boundaries by 1700.

The Duches for whom the county was named was Italian by birth, daughter of the Duke of Modena and second wife of James Stuart of England from 1685 until her husband as from 1673 till 1685 and Queen of England from 1685 until her husband as James II, was deposed in 1688 and fled into exile. Mary Beatrice's life was eventful and tragic. She was married at fifteen to a man thirty years older than herself, lived in an alien county and was involved in turbulent political and religious disturbances, finally fleeing into exile with her baby son.

November 7, 1974

'Webutuck Teachers Cut Extracurricular Activities'; Webutuck teachers pressed their job action one step further this week calling for a stoppage of "all non paying extracurricular activities and all voluntary duties until a new contract is negotiated."

The Webutuck Teachers Association also stated that effective Monday this week, high school teachers would leave the school building at 3:45 p.m. and primary school teachers would leave at 3:30 p.m.

In a letter sent to Webutuck school administrators

from the teachers association, the association stated: "you are fully aware of the present situation of the Webutuck Teachers Association in regard to their lack of current contract.

"At this time we find that we are being forced to adhere to the existing binding contractual agreement. According to the agreement, the teachers shall leave school every day at 3:45 from the high school building, and 3:30 from the elementary and primary school.

"At this time we also are stopping all nonpaying [sic] extracurricular activities and all voluntary duties until a new contract is negotiated."

Kiau Loi, chairman of the teachers association negotiation committee, stated that the boycott is on activities not in the old teachers' contract, which expired this past June 30, 1973. These include such activities as teachers participating in dances,

'Halloween No Longer Fun'; (Letter from the Editor)

Halloween is longer fun. The merry pranksters have disappeared and abusive, irresponsible vandals have taken over.

In Millerton well over \$3000 [sic] damage [sic] was done to five different stores and a fire was set. B-B guns and wrist rockets with steel marbles were the weapons used by the brash infiltrators.

Although these metal pellets penetrated only one section of the large display windows at Delson's, the Village Toggery, J.B. Reed's and Barnard's Florists, the entire window must be replaced. In freezing weather the relatively small hole and air pressure will force the whole window to crack.

Although the fire on John Street was minor, the fire company had to be on the scene and thus its attention

was directed away from any other possible emergency.

In another incident a man guarding a store was forced to dodge B-B pellets. A friendly jest is one thing, but physical abuse is another. It was also reported that apples were thrown through windows of village residences.

Shaving cream, soap, and tissue paper are harmless tools that allow kids to break the rules innocently one night a year. But heavy artillery is not amusing and no one should be proud of committing crimes like vandalism, arson or assault.

Millerton thought it would do a favor for the revellers and set the curfew for 9 p.m. on Halloween, Armenia had a 7 p.m. curfew and no trouble. Next year Millerton will know better.

November 4, 1999

'Wind Whammy'; High gusts of wind brought down this enormous tree branch into the front yard of Basil and Maha Gabriel on Highland Street Tuesday. Mr. Gabriel's Chevy Blazer was seriously damaged, but no one was hurt. Mrs. Gabriel and her son Matthew were at home at the time. Neighbor Mary Ann Sullivan saw the huge limb come crashing down. It took out electrical, phone and cable service for the Gabriels. The family praised both the Millerton Fire Department for guarding the live wires and Central Hudson for its help.

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conditions as perilous as those that have developed this fall. "Fires happen every year in Connecticut, we just don't see them to the extent that we see them now," Barbagallo said.

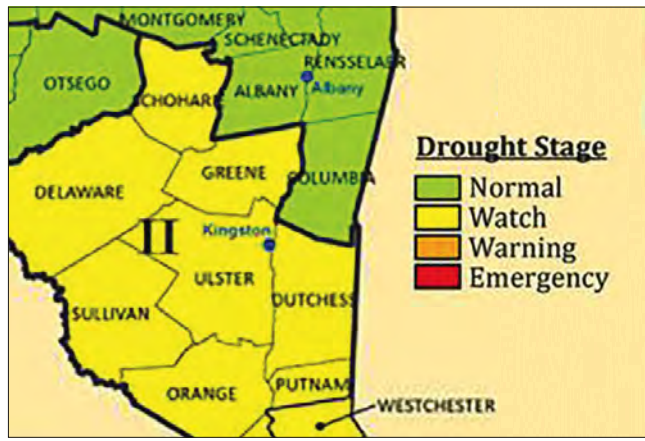
On Oct. 25, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont declared a State of Emergency due to the critical fire conditions as the dry weather continues.

The National Weather Service predicts little rain over the next week for the region alongside unseasonably warm temperatures.

