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North East and Millerton officials lay out New Year's goals

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MILLERTON — As the year winds down, it's out with the old and in with the new for Millerton officials. Town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Mayor Jenn Najdek have both been working on their wish lists for 2025 while wrapping up year-end responsibilities.

For Kennan, the end of 2024 means one of his goals for this year has been met with the completion of the new garage in town. He's going into 2025 with optimism for the creation of a new Town Hall. "For our next capital project we purchased a building on Route 22 — a Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall — and we're converting it," Kennan said.

One of the reasons for the conversion is due to the current Town Hall not being ADA-accessible. Kennan feels strongly about mak-

ing this change as his office is one of the most-visited in the building, explaining, "There's no elevators and the stairs are steep. It's a problem." While Kennan is uncertain exactly when work will commence on the new Town Hall, the start of the project is one of his core ambitions for the New Year, saying, "It's really our number one priority for the next year."

Another project to be further developed for Kennan is the rezoning of the boulevard, which is the stretch of Route 44 from CVS to the Connecticut border. He wants to prioritize retail shops which enhance the character of the township. "We want to make the best possible use of retail," Kennan said, adding that food markets and clothing stores which fill Millerton's needs are his priorities for 2025, along with further development

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Briggs joins The News as managing editor

MILLERTON — Krista A. Briggs has joined The News as Managing Editor.

Briggs, who lives in Cold Spring, is a journalist with a broad background that ranges from news and feature writing to managing transcription and translation projects for legal and municipal clients.

Briggs graduated from Long Island University — Post with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, and holds a Master of Science in Special Education from Dowling College.

The News is pleased to welcome Briggs, which has been focused on building newsroom strength since Covid days.

"I'm very pleased to have joined the creative and dedicated staff at the Millerton News," said Briggs. "I'm really looking forward to partnering with the Millerton community and its surrounding areas to produce a newspaper we can all be proud to call our own."

James H. Clark, chief executive officer and publisher of LJM Media, the nonprofit that publishes The Millerton News and The



Krista A. Briggs

Lakeville Journal, said, "Krista is a welcome addition to our growing newsroom, particularly at this point where we seek to broaden and deepen coverage of our communities."

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PHOTO BY COLLEEN FLYNN

A Millerton Fire Company truck pulling Santa and his helpers turning on Traver Place to bring gifts to residents on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Santa run brings holiday cheer across North East for fourth year

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MILLERTON — On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Millerton Fire Company spread holiday cheer with its fourth annual Santa Run.

The run, which included Highland Drive, Sharon Road, Route 22 and more featured the Fire Department who escorted Santa to help drop off gifts to about 80 children living in the Village of Millerton or the Town of North East.

"The goal of the Santa Run now is to keep the holiday spirit within

our town and village [and] with all of the children that live within the town and village. We like to reach out as the fire department to our townspeople and village taxpayers, to give something back," Kelly Rogers, a fire department member, said, "They donate to us all year long, so we like to give back to the community as well. So giving the kids a gift from Santa is just magical."

The concept of the Santa Run began as a result of the pandemic. "We started it because of COVID," said Rogers. "We used to gather back after the Parade of Lights on

Black Friday night. We would gather back at the firehouse, all of the restaurants in town would donate food to us, and then we would all have food with Santa, and the kids could wait in line and see Santa," Rogers said, "But due to COVID, we had to discontinue that."

While the Santa Run is made in mid-December, it actually begins at the end of October. On Halloween night, young people who live in the community who trick or treat at the firehouse are given a letter to

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Recent rain highlights need for Millbrook school roof repair

By LEILA HAWKEN
 Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Heavy rain fall flooded the Millbrook Middle School, underscoring a need across the Central School District for leaky roof repairs and delaying school operations by several hours Thursday, Dec. 12.

"Our primary focus is always to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and staff," said District Superintendent Caroline Hernandez Pidala.

Supintendent Hernandez Pidala

reported that on Wednesday evening, there was rain falling inside the middle school building and somewhat less severe infiltration in two other school buildings.

"With hours of rain ahead and the potential for conditions to worsen, we called a two-hour delay. This allowed the storm to pass and provided needed time to reassess the situation in drier conditions during daylight hours. We had crews on campus until 11 p.m. and they returned at 4 a.m. to optimize containment and remediation efforts. With this additional time,

we were able to salvage the school day for all students," Hernandez Pidala said.

The Middle School had been the hardest hit. There were 27 affected areas throughout all levels of the Middle School including classrooms, the gymnasium, fitness lab, auditorium, corridors and bathrooms, Hernandez Pidala said.

The Dutchess BOCES Safety & Risk Coordinator was called in to inspect current conditions and advise school officials of any neces-

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Amenia takes tea

Growing in popularity, the monthly meeting of the Amenia Library Tea Society on Saturday, Dec. 14, attracted participants eager to sample Indian teas, traditional dishes and culture. The society meets monthly on the second Saturday at noon. The January meeting will feature teas and treats from Africa, including a purple tea, said to be delicious.

