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Residents of Silo Ridge and Amenia Fire and Ambulance volunteers posed with a big check in front of the volunteer ambulance Sunday morning, Nov. 17.

Silo Ridge donates \$50,000 to Amenia Ambulance Corps

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — Jamie Vitiello presented a check for \$50,000 to the Amenia Volunteer Ambulance Corps Sunday morning, Nov. 17, during the Amenia Fire Company's

pancake breakfast at the fire house. Vitiello said he heard about the ambulance corps' need for a life-saving device called the Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System device, or LUCAS device for short. The LUCAS device assists emergency responders in

applying chest compressions. The mechanical device can be situated around a person's chest in the case of cardiac arrest and used to provide compressions that are more consistent and generally safer than

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Pulver thanks supporters

Aymar-Blair declares victory in County Comptroller race

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Democrat Dan Aymar-Blair defeated Republican A. Gregg Pulver in the race for County Comptroller, according to unofficial results of the

Dutchess County Board of Elections after a count of affidavit and absentee ballots. As of Friday, Nov. 15, Aymar-Blair was ahead of Gregg Pulver by 850 votes. Aymar-Blair declared victory on Friday. "I am humbled and honored by

the trust Dutchess County residents have placed in me. This victory affirms that taxpayers want a watchdog who will make sure the county's budget is working for them," he said in a statement

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Zoning Review Committee gives four year update on Boulevard District

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Town of North East discussed the next steps for the Zoning Review Committee during its board meeting on

Thursday, Nov. 14. Edith Greenwood, committee chair and vice chair of the North East Zoning Board of Appeals, joined the Town Board meeting to share what the committee has completed in the last four years.

"The review is a result of the Comprehensive Plan... which was adopted in 2019, and the logical planning progression is a visioning document of where you want

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Millerton Square Plaza sold; plans call for food market

By CHRISTINE BATES
 Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — On Friday, Nov. 15, the Millerton Square Plaza got new owners when the sale of the entire plaza was closed in New York City.

Although agreement between the parties on the purchase was reached in May of 2023 it took almost 18 months to comply with

state and county regulations before the sale could be completed.

The property consists of four separate parcels totaling 10.4 acres on Route 44 in the Town of North East. The supermarket itself is 28,000 square feet with another 18,700 square feet of retail and office space.

Immediately after the sale Skip See FOOD MARKET, PAGE A6

Millerton: \$5 million water quality grant

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — In what Mayor Jennifer Najdek has described as "a huge bump for us," New York State has awarded Millerton an Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) to fund various projects which continuously moni-

tor and improve local water quality. The size of the grant is a generous \$5,082,099, an amount which cannot be exceeded.

The official acceptance of the grant, which is application-based, came together fairly quickly as officials had only one week to

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER KRONHOLM CLARK

Lights going up
 Holiday lights went up last week in Millerton in preparation for the Thanksgiving weekend Festival of Lights.



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OUR TOWNS

Violet Simmons: 'A remarkable woman'

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — For most teachers the capacity to influence students ends as they walk out the classroom doors and the teacher clears the board for the final time before moving into retirement.

That was not the case, however, for Violet Simmons, whose impact on the community and the world continued well after she completed her 48 years of service in schools throughout North East.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, Ed Downey, president of the North East Historical Society, presented the following information via Power Point at the society's annual meeting, detailing the life of "a remarkable woman" who challenged all to utilize whatever gifts they might have been given and, as former student Patricia Fer-

andez once observed, "go out into the world and do great things."

Born on March 3, 1911, Simmons lived her entire life in Millerton with the exception of four years at the State College at Albany and a short time at Noble Horizons before she passed away one day after her 90th birthday, and was one of the first four graduates of the Elm Avenue School.

In her valedictory address, she forecast her meticulous approach to the classroom quoting Michelangelo who once explained to a friend who questioned the time he spent reworking the arm of a statue, "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle."

Downey noted she focused on enrichment in which students learned "concepts as well as facts," and believed "You get what you demand." Forever curious and al-

ways at home in the classroom, Simmons demanded as much of herself as of her students, teaching and learning, doing graduate work at New York University, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse University, Vassar College and the State University of New York at New Paltz.

When Simmons moved from the elementary level classes to social studies at the newly created Webutuck School she stopped using textbooks, turning instead to original sources and books — either required or student selected — which she believed added diversity and liveliness to classroom discussions.

She arranged for students to interview experts in the field being studied including part-time Amenia resident and civil rights Giant Thurgood Marshall.

Downey noted Simmons believed "From those to

whom much is given, much is expected," so when she became legally blind, she continued to teach for 20 years with the aid of a jeweler's glass and eventually an assistant who read students' work and recorded her comments.

Her service to her students started early when, as she began teaching, Simmons was required — as all teachers were — to contribute \$100 to a student milk fund from her salary of \$1,200. Taking care of her pupils continued when, upon her retirement, former students and community members attended a sold out dinner for 200 honoring her and raising funds for scholarships for Webutuck graduates, a program she helped to administer until her death and which continues to the present.

To access a video of Downey's extensive discussion of Simmons, write to ed-downey12@gmail.com.



PHOTO BY NORTH EAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Edward Downey, left, president of the North East Historical Society with Ralph Fedele, president of the Friends of the Irontdale Schoolhouse, at the Society's Annual meeting at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Saturday, Nov. 16. Downey presented a lifetime membership in the society to Fedele in recognition of his work in preserving the area's history. Downey noted, "Ralph Fedele is a force of nature, filled with ideas and energy."

Millerton street light replacement is a money-saving work in progress

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — The streets of Millerton will soon be shining brightly at night, thanks to an upgrade currently in progress that will update streetlights to more serviceable LED models.

Purchased from Central Hudson Gas and Electric, the new streetlights are digitally controlled through a dashboard overseen by the village. The new lights prom-

ise to have a longer lifespan, and less maintenance will be involved in their upkeep. Their lighting is brighter, which means better visuals at night and increased safety for residents. They're earth-friendly, requiring less energy and leaving behind a lighter carbon footprint, not to mention they're mercury-free, too.

According to Mayor Jennifer Najdek, while not all streetlights have been swapped out just yet, the

cost savings are already noticeable. "The monthly maintenance charge for average usage was previously around \$2,400 to \$2,900 per month," Najdek said. "We recently received our first bill, and it went down." Because the work is ongoing, exact figures for comparison are not yet available, but costs have already been cut more than in half. These numbers should decrease even further with completion of the project.

With the money generated from the switchover, Najdek is hoping to apply these savings to paying down the loans which enabled the town to make this upgrade over the next few years. She's also hopeful she'll be able to apply these savings to other areas that will benefit Millerton residents down the road. As Najdek explained, "We may be able to use that money for equipment for the highway department, personnel, and health insurance."

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County Office for the Aging launches 'Medicare 101' information classes

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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AMENIA — The Dutchess County Office for the Aging began hosting "Navigating Medicare" classes on Wednesday, Nov. 13, with opportunities located in Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck.

These workshops offer information about Medicare enrollment, Medicare Advantage Plans, benefits, supplement choices, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage, and other long term care payment options.

Dutchess County's Health Insurance Information, Coun-

selling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) can provide free and accurate information relating to health coverage plans. The Office for the Aging volunteers and staff have been trained to assist with benefit information and Medicare drug plans, supplemental insurance options, Medicare Advantage choices, claims and appeal rights and other benefits available to seniors.

The classes are designed for people who are newly eligible for Medicare beneficiaries and those who do not know much about the Medicare program and want to learn more.

Classes are held at the Poughkeepsie Galleria's Community Room at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. The Starr Library in Rhinebeck holds classes on the fourth Monday of every

month at 4 p.m. Reservations are required for classes, in Rhinebeck and at the Galleria, reservations can be made by calling the Office for the Aging during business hours at 845-486-2555.

Troutbeck and Sharon Hospital each receive \$10,000 in grants

AMENIA — The Northwest CT Community Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to Troutbeck to help fund its 2025 symposium.