"It may stay this way for a while," said Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who is also a volunteer firefighter. "The woods are much more volatile with the leaves on the ground," he said, indicating that the recently fallen foliage has added another fuel source to the tinder-dry forest floor.

On Oct. 30, Ridgway issued a burn ban for the town of Cornwall, joining many other municipalities in the region that have placed similar restrictions. All Litchfield County towns except Hartland have declared burn bans as of Nov. 1 according to an NBC Connecticut Report, and the environmental protection department has imposed a burn ban on all state parks, forests, and wildlife management areas. In New York, the towns of Hillsdale, North East, Pine Plains, Amenia, Stanford, and Washington have also enacted emergency burn bans, barring all outdoor fire activity and nulling burn permits while the order is in place.

North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said in a public communication on Nov. 1 that "the town of North East, along with all the other towns around us, has issued an order prohibiting outdoor burning," which will remain



**New York State declared a drought watch on Saturday, Nov. 2, in many counties, including Dutchess.**

in effect until further notice.

In her Oct. 25 announcement, Stanford Town Supervisor Wendy Burton urged residents to keep their neighbors and first responders in mind as the unusual weather conditions continue. "Let's protect our community and firefighters," she said in the notice.

Legislators and fire officials were careful to drive in the message before holiday excitement distracted residents from the danger.

A red flag warning was issued again for all of Connecticut and the lower Hudson Valley on Friday, Nov. 1, following an Oct. 26 red flag warning for all of southern New England. The warnings are short-notice alerts meant to notify fire officials that conditions are highly conducive to wildfire ignition and rapid spread, and are rare in the Northeast.

As of Nov. 3, the environmental protection department identifies two active fires in Connecticut, the fire burning on Lamentation Mountain in Berlin known as the Hawthorne fire, and a smaller blaze in Lebanon which is managed. The organization is also monitoring 95 fires across all regions of the state.

"It's really good that this

region has mutual aid," Ridgway said. Barbagallo himself is a testament to the collaborative nature of Connecticut's response force, having been part of the Incident Command Post at the Hawthorne Fire since the Post was activated on Oct. 22.

Barbagallo said he was helping plan the wake and funeral for Wethersfield firefighter Robert Sharkevich Sr., who died while combating the Hawthorne Fire on Oct. 22, when he got a call that a car accident had ignited two brush fires in Norfolk. "I left the meeting that evening to go to Norfolk when I heard how big they were getting," he said.

The fires, which were caused by downed electrical wires, were extinguished after two hours, but their rapid growth left an impression on Barbagallo: "It really shows

how dry the conditions are across the state."

A swath stretching across the entire northern border of Connecticut, as well as a corner of Fairfield County, is currently experiencing "moderate drought" (D1) conditions, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System, a subsidiary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The area comprises 13.8% of the state's land area and includes approximately 400,000 residents. The rest of the state is categorized as "abnormally dry" (D0) by the drought information system, alongside most of southern New York. A small area surrounding the tri-state border in New York is also experiencing moderate drought.

NIDIS predicts that drought will persist in areas already experiencing D1 conditions in the region through November, and that drought conditions will continue to develop in D0 zones.

Until substantial rainfall arrives, Barbagallo asks residents to "be respectful of the guidance from the state and the local fire department."

"We're going to be the ones who have to put [the fires] out," he said.

**HYDRANTS**

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gining of October, for a rapid turnaround within a matter of weeks. "They're a fast-moving company," she said, explaining that while certain sections presented their own challenges, Bellamy remained focused on the task at hand, and is now wrapping up the final stages of construction by replacing blacktop where needed and restoring impacted lawns and topsoil.

**EMS**

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released an outline of the EMS crisis in March. She met with the Department of Emergency Response, supervisors, mayors, municipality representatives and other professionals to find effective solutions.

**SCHOLAR** *Continued from Page A1*

sophomore or junior year and score in the top ten percent in the program in their state, or earn a 3 or higher on two or more distinct AP exams freshman or sophomore year.

The student must also have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.3 or higher and identify as a first generation Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Indigenous or Native while attending a school in a rural area or small town.

The district has also noticed Arteaga as a Webutuck High School climate and culture club student of the month during the month of October.

Arteaga has been honored by the recognition program from her PSAT scores she got as a sophomore at Webutuck. She has already heard from colleges such as Purdue, Virginia Tech, New Hampshire, Hamilton and Pacific. The current junior plans to study biochemistry when she attends college in hopes of becoming a veterinarian.

Arteaga was born in Ecuador and came into the United



PHOTO PROVIDED

**Webutuck High School student Gabriela Arteaga has been noticed by dozens of colleges for her academic achievements.**

States when she was a baby, the daughter of Ariosto and Tatiana Arteaga.

