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The Grinch Mobile was part of the procession of the Festival of Lights in Millerton on Friday, Nov. 29.

## Millerton's Festival of Lights ushers in the holiday season

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MILLERTON — Holiday cheer was in abundance in Millerton at the annual Festival of Lights this past weekend, a celebration of the spirit of the season, which appropriately began following a brief but seasonal snowfall.

Starting with the lighting of the holiday tree, and featuring an array of festively decorated vehicles, onlookers enjoyed a brightly illuminated steady procession of participants from various regional fire departments, local businesses and houses of worship.

Holiday tunes filled the air as the parade moved down Main Street.

Fire trucks from Kent, Connecticut, Pine Plains, Milan, North East and more led the way and lit up the night. Spectators from near and far lined up on both sides of the street. They waved enthusiastically at the procession, sang along with the music and snapped

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## Coon Brothers' dairy cows embrace new automated milking system

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Amid unanimous favorable reports from the herd, Coon Brothers dairy farm in Amenia held an open barn on Sunday, Dec. 1, inviting contractors and friends to visit the cows and see their new automatic milking system that has brought robotics to the modern dairy industry.

Coon Brothers has used GEA equipment for milking over the years, so co-owners Peter and Amos Coon indicated that GEA Dairy Robot equipment was chosen to automate their operation, requiring a long period of construction.

The preceding year had been given to renovating the barns in preparation for installation of the robotic equipment that began in the spring and continued into July. Six

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Fully automated milking systems have been installed at Coon Brothers Farm in Amenia. Computers at each milking station monitor quantity and quality. Visitors were invited to an open barn tour on Sunday, Dec. 1, to see the new systems at work.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

## Choes outline big plans for Millerton Square

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — Kim and Chris Choe, owners of the Sharon Farm Market, are excited about their latest venture, the Millerton Square Shopping Center, which they purchased from veteran grocer Joseph "Skip" Trotta on Nov. 15, 2024.

The sale of the property to the Choes marks the end of an extended and complicated process of negotiations between them and Joseph Trotta, which began in May 2023 with a purchase agreement being reached between both parties, and an additional 18 months tacked on to sort out state and county regulations. With the red tape now behind them, the Choes are now moving ahead on their agenda for the property.

The centerpiece of their ambitious plans is the development of a new supermarket to meet the needs of the area, which stretches from



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Kim Choe (left) and Chris Choe were excited to share their plans for a new supermarket with The Millerton News.

Copake to Dover in New York, a food desert since Grand Union closed over five years ago. The revamped, as yet unnamed, 29,000 square foot market will offer a wide selection of products at competitive prices including a full-service meat,

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## Public hearing for Wake Robin expansion plan continues

By RILEY KLEIN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — On Dec. 2, the Planning and Zoning Commission held the fifth installment of the public hearing for an application for expansion of the Wake Robin Inn on Sharon Road.

The previous four hearings on the application from ARADEV LLC were met with resistance from neighbors of Wake Robin Inn. Opponents state that increased noise and traffic in a residential community will adversely affect the value, enjoyment and usefulness of their properties.

If the application is approved, the Inn would expand from 26 rooms to 65 rooms. Old buildings would be renovated and numerous new buildings would be added including cottages and an event barn.

Before beginning the Dec. 2 hearing, P&Z Chair Michael Klemens said the sixth and final public hearing on this application will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10.

"We have run out of extensions. Once the [Dec. 10] hearing is closed, the Planning and Zoning Commission has 65 days to render its decision," said Klemens. He said P&Z members had been improperly contacted by community members in recent weeks.

William Cruger, owner of an abutting property to Wake Robin Inn, was granted intervenor status for the Dec. 2 hearing and presented a team of experts to testify in opposition of the project.

A real estate consultant, a city planner, an attorney, an environmental scientist and two engineers

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# Out of the ashes rose generosity and help for flood victims

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — News spread rapidly in the aftermath of a devastating barn fire last July that caused an estimated \$1 million in damage to Stanfordville farmer John Kemmerer's stored equipment and hay. Response was quick as his wide community of friends sprang into action to raise funds to assist with purchasing new equipment.

Progress in acquiring replacements for the farm equipment has been steady, evidenced during a conversation with Kemmerer on Saturday, Nov. 23.

The fire on the 100 acre hay farm had raged on Thursday, July 18, a hot blaze fueled by stored hay, ruining the equipment stored in the affected barns.

Three barns, the office, and all equipment had been lost in the fire, along with a huge percentage of the stored hay, Stanford Town Supervisor Wendy Burton said.

"Multiple area fire companies assisted in fighting the fire," Burton said. "It smoldered for many days."

Since the fire, Kemmerer said he has purchased numerous pieces of equipment, including a 2014 Ford F530 flat-bed truck, a JCB hay telehandler and a Norden hay accumulator, and a John Deere 348 baler. He has also purchased a New Holland skid steer.

Coming in January will be a new Quonset-shaped metal structure measuring 40 x 80 x 20 to store hay, Kemmerer said, pleased to be anticipating its delivery. Other barns



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

**In the months following a July fire that caused an estimated \$1 million in damage to his farm equipment, local farmer John Kemmerer is rebuilding and re-equipping, remaining grateful for community support. One of the first essential items to be purchased was a John Deere tractor.**

on the property offer sufficient winter storage space for the equipment, Kemmerer said.

Since the fire, equipment purchase costs have been partly covered by insurance and largely covered by the generosity of friends and community residents.

"The community outpouring was just amazing," Kemmerer said. He particularly noted the efforts of Dani Nicholson, who he said was instrumental in helping with the fundraising effort by visiting local businesses and community members who gave generously.

"There were just so many local friends," Kemmerer said.

An early thought of town supervisor Burton's had been, "We can do a fundraiser and maybe even a barn raising." She recalled that volunteers had built a structure in the town park; perhaps they could do a barn raising.

Immediately following the fire, residents Julia Descoteaux and Steve Bruman launched a GoFundMe effort and a Kemmerer family friend, Courtney Haire, launched a similar fundraiser. By combining their efforts, they were able to reach fur-

ther out into the community. All proceeds went directly to the Kemmerers, Burton said.

"Money started coming in immediately and it's continued for quite a long time," Burton said, roughly estimating total proceeds of \$100,000 as of late October.

A live auction at Bangall Works had raised \$25,000, enabling Kemmerer to purchase a used John Deere tractor that is in daily use.

"They are a beautiful family; the community came together to help," Burton said. "What you put out into the world comes back to you."

In the wake of the violent hurricanes and flooding experienced in North Carolina in the fall, Kemmerer responded with a shipment of hay to help farmers facing extreme loss.

Burton said the Kemmerer family's impulses have consistently been to help their community's needs. Accordingly, John Kemmerer sent a load of horse-quality hay to North Carolina. Kemmerer recalled the shipment consisted of 18 to 20 round bales. He added that he plans to send more soon.