The Troutbeck Symposium is an annual history education presentation at the venue on Route 22 outside Amenia.

Also among the 12 recipients of awards was the Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut. The hospital also received \$10,000 for its diaper con-

nections program, providing a monthly supply of diapers for one year to 200 children in need.

All together \$281,450 in grant money was awarded to 12 nonprofits, mostly in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, through NCCF's Draper Foundation Fund.

More details on the awards and the foundation fund can be found online at www.yournccf.org.

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OBITUARIES

Rose Moskowitz

CANAAN — Rose Moskowitz, 98, of Geer Village in Canaan, passed away on Nov. 9, 2024. She was the loving wife of the late Bernard Moskowitz.



Rose was born Aug. 2, 1926, in New York City, the daughter of the late David and Regina (Shanker) Gunn.

Rose graduated from high school in the Bronx.

Her late husband served in the U.S. Army during WWII and survived D-Day on the beaches of France. Rose Moskowitz was a kind and sweet woman who deeply loved her family.

She is survived by a son, Larry Moskowitz (Nancy

Moskowitz) of Sharon, a daughter, Arlene Greenspan (Harold Greenspan) of Boston, five grandchildren; Jesse, Melissa, Evan, Keith and Elena and two great grandchildren, Hazel and Simon. She was predeceased by her five siblings.

A private memorial service for the family will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Housing Trust, P.O. Box 1168, Sharon, CT. 06069 or on the website SHTCT.org. in memory of Rose Moskowitz.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Doreen B. Newton

WASSAIC — Doreen B. Newton, 76, a lifelong resident of Wassaic, died on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at Kindred Hospital in Passaic, New Jersey. Ms. Newton was an assistant social worker at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Office in Wassaic, for 30 years, retiring in 2005.

Born on Nov. 24, 1947 in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late William and Doris (Shook) Barlow. She was a graduate of Webutuck High School Class of 1965. An avid reader, Ms. Newton enjoyed mystery novels and crossword puzzles. Above all, she loved

her grandchildren. Ms. Newton is survived by her son, Brent Newton of Wassaic, and two daughters, Catherine Newton and Jennifer Valley and her husband, Glenn, both of Wassaic; her sister, Constance Sprossell of Maine; her brother, Jesse Barlow of Peru, New York and her grandchildren, Emma and Lucas Valley and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Marylou Farnham and a brother, Thomas Barlow. To send the family an online condolence, visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

CANAAN — It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Ann Beizer, who died on Nov. 13, 2024, at the age of 80 after a courageous battle with progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare and debilitating disease that took away her ability to move, see clearly, and swallow. Ann's strength and resilience throughout her illness was an inspiration to all who knew her, even as the disease took its toll.

Born on Sept. 12, 1944, in Washington, DC, Ann was raised in Glasgow, West Virginia, where both of her parents were school teachers. She earned a Master's degree in counseling from West Virginia University and went on to teach high school history. Later, she led a not-for-profit organization before becoming the Director of Academic Advising at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). At WPI, Ann also served as a Project Advisor, guiding students on international work projects in Italy and Puerto Rico. Her commitment to education and mentorship earned her a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to Germany, further advancing her career in academic advising.

Ann's life was marked by an unwavering dedication to helping others. She retired from WPI to care for her then-husband, Robert Gillette, during his battle with cancer. After Robert's passing in 2005, Ann met and subsequently married Lance Beizer. Ann and Lance lived in California for one year before relocating to Lance's childhood hometown of Canaan. In their new community, Ann quickly became an active leader, joining the 21st-Century Fund of the Housatonic

Valley Regional High School, where she was awarded emerita status. She also contributed to the Salisbury Rotary Club, serving as scholarship chair and president, and was deeply involved with St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, where she served on the altar guild and vestry, as well as an acolyte and chalice bearer. With Lance, Ann was recipient of the 2022 Donald T. Warner award for service to the communities served by Region 1 schools.

Ann is survived by her loving husband, Lance Beizer; her son, Mike Garvin



(children Andrew and Leah), and his wife, Mary Amirault (children Sean and Matt); her daughter, Elizabeth Houlihan (children Craig, Evan, and Lauren) and Elizabeth's fiancé, John Aherne.

The family extend their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers who supported Ann and

Lance throughout the course of her illness, including the dedicated staff from Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA), Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County, and Geer Nursing, where Ann spent her final months in hospice care.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily requests that donations be made in Ann's memory to the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association, Geer Nursing, or CurePSP, an organization dedicated to research into potential treatments for progressive supranuclear palsy.

Ann's legacy of kindness, generosity, and intellectual curiosity will live on in the countless lives she touched.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21, 2024, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT with Rev. Paul "Chris" Christopherson officiating. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

Thomas Francis Cahill

MILLERTON — Thomas Francis Cahill, Jr., 79, a twenty-five year resident of Millerton, formerly of Carmel, New York, died peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

Mr. Cahill was a retired audio engineer having worked for a number of well-known recording studios and professional audio facilities throughout his long career in the music industry.

Born Sept. 30, 1945, in Bronx, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas F., Sr., and Virginia (McQueston) Cahill. Following his graduation from high school, he attended Bronx Community College where he received an A.A.S in Electrical Engineering. On Sept. 26, 1970, in Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx, he married the love of his life, Sarah Bellantoni. Mrs. Ca-



hill survives in Millerton. Tom was a passionate record collector and loved listening to music; he was also an avid Lionel model train enthusiast in his spare time. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and many dear friends.

In addition to his beloved wife, Sarah, Tom is survived by two daughters; Caryn Krause and her husband Robert of Millerton and Cristine Tripi and her husband Bernard of Pleasant Valley, New York; four grandchildren, Samantha and Madeline Tripi and Caitlin and William Krause; his brother, Michael Cahill, and his wife, Irene; his brother-in-law Daniel Colucci; his sister-in-law, Debbie Slatery, and her husband Jim; and his brother-in-law John Bellantoni as well as a number of nieces, nephews, great

nieces, and great nephews. In addition to his parents, Tom was also predeceased by his sister, Virginia Colucci, his niece, Elizabeth Colucci and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rose and John A. Bellantoni.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Lavelle Road, Amenia, New York. Rev. Robert K. Wilson officiated. Burial followed at Iroindale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions in Tom's memory may be made to the following organizations, The Parkinson's Foundation, American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, New York. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of a formation of a NY Limited Liability Company, Galanos and Galanos, LLC. Articles of organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 07/29/2024. Service of process and agent shall mail to; Suzanne Galanos, 43 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General

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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 Article 16, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia

Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2024 to consider the application of Troutbeck Holdings LP for Site Plan Review approval to authorize Phase 8 of its adaptive reuse plan for a 43.5 acre parcel located at 515 Leedsville Road, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Tax Parcel # 132000-7267-00-227675) (the "Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Office of The Planning Board 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.

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 by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman
Town of Amenia
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11-21-24

Legal Notice

The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot owners and general business meeting on November 23, 2024 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street Pine Plains, NY 12567.

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OBITUARIES

Carmen Patricia Petty

DOVER PLAINS — Carmen Patricia Petty, 63, a lifelong area resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at Sharon Hospital. Carmen was a beloved school bus driver for nearly two decades, finishing her career with First Student Transportation in Millbrook, New York. Her dedication and professionalism, along with an excellent safety record while driving, allowed her the opportunity to transport children with very special needs every day throughout her career. Her “kids” loved her and she loved each and every one of them. She remained at First Student until her health declined and she no longer felt safe to drive. She reluctantly retired in 2022.



skin off the Thanksgiving turkey. Her greatest love was spending time with her beloved grandsons, Colton and Jacoby. “Moomie” spoiled them rotten and loved them beyond measure. Carm, “Our world became a much quieter place when you left and our family will never be the same without you in it. We love you and we miss so much.” “Cheers to you !!”