Arteaga retook her PSAT on Oct. 23 and, if she scores well, will be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program, which highlights students taking the PSATs as juniors.

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Top left, Raina Scheltema (1.5 years). Above, Poppy (9 months) and Finn (7 years). At left, Olly (3 months), Darryl, and Cory (5 years) Rea with Susan Lasko sporting Halloween costumes in Millerton on Thursday, Oct. 31.

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STYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Abigail Horace makes Frederic's IT List

Abigail Horace, the creative force behind Casa Marcelo Interior Design Studio in Salisbury, has recently earned a coveted spot on Frederic Magazine's second annual IT List, marking her as one of 12 up-and-coming designers redefining the design landscape. With a style that values functionality, spaciousness, and beauty, Horace's work embodies a refined approach that has made her a standout in both Connecticut's Northwest Corner and beyond.

"I didn't know about Frederic until recently," Horace admitted. "It's very well done. A lot of designers I speak to say it's their new favorite magazine, so it's a really big honor to be in here." Looking through the thick pages of the magazine — a lovely, lush, quietly powerful publication backed by the textile giant Schumacher— Horace reflected on her journey from Queens to Lakeville, from the constant rush of high-end design in New York City to this place, her place, which she has shaped, and which shapes her.

Horace grew up in Queens and tributes her father, a hobbyist photographer from the Dominican Republic, with much of her early inspiration. "He was only 20 when he moved to New York, so it was still so new to him." Her father, full of enthusiasm for his new city, would take Horace with him on weekends to visit New York landmarks like The Chrysler Building, Radio City Music Hall, and the World Trade Center "which was my backyard," said Horace. Horace also recalled a memorable trip as a child to Kew Gardens, a small, residential neighborhood in Queens. "It's all mansions, beautiful homes with spiral staircases and gorgeous details," Horace shared. "I remember one of our family friends was house-sitting and we went to the house for something, I can't remember what exactly, but the entry was just so grand."

These days, grand entryways make up a large part of Horace's diverse design portfolio, a portfolio with an attention to detail that sets her work apart. Named after her family, Casa



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Abigail Horace

Marcelo reflects Horace's design philosophy: a space must not only look beautiful but should also resonate personally with those who live in it. "I like figuring out who [my clients] are," she said. Her process involves an in-depth questionnaire that delves beyond color schemes and materials to uncover clients' routines, travels, and cherished memories, folding these elements into each design. Horace also relies on clients' artwork and often, on their book collections to give her tips on who they are. "There are a lot of people who are book people, that collect different types of books," she said. "I'll have clients who have a lot of political books, or autobiographies, or clients that have a lot of self-help books, or visual art books. So, you can really get a sense of what people like and what they like to do. I also like to know if my clients are entertainers, if they like to host or if they like to be homebodies. And I can tell a lot about people when I walk into a space."

This personal touch has earned Horace a growing reputation through word of mouth, recently prompting Casa Marcelo to implement its first marketing strategy. Being centrally located in Salisbury (Casa Marcelo is at 7 Academy

Street) has also bolstered Casa Marcelo's visibility, attracting new clients and collaborators. Horace also sources locally whenever possible because, she said, "There are just a lot of great makers in this area." Some of the sources she highlighted are DBO Home in Sharon, Ian Ingersoll in West Cornwall, and Elizabeth Eakins in Norwalk of whom Horace said, "she has the most amazing rugs and they're all handmade. I love custom or handmade things and people who put love into their products."

There's a lot of love in Horace's work but there's also a lot of hard work, dedication, and an impressive amount of experience. At 37, Horace's resume reads more like that of an industry veteran. "I don't come from

money or anything like that. Everything I have is because I've put my ambition into it," Horace shared.

As she continues her ambitious work, Horace looks forward to embracing larger, ground-up renovation projects and expanding her presence within the community. She's even co-founded a women's business support group in Litchfield and Millerton with her friend Nina Embiricos who owns nearby Riga Yoga. "It's an opportunity to mix everyone together, to help one another. I mean running a business up here is difficult in general so if we can help one another and promote one another,

even if we're just venting to each other, we can cross pollinate and share resources."

Being named "a style trailblazer" by the Frederic It List may have come as a surprise to Abigail Horace but having worked for high end firms for ten years before launching her

own business did more than prepare her for the demands of entrepreneurship— it sharpened her vision and deepened her sense of purpose. "I feel like I've always known I was going to have something bigger," Horace shared, "but it's kind of just starting now."

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**South Kent overrun with zombies Halloween night**

The living dead broke into dance at Falcon Field Thursday, Oct. 31, when South Kent School's Thriller Flash Mob returned for its annual night in the moonlight.

**HALLOWEEN: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**

**Costumed kiddos swarm Falls Village and Lakeville on Halloween**

Downtown Falls Village was chock full of trick or treaters on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31.