One round bale is equivalent to 15 to 18 regular square bales, Kemmerer said. Round bales are generally more economical for farmers than purchasing standard square ones, he added.

Kemmerer's daughter, Emily Hay, has started a family foundation, Century Farms Foundation Inc., to provide aid to long-established small farms and farmers in need. A goal is to sustain small family farms facing daunting competition from agribusiness ventures.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

## Santa smiles

Exhibiting educators' penchant for being on time, the float representing the Webutuck Teachers Association was among the first to line up at the Amenia Fire Company in advance of the 13th annual Amenia Parade of Lights on Sunday, Dec. 1. Ready to wave to spectators were Jase Boardman, 11, in front, and Nolan Howard, 13. Kathleen and Aaron Howard, both Webutuck teachers, were readying the float for the parade.

## County Office for the Aging scheduling at-home vaccinations

POUGHKEEPSIE — Homebound Dutchess County residents could be qualified to receive vaccinations for influenza and the COVID-19 Booster until Friday, Jan. 31, or while supplies last.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging is currently scheduling in-home vaccinations for adults over the age of 60 years-old who are homebound. Residents have

the option to receive both vaccines administered at the same time, if needed.

Individuals who are unable to leave home due to physical limitations, chronic conditions, lack of transportation, cognitive or visual impairments are all eligible for OFA assistance.

To get scheduled for vaccines, call 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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# Pine Plains Bomber Boosters to host 'Music Bingo' Jan. 18

By NATHAN MILLER  
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Bomber Boosters will be hosting a "Music Bingo" fundraiser at the Grove Restaurant at Red Hook Golf Course Saturday, Jan. 18, as part of a more robust fundraising strategy.

Booster club president Nina Osofsky said the success of last June's golf tournament inspired the club to plan more community events.

"We had 123 participants in 100 degree weather," Osofsky said of the Juneteenth golf tournament. "It was an amazing success."

Strong community ties keep each of the seven active boosters club officers committed to the group, Osofsky said. All of them are moms with athlete students, but they do it for more than just their

own kids.

Osofsky said the booster club started in a time when school budgets didn't support basic equipment and transportation costs for athletics programs. Parents, mostly stay-at-home moms at the time, stepped up to source money so students could have sports. Now, she said, schools provide for the necessities for basic safety and facilities to practice and competition. So the booster club focuses on making sport more affordable for parents and providing opportunities for special trips and clinics.

The boosters sent the Pine Plains baseball and softball teams to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for Spring training and they're sending the basketball team to a cancer awareness tournament at Union College this December. Among the big expenses

are several "regular" things the booster club does for Pine Plains sports, Osofsky said. At every game the club staffs a concession stand with peppy students to cheer on their classmates. They also make snack bags for athletes embarking on long trips.

To help the boosters and Pine Plains athletes, Osofsky

said parents don't have to show up to every boosters club meeting. "Just take on the role of being a liaison and promoting your child's sport," Osofsky said. "And we always take donations."

More information on the Bomber Boosters can be found on their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ppbomberboosters](http://www.facebook.com/ppbomberboosters).



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Dru Ary, Peggy Anderson, Noah Shackelton, Taylor Shackelton and Ted Urban served Thanksgiving dinner to 167 people at the Copake Community Center on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

## Copake Volunteers serve Thanksgiving dinners

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to the Millerton News

COPAKE — Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, saw 22 volunteers serving 167 free meals at the Copake Community Center at 305 Mountain View Road.

Among those giving their time were Dru Ary, Peggy Anderson, Noah Shackelton, Taylor Shackelton and Ted Urban.

A tradition for more than 15 years, according to Vice President of Consistency Kathy Wheeler of the host West Copake Reformed Church, while some organizations seem to have difficulty finding volunteers for Thanksgiving Day, that has never been a problem for them.

In addition to providing a feast, Wheeler emphasized that the event allows for a gathering for those who otherwise might be celebrating alone or not at all. She recalls a woman arriving several years ago saying that she was new to the area and didn't know anyone. Wheeler took her over to a table with some other women and within five minutes she had made friends and they were "all talking and laughing together."

Individuals and the newly arrived Freshtown of Hillsdale donated supplies. Our Lady of Hope and Saint John of the Wilderness both in Copake Falls, the Copake United Methodist Church and the host church also provided tur-

keys, desserts and volunteers who made the day a success.

Leftovers were sent to The Salvation Army in Hudson where others were served.

## County certifies 2024 election results

By JOHN COSTON  
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The Dutchess County Board of Elections has certified the results of the Nov. 5 election.

The upset that edged out County Comptroller A. Gregg Pulver, a Republican, who was challenged by Democrat Dan Aymar-Blair was certified with Aymar-Blair receiving 50.29% (72,743 votes) to Pulver's 49.64% (71,812), a difference of 931 votes.

The Comptroller race was conceded by Pulver before the results were certified by the county.

The certified results from the county meant that some race outcomes that were based on early unofficial results before all ballots were counted had changed. Democrats won seats as trustees in the village of Millbrook. Julia Bucklin and Shannon Mawson were certified winners, with 27.60%

and 24.86% of the votes.

In a tight race for Stanford town board, Democrat Theodore Secor was certified as the winner with 50.14% (1,062 votes), compared to 49.81% (1,055) for Adrienne Zetterberg, a Republican.

Unofficial results reported earlier in the days after the election didn't result in a change in the outcome for state Senate, Assembly and other municipal elections when the Board of Elections certified the tallies on Nov. 30.

For President of the United States, Democrats Kamala Harris and Tim Walz led the voting in the county over Republicans Donald Trump and JD Vance by 52.14% to 46.79%,

a margin of 8,216 votes out of 153,394 cast.

Amenia and Pine Plains voters cast more votes for the Trump/Vance ticket, while voters in North East/Millerton, Washington/Millbrook and Stanford voted in favor of the Harris/Walz campaign.

Democratic incumbents State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assembly member Didi Barrett were certified winners. In North East, Republican Christopher L. Mayville, a current Town Board member, defeated Democrat Rachele Grieco Cole. In Amenia, Nicole Ahearn, a Republican, defeated Charlie Miller, a Democrat challenging her for her seat.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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390 OLD ROUTE 22, AMENIA NEW YORK  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on December 16th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Applicant Doug Broughton seeks an area variance from the Zoning Law with regard to Applicant's request to install a Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System ("GMSES") 15 feet from the rear property line, where there is a minimum rear yard setback of 50 feet. The parcel is located in the Suburban Residential ("SR") Zoning District and within the Scenic Visual Protection Overlay District. Applicant seeks an area variance of 35 feet from the rear setback requirements pursuant to Zoning Law Section 121-52.1H(1) which requires a GMSES to meet the setback requirements of the underlying Zoning District, which rear yard setback in the SR Zoning District is 50 feet pursuant to the Dimensional Table of the Zoning Law Section 121 Attachment 2. The property is located at 390 Old Route 22, Tax Parcel # 132000-7166-00-194282-0000, Amenia, NY (a portion of which is formerly a part of Tax Parcel #132000-7166-00-192244-0000, pursuant to a Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment granted by the Town of Amenia Planning Board by Resolution #3 for 2024 on April 10, 2024).