Carmen is survived by her husband Bruce; her daughter Robin M. Conklin and her husband Scott D. Conklin of Dover Plains; her son, Bruce E. Petty, Jr. and his wife Megan of Dover Plains; her grandsons, Colton D. Conklin and Jacoby F. Petty of Dover Plains, her step-grandson, Tyler J. Conklin and his wife Rachel of Highland, New York; her sister-in-law Robin M. Saiken and her husband Jack of Poway, California; her sisters, Melissa Smith and her husband Randy of Millerton, New York, Lucy Ackerman and Valerie Logiudice; her brothers, Mansel Bailey III, Timothy Bailey, Mark Bailey and Joseph Bender and many, many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her granddaughter, Reese Madison Tate, her beloved mother-in-law and father-in-law Yvonne S. and Frank E. “Buzz” Petty of Dover Plains, her sister, Elin Liverani and two brothers, David Bailey and Roma “Steve” Bailey.

Calling hours took place on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, New York. The J. H. Ketcham Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary honored Past President Petty at 2 p.m. A funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew officiated. A reception in Carmen’s memory followed at the J. H. Ketcham Hose Company in Dover Plains. Memorial Contributions may be made to the J. H. Ketcham Hose Co., P.O. Box 706, Dover Plains, NY 12522. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or plant a tree in Carmen’s memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Dr. Fred G. Kantrowitz

SHARON — Dr. Fred G. Kantrowitz, 78, of Medfield, Massachusetts, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts and Sharon passed away Nov. 13, 2024, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He was the loving husband of Anne Kirby, devoted father of Gregory and William, father-in-law of Katie and Brittanny, and proud grandfather of Jack, Ava and Jameson.

Fred was born Dec. 10, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of the late Theo and Dinah (Kotick) Kantrowitz. His own health struggles as a child, intellectual curiosity and desire to help others led him to a career in medicine.

Fred’s illustrious medical career was highlighted by nearly 50 years on the Beth Israel staff, more than 30 published works and a chapter as team doctor for the Boston Celtics. Later in his career, he developed a reputation for being the doctor to handle only the most complex cases, including long Covid.

Fred’s work also occasionally crossed with his personal interests, which were numerous. From interviewing Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford for his book on sports medicine

LAKEVILLE — Mary Markert Arnold, 84, died on Nov. 11, 2024. She was born on Feb. 19, 1940, in Shanghai, China. She grew up around the world, spending significant portions of her childhood in Mexico and Puerto Rico, two countries that left an indelible mark on her life. She moved back to the United States to attend high school at the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania and soon after graduation she married her husband, the late John T. Arnold. They settled in Summit, New Jersey, where they lived for 28 years to raise their family. While raising her children, Mary studied nursing at Seton Hall University, received a master’s degree in nursing from New York University, and then became a Licensed Nurse Practitioner (LNP). She worked as an emergency room nurse and became the Patient Ombudsman at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was also a member of the Summit Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Later in her career, she worked as a Specialist in Oncology at Memorial Sloane Kettering and Columbia Presbyterian Hospitals in New York City. She also completed the Post-Master’s Certificate

Frank J. Bailey

TORRINGTON — Frank J. Bailey, 71, formerly of Cornwall, passed away Nov. 5, 2024, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital with his loving family by his side.



Frank was born July 17, 1953 in Torrington. He was the son of Frank H. Bailey and Geraldine E. (Fahey) Bailey.

He was a 1971 graduate of HVRHS. He worked at the Cornwall landfill, did lawn care with John O’Donnell, and drove for Lipicott Moving Company. He was very talented and handy in many things - carpentry, electrical and all kinds of different jobs. Frank would help anyone with whatever job they needed done and would always try to make people smile. He loved working on cars as well, rebuilding and painting them. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

In 1973, he suffered a traumatic head injury from a serious motorcycle accident that changed his life completely.

Program at Ackerman Institute for the Family.

For the last 30 years, Mary called Lakeville her home spending the last two years at Brandywine Living in Litchfield. She was an active member of the local community, starting a family therapy practice and working closely with the local food pantry. She was an avid horsewoman and loved being at the barn with her beloved horses - first Bagan and then Quieto. She travelled extensively, often visiting Latin America, a region close to her heart since childhood. A fluent Spanish speaker, she loved the Spanish language, Latin American culture and Mexican music. She often used her professional expertise and language skills to volunteer with health and humanitarian groups across the region. Mary also enjoyed spending time outside with her dogs, tending to her gardens, reading, listening to music and doing handiwork. She was a master weaver and craftswoman - often combining her love of weaving and gardening by dying wool



using hollyhocks from her garden. She often marveled at the behavior of the birds that took up residence in the kitchen gutter and the design of a spider web glistening in the morning dew.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, John T. Arnold, her daughter, Tina Arnold, and her parents, Philip and Maxine (Maxwell) Markert. Mary is survived by three children; Mark Arnold (Elaine) of Lakeville, Heidi Prins (Tom) of Tiverton, Rhode Island and Estero, Florida, and Matthew Arnold (Tama) of Lexington, Massachusetts. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; Suzanne (Soadad) and Jim (Madison) Arnold, John (Kennedy), Philip and Tre-scher Prins, and Naomi and Nina Arnold. Her brother, Philip Markert (Susan) of

Washington Depot, also survives her, as do sisters-in-law Ellen Lloyd of Haverford, Pennsylvania and Judy Arnold of Willow Street, Pennsylvania and brother-in-law William Arnold (Margaret) of McKinney, Texas. She also leaves behind many adored nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Mary’s life will take place on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the Salisbury Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen Street, Lakeville, CT, 06039.

Arrangements are under the care of Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Corner Food Pantry, PO Box 705 Lakeville, CT 06039 (thecornerfoodpantry.org/) or Salisbury Association, PO Box 553, Salisbury, CT 06068 (<https://salisburyassociation.org/>).

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com

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Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.	
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Dr. Cathy Reinhardt

CORNWALL — Cath- erine Marie Reinhardt (Perham), age 77, formerly of Cornwall and Sharon, and beloved mother, psychologist, and educator, died on Nov. 7 in Buffalo, New York, surrounded by her family. Her death was caused by acute respiratory failure



after a routine surgery. She was predeceased by her life partner, David Lange, and is survived by her children, Kristen, Kevin and Colin, former husband, Tom, and countless extended family members and lifelong friends. Further details at jerfh.com.

Memorial Service

James and Sarah Picton

Reminder of memorial service for Sarah and Jim Picton. Sarah Heritage Cooke Picton, born on Oct. 2, 1947, and died on June 17, 2024, and her husband James Frederick Picton, born on Nov. 22, 1952, died on Sept. 14, 2024, will be remembered at a service at Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville, CT on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at



10 a.m. Reception following at the church.

In search of a good climate refuge

Dear EarthTalk: Have extreme weather events in places like Asheville, NC made people rethink where they consider to be good "climate refuges" as the world warms?

- K.L., Raleigh, NC

The concept of the "climate refuge," or a location relatively unaffected by extreme weather phenomena, arose in response to the growing frequency of tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, droughts and other disasters. According to the Global Climate Resilience Ranking, the U.S. has one of the world's largest numbers of these "refuges" as a result of the nation's geography and ability to efficiently protect and rebuild assets and infrastructure.

Experts have long predicted that these least climate-affected communities lie in the interior Northeast, Midwest and Rust Belt. Yet many have also viewed areas in the inland South as meeting the qualifications of climate refuge. However, these communities have increasingly dealt with their own disasters. Vermont, ranked at the bottom of the climate risk index, is still recovering one year later from the Great Vermont Flood of 2023 which caused several fatalities and roughly \$2.2 billion in damage.

In late September 2024, mudslides in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina took dozens of lives and caused horrific damage. Asheville, North Carolina, one of the hardest hit cities, has been one of the many "refuge" destinations for Americans moving inland from coastal areas, citing rising sea levels and heightened insurance costs as affecting their decision.