Assorted superheroes, sea creatures and at least one bush rollicked around the downtown area, taking time out from collecting candy to be wowed by Sandy Rhoades doing magic tricks, drop in at the Center on Main for a refreshing glass of cider, and to chase each other around.

There was a Jurassic Park setup, a sea anemone with accompanying



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**Magician Sandy Rhoades delighted a young Spiderman on Halloween in Falls Village.**

jellyfish, and somewhat less esoteric displays from Great Mountain Forest and Adamah

Farm. Children also plied the residential streets for candy.

Over in Lakeville, streets were blocked off and children in costume were everywhere as darkness fell.

The children knew to make their way to the Grove around 7 p.m. for hay rides, cider and doughnuts, and, most importantly, a massive, free-form shaving cream fight.

The Grove was abundantly adorned with Halloween props, and Stacey Dodge, Grove manager, and Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation director, awaited the shaving cream com-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Shaving cream was flying at the town Grove Oct. 31.**

batants.

The children brought their own shaving cream. The Grove supplied towels.

This was a good thing, as by 7:30 p.m. there

wasn't a youngster in sight who wasn't liberally coated with the stuff.

Somehow a reporter managed to get in the middle of it and emerge unfoamed.

**LIFESTYLE: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**

**Paranormal Society seeks to explain the unexplainable**

The night after Halloween, the team from the Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society regaled a receptive crowd at the Scoville Memorial Library with their experiences investigating paranormal phenomena.

Paranormal society co-founder David Bray, with investigators Ursula Wiebusch and Trish Blanchette, described the methodology and results of their investigations in considerable detail.

Bray started off with the paranormal society's simple mission statement: "To find the truth."

The paranormal society does not charge for investigations, and Bray said the group has turned down television offers.

The paranormal society is "about educating and validating people, as opposed to sensationalism."

They are a hard-headed bunch. Bray recalled one person who was convinced the house was haunted because of a recurring, eerie noise in the night.

This turned out to be a tree limb.

"We cut the branch,

and no more paranormal activity," Bray said.

Bray said the team is keenly aware of investigative pitfalls, such as confirmation bias. As an example, someone with deeply held beliefs might be inclined to interpret phenomena as "demonic."

Bray said he considers himself to be a "clairsentient medium."

He said he doesn't see spirits, but he can pick up on "feelings, sensations, emotions — what spirits want."

An example: When investigating a house in Waterbury, Bray was in the kitchen when he experienced a sudden,

intense pain on the left side of his head. When he went into another room, the pain was gone.

In the course of the paranormal society's routine background investigation, the team discovered that a deceased woman who lived in the house had suffered a fatal injury in the kitchen. The injury was to the left side of her head.

Wiebusch is the group's photographer, and Blanchette, who freely admits to having "no psychic ability," said she conducts the initial interviews and does the background research.

Standard procedure is to "keep David in the

dark," before conducting field work, to avoid planting any suggestions in Bray's mind.

If the paranormal society agrees to take on a client, the routine is to first find the nearest Dunkin' Donuts.

Thus fortified, the team meets with the owner of the property and takes a tour.

With the owner not present, the team walks through and gets a base-

line, using photographs and video.

They set up the equipment, take a few moments for prayer and meditation, and then they turn the lights out and wait.

Why do they do this at night? "Because that's when we are available," said Bray.

With video, photographs and audio clips, Bray took the audience through some of the

team's more notable investigations.

The settings varied: Private homes, bars, churches, hotels.

Asked what percentage of the subjects turn out to be something other than paranormal, Bray said about 70%.

The remaining 30% involve "responses that match the history" of a site. "These are things we can't explain scientifically."

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# Proclaimed eggs, leaky waders and lost boots

I spent the third week of October at the Tangled Lines Western HQ, in Phoenicia, New York. Everything was low, even the Esoopus tailwater, so there was a lot of making do.

One morning I spent dredging the famous Chimney Hole on the Esoopus, hoping to provoke hits on streamers, junk flies and big nymphs in the depths. This produced precisely bupkis.

I noticed some splashy rises in the shallower water and switched gears, abandoning the sink tip/short leader for a nine foot 4X leader with an extra two feet or so of 5X tippet. Naturally I forgot to bring a box of specks. Thank you, Dr. Boing-Boing.

The closest thing I had to a speck was a size 18 standard Adams dry fly.

It was maddening. The closer I got to the strike zone, the more the



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PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

zone shifted.

Finally I hit it. Lo and behold, instead of the shiners I was half expecting, a wild rainbow came to hand. Nothing spectacular in terms of size, maybe 11 inches if I squinted, but feisty and seriously reluctant to be caught and admired.