Holiday showing of the Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Millerton Moviehouse on Main Street will be hosting a special holiday viewing of the Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker on select days. The two-day special will be offered for show times on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. The timeless holiday tradition is two hours and 20 minutes

long with one intermission. Peter Wright's directing coupled with Julia Trevelyan Oman's designs captivate the audience with a dreamlike fairy tale adventure. The story of love, bravery, transformation and thrill are all transcribed through dance. The Royal Ballet represents true holiday spirit with this classic storyline and unforgettable performance art. Tickets are \$18. Superstar members will pay \$16.

Correction

In an article in the Dec. 12, 2024, edition about action taken by the Amenia Town Board, it was incorrectly stated that a new local law to guide the creation of new advisory boards would

be subject to a vote at a later date subject to minor revisions. In fact, the law was approved. In the same article it was incorrectly stated that a new Ethics Board would be created. It already exists.

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North East unveils new ambulance services contract

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — During a board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12, the North East Town Board discussed the new emergency medical service contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics, building department fee schedule changes, and a dispute between neighbors.

With respect to emergency services, the Town of North East, Dover and Amenia will be entering into a new three-year contract with EMS provider Northern Dutchess Paramedics. The three towns previously had a five-year legal agreement with the same provider that will expire on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

As part of the agreement, the Town of North East will receive ambulance services starting at \$511,558 for 2025.

The cost will increase to \$696,345 for 2026, and will rise to \$746,345 by 2027. In the previous contract Northern Dutchess Paramedics had increased their service fees by 2% each year.

While costs are concerning, the length of the contract is flexible. "We can terminate it at any time," said Warren Replansky, the town's attorney. "We're not bound for the increases for next year and the year after. We're hoping that something will happen in the interim, if there's some relief. It's a real problem that all municipalities are suffering from ... the cost of ambulance service to communities has skyrocketed, part of it due to COVID, part of it due to inflation."

The town negotiated with Northern Dutchess Paramedics over the originally stated cost of services, which would have started at \$646,345 and

increased its budget by 71% compared to the EMS budget during 2024.

"I certainly don't want to be the one board member to say we won't have an ambulance service because you just don't want that to happen," said Councilman Ralph Fedele, who pointed out North East's unique needs. "A city like Poughkeepsie that has a high population and a lot of turnover, they don't have the problems that we have," he said. "The state has got to realize that, and there has to be some help coming. There has to be because it isn't fair for a town like ours to start taking money out of our reserves."

Another item discussed during the meeting centered on the approval of changes to the Town of North East building department fee schedule, which would have been effective beginning Wednesday,

Jan. 1. It has been tabled until the next town board meeting.

"I don't agree with increasing the burden of any resident to increase the fee of \$25 to \$60 because, personally, I'd like to encourage folks to make improvements or to build and there's things in this about improvements to food trucks, and we don't have food trucks in the town of North East," said councilwoman Megan Winkler. "For those reasons, at this moment in time, I can't support an increase."

Two concerned residents on Cooper Road also attended the meeting with concerns regarding an illegal dwelling in the area during the public comment portion of the meeting. In addition to their comments, a brief video was played which apparently recorded an altercation with some of the involved parties.

Pulver appointed to Dutchess assistant county executive seat

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POUGHKEEPSIE — Outgoing Dutchess County comptroller A. Gregg Pulver will be taking on the role of assistant county executive. He was appointed to the position by county executive Sue Serino on Dec. 13.

The appointment comes after Pulver lost his bid for the comptroller's office to Dan Aymar-Blair in a tight

race in the November 2024 election.

His new responsibilities will include oversight of several county government departments, management of county operations, acting as a liaison between the Dutchess legislature and the county executive's office and supporting the executive's initiatives and proposals.

In accepting the appointment, Pulver emphasized his continuing commitment

to county residents in a non-electoral post, saying, "Having made the decision to not pursue future elected office, I'm excited to be able to continue to serve in helping ensure Dutchess County is a place where families thrive, businesses grow, and our agricultural roots remain strong. I look forward to collaborating with our community to address challenges and seize opportunities that benefit

our neighbors."

Pulver's term as comptroller will conclude on Dec. 31. His new role will begin on the first day of 2025.

Pulver's starting salary as assistant county executive will be \$125,000. As comptroller, his ending salary was \$115,854.