EARTHTALK

Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss

As the reach of disasters grows, experts push for investment into the states comprising the Rust Belt, interior Northeast and northern great plains. These fairly temperate states are located far from warming oceans, and are ideal geographically. However, there are other challenges to these "havens." Much of the Rust Belt struggles with high poverty rates and would require significant aid and investment to support a large population influx. But as the effect of extreme weather in the South, West and exterior Northeast regions have escalated, so has federal and private investment. In late September, the Energy Department closed a \$1.52 billion loan to revive the shuttered Palisades nuclear plant in Michigan. And the tech giant Micron Technology Inc. opened a 2022 chip plant in central New York, creating an anticipated 50,000 jobs.

The increasing reach of natural disasters across the U.S. will likely shift the public's idea of a "climate refuge" upwards and inwards. But while these regions may offer greater refuge from climate-impacted disasters, the idea of a completely immune "haven" is unrealistic as proven throughout the past decade. Even the most isolated high-elevation community can be impacted by extreme weather.

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"So holiday market or prep for the end times?"

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Sunday school grows; Millerton photo book; new parking plan proposed for the Village

November 16, 1933

'About Millerton' Class Growing; The class recently started at the Presbyterian Sunday School for children from two to five years of age is steadily growing. Starting with only two, the membership has increased to six. With Mrs. Edward Franks as teacher, these little tots do interesting things and this class meets a real need. New members are always welcome.

'4-H Club Needs Flag'; The girls' 4-H Club, which has been recently organized, is in need of an American flag. Part of the program of their meetings is to salute the flag, and they are very anxious to own one, but at present have no funds. If any member of the community has a flag which they do not

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use and would care to contribute to this cause, please communicate with Violet H. Simmons.

'Little Red Hen is Kidnapped From Auto'; The little red hen that has been joy riding, either on the front bumper or the gas tank of Dave Traver's Car, has been kidnapped.

One night last week, while parked on the gas tank outside the movies she disappeared. But after all one hen's tragedy is some one's chicken dinner, and besides it gives our new sheriff-elect, a good, deep mystery to solve even before he is sworn in.

November 21, 1974

'Village Approves Reservoir Study'; The Millerton Village Board has resolved unanimously to hire Michael Morris, a consulting engineer, to make a study of the village reservoir and water system to determine what system, a standpipe or chlorination, would be most practical in preventing the pollution of water in the reservoir...

Mr. Morris told the Board at its meeting... that it would cost the Village between \$130,000 and \$150,000 to build a standpipe that could contain between 175,000 and 250,000 gallons of water...

November 18, 1999

'Ace Photographer Returns to Village'; MILLERTON: Photography aficionados have always taken note of Millerton. After all, it is the home of the Strand Archive, Aperture Publishing and the Apeiron Photography Workshop. And photography students from The Hotchkiss School frequently visit the village looking for inviting and agreeable subjects.

But this weekend, one of Millerton's most noted photographers will return to celebrate the release of his new book, "A Kind of History," which features the faces of this old village.

Oblong Books & Music will host a reception for author Mark Goodman this Friday evening, followed by a book signing the next day. The book celebrates 20 years of Mr. Goodman's work photographing the

children and young adults of Millerton.

According to a written statement from his publisher, Markerbooks, the text of the book explains "how Goodman first came to Millerton [as a student at nearby Apeiron Workshops] and his early weeks of photographing, walking the town's streets, getting to know the inhabitants and, more importantly, letting them get to know him.

"He tells of life at Apeiron — 'a post-hippie community [if not exactly a commune] for people who thought of themselves as aspiring artists with cameras and those who wished to hang out with them.' And he generously tells of his own life in and out of Millerton: why he went there, why he stayed and why he finally left."

The book comprises the years 1971 to 1991, and includes 184 half-tone photographs. It is first major monograph of Mr. Goodman's work.

Mr. Goodman received a Guggenheim fellowship in photography for his Millerton Project, as well as a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. According to his publisher, Mr. Goodman's work is in a number of public collections, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the George Eastman House, the High Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the Philadelphia Art

Museum, Mr. Goodman currently teaches photography at the University of Texas at Austin.

'New Parking Plan Proposed'; MILLERTON: A new parking plan has been proposed for the village.

Deputy Mayor Mariley Najdek suggested eliminating the two-hour parking limit on John Street, Barton Street, South Center Street and Dutchess Avenue, while maintaining the parking regulations on Main Street. She was responding, in part, to a proposal submitted by Stuart Miller, the manager of the Millerton Antique Center and a representative of the new Millerton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Miller's plan called for unlimited parking — with no restrictions — throughout the village, with half-hour parking on Main Street to meet the needs of merchants there. He also proposed a reconfiguration of John Street.

Meanwhile, the Village Board voted to set a public hearing date for Dec. 13 to discuss the proposed new parking plan. Ms. Najdek also asked for new handicapped parking spaces in front of the North East Pharmacy and on both ends of Dutchess Avenue, near the intersection with Main Street.

Mayor Michael Cawley also asked the Village Board to consider a new street light near Gilmor Glass.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Northwell's Sharon Hospital pledge

Thank you for last week's front-page article reporting on the public hearing held by state regulators considering the proposed affiliation between Nuvance Health and Northwell Health. If approved, the affiliation would put Sharon Hospital under Northwell's umbrella. A few weeks before the hearing, Northwell executives travelled to Sharon to meet in person with Save Sharon Hospital members to discuss the future of Sharon Hospital. After those discussions, Mark Solazzo, Northwell's Chief Operating Officer, signed a letter committing to several of our requests. I would like to highlight some of these promises:

1) Maintain Sharon Hospital as a full-service community hospital, including 24/7 surgical capability and a full-service emergency department.

2) Sustain Labor and Delivery services at Sharon Hospital, with a dedicated effort to grow volume by attracting new patients within the existing service area and expanding the communities currently served by the hospital. To fulfill this commitment, Northwell will recruit and otherwise engage staff and physicians, provide competitive, market-appropriate compensation to staff, and offer competitive and attractive engagement vehicles to community physicians, including payment at competitive rates

for the provision of on-call coverage services.

3) Implement a public relations and marketing campaign intended to affirm the status of Sharon Hospital and its Labor and Delivery services to the wider service area.

4) Coordinate with the local medical community to introduce a new provider workforce in support of practice expansion and ongoing succession planning, including in the areas of obstetrics, pediatrics, primary care, family medicine, and general surgery. Northwell Health also will recruit for other medical subspecialties such as urology, neurology, and pulmonology.

5) Establish ongoing community relationships to bridge and bring together various local constituents, with regular town hall or community meetings open to the public.

6) Promote broad representation of various constituencies on the local community hospital advisory board, which would include a representative from SSH and enable the goal of establishing a diversity of voices and community member participation.

Because Northwell was willing to put these commitments in writing, Save Sharon Hospital used our status as an intervenor in the CT Office of Health Strategy (OHS) hearing to support the affiliation between Northwell and Nuvance, requesting that OHS include Mr. Solazzo's commitments to our community in any resulting settlement between the hospital organizations and the State of Connecticut.

Lydia Moore
Save Sharon Hospital
Sharon

Amenia fire thank you

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a crowd of 163 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the sup-

port of the community. We thank everyone who attends our events and we will return again on December 15.

Andy Murphy,
on behalf of the
Breakfast Committee
Amenia Fire Co.
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Amenia

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decide. With the knowledge looming that grant requests may be bypassed or allocated to other communities without a decision being reached, Millerton leadership aligned after careful consideration at a special meeting held last week, signing off on Nov. 8. With the grant now secured, Najdek is optimistic Millerton can now move forward on pending wastewater concerns like water treatment and stormwater projects, saying "This project has great potential to happen now."

One downside regarding the grant, however, is the impact the award will have on additional grants. As the mayor explains it, this grant differs from others in that it must be combined with other grants and the amount may eventu-

ally be reduced, contingent on the awarding of additional grants or projects running under budget.