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-

Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X122 or email [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov) for comments or questions.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 11th day of December 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against an application submitted by Brent Buck Architects, LLC for a site plan for a cafe and bookstore located at 3007 Church Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6872-18-455190-0000.

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## COP29: A cop-out?

The United Nations has just wrapped up its annual environmental conference, COP 29, in Baku, Azerbaijan. A two week event, just concluded, this year's COP (Conference of Parties) drew well over 50,000 people to this tiny oil-rich country that sits between Russia and Iran. Each year the U.N. chooses a new location in a different region and this year it was Azerbaijan. Last year it was Dubai, UAE, another oil-rich autocracy, the year before, Egypt.

Last year COP28 was largely a giant trade fair and a place for fossil fuel interests to make deals. But "the Parties" did accomplish one notable environmental goal: representatives of all of the 197 COP countries signed a formal agreement pledging their commitment to a transition to clean energy as rapidly as feasible. They also pledged to treble their own individual production of clean, renewable power by 2030. During the past year emissions of global warming gases have, instead, markedly increased and provision of renewable power is nowhere near on track.

Many at the conference had noted that Saudi Arabia had gone out of its way to sabotage the main accomplishment of the conference last year, the pledge to rapidly "transition" away from fossil fuels. At several other events and here at Baku, Saudi officials have tried to omit the term 'transition' from any discussion. As the head of the Saudi state oil company said, "We should abandon the fantasy of phasing out oil and gas."

**The major cloud hanging over both this year's and future COPs was the re-election of Donald J. Trump, whose denial of climate change is perhaps his biggest falsehood.**

Symbolically the conference got off to a depressing start. Ilham Aliyev, the President of Azerbaijan gave an opening speech espousing the virtues of fossil fuels, calling oil and gas "the gift of the gods". It was not lost on listeners that the Azerbaijan economy was almost entirely based on fossil fuels. This fact was underscored by the observations of many conference participants that the whole conference site continuously smelled of oil. Another ominous sign, the U.S. pavilion was housed within a converted arena that had been covered over and was totally devoid of natural light. And as the conference was just beginning, the BBC reported

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that the chief executive of Azerbaijan's COP29 team, Elnur Soltanov, was seen discussing investment opportunities with a possible investor in the Azerbaijan oil and gas company.

This year the principle theme of the conference was the provision of climate finance to poorer countries. Developed nations, which are most responsible for climate change, were expected to provide funding to developing nations for climate adaptation and green energy projects. Amnesty International estimated that trillions of dollars will be needed to get developing countries up to speed.

But the major cloud hanging over both this year's and future COPs was the re-election of Donald J. Trump, whose denial of climate change is perhaps his biggest falsehood. Under his direction, the U.S. was the only country to leave the Paris Agreement, the 2015 formal pledge by nearly 200 world leaders to try to prevent global temperature from rising more than 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels. Although President Biden had the U.S. reinstated in the Paris agreement, Trump says he will remove the U.S. from it once again. Perhaps another country, maybe China, may try to pick up the slack but who knows? Even if the US government should decide to become environmentally more responsible after a change of administration, the rest of the world may be wary of American leadership.

Efforts to limit emissions of planet warming gases were up in the air, as the meeting went past the official closing time on Friday, Nov. 22, with no indication of when or if ever agreement might be reached.

In protracted and sometimes angry negotiations, representatives of the richer countries pledged \$300 billion a year — triple their previous pledge — while one of the poorer countries' delegates said that the 300 billion was "outrageously inadequate" like "bringing a garden hose to a wildfire" and demanded much more. Of course, whatever amounts are agreed to are goals not binding legal agreements. Negotiators will probably continue to argue over the financials for a long time.

Next year's COP30 is scheduled to be in Belém, Brazil, a city deep in the heart of the Amazon.

*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*



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## CWA jobs for 800; rail service threatened; Taconic Chorus and a championship ewe

*The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.*

### December 7, 1933

'Eight Hundred to be at work by the End of Week on County CWA Jobs... Approval for Courthouse Remodeling and Other Jobs Under Federal Aid Received'; By the end of this week 800 Dutchess County men will have been put to work as the result of the Board of Supervisors' action in approving recently the reconstruction of the county courthouse under the Civil Works Administration and other reconstruction projects under the CWA. The first part of the week found officials rushing at top speed to get the various projects under way [sic] and on Tuesday more than 125 men were put to work. Additional workers are being added daily so that the full complement of 800 will be employed on the courthouse, Matteawan State Hospital projects and other projects in the city of Poughkeepsie.

### December 5, 1974

'Threatened Rail Service Set as Meeting Topic'; The threat of loss of rail freight service in the Harlem Division of Penn Central Railroad in four counties, and procedures to avert this possible loss will be the subject of a U.S. government-sponsored all-day meeting announced for Thursday, Dec 19, Millerton. Starting at 10 a.m., the meeting will extend into the afternoon and include a press conference around 3 p.m. It will be held in the Village Community Room over the Millerton Free Library on Dutchess Avenue.

Clifton Curtis of the Office of Public Counsel of the Rail Services Planning Office, Washington, D.C., has asked the Harlem Valley Transportation Association (HVTA) to set up this meeting so that all concerned with the future of rail service in the area can attend to study and discuss developments.

"Unless the present plans of the U.S. Railway Association (USRA) are challenged and reshaped to reflect local social and business needs, according to authoritative word which has reached HVTA," said HVTA President Lettie Carson, freight service could be terminated on the Harlem Division in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia Counties.

USRA, established under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 to rescue

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the railroads of the northeast," said Mrs. Carson, has already considered numerous applications for interim abandonments of branch lines including six segments in New York State of which the Harlem line, Millerton to Ghent, was one. "It is imperative, however, that local shippers, consignees, town, village and county officials concerned with this area cooperate in assessing the community impact of the possible loss of this service," continued Mrs. Carson.

'Historical Society Works on Centennial Projects'; The North East Historical Society is paving the way for the coming centennial!

Topics at a recent meeting covered ideas for the centennial of Millerton's incorporation 1875-1975. Historical Society President Marion Byron appointed Marion Smith as chairwoman for the antique exhibit. Mrs. Smith chose Lillian Cox as her co-assistant. Eileen Banks will take charge of publicity.

Annual elections were held. Marion Byron was asked to retain position temporarily as president. New officers are Floyd Herdrick, secretary; John Hicks, treasurer.

Chet Eisenhuth, historian, has been asked by the Village to choose five landmarks which will be presented with a plaque to be mounted on the site.

Already under investigation is the restoration of the Maltby Furnace, the official seal of the North East. A committee of Marion Byron, Chet Eisenhuth, William Bradley, and Roy Hancock examined the site. In commemoration and pride for the community, the town and state may make funds available. Bob Trotta, town attorney, is presently negotiating the proposal.