These are the “silver bullets” of yore, and in the three or four years since New York stopped planting thousands of brown trout in the river, they have increased in size. So where I used to catch a mess of six to eight inches, now they are 10-12 inches.

And they have an almost entirely silver body, with just a faint red line. Hence the name.

Gary Dodson picked me up one morning early and we went on

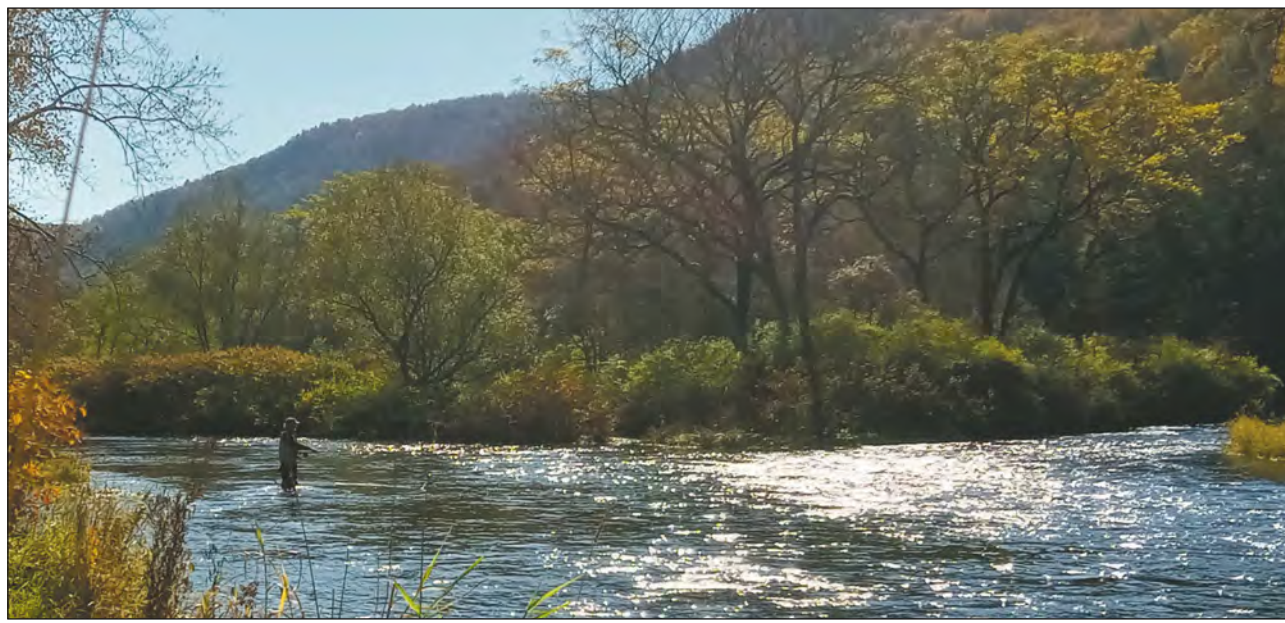


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**Gary Dodson worked the East Branch of The Delaware River in late October.**

the long drive to the two Delaware tailwaters. The West Branch was too high and murky for our delicate sensibilities, meaning we were afraid of falling in and drowning.

The East Branch was crystal clear, and low. We worked a stretch where we tried everything, and failed. Some graffiti on a sign in the parking area warned us about this but we

chalked it up to sour grapes.

Dr. Boing-Boing struck again — three times. First Gary was disassembling his breakfast sandwich as he drove (he doesn't eat a lot of bread, and definitely not the kind from McDonald's). The egg fell out and disappeared under the driver's seat.

Since it was quite warm and sunny, and when we were fishing the truck was locked up, I reminded him several times to retrieve the egg before it proclaimed itself.

Then I discovered my waders were leaking. A post-mortem revealed the good news — an easily patched puncture, instead of an insidious and ultimately unfixable seam leak.

Finally, as we rolled into the gas station in Margaretville to refuel and plan the next move, we noticed we'd just driven 75 miles with the truck tailgate open. I panicked for a moment, thinking my boots were gone.

Then I remembered I was wearing them.

Back at HQ, my all-purpose guy came and took down a dozen dead ash trees that were menacing the new roof.

We have a new roof because a dead ash tree fell on it two years ago. There is nothing like waking up at 3 a.m. to a waterfall coming out of the ceiling.

This fellow plays the excavator like a musical instrument. Observing, I had several anxious moments but Dr. Boing-Boing did not make an appearance.

And they left me with a lot of firewood to split in the spring.

Over the years I have assembled quite an angling library. My late father bought and read widely, and I have added to the collection. It could fairly be described as “swollen.”