Najdek also pointed out the downsides of future wastewater projects, citing potential impacts on the implementation of new businesses on Main Street, but it's a hurdle to leap when — and if — the time comes. Her focus is firm on the benefits of the grant and the projects which may result from the award. She was quick to quell concerns of residents outside the district who have voiced taxation concerns connected to wastewater projects, pointing out they will not be impacted. "This is important," said Najdek. "It's about slow, sustainable growth... and it'll maintain the character of the village."

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Trotta provided The Millerton News with a statement concerning the long-awaited sale.

"My wife, Ann, and I are very excited to announce the sale of the Millerton Square Plaza to Kim and Chris Choe. This was a very long and complicated process. We had other proposals for a different use, but we always felt the real need was for a large, clean, remodeled, and competitive market for the sake of the town and the folks that live in the area who deserve just that.

"They have already begun the process with the town and multiple contractors.

"This sale pleases us to know that this store will continue to operate as it was intended to operate back in 1971



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The Millerton Square Plaza has been sold with plans for a grocery market.

when my father and I decided to leave our small market on Main Street and build the plaza. The residents in our area

will no longer need to travel long distances to get good affordable and fresh groceries. We will all benefit from this sale. Thank you to the folks along the way who helped us

finally get this done and for the patience shown by the people of the community."

The Choes operate the family owned Sharon Farm Market at the Sharon Shopping Center in Sharon, where since 2010 they have sold groceries sourced locally. In June 2022, Choe expanded with the purchase of a roadside farm on Route 44 in East Canaan, Connecticut, with vegetable fields.

Since losing the grocery store, Millerton has been a food desert. A Grand Union in Millerton Square Plaza shut down in 2017. Many people in the village and the town have resorted to purchasing limited groceries at CVS and Cumberland Farms.

For some time, the parking lot to Millerton Square Plaza has been gated, but as of last weekend the gates were gone.

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published on the Dutchess County Democratic Committee's website.

Aymar-Blair, who has experience in municipal finance, currently oversees business operations at New York City's public school's special education program, and is serving a third term on the Beacon City Council. He is expected to assume his new post in January, completing the term of former Comptroller Robin Lois. Aymar-Blair

would run for reelection in 2025.

Pulver was appointed Comptroller in November 2023 by then County Executive William F.X. O'Neill following the resignation of Lois. Prior to his appointment by O'Neill, Pulver was Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature. Pulver, a third-generation farmer from Pine Plains, had served several two-year terms as a County legislator and also had served

as a local school board member and town supervisor.

"I want to thank all those who supported our campaign over the last 10 months," Pulver said in a statement on Monday, Nov. 18. "This was an absurdly close race and it's clear that the work our office has done bringing true fiscal stewardship to the County was a strong message."

The Board of Elections is scheduled to certify the 2024 elections on Nov. 30.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Dan Aymar-Blair

AMBULANCE *Continued from Page A1*

a human providing CPR.

"I sent out a text in the morning and then went to Town Hall," Vitiello said. "By the time I had gotten to Town Hall we had raised \$25,000. By the end of the day we had raised the whole \$50,000."

The LUCAS device cost just over \$20,000 to purchase.

Vitiello said the remainder of the \$50,000 donation will go to the Ambulance Corps fund to support regular costs like ambulance maintenance.

The donation was made in the name of Silo Ridge residents in association with the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization.

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your town to go," Greenwood said. "And the next step is to incorporate those concepts, those goals in your code."

The Zoning Review committee has spent a large portion of its time redoing the zoning for the Town of North East's commercial district. This part of the town stretches from Route 44 to the Connecticut border and mostly consists of commercial buildings.

"We retained a consultant who has been the town planner for probably ten years and is very knowledgeable about our situation," Greenwood said. "We grappled with where to start, and we decided that it made sense to start with commercial."

According to Greenwood, the most significant change to the code is moving the special permitting process from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board. This will prevent applicants from having to go back and forth between different boards.

"There are two other sections which we have had to address because of the complexity of codes and the way it overlaps," said Greenwood, "but we have not taken a substantive view of the residential, or what we call Land Conservancy, our wetlands issue... We have not made any changes to the outer boundaries of any of the three sections we looked at. We've reconfigured the Boulevard District. It currently has six sections. It's gone down to three sections."

The committee's plans show that an applicant requires a special permit and site plan approval, which will allow a municipality an extra level of protection.

"What we are handing over to you today does include some aspects of the residential and the land conservation, but they're far from flush and where we needed to just pull this together and make sense of the zoning document," Greenwood said, "There should be a part B to this process, we're definitely more than halfway through, maybe we are even 60%, but there is more work to be done to complete this code, espe-

cially on the housing."

"What I would really like to point out to people is that this is a committee of volunteers who have met on 90 occasions to go through the zoning of the Boulevard District," Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said. "That's a lot of hours of people's personal time spent trying to make this town better."

Town budget review

The board reviewed the Town of North East's budget and announced a new negotiation with Northern Dutchess Paramedics.

Previously, the town had a five-year contract with NDP for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) alongside the towns of Dover and Amenia. The Town of North East paid NDP 2% more each year during the contract.

NDP has recently pitched a new contract with North East that would cost \$646,300, increasing its budget by 71%. According to Kennan, with that budget, town residents outside of the Village of Millerton would see an increase in their tax rate by 1.16%.

"That contract ends at the end of December, so we have been negotiating with Northern Dutchess Paramedics over their proposed increase," said Kennan, "The increase that they had proposed, we've written about, we've talked about at previous meetings, was really overwhelming intolerable for the town. It was a huge, huge increase."

North East also looked into a different contractor, Empress, who services the western and southwestern parts of the county. However, their proposal was "wildly" more expensive than NDP's first offer. Now, the town has met with NDP and reached a new contract price of \$511,558, a reduction of \$134,742.

"The reasons for their increase are that they were locked into a contract for five years, which each year had a 2% increase and going through the period of COVID," Kennan said. "Everyone knows we have seen inflation in all kinds of different items, in labor costs, particularly in materials, especially medical

costs, the cost of an ambulance itself has gone up dramatically, so they were basically struggling to deliver the service to the town for these past few years."

The town board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m. to finalize and adopt the revised budget.

Pro-housing pledge

The Town Board members signed a pro-housing pledge, stating that they were aware of the lack of housing for New York state residents and that income levels negatively affected future economic viability.

"The housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, and whereas we believe that every community must do their parts to contribute to housing growth and benefit from positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to the community," Town Clerk Tilly Strauss said, reading from the pledge.

Gun Club discussion

Supervisor Kennan said he has met with the management of the Millerton Gun Club to

discuss the town's concerns and to limit the club's shooting hours.

"I have met with the management of the gun club on multiple occasions and expressed our desire to have them think about not having shooting on Sunday and not having shooting permitted after five o'clock or sundown during the day to give people the opportunity to enjoy their evenings without gunfire," Kennan said.

The town has received a speed reduction request on Route 22 from Chuck Road to the Village of Millerton line. The request asks the town to reduce the speed limit from 55 to 45 miles per hour.

"Chuck Road to the Village of Millerton has seen increased traffic and dangerous intersections," Strauss said. "The highway superintendent and the town board have determined that the current speed limit of 55 miles per hour on this portion of Route 22 is too high, resulting in hazardous and dangerous conditions."

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HOLIDAYS: MATTHEW KRETA

Tablescapes that captivate

The Hotchkiss Library welcomed popular hosting and entertainment blogger Jesse-Sierra Ross for a talk on planning a fall table and meal Nov. 10. Ross has appeared on television multiple times and has recently written a book called "Seasons Around the Table," which contains recipes, menu planning tips and decorative advice for seasons year round.