The society has been meeting with the Little Nine Bicentennial Committee Pine Plains. Members in attendance represented individuals from most areas of the territory known as the "Little Nine Partners Patent."

The North East Historical Society invites everyone to join the meetings. "Acquaint yourself with your land of The Little Nine Partners," said member Eileen Banks, for it was under the rule of Queen Ann of Great Britain in 1706 that this land was granted. Included were Milan, Pine

Plains, North East and sections of Clinton and Stanford."

Anyone with information on the old Salisbury Road please contact Dick Hermans... Research on this old toll road is now taking place. Historical Society maps and programs available at Terni's Store on Main Street, Millerton.

'Mr. Pizza Given Wrong Number'; Royal Phillips doesn't want to hear any more about pizza — at least for a while.

It seems that the advertisement for Millerton's "Mr. Pizza" carried in both The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal last week had a wrong telephone number, which turned out to be Mr. Phillips'. He spent a good part of the weekend answering telephone calls for pizza.

### December 2, 1999

'Taconic Chorus Has Christmas Programs'; MILLERTON — The Taconic Chorus under the directorship of Ms. Gretchen Rueckheim, will perform seasonal Christmas music twice in the coming week.

The chorus will present a program of works by Bach, Saint-Saens, John Rutter and Vaughan-Williams as well as Christmas carols Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Millerton.

The chorus will be accompanied by Christine Astley at the piano and Keith Niver on the organ.

Mr. Niver is the owner of Niver's Music Store in Hudson, as well as the organist and choir director for the Chatham Methodist Church.

'Santa Needs Wish Letters'; MILLERTON — Once again, the children of North East and Millerton may write to Santa Claus with their holiday wishes.

Some time last week an urgent call came in from the North Pole, according to Asst. Early Childhood Center Director Mariley Najdek. It seems Santa was concerned he had not received any letters from local children, with a little more than three weeks before Christmas.

'Kirby Barrett Wins Prize for Champion Ewe'; MILLERTON — Competing against the best of the best nationally in its class, a ewe owned by Kirby Barrett of Millerton has taken home the second-highest prize of reserve and champion ewe in the spring ewe lamb, early competition, at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

She also won first place in the pair of ewe lambs event and third place in the pen of three competitions.

Another of Ms. Barrett's Cotswold sheep competed in the spring ewe lamb late class, where second place was secured.

And one of her yearling ewes took eighth place out of 18 sheep.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Two takes on news of Millerton's new market

Upon reading of our new market and the sale of the Millerton Square Plaza, I'm not sure which of my emotions was the stronger: pure joy that Millerton was finally getting its needed supermar-

ket or profound sadness that it took almost 18 months to comply with state and county regulations before the sale could be completed.

**Barry Fenstermacher**  
Millerton

**FESTIVAL** *Continued from Page A1*

photos on their cell phones to capture the merriment. Small bags of candy were tossed to the crowd from participatory vehicles from Watson Livery Services and the Faith Baptist Church, amongst others.

The Festival of Lights, however, is only one component of the holiday weekend kickoff in town. While it may be the main event, through the efforts of the Millerton Business Alliance, an array of activities was laid out over the weekend. On Friday, Nov. 29, the fun included a free screening of "Prancer" at The Moviehouse, followed by hot chocolate and snacks at Veterans Park courtesy of NBT Bank. Additionally, there was cookie decorating at the North East Community Center, free hayrides, and a performance by the Salisbury Brass Band.

Saturday at the NorthEast-Millerton Library featured a book giveaway and crafts at their annual "Thankful for Reading" event, marking the transition from Thanksgiving to the December holidays. Other weekend events included the Woodworking Expo at the Irondale Schoolhouse, samplings of seasonal treats at certain locales, and holiday sales from participating proprietors.

Echoing a sentiment felt by many that day, "Now it really feels like the holidays," said Liz Dellureficio of Ancramdale, who was enjoying the brass band performance with her daughter Nika. Salisbury Brass Band provided the music, offering performances of traditional seasonal fare such



PHOTO BY OLIVIA VALENTINE

**The Millerton holiday tree stands tall.**

as "Silent Night" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful." Bandleader Perry Gardner, subbing for usual band director, Brian Viets, was quick to praise the talented musicians in his corps, adding that the band is always on the lookout for additional musicianship to swell their ranks. "Recruitment is an issue," Gardner explained, saying the Salisbury Brass Band welcomes all interested parties, not just at the holidays, but year-round.

While the band played on, others, such as the Tong and Christiansen families, took a break from the music to opt for a ten-minute hayride around town, braving the day's chilly temperatures while being greeted by friendly on-lookers around the neighborhood. As the concert and various activities took place, shopkeepers could be seen about town stringing up col-

ored lights, hanging garland, wreaths, and decorations.

For warmth and sustenance, NBT Bank provided free cocoa and cookies in the afternoon. Kevin Cantele and Jamie Long of NBT noted a downturn in attendance this year from last year's event as well as the absence of the ice-carving exhibition, but explained business had been particularly brisk when theater-goers exited The Moviehouse in the early afternoon. "The kids get to watch a movie, and when it's over, they come over here for hot chocolate and snacks," Cantele said.

As darkness set in, snow began to fall, making the start of the season postcard-perfect. While the snowfall eased shortly thereafter, attendees at the Festival of Lights couldn't have asked for the stage to be set any better than it was on that chilly evening in Miller-



PHOTOS BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

**Above, the Salisbury Brass Band warmed up a chilly audience with some holiday favorites on Friday, Nov. 29. Left, mother and daughter Liz and Nika Dellureficio enjoy some festive tunes.**

**MARKET** *Continued from Page A1*

deli, seafood, sushi, bakery, and produce departments supplied by C&S Wholesale Grocers, the nation's largest coast-to-coast distributor to independent grocery stores.

The Choes will continue to supply fresh fish sourced directly from the Boston wharves and seasonal produce purchased daily from Hunt's Wholesale market in New York City. Seasonally, fresh food will be sourced from over 20 local farms including vegetables, pork, lamb, and eggs from their own 129-acre all-natural farm in North Canaan, Connecticut. Mrs. Choe is planning to expand the kitchen products and housewares selection and to add more flowers and plants.

They also intend to operate an in-store restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner for both dine-in and take-out customers. Asian, Latino, diet and specialty food items will be available including fresh sushi.

Before opening the Choes are focused on significant updates to the shopping center itself, beginning with a redesigned entrance, energy-efficient lighting, a repaved parking lot and modernized interior space. A greenhouse will be added to the west side with outdoor dining space. They have already begun discussions with potential tenants to utilize the additional 20,000 square feet of retail space previously occupied

by Riley's Furniture, Robert Trotta's law office, and the liquor store. Renovations are underway, and the Choes are encouraging residents to watch as the transformation unfolds in 2025. The Choes are hopeful that sidewalks and a town/village sewer system will expand development opportunities in Millerton's business district and expressed gratitude to North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan for his continued assistance. "The Choe's have been working to this day for a long time," Kennan said. "I appreciate their vision and their perseverance. We are all looking forward to having a food market back in Millerton."