I was bemused when browsing George M.L. LaBranche's “The Dry Fly and Fast Water” (1914). The author was complaining about specks (the tiny flies that cause so much consternation to the angler), drought, and having to fish with long leaders downstream so the fly is the first thing the trout sees.

If you pared down the prose and added a couple of bad jokes, it could have been a Tangled Lines column.

Back in Northwest Connecticut, I noticed that the state went

ahead and stocked the Blackberry, despite the lack of water.

It's worth a quick prowl, if for no other reason that the bones of the stream are exposed. Assuming I remember what I saw, this knowledge will come in handy once normal service is restored. (Same goes for the Housatonic.)

I spent a thoroughly frustrating 90 minutes chasing trout up and down the Silty Pool. Similar to the Chimney Hole experience, the trout were making a visible fuss, although it was directed downwards. I could see their fins and tails as they nosed around gobbling whatever was on the menu.

I drifted an assortment of speckly things down to them on a long, fine leader. The more I drifted, the more they shifted downstream a few yards.

Finally I said to hell with it and Woolly Buggered them. This can go one of two ways.

Either they say “Hallelujah! A square meal at last!” and hit the fly so hard the knot breaks.

Or they say “Eek!” and go into Witness Protection.

Guess which option they chose?

## ART: ALEC LINDEN

# Bright colors pierce the November chill at Norfolk Library art show

The full breadth of New England's seasons are on display at the Norfolk Library for this month's art exhibit “Changing Colors”, showcasing the work of New Hartford based artist Jessica McGarry Bartlet.

The show debuted with a reception in the Library's Great Hall on Sunday, Nov. 3. It features watercolors, oil on panel and oil on canvas paintings, depicting scenes ranging from vibrant, bursting summer landscapes to more austere depictions of craggy mountainsides in Iceland.

“I want my audience to live in the moment,” Bartlet said of her work. Many of her pieces portray scenes from her own backyard, and she hopes that those who see her work will understand the value of staying present and “being where you are,” in her words.

While there is a distinct wildness to the work — there are few traces of human influence in her landscapes — she wants her paintings to convey that the wonder of the natural world exists everywhere.

“You don't have to travel to find the wilderness, it will come to you,” she said.

While several pieces feature the vast North Atlantic expanses of Iceland and Ireland, most are inspired by the woodlands and meadows of New England. Some pieces focus on tangible subjects such as individual trees or ponds, while others are more abstract explorations of natural shapes. They are united by a highly textured style that at times borders on impressionistic.

Bartlet was first introduced to the Library by a former student, Norfolk resident Janise Graham-Jones,

who took a watercolor course that Bartlet runs through EdAdvance, a Litchfield based education non-profit. Bartlet's work, which will be displayed through Dec. 5, follows a 50 year monthly tradition of showcasing fine art on the Library's walls.

Approximately 25% of the proceeds from sold works will be allocated to the Norfolk Library Associates, the organization that provides funding for all of the Library's programming. The Art Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Associates, organizes each month's art exhibit.

Kristin Mudge, chair of the Committee, said that the shows are organized around a three-pronged mission: “supporting local artists, providing cultural experiences for the local population, and fundraising for the library.”

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### Finding Bigfoot

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

Join producer, lead investigator and New Jersey native Mike Familant at the David M. Hunt Library on Thursday Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot.

### Salisbury READS: North Woods Discussion

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

Final chance to discuss North Woods on Nov. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Register online.

### Speed Dating

Housatonic Brewery, 30 Kent Road, New Milford, Conn.

Seeking singles ages 45 and up to join a speed dating event starting at 7 p.m. at the Housatonic Brewery. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds benefit NM Social Services Thanksgiving Fund. Contact nmdatingforacause@gmail.com to RSVP.

## NOVEMBER 9

### Salisbury Association Community Events Presents: Get Your Knives Ready for Turkey Day!

The Academy Building, 24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

On Saturday, Nov. 9 from noon to 2 p.m., the Salisbury Association Community Events Presents: Get Your Knives Ready for Turkey Day! Sign up for knife sharpening with Nick the Knife! \$1.25 per inch, up to 4 knives. While you wait, check out our new exhibit, "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection."

### NCLC Annual Meeting

Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, 1 Green Hill Rd, Washington Depot, Conn.

Join Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy's annual meeting Nov. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. for a celebration of 2024 Conservation Hero, Hiram Williams. This special award from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council highlights outstanding achievements in conservation, and we can't wait to celebrate together. Enjoy delicious light refreshments and live music. The afternoon will include updates on our strategic plan and how you are making a difference in Northwest Connecticut.

### Family Fun Pumpkin Smash

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## NOVEMBER 10

### Photography Exhibit

UCC Cornwall Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Rd. Cornwall, Conn.