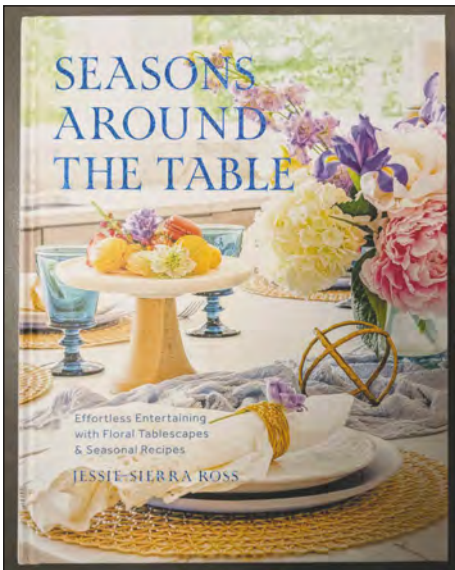
Ross began her talk with some of her background as a self-started blogger, home entertainer and chef after a career in professional ballet. As a mother of young children, Ross made it clear from the start that all of her ideas and aesthetic expression took this into account, but it will be different for everyone. Ross emphasized that when decorating your table and planning your meals, things that you enjoy and your own story should come through.

Using an example table for the assembled crowd, Ross encouraged everyone to begin their prep by taking stock of what they have around the house and in their yard. Flowers, bits of grain and fruit may be items already on your property ready for use. Several examples on the table were older household items and cheaper thrift shop purchases on a budget. "Too many people feel that entertaining must be over the top," Ross said. An example that she used was how all of the plates on the table were not part of a set, but maintained a similar sense of color, texture and feel.

When it comes to the many decorations on your table, Ross is a proponent of the rule of threes. "We are hard-wired for odd numbers," Ross said. Sets of three or five for things like candles or ornaments keep things from being too symmetrical, and create an interesting visual for the eyes to follow. This lack of exact symmetry opens up negative space on the table for guest's eyes to



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW KRETA



Above, Jesse-Sierra Ross preps a festive table setting at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Nov. 10. Her book, "Seasons Around the Table," and blog inspires recipes and decorations for every season.

rest and not be visually overwhelmed. Colors on the table should compliment each other, or directly contrast. Ross encouraged onlookers while adding rose heads to her fruit center piece by saying she is self taught, and that if a ballet dancer could manage to learn all this, so could anyone else.

When it comes to the menu, Ross recommended making sure everything remains in line with the story that you set at your table while picking one or two superstar dishes. Whatever comes in between, be it appetizers or drinks, should not take too much of your time or be too extravagant. With time especially, Ross was adamant that hosts should try to avoid dishes that require you to slave away while your friends and family miss your company. Entertaining should not leave you on the sidelines the



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whole night. Ross took many questions during her lecture, and continued as guests enjoyed some refreshments and examined the table up close.

Ross's blog, with information on her book, recipes, entertaining and television appearances can be found at straighttothehipsbaby.com.



PHOTO BY YANA RUSSELL

Julianne Roshan Dow guides healing in Kent.

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

A journey to self-care and healing

Julianne Roshan Dow, a seasoned wellness educator and practitioner, has been bringing her expertise in Jin Shin Jyutsu and holistic health practices to a series of Women Wellness Wednesdays at the Dow Integrative Institute in Kent. These hybrid gatherings (in-person and online) have offered women a chance to explore self-care techniques tailored to address female health challenges, from fertility

to menopause. This initiative has not only been an opportunity to support personal well-being, but has also served as a fundraiser for the Kent Food Bank, reflecting Julianne's dedication to her community. The program will continue as long as there is interest.

The Wednesday sessions have been led out of Dow's home, a mixed-use building in Kent, Connecticut across from


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BOOKS: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

White Hart book talk proclaims ‘Democracy is not dead’

Journalist Jonathan Alter combined the personal and the political in a discussion of his latest book, “American Reckoning: Inside Trump’s Trial — and My Own” at the White Hart Thursday, Nov. 15.

Alter was interviewed by John Hendrickson, a senior editor at The Atlantic magazine.

The book, published in October, is an account of the “hush money” trial of Donald Trump, which ended in May 2024 with a Manhattan jury finding Trump guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records.

He said he was one of a handful of reporters who attended all 23 days of the trial. The trial was not televised, and cameras were not allowed except briefly at the start of proceedings.

Alter said binoculars were allowed, and he spent time looking at



Jonathan Alter, left, discussed his latest book with John Hendrickson of The Atlantic on Nov. 15.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

one juror, who looked back at him as if to ask “What are you looking at?”

He said he was mindful of the importance of the trial to the recent election, and what it

would mean for the book.

If Democratic candidate and Vice-President Kamala Harris won the election, the book would be similar to Jimmy Breslin’s “How the Good

Guys Finally Won,” about Richard Nixon and Watergate.

If Trump won, the book would be more akin to William L. Shirer’s “Berlin Diary,” about the rise of Adolph

Hitler and the Nazis in Germany, Alter said.

He said he felt compelled to cover the trial, saying it was unlikely curious citizens would “go to the transcripts.”

Alter said his previous book, about former president Jimmy Carter, took five years to write. “American Reckoning” had to be done in five weeks.

He described writing the book as “the process of nine years of dealing with this odious man.”

Alter said he interviewed Trump in the late 1990s for the “Today Show.”

“He had forgotten he’d sued me,” he said with a grin.

Alter wasn’t impressed.

“He was a New York celebrity, kind of a

clown. Not a lot of presence.”

But by the time Trump announced he was running for president in 2015, he had acquired a certain quality of being a leader.

Hendrickson recalled talking with a community college student in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, before the 2016 election and being surprised when the young man said half his classmates were Trump supporters.

Alter said “People think he’s entertaining,” adding “I find his louche lounge act unbearable.”

Asked what he thinks will happen regarding sentencing, given that Trump is now president-elect, Alter said one scenario is a suspended sentence that doesn’t go into effect until 2029, when Trump is no longer president.

Asked how Trump survived the multiple legal problems of the last four years, Alter said “There’s something feral about Trump. He survived in a tough world in New York.”

He said Trump is very experienced when it comes to media.

“He took those skills national,” Alter said. “There’s a lot he understands intuitively about America.”

Alter was cautiously optimistic about the next four years.

“Democracy is not dead,” he said. “We will survive this.”

...self-care

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the firehouse. Dow’s introduction to Eastern healing arts began in childhood, witnessing the transformative effects of acupuncture on her mother. Over 44 years, she has cultivated her expertise as an integrative medicine practitioner, a yoga instructor, and an ethics teacher. Her work spans hospital settings, including Overlook Medical Center in Summit, New Jersey, and a research team at Morristown Hospital, where Jin Shin Jyutsu protocols were used to alleviate pre- and post-surgical pain, anxiety, and nausea.

Jin Shin Jyutsu is an ancient Japanese healing art, “similar to acupuncture but without the needles,” explained Dow, harmonizing the body’s energy through gentle touch. The technique addresses emotional and physical challenges, with each finger corresponding to specific emotions and organ functions. The thumb is associated with anxiety and stress, the index finger with fear, middle finger with anger (“makes sense,” laughed Dow), the ring finger with deep grief, and the pinky with doing too much. As Dow explained, “All you need is your hands, and you can even do it with your breath.”

Participants have learned practices like the “Emergency Hold,” a technique used in high-stress situations to calm the body and restore balance. Dow also works

with animals, teaching owners how to use the practice to provide their pets with the same benefits it offers humans. “This is something that you can do while you’re watching TV, while you’re sitting in the passenger seat of a car,” Dow explained. “Some people do it as part of their meditation practice, but you don’t have to be a meditator to do it.”

While the Wednesday group has been a focused series, Dow envisions expanding her outreach through free “commUNITY self-care classes” possibly at the Kent Library, introducing more people to these transformative practices. Her goal is to empower individuals with tools they can use anytime, anywhere. “This is something that needs to get out there. People don’t know what this is, and it’s time they do.”

On keeping these offerings free of charge,



PHOTO BY YANA RUSSELL

Julianne Roshan Dow with her dog.

Dow shared, “This is research-based, time-tested self-care and it’s my offering to the community.” She continued, “Especially in these times, there is and will be a lot of need for self-care.”