**ROBOTS** *Continued from Page A1*

robotic milking stations have been installed and all are now kept busy throughout the day.

Each cow decides for herself when to go in for milking, the decision prompted by discomfort. Observation showed that the cows placidly await their turns without disagreements or jostling for position.

"The difference is the cow's comfort," Amos explained. "Now they are getting milked when they want to," he added.

The farm has a population of 600 animals with 350 milk cows, including Guernseys and Holsteins, divided between two barns, Peter Coon said.

"The system is better for the cows and it will save labor," said Coon. "and the cows seem to like it."

The computerized system monitors each cow, recognizing individuals by a computer

chip attached to the cow's collar. During each milking session, the cow's milk production and quality of the milk are instantly measured and tested, with any problems detected and dealt with.

The system isolates and collects data from each quarter of the cow's udder.

Cows residing in the milking barn are there all the time, Amos Coon said. "The new system has changed how we do everything."

In the barn the cows munch on molasses flavored silage but get a treat in the milking stall in the form of custom grain.

Milk output is measured in pounds, not gallons. One cow can produce 20 pounds of milk in a single milking session, Amos explained. They go for milking more than once a day; some cows may give as

much as 140 pounds of milk in a single day. Genetics contribute to a top-producing cow, Amos said.

A cow that has recently calved gives more milk, with increased production lasting 50-200 days. A newborn calf will only suckle for 12 hours before being shifted to manual feeding of bovine colostrum which is separated from the cow's milk production by the robotic system.

In the event of a power outage, a generator keeps the systems going.

A large 6,000 gallon milk collection tank holds the milk until a tanker truck takes it away.

Robotic milking is not new to the area. Freund's Farm in East Canaan has also installed automated milking with good results.

**WAKE ROBIN** *Continued from Page A1*

provided nearly three hours of testimony. They stated the proposed changes are improper for a residential zone due to increased noise and traffic. They said the changes are not environmentally friendly and would reduce property values for neighbors.

The city planner, Brian Miller, stated that certain components of the proposed hotel such as the bar, restaurant and spa are not suitable for residential zones.

Bennett Brooks, one of the engineers, provided information on the audible decibels created by various activities, such as starting a car, and said a full noise study should be required before P&Z votes on the application.

Cruger cited Salisbury zoning regulation 803.3: "Special permit regulations are very clear," he said. "Proposed usage shall not unreasonably adversely affect enjoyment, usefulness or value of properties in the general vicinity."

After the intervenors' testimony, the applicants were

given the opportunity to cross examine the experts.

Josh Mackey, attorney representing ARADEV, asked pointed questions which determined that the environmental scientist had never visited the property, the city planner was unfamiliar with the existing use of the Inn and the real estate consultant did not calculate a diminished value for nearby properties.

Vince McDermott, a city planner speaking on behalf of ARADEV, noted that hotels are permitted in residential zones in Salisbury.

"All of the new buildings and additions to the main building fall within the requirements set forth in the regulations for the RRI zone," said McDermott.

P&Z members asked questions of both the intervenors and the applicants in the final 40 minutes of the four and a half hour hearing.

Vice Chair Cathy Shyer asked engineer Bennett Brooks if the hotel's proximity to the lake could amplify

the distribution of noise.

"It travels right across the lake," said Brooks. "It's as if it was a big patch of concrete."

Klemens asked Brooks if the proposed event barn appears to be the major acoustical concern. Brooks said "people" are the main noise concern, but the event barn contributes.

Klemens asked the applicants if the project could move forward without the event barn. Attorney Mackey said the applicants would provide an answer before the Dec. 10 hearing.

Commission member Danella Schiffer asked what kind of events would be hosted in the barn.

Jonathan Marrale of ARADEV said, "The primary intention for events would be celebratory events," such as weddings, graduations and birthdays.

ARADEV will present its own experts and an acoustic report at the Dec. 10 continuation of the hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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## Getting the upper hand on mighty phragmites

Finally rain. For weeks, the only place there had been moisture was in the marsh and even there, areas that usually catch my boots in the mud were dry. I could not see the footprints of the bear (or is it deer?) that have been digging up and eating the underground skunk cabbage flowers. Not that I could do anything to stop it. A layer of snow that actually sticks around for a while seems like wishful thinking these days.

Masses of skunk cabbage, *Symplocarpus foetidus*, appeared one spring, like magic, after we hired a team to remove the barberry from about an acre of the marsh adjacent to the driveway. Of course, it had been there all along, waiting patiently underground or hiding in the barberry's thorny shrub-cages, but we had not seen it. That was about eight years ago; after the barberry's removal there have been successive infestations of invasives but also, as with the skunk cabbage, some welcome new sightings of native plants.

I wrote in this column last year about Japanese stiltgrass, *Microstegium vimineum*, and the success in using the weed torch on a large patch of it in the marsh. It remained largely free of this annual invasive grass this year but we switched to hand weeding the area as, given the dry weather, we could not use the torch even in the marsh. Over the course of three weeks, we pulled out what amounted to 6 trash bins stuffed solid with the hairlike strands. As many of them have seedheads we will burn



Phragmites australis australis in North Canaan.

PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON



them once the ban is lifted. I should have paid attention to the stiltgrass infestation earlier in the season but walking near Route 7 is not the most peaceful thing to do so I tend to avoid it.

Twice a year I make my way into the marsh as far as I can go until halted by barberry and multiflora rose to hold at bay another grass, this one a giant compared to stiltgrass. Phragmites australis is a tall reed with a pouf of a seed head that is abundant in moist and wet areas everywhere in the US. It is so aggressive in wetlands that it quickly becomes a monoculture- a sea of swaying beige. It not only crowds out other plants but changes the pH of the surrounding soil and water so nothing native can grow in it. It is a real habitat killer. Drive on route 41 toward Sharon from Hotchkiss school and you will see a large field of phragmites on the left-hand side of the road. Once identified you cannot unsee how it has hijacked our landscape.

Thanks to my gardener's help cutting down barberry, multiflora rose and honeysuckle in the marsh last winter, this year my access was greatly improved to a stand of phragmites-about a third of an acre of it. With each visit I cut down as much of it as I could to eliminate the possibility for it to grow a seed head. Though loathe to use an herbicide, last year I experimented on a small area, dabbing the cut ends with a wetlands 'safe' herbicide. (No herbicide is really safe for the environment but often the chemicals that are added to the herbicide to help it penetrate

the leaves are especially damaging.) That application seemed to work so I may repeat it next year on another area.

With all invasives, getting rid of them when you see a first few pop up will pay off. That is what is happening on Cream Hill Road in Cornwall where a small stand of phragmites was recently cut under the water line, a natural technique that attempts to 'drown' the plant. The next step will be to cover with a black tarp any remaining phragmites that come back from this first effort. According to Heidi Cunnick, who chairs the Cornwall Conservation Commission, their new policy prioritizes the invasive plants for removal so that small infestations can be eliminated early. Cunnick reminds me that there is a biological control for phragmites that remains under review by a US government

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Roxana Robinson reads Cornwall, Nov. 30.

BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## 'Cornwall reads Cornwall' returns

Bob Meyers, President and Publisher of the Cornwall Chronicle, kicked off the 5th annual Cornwall Reads Cornwall event at the UCC in Cornwall on Nov. 30 with a warm welcome and a gentle reminder to silence cell phones. Over the next hour, the audience was transported back in time as local writers, editors, luminaries, and students brought the Chronicle's archives to life.

"This reading has become an annual event," said Meyers, "as well as a welcome distraction from Thanksgiving leftovers." He then noted that the event "was the original brainchild of Roxana Robinson." Meyers added, "She also arranged to have this take place on the day of her birth," at which point the audience wished the celebrated local author a happy birthday.

Before inviting Robinson to be the first reader, Meyers spoke a bit about the Chronicle's history. The Cornwall Chronicle is a monthly, nonpartisan, nonprofit newspaper run by volunteers and funded entirely

by reader donations. Founded in 1991 by Tom and Margaret Bevans, it was born out of Tom's frustration with Cornwall's lack of local press coverage. A graphic artist and former design head at Simon & Schuster, Tom shaped the paper's timeless format and mission: fostering community understanding and civic engagement.

Over the years, leadership transitioned to Spencer and Bobby Klaw, retired editors from major publications, and later to an editorial board supported by a network of volunteer writers and artists. For 22 years, the Chronicle has been published without missing an issue, drawing contributions from both seasoned journalists and local voices like farmers and social workers. Delivered free to Cornwall residents and out-of-town subscribers, the ad-free paper relies solely on donations.

Robinson read the first piece, an article about snow plowing

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# One Cream Studio: A skincare destination in Millerton

Located in the warm and welcoming multi-use building at 1 John Street in Millerton, One Cream Studio offers a personalized approach to skincare and self-care, led by Virag Mate-Kovacs, a highly skilled aesthetician with years of international experience.

Mate-Kovacs began her career in Budapest after graduating from a prestigious beauty academy in 2006. After years of honing her craft, she moved to Manhattan in 2010 to expand her skills and experiences.

"It was always my dream to come here (to the States), to make my life more interesting," Mate-Kovacs recalled. Her time in New York City was busy and fulfilling, working in upscale spas with a variety of clients, including notable celebrities.

In 2021, Mate-Kovacs and her family relocated to Lakeville, seeking a quieter lifestyle. This change gave her the opportunity to open One Cream Studio in 2023, combining her expertise and passion into a

business that reflects her vision for customized, thoughtful skincare treatments.

One Cream Studio offers a range of skincare services, from rejuvenating facials to advanced treatments using state-of-the-art machines. Mate-Kovacs takes pride in tailoring her services to individual needs. Her early work in Hungary focused on men's skincare, which gave her a deep understanding of diverse skin concerns. "European men really take care of their hair, facials, nails—it's a priority for their lifestyle," she explained.

Over time, she has expanded her expertise to focus on women's skincare as well, blending her knowledge with a unique perspective on holistic care. "People aren't coming just for skin problems—they're coming for their mental health as well. It's a time for rest and personal conversations," she shared.

Her approach has resonated with clients, from mothers in need of self-care to teenagers

exploring skincare for the first time. Mate-Kovacs also understands the challenges of adapting treatments to local conditions. "People's skin here is a lot drier. People spend a lot more time outside here so there's more eczema and rosacea because of the temperature differences," she said, recommending heavier creams for hydration during the winter months.

Opening her business in Millerton has brought new opportunities and strong connections. "1 John Street is such a great spot," said Mate-Kovacs, praising the Millerton Business Association and a local women's business network started by Abigail Horace of Casa Marcelo in Salisbury for their support. "We're helping each other, sharing information, and building each other up."

Mate-Kovacs is no stranger to personal challenges. Born with hearing loss, she communicates mostly through lip-reading and text. Her speaking voice is clear, however, and she



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Virag Mate-Kovacs at One Cream Studio in Millerton.

takes time care to make sure she is communicating accurately. Her space is incredibly calming and welcoming; one wants to curl up and take a long, herbal-scented nap. "My favorite thing is when clients fall asleep during a treatment. It makes me happy because they're finally relaxed," she shared.

One of Mate-Kovacs's biggest goals is to encourage clients to make time for themselves in their busy lives. "You are being touched, which is really so important,"

she said. Her focus is on creating an environment where clients feel cared and with services designed for both regulars and weekend visitors, One Cream Studio con-

tinues to grow as a go-to destination for expert skincare.

Bookings can be made on Instagram (@onecreamstudio) or www.onecreamstudio.com

## ...Ungardener

department but the future possibility of such an eradication method is not stopping activities to reduce populations- now - in Cornwall.

Another example of successful eradication comes from the Twin Lakes area; a couple who moved to a property that came with a quarter-acre of phragmites colonizing in and around their pond. They valiantly did the work themselves as they could not find anyone who would do it for them. A cut and tarp method was used here for the on-land plants; the ones underwater were cut a foot below the water surface over several years. While most is gone, the battle continues with stragglers; these are tackled with aquatic use herbicide using a dabber on the cut end of a stem or sprayed on a glove that is rubbed over

the green stem. It is hard to stay positive; the work can be hard and tiresome. And it is always a gamble that the area you are working on will grow in with native plants rather than with more invasives. Sometimes you clear a patch of barberry and it gets filled with stiltgrass; you try again. Sometimes you get a patch of goldenrod- nice to have but you don't want it crowding out the other native plants. And sometimes you get a big reward- the discovery of natives so new to you that you can't identify them without an app on your phone. In the marsh, where I worked as the weather turned cooler, I noticed quite a few new grasses popping out of the damp soil, especially where the weed torch had been used the prior year. So far, I have identified:

Carex albursina, White bear sedge; Carex pedunculata, Longstalk sedge; Carex obnupta, Slough sedge; Carex pennsylvanica, Pennsylvania sedge; Carex frankii, Frank's sedge; Carex blanda, Eastern woodland sedge; Carex eburnean, Bristleleaf sedge; Danthonia spicata, Poverty oatgrass;

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Deschampsia cespitosa, Tufted hairgrass; Glyceria striata, Fowl manna-grass and Leersia virginica, Whitegrass. The deer have already helped themselves to a few of these but I am hopeful to see most of them again.

Dee Salomon 'ungardens' in Litchfield County.

## ...Cornwall reads

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from December 1994. She was followed by Emmy Award-winning journalist and Cornwall resident Richard Schlesinger, who read a piece about grandmothers from a June 1992 edition. Robinson held the mic for local activist Nita Colgate as she read from a July 1998 issue of the Chronicle. Other readers included Gillian Blake, senior vice president, publisher, and editor-in-chief at Crown, a division of Penguin Random House.