Photography by Steve O'Neil will be on display at the Parish House in Cornwall Nov. 10 to Nov. 30. The tribute show called "Thugs and Mugs" contains images taken over ten years at the Cornwall dump. An opening reception will be held to unveil the exhibit on Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Wild Apples & Apple Culture with Matt Kaminsky (AKA Gnarly Pippins)

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

Discover the vast variety of delicious, little-known wild apples on Sunday, November 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Meet wild-apple expert Matt Kaminsky, ask questions, taste rare fruit, and learn about old and new traditions of foraging and apple growing. Register online.

### Book Talk

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

Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m., meet Jessie-Sierra Ross, author of "Seasons Around the Table: Effortless Entertaining with Floral Tablescapes & Seasonal Recipes." Jessie-Sierra will offer a fall-focused talk, demonstrating how easy it is to bring the season to the table's design and menu. She will teach us the three rules of tablescapes and share ideas for entertaining-made-easy throughout the season. Register online.

## NOVEMBER 14

### Book Talk - Jonathan Alter, New York Times Bestselling Author

The White Hart Inn, 15 Under Mountain Road Salisbury, Conn.

Join us for an evening with bestselling author and historian Jonathan Alter, discussing his book *American Reckoning: Inside Trump's Trial - And My Own*. He'll share insights from covering Trump's criminal trial and reflections on U.S. democracy. Alter will be interviewed by John Hendrickson of

*The Atlantic*. Copies of American Reckoning can be brought for signing. Free event, RSVP required.

## NOVEMBER 15

### BINGO for Education

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

The Falls Village Scholarship Association will host BINGO for Education on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at Lee H. Kellogg School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Only 25 cents per play with great prizes, popcorn, hot dogs, sweet and savory snacks, and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds provide scholarships to Falls Village students.

### Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to discuss Diane Seuss's poetry collection *Frank: Sonnets*. We'll talk about technique, form, and meaning. Come prepared to offer your thoughts, listen closely, and deepen your understanding of craft. Register online.

## NOVEMBER 16

### Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 16, 4 to 5 p.m., to discuss current fiction. Led by Claudia Cayne, this informal group meets monthly and is open to all. Claudia's November selection is *The Wren*, by Anne Enright. Register online.

### Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival

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

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will present *Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival* with the Institute for American Indian Studies. In this presentation, led by Educational Outreach Ambassador Darlene Kascak, of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, participants will be immersed in the lifeways of the Schaghticoke People in

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- An armada of ships
- Vote

the past and present day. This program is free and open to the public.

## NOVEMBER 17

### Movable Architectural History Talk and Tour

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

Join the Hotchkiss Library on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. for a progressive architectural history tour to learn about the significance of the Gothic Revival St. Thomas Church. The program will begin at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon for an introductory talk with Katherine Crumm, then stop just down the road to look at the interior of Christ Church before proceeding to St. Thomas, five miles south on Route 41. Pre-registration is requested online.

## NOVEMBER 20

### Property Records 101: Researching Your Home's History with Salisbury Town Selectman Katherine Keifer

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

It can take some sleuthing to trace property history. Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and learn how to research the history of your home's

ownership and other property information. After an introduction at the library, Selectman Katherine Kiefer will take us to visit to the Town Hall's records room. Register online.

## NOVEMBER 22

### Hockey Community Day

South Kent School, 40 Bulls Bridge Rd. South Kent, Conn.

All families are invited to South Kent School's Hockey Community Day on Nov. 22 for an exciting afternoon of hockey and fun! There will be two games in Stockdale Arena, starting at 3 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Stick around afterward to meet the coaches, players and Cardinal mascot. Hot chocolate and cookies served.

### SOAR and SCS are proud to present Matilda, Jr.

The Hotchkiss School, Black Box Theater, Lakeville, Conn.

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Nov 22: 6:30 p.m. - SOLD OUT!

Nov 23: 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Nov 24: 11:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$10 (must be purchased in advance).

www.eventbrite.com/e/matilda-jr-tickets-1055261819509



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### Illustration exhibit

Peter Steiner unveiled a collection of illustrations at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village Nov. 2 and on display through Nov. 29.