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FILM: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Veden unveils 34th installment in Falls Village video series

Eric Veden has released the 34th edition of his ongoing video chronicle of Falls Village.

The video starts out with Susan Osborn, whose family has been in town for six generations, hailing from locations as diverse as Switzerland and Goshen.

Her memories take the viewer back in time, with dairy farms, charcoal making and old-fashioned, double-sided toasters.

Osborn says she went to Oliver Wolcott Technical High School to train as a hairdresser and embarked on that career, only to discover she was allergic to the chemicals.

Next up is Tim Metzger, who discusses his career as a set dresser in the movie business.

Speaking from his workshop, Metzger discusses the different, highly specialized jobs involved in film production and describes the process as “a logistical conundrum.”

“You may be prepping for three months of shooting.”

His credits include “Law & Order,” “Crocodile Dundee II,” and “The Joker.”

David and Joan Parks ran successful chauffeuring and gardening businesses in (mostly)



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Above, Falls Village fire fighters in June. Below, Vance Cannon and Melanie Cullerton perform at the Hunt Library.

Fairfield County and included customers such as Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, Rodney Dangerfield and Martha Stewart.

It was a busy 30 or so years.

“If Paul Newman calls on Christmas Eve and says ‘I’ve got a friend coming in tomorrow,’ I’m there,” says David Parks.

Rebecca Bloomfield was interviewed at the Center on Main where she is the Creative Administrator. She is also a photographer, works for a cooking school, and teaches yoga at Be Well Community Yoga in North Canaan.

She recalls her first yoga class at age 13. She and a friend went along to a class with Rebecca’s mother.

“We just kind of giggled our way through it,”



she remembers. But in her 20s she rediscovered yoga and grew to love it for the community and spiritual aspects, as well as the physical benefits.

The video wraps up with video snapshots of two recent events: The Falls Village Volunteer

Fire Department’s 100th anniversary celebration on June 22 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and a late August musical talent show appearance at the David M. Hunt Library by Vance Cannon and friends.

BOOKS: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sit back and let it flow with Tom Morrison’s newest novel

Salisbury’s Tom Morrison is back with another novel, “Who Put the Bots in the Tort\$”

Described by the author as a legal farce, the new book picks up the ongoing saga of ambitious and creative lawyers Pap and Pup Peters, who specialize in class-action lawsuits.

The clients are larger-than-life — and twice as crazy.

And the lawsuits? Well, this time around we’ve got artificial intelligence encroaching on the world of adult entertainers and political action committees. (Apparently AI makes connections mere mortals cannot grasp.)

We’ve got high-dollar fences handling jewelry stolen from the great and the good.

And we’ve got people fighting with zoning boards about lawn mowing ordinances. (Never mind hot air balloon-landing regulations.)

As usual, Morrison has fun with names. One of his more mem-

orable characters, the redoubtable Mona Lott, is doing battle with the Planning and Zoning Commission over when lawn mowing is allowed.

There’s an investment firm that might sound vaguely familiar: Goldman Slacks

There’s a mention of an important legal case: “Ruth v. Gehrig, decided by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of the Southern District of New York.”

And there’s an artist. A famous, important artist. This artist is also a pig, named “Pigcasso,” who is “the first animal to host a solo art exhibit.”

The flow of jokes and gags — some one-offs, some extended — can get overwhelming if the reader spends too much time considering the merits of each one.

The best way to enjoy Morrison’s cockamamie world is to just sit back and let it flow.

You can always go back later and figure out which joke most strongly resembles which recent headline.



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Fabric fundraiser fills White Hart

Textiles & Treasures on Nov. 15 and 16 at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, showcased an extraordinary sale of global wares. The collection included textiles and home goods for dining and décor with table linens from India (Anokhi), Sweden (Jobs), Finland (Marimekko); Clothing tailored in Thailand, India, Mexico, Indonesia, Africa and Ukraine; Silver objects from Mexico and Thailand; Baskets from Mexico, Malaysia, Ecuador, Scandinavia; Jewelry from Africa; Pre-Colombian reproductions from Galeria Cano. 100% of the sales went to benefit the Little Guild’s new building.

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NOVEMBER 21

Art Talk
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Peter Steiner will give an art talk at Hunt Library on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Known primarily for his cartoons and his novels, Steiner's paintings and drawings can be comic, surrealist, romantic, and fantastic.

NOVEMBER 22

Salisbury Forum: "Following the Money: What Will Become of America"
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn.
The Salisbury Forum will present "Following the Money: What Will Become of America" on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In a wide-ranging discussion after the historic 2024 election, authors Kurt Andersen and William D. Cohan will unpack its implications for American democracy and culture, the global economy, and world order. Admission is free. Kurt Andersen is the author of "Evil Geniuses" and "Fantasyland." William D. Cohan is the author of "House of Cards" and "The Last Tycoons."

Christmas Sale in Millbrook

St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y.
Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual CHRISTMAS SALE! on Friday and Saturday, (Nov. 22 & 23) at St. Joseph School gym (lots of room to shop; ample parking), 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook. The event will feature numerous Christmas and holiday items: decorations for your home (inside and outside), gift items, new and like-new toys & games, and more! Hours for the sale are Friday (Nov. 22) and Saturday (Nov. 23) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the Christmas Sale and from Uncle Al's Thrift Shop benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook.

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.

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NOVEMBER 23 North Canaan Ice Skating Party

Berkshire School, 245 N Undermountain Rd., Sheffield, Mass.
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NOVEMBER 24 Fire Dept. Birthday Party

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.
The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department is holding a 100th anniversary party at the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan Sunday, Nov. 24, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A new film by Yonah Sadeh will be shown at 2 p.m., followed by a raffle drawing and cake.

Terra String Quartet and Oskar Espina Ruiz

The Wethersfield Carriage House, 257 Pugsley Hill Rd., Amenia, New York, 12501
Wethersfield Estate & Garden in partnership with Music Mountain proudly present an afternoon of Mozart with the Terra String Quartet and Oskar Espina Ruiz. The event is from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Young at Heart

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Rd., Sharon, Conn.
Join us on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. for a one-night-only celebration of the Sharon Playhouse Education Department's boundless creativity and impact. Headlining the evening is "Young at Heart," a brand-new play written by Education & Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin and inspired by the imaginative voices of local elementary school students. The program will run approximately one hour. All seats are \$30 General Admission.

Meet Your Greens

Litchfield Distillery, 569 Bantam Rd., Conn.
Come out to Meet Your Greens at Litchfield Distillery on Dec. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Co-hosted by Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, Friends of Topsy State Forest, Goshen Land Trust, Lake Waramaug Task Force, Litchfield Land Trust, Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy, Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, and White Memorial Conservation Center, this informal gathering is an excellent opportunity to get to know others working or volunteering in the conservation field. Open to the public, join us for a chance to exchange news and plant seeds for collaboration.

DECEMBER 7

Open Mic

Twelve Moons, Center on Main, 102 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Twelve Moons Coffee House builds community through live music, poetry readings and storytelling on the 1st Saturday of each month. Doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured Professional Artists play from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own dinner and beverage or enjoy the venue's light refreshments. Saturday, Dec. 7, will feature the duo of George Potts and Gordon Titcomb performing Americana and original tunes.

Monthly Book Sale

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
The Friends of the David M. Hunt Library will host their monthly book sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library. This sale takes place on the first Saturday of each month. New inventory is added each month, including new and used books, cds, dvds, current fiction and mysteries, coffee table books, and more. All of the proceeds from the sale benefit the library. From 10 a.m. to noon the 8th grade of Lee H. Kellogg School will host a bake sale to support a trip to Washington D.C.

IMS Book Fair

The Morehead Athletic Center, 211 Indian Mountain Rd., Lakeville, Conn.

Indian Mountain School's upcoming book fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be open to the public with readings, book signings, bagels and of course books (great for holiday gifts as well). Book readings and signings will take place at 10 a.m. with Randall De Seve and 11 a.m. with Mieke Ten Have.