Local students Willow Berry and Willa Lesch took turns reading a piece together, and recent Vassar graduate Gloria Trevor read

a piece about snakes. Martin Chalk, board member of the Cornwall Conservation Trust and long-time Cornwall resident, read from a June 2017 edition of the Chronicle. Author Leigh Newman read a recent piece from August 2024, and CEO and founder of Five Acre Farms, Daniel Horan, read a piece from April 2024.

With each reading, the room was filled with the spirit of shared history, as tales of local lore, humor, and heartache unfolded. The event was a reminder of a simpler time and a celebration of Cornwall's enduring love for its stories and the people who tell them.

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# Norfolk Library screens Bette Davis film

Robert Dance, the author of "Fabulous Faces of Classic Hollywood" (2024), introduced the classic Bette Davis film "Now, Voyager" (1942) at the Norfolk Library on Friday, November 22.

Now Voyager plays the dowdy youngest daughter of a wealthy Boston family meant to stay behind the walls of her family's Boston mansion caring for an elderly mother.

During her nearly six-decade career, Davis was nominated for eleven Oscars and won two (each of the films shown in Norfolk were Oscar nominated). Wildly popular, especially during the 1930s and 40s, Davis continues to be highly respected.

"She wasn't a herald of fashion like her great rival Joan Crawford, but she represented the archetypal upper middle class American woman as presented by Hollywood (in her case by Warner Brothers). Davis defied glamor and beauty with her extraordinary screen talent, although in the end she could portray a sort of crisp glamor perhaps more in keeping with the pages of Vogue than Hollywood fan magazines," Dance said.

Davis's films are continually shown on TCM.

She was even the subject of a song, "Bette Davis Eyes," that was number one on the billboard chart for several weeks in the 1980s:

"Her hair is Harlow gold  
Her lips a sweet surprise  
Her hands are never cold  
She's got Bette Davis eyes  
She'll turn her music on you  
You won't have to think twice  
She's pure as New York snow  
She got Bette Davis eyes"

"The 'Harlow' is Jean Harlow, the movie's original blond sex goddess back in the 1930s. She died at age 26 in 1937 but was one of the greatest stars of Hollywood's golden age. Who remembers her now? Maybe we need a Jean Harlow series in Norfolk," Dance said.

As a young student living in Manhattan, Dance went to see movies frequently, absorbing silents, musicals, classic German films. These outings solidified his love of movies and the celluloid heroes of yesteryear.

"Something like half of all Americans went to the movies every week from the 1920s to the

50s (when television changed entertainment). Cinema is one of the last century's great technological and entertainment inventions, so it seemed necessary to become fluent in this culture. What is exciting today is that I am continually discovering something new made a century ago. Kino and the Criterion collection are among the invaluable services that discover little known works and return them to the public," Dance explained.

Today, Davis seems to have slipped away in popular culture, while Joan Crawford remains popular with websites devoted to her, and Instagram has more than a hundred dedicated Crawford sites. But Davis continues to be revered by older generations.

"Davis survives because of an astonishing body of screen work. 'Now Voyager' is one of her best, although for some it might seem old-fashioned. Still, it has it all: perfect performances from the entire

**Robert Dance, right, and his old friend Parker Stevenson, actor from "Hardy Boys" and "Baywatch."**

cast, a compelling story, superb direction. The American Film Institute's rank of actresses lists her number two overall. 'Now Voyager' ranks high among dramas," Dance says.

"Maybe Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson in Sunset Blvd – see it if you haven't) was right: "I am big. It's the pictures that got small."



PHOTO PROVIDED

## Cheer in Cornwall

Cornwall Library's Gingerbread House Competition, Tree Lighting and Carol Sing will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8. Gingerbread houses will be on display starting at 4 p.m., followed by the tree lighting at 5 p.m., and a festive carol sing on the library front steps. There will be Adult and Child (18 and under) categories for judging.

The overall winner for each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate to 45 On Main candy shop in Kent and each house submission will receive a unique award. Complimentary refreshments will be available and a craft table will be set up for kids.

Registration required only for Gingerbread House Competition, not for general attendance. [Cornwalllibrary.org](http://Cornwalllibrary.org)

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### DECEMBER 6

#### Noble Horizon Auxiliary Holiday Market

Noble Horizons Community Room, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Noble Horizon Auxiliary presents the HOLIDAY MARKET from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7 in the Community Room (17 Cobble Road in Salisbury, CT).

Shoppers will be treated to free coffee, hot cider, and donuts while supplies last. Soup, sandwiches, and sweets will be for sale, and we will feature door prizes, a raffle, musical entertainment and kid friendly activities.

Bring your family and friends to meet Mrs. Claus who will share holiday stories with children young and old.

#### 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.

### Holiday Party Fundraiser

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

The Douglas Library in North Canaan will hold its annual Holiday Party Fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 a couple. All proceeds benefit the library. There will be a generous buffet of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, wine and desserts. Call (860) 824-7863 for further info.

### DECEMBER 7

#### The Black Barn Winter Market at Skyrise Farm 2024

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Learn more: www.blackbarnmarket.com

#### "Inside for the Winter"

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn.

"Inside for the Winter" - Paintings by Amanda

Acker, Sally Maca, and Melanie Parke will be on view from Dec. 7 through Jan. 26, 2025. There will be a public reception on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.

#### Christmas Tree Lighting

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

On Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m., join us for the town of Sharon Annual Holiday Celebration. At the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon from 4 to 5 p.m. there will be Santa, snacks and stories.

At the Sharon War Memorial from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. there will be a tree lighting, a commemoration of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and caroling with the Salisbury Band Christmas Brass & Hot Chocolate Society.

At the Sharon Historical Society & Museum from 5 to 6 p.m. there will be cider & cookies.

#### A Victorian Christmas Concert

Congregational Church of Salisbury, Salisbury, Conn.

On Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, there will be A Victorian Christmas Concert,

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featuring traditional carols and madrigals from Medieval, Baroque, and Renaissance periods. Admission: Free (donations appreciated). Sponsored by: The Salisbury Association.

#### Copake Grange Holiday Open House

Copake Grange, Copake, N.Y.

From 3 to 5 p.m. The event promises hot chocolate, cider, holiday treats, music, and tree decoration at the historic Grange Hall. Bake or bring two dozen cookies for CookieFest.

Help the Grange spread good will by bringing donations of oatmeal and other cereals for the Roe Jan Food Pantry, as well as personal hygiene products, re-usable water bottles, and athletic/sweatpants in all sizes for the Taconic Hills Central School District's Supply Closet. Get more info at copakegrange.org/events

#### 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.

#### Christmas Concert and Movie

Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC hosts its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. The program, which is suitable for all ages, includes a selection of familiar and new holiday favorites as well as opportunities for audience participation. A special screening of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will follow, accompanied by a live jazz trio performing the iconic Vince Guaraldi score, featuring a dance performed by the children in our Sunday School class. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, though donations to support the music ministries of Salisbury UCC are warmly appreciated. A reception of seasonal treats will follow in the parish hall.