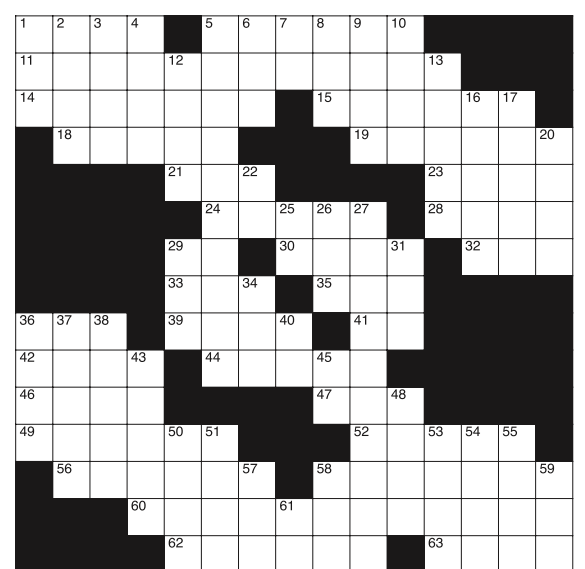
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Absence of effort
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- The act of coming together again
- Simpler
- Visionaries
- Large, fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- Former CIA agent and critic
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- "Hammer" is one
- Senses of self-importance
- Thyrotrophic hormone
- Not around
- Electronic data processing
- Licenses and passports are two types
- Snakelike fish
- Air Force
- Popular computers
- Of a withered nature
- Wings
- Used in combination
- Laid back
- Jeweled headdress
- In slow tempo
- \_\_\_ Falls
- Assertions made again
- Periods of history
- Hyphen

### CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Mimics
- Expel large quantities rapidly
- Sea eagle
- A type of subdivision
- Variety of Chinese
- Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees with creeping roots
- Fungal disease



- Impressionable persons
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Instinctive part of the mind
- "The First State"
- A way to develop
- Fraternities
- Woman (French)
- Sunscreen rating
- Beer
- Spiritual leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior's father
- Ray-finned fishes
- Morning
- Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- Double curve
- A small bundle of straw or hay
- Got older
- Crater on Mars
- Humanities
- Relating to the ears
- "To the \_\_\_ degree.."
- Residue of a burned product
- It cools a home

### Oct. 31 Solution

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### Sudoku

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### Oct. 31 Solution

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

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# North East real estate hits record price per square foot

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

MILLERTON — September was a busy, interesting month for real estate activity in the Village of Millerton and the surrounding Town of North East. In the Village the North East Community Center purchased the former 3.7 acre Overlook site, which connects to the former Millerton Elementary School it was given in 2023, for \$200,000. "NECC is in the midst of determining what our next steps are going to be," NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent said. Mercantile Millerton Holdings purchased 5 Main St. to expand the programs and activities of the Madrose Gallery next door. The smallest building in the Village, only 389 square feet, 8 John St. on .01 acres of land, was sold for \$165,000 — a village record of \$447 per square foot. The remaining Village property transferred was a two-family residence located on Central Avenue.

The four Town transfers were similarly varied including one mobile home, one log cabin, one foreclosure and 36 acres of land.

**Village of Millerton**  
8 John St. — 1 bedroom/1 bath irregular 389 square foot building on a triangular .01 acres sold for \$165,000.  
North Elm Avenue



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Located in the center of Millerton, this small 389 square foot building on a triangular .01 acre lot sold for a record price of \$447 per square foot

(#227227) — 3.7 acres of vacant land sold by Housing Resources to the North East Community Center for \$200,000.

9-11 Central Ave. — 3 bedroom/2 bath two family residence sold for \$325,000.

5 Main St. — Commercial building of 5,824 square feet sold for \$469,000.

**Town of North East**  
25 Pine Ridge — Manufactured home on 1.05 acres sold for \$100,000.

152 Cooper Road — 3

bedroom/1.5 bath home foreclosure by US Bank Trust National Association for \$246,573.

Old Route 22 — 36.04 acres of vacant farmland at the intersection of Smithfield Road sold for \$400,000.

117 Quarry Hill Drive — 2 bedroom/1 bath Boston Corners log home sold for \$585,000.

\* Town of North East and Village of Millerton real estate sales recorded between September 1, 2024, and September 30,

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 Connecticut and New York.

## Roast pork dinner at Stanford Grange

STANFORD — Stanford Grange #808 will host a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The menu will consist of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, apple sauce, and homemade apple cake for dessert.

The take-out dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m. at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82. Donation is \$17 per dinner.

For reservations, please call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869 and leave a message.

## NECC food pantry volunteers needed

MILLERTON — Volunteers are needed on Monday, Nov. 18 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to help feed the hungry with the food pantry at the North East Community Center at 51 S. Center St..

Workers able to lift 30 pounds will unload and organize pantry supplies. To help, call 518-789-4259, ext. 130, or go to [www.neccmillerton.org/](http://www.neccmillerton.org/)

volunteer-now. According to NECC's website, volunteers may also sign up there to "transport people to appointments or to purchase food and supplies, deliver food or supplies to the home-bound, assist at our food and supply pantry, volunteer in our tax assistance program, and work with children in our NECC community."



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