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DECEMBER 8

A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn.
On Sunday, Dec. 8, at p.m., see A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland at the Warner Theatre. Featuring stars from Riverdance and Lord of the Dance, this festive show blends world-class Irish dance, music, and storytelling.

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DECEMBER 18

A Christmas Carol

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Rd., Sharon, Conn.
The Sharon Playhouse is thrilled to present its fourth annual Holiday YouthStage production: an inventive twist on "A Christmas Carol," adapted by Doris Baizley and co-directed by Andrus Nichols and Drew Ledbetter. This one-hour production brings the magic of Dickens' classic to life in an engaging, family-friendly format. "A Christmas Carol" runs in The Bok at the Sharon Playhouse on Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Sunday, Dec. 22, with evening and matinee showtimes. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35.

Word of the Week

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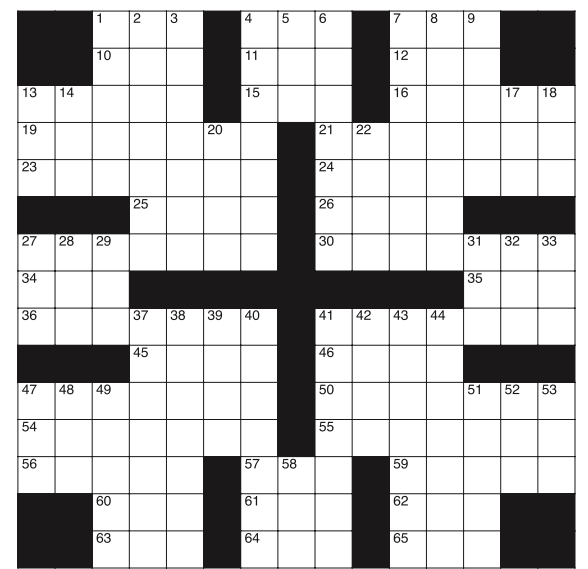
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- Egg yolk consistency
- Unclear, muddy water
- Served with rice or naan
- Holiday travel haste

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Defunct airline
- Beverage container
- A team's best pitcher
- Unit of liquid capacity
- It comes before two
- Male child
- Type of wheat
- One's mother
- Upper side of an organism
- United is one
- Extraction process
- A being with lesser divine status
- People living together in a community
- Luxury automaker
- This (Spanish)
- Semitic language
- Period for a defined purpose
- Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- American marsupial
- Decadent dessert
- Aquatic plant
- About aviation
- Summer footwear
- Rugged mountain ranges
- With tin
- Cut on the surface of a hard object
- Wrapped in cloth
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- "American Idol" contestant Clay
- Midway between east and southeast
- Court decision "___ v. Wade"
- Born of
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Actress ___-Margaret
- Not even



- Large nest of a bird of prey
- Unhappy
- Popular holiday dessert
- Habitual drunkard
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Complications
- Fail to win
- Before the present
- Musical genre
- Flurry
- 007's creator
- Indiana Pacer Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
- Feeling
- Damage another's reputation
- Mottled citrus fruit
- Beauty product
- They man first, second and third
- Harness
- Herb
- Expressed concern
- Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Nostrils
- Gathered fallen leaves
- Express good wishes
- Monetary unit of Brunei
- Japanese Buddhist festival

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Amenia Planning Board approves temporary structures at Silo Ridge

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Temporary structures proposed by Silo Ridge earned the unanimous approval of the Planning Board at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The new structures to be erected on the tennis courts will house a temporary gym and fitness center for residents of Silo Ridge.

In advance of the vote to approve, planning board engineer John Andrews clarified the plans for removal of the structures when they are no longer needed.

“Silo Ridge has decided not to construct a more permanent facility,” Andrews reported, adding that they will instead rely on Siland’s fieldhouse that is expected to be completed in 2027.

“This temporary facility will be removed by May 1 of 2027,” Andrews reported, although he added that an extension could be requested if necessary.

Planning Board member Ken Topolsky renewed his request for clarification on the administrative structure of Siland, Silo Ridge and Silo Ridge Ventures.

Patrick O’Leary, consultant

for Silo Ridge Ventures, replied that the organizational chart requested by the Planning Board is still being developed, expecting that a draft will be presented at the Wednesday, Dec. 11, meeting, along with a status report on the Silo Ridge development in relation to its original planning document.

In other action, a sign application submitted by Ray Weiner, owner of Da Vinci Windows, a new business at 3430 Route 343, was considered by the Planning Board.

Andrews reported that Weiner has renovated a single-family home without any site modifications, and that the in-

tended use of the property as a window showroom with living space above is permitted in the mixed-use zone.

But because Weiner intends to erect a sign, site plan approval is needed, Andrews said, and Dutchess County officials need to approve the plan for the sign.

Topolsky praised Weiner’s work in renovating the property as a positive contribution to the community.

A resolution will be presented at the Wednesday, Dec. 11, meeting to approve the sign, presuming that county officials will have issued their decision in advance.



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Latin music at library

Latin rhythms were the order of the day at The Millbrook Library on Saturday, Nov. 16, attracting a broad local audience of all ages to hear Pulso de Barro (Pulse of Clay) teach and perform the folk music of Mexico, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Sponsored by the library and the Millbrook Arts Group, the audience-participation program was led by Mateo Cano and Maria Puente Flores.

Millbrook adopts hazard mitigation plan and natural resources inventory

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Two planning documents that will enhance the Climate Smart Community initiative underway in Millbrook were adopted by unanimous vote at the regular meeting of the Village Trustees on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The Climate Smart Community program is a statewide program to encourage each community toward actions to reduce harmful emissions and work toward adapting to a changing climate environment.

Describing the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan, Trustee Michael Herzog said that this new plan builds on

a 2015 plan that was updated in 2018, the goal being to develop a county-wide mitigation plan. An update was due this year, Herzog said.

The update required examining all of the town codes to determine how prepared the town is to deal with any emergency.

A second resolution earning unanimous support would

create a local law adopting a natural resource inventory document.

“This does not create policy,” Herzog said. “It only provides data. It’s up to the town and village boards to use the data to create policy.”

A public hearing allowing residents to offer comment on creating the local law in support of the natural resource inventory, was scheduled for the next Trustees meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

To read the resource inventory, visit www.villageofmillbrook.com. Under “Government”, click on Climate Smart Community.

Amenia Town Board approves 2025 budget

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — During a brief special meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, the Town Board voted unanimous approval to adopt the final draft of the town’s 2025 budget for the year beginning Jan. 1.

Projecting total town expenditures of \$4,150,595 in support of the General Fund and the Highway Fund, the to-

tal to be raised by taxes stands at \$2,694,075.

By the same resolution, the mill rate was set at 2.02076 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 4.5% in the mill rate over the current year. The 2024 mill rate was 1.93296 per \$1,000. Under the formula for the new rate, a home assessed for \$200,000, for example, will expect to pay about \$4,040 in annual property taxes.

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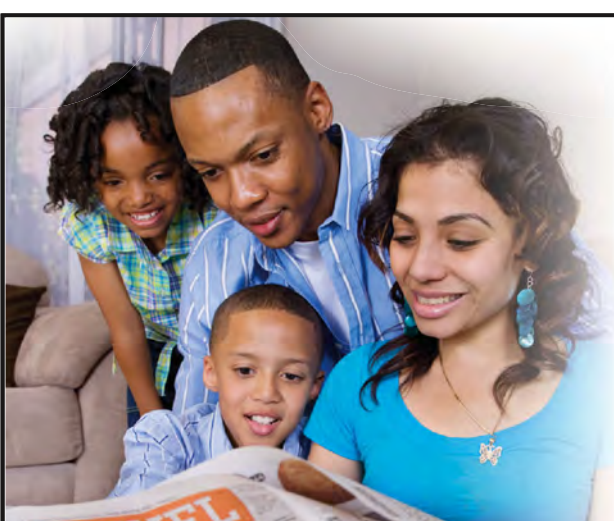
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