### DECEMBER 8

#### Free Movie: Elf

Canaan Colonial Theater, 27 Railroad St., Canaan, Conn.

Bring family for a free matinee at Canaan Colonial Theater, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets to the free screening can be reserved at www.canaancolonial.com

### DECEMBER 11

#### Project SAGE's Pop-Up Holiday Support Group

Online on Zoom

Project SAGE is offering a Pop-Up Holiday Support Group on Wednesday nights: Dec. 11 and 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Sign up link: forms.gle/sL1cGncoCey5jQR9

### Word of the Week

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

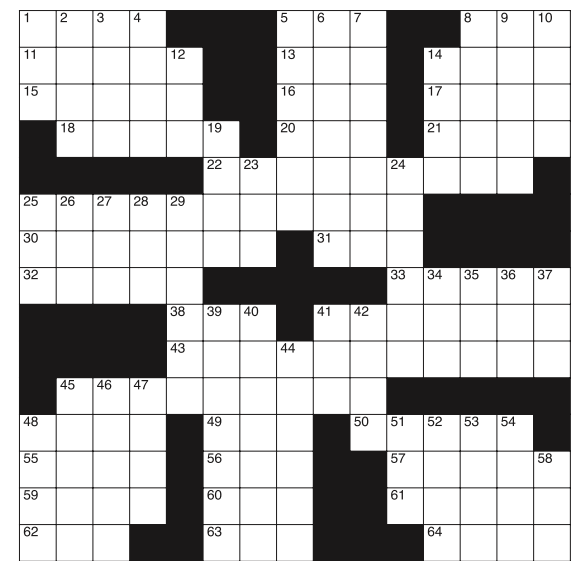

- Circus comedy performer
- Clean up on \_\_\_ four
- Secretly take something
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Holiday shopping specials

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## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Bar bills
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Czech Republic capital
- "Officially known as"
- A French abbot
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Local area network
- Data transmission speed measure
- Embarrass
- When you hope to get there
- This (Spanish)
- Gives up
- Churchgoer
- Current
- Slang for gun
- Small drum
- Vanished union bigwig
- Rocker's tool of the trade
- Dearth
- 2024 Olympics host
- Excess blood in the vessels
- Afrikaans
- Agreement between provider and customer
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Ancient Syrian city
- Witch
- Celebrations
- Long period of time
- A team's best pitcher
- Current unit
- One-time aerospace company
- French/Belgian river
- Swedish rock group
- "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
- Small piece
- King of Camelot
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Small Milky Way constellation
- One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- Equal (prefix)
- Shawl
- S. American wood sorrel relative
- The end
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Yes vote
- Officer of high rank
- Church office
- Tire pressure measurement
- From a distance
- Photographs
- Industrial process



### Nov. 28 Solution

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### Sudoku

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### Nov. 28 Solution

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# Median home prices rise in Town of Washington

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

**MILLBROOK** — In September and October there were ten property transfers in the Town of Washington including two homes over \$1 million and three under, three parcels of vacant land, a commercial building on Route 44 which sold off market, and a property on 18.9 acres with multiple residences sold after foreclosure by M&T Bank for \$900,000.

The median price of a single family residence hit an all-time high of \$785,000 in February of 2023 and hovered below \$500,000 in August; however, median home prices have started to climb again, reaching \$609,000 in October. The Town of Washington's

real estate market, where the 2,079 acre Hitchcock Estate remains for sale at \$65 million, has six other properties listed for over \$5 million. Currently there are 36 single family homes listed for sale, including six under \$500,000 and 20 over \$1 million. There are seven rental units available including four for less than \$3,000 a month.

**September Transfers**  
Hibernia Road (Parcel # 715086) — 5.39 acres of land sold for \$185,000.

3707 Route 44 — Commercial building classified as an auto dealership on 1 acre sold for \$350,000 in a private sale.

296-302 Stanford Road — 18.92 acres with multiple residences including a 4,253 square foot main house was sold by M&T Bank after foreclosure

for \$900,000.  
339 Mabbettsville Road — Temple Farm, an estate on 141.66 acres was sold for \$6.9 million.

**October Transfers**  
521 Hibernia Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home in Salt Point on 5.38 acres sold for \$910,000.

53 Shanks Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch style home on 4.11 acres sold for \$335,000.

78 South Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath historic home built in 1776 on 21.05 acres sold for \$1,715,000.

377 Valley Farm Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home with barn on 20.28 acres sold for \$920,000.

123 Milewood Road — 5 acre parcel of vacant land sold off market for \$160,000.

Route 82 (Parcel #350789)

— 5.17 acre rural vacant lot sold off-market for \$130,000.

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



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This two story garage building built in 1967 on Route 44 on one acre was sold privately by Audia Realty for \$350,000. At the time of sale it had an appraised fair market value of \$277,700 for property tax purposes.

## Dutchess County selling Earth Machines at reduced cost

By **KRISTA A. BRIGGS**  
kristab@millertonnews.com

**POUGHKEEPSIE** — The Division of Solid Waste Management is now offering Earth Machine backyard compost bins for purchase at a reduced cost.

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Kerry Russell, deputy commissioner for the department, says composting is a sensible turnaround to kitchen refuse.

"Household organic waste makes up roughly 30% of the waste stream," Russell said. "These composting bins make it easy for people to reduce the amount of organic waste they are putting into the trash and repurpose those organics into

beneficial soil nutrient that improves their garden's soil quality and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers."

Priced at \$62, Earth Machines purchased from the county are a lower cost solution to home composting, something Kerry Russell takes pride in, saying, "We are very pleased to be able to offer these composting bins at a reduced cost to local residents."

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### Library raffle

**Amenia Free Library Director Victoria Herow paused on Sunday, Dec. 1, after putting the finishing touches to the display of items being raffled this week to benefit the library's programs. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Tickets for the Library Holiday Gift Basket Raffle are \$5 each.**

## Dr. Jonathan Joseph awarded endowed chair position at Sharon Hospital

**SHARON** — A \$1.1 million gift will establish Dr. Jonathan Joseph as the inaugural endowed chair of primary care at Sharon Hospital.

An endowed chair position is a prestigious award for medical doctors. Joseph's appointment recognizes his "unwavering commitment to caring for the Sharon Hospital community and expanding primary care access in the region to better serve patients," according to a release from Nuvance Health.

Stephen and Diana Goldberg donated the money that made the endowment possible. The Goldbergs have a history of promoting health for vulnerable communities,

Joseph said. "I think we should all be inspired by this generous use of their resources to improve services for our community."

"I am honored to be the Diana and Stephen Goldberg Endowed Chair and hope to make a positive difference in our primary care system," Joseph said. "This endowment presents a fortunate opportunity to address prevalent issues in primary care. We require more care and services as we age, and I'm hopeful this endowment will aid in a more effective, more user-friendly system for our older demographic and those who have difficulty accessing it."

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