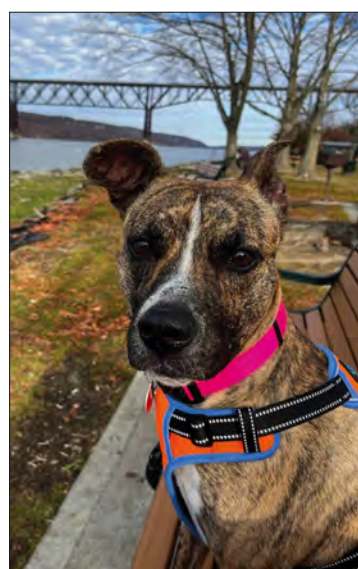
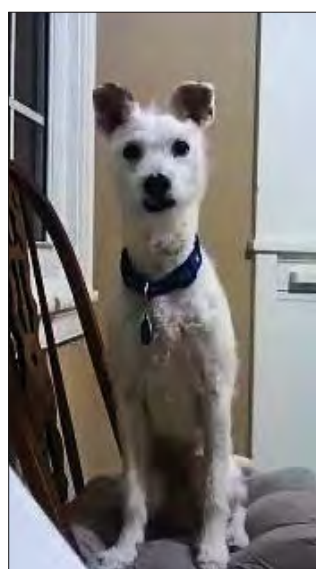
He will replace outgoing assistant county executive Chris Baiano, who is slated to retire in the first quarter of the New Year.

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Max, Aleda and Baby are rescues dogs currently available for adoption from Upstate Pups.

Upstate Pups focuses rescue efforts on NYC pets

By NATHAN MILLER
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County's newest dog rescue, Poughkeepsie-based Upstate Pups, sets itself apart from other rescues by exclusively rescuing dogs from New York City and Long Island animal care centers.

Ryan Judge, long-time animal lover, fosterer and co-founder of the nonprofit, said other rescues source their dogs from a variety of places and a majority of rescues come from out of state.

"New York City euthanizes about 50,000 animals every year," Judge said. "That's where the idea for Upstate Pups came from."

The nonprofit officially formed in July and Upstate Pups got its first rescue from Town of Babylon shelter on Long Island; a dog named Fluffy.

Since then, the network has

grown to include four foster homes, but Judge said finding more fosters has been their biggest hurdle. "We can only pull the amount of dogs from shelters that we have foster homes for," Judge said. "We don't have a physical location. We don't have a shelter."

Fostering is a hard job and it takes a very special person, Judge said, but it's rewarding to help a dog heal and find its forever home. Judge explained Upstate Pups goes to great lengths to ensure the best outcomes for the rescue dogs, foster parents, and adopters.

New fosters begin the process with an application where they're asked what kind of dog they'd be willing and able to care for. "Then we comb the available dogs in New York City to find ones that would fit that foster home," Judge said.

"We don't want anyone to have a bad experience and de-

cide they never want to foster again," he said.

Similarly, Judge said he goes to great lengths to vet adopters before releasing an animal. The safety and health of the animal is paramount to Judge, and comes before anything else.

Another thing which sets Upstate Pups apart from other agencies is Judge's insistence on home visits prior to adoption. Sometimes, and too often in Judge's opinion, adopted dogs are returned to rescue agencies for reasons which could have been an-

ticipated if thorough vetting happened first.

Right now there are two dogs listed for adoption:

Max the 4 year old terrier mix is "20 pounds of pure joy and affection," according to the website. He loves rides in the car and adventures.

Baby is "well-socialized" boxer/bully mix that was raised in a "loving home with children and another dog," according to the website.

Adoption fees, tips and information on fostering are available online at www.upstatepupsny.org.

Dutchess County's \$629 million budget for 2025 passes

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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POUGHKEEPSIE — The Dutchess County's Legislature adopted their 2025 budget on Monday, Dec. 9, with a 23-2 bipartisan vote.

The budget includes a \$629.4 million spending plan. The adopted budget included several amendments to County Executive Sue Serino's budget, which she proposed earlier in October.

Businesses and homeowners will see a 2.7% decrease in the county's property tax rates. Last year, the property tax rate was \$2.23 and with the approved budget, this will be lowered to \$2.17 in 2025, marking the tenth consecutive year of property tax rate cuts.

The 2025 budget also aims to improve services that residents rely on for their day-to-day lives. Many new initiatives focus on public safety, youth services and support for seniors, veterans and families. In addition, the initiatives open up support for the Dutchess County Drug Task Force, Housing Trust fund applications, historic investments in Emergency Medical Services and more.

County legislators made several amendments to the 2025 county budget, which were unanimously approved, creating additional funding for existing and new projects including, but not limited to, \$750,000 for the Dutchess County Sheriff's office for

overtime purposes at the county's justice and transition center, \$500,000 for the Department of Planning & Development to fund the Municipal Innovation Grant program with a specific focus on the elderly, \$50,000 for the Office of Veterans' Affairs for expanded transportation services, and \$50,000 to the Department of Community and Family Services Youth Division to fund after-school programming to serve at-risk youth.

Chris Drago (D-19), was one of two lawmakers who voted no on the 2025 Dutchess County Budget.

"While the budget included a few things that we have been advocating for this year, it did not go far enough in addressing our cost of living, housing, climate, mental health, or EMS crisis here in Dutchess County," Drago said. "There will be other opportunities to adjust the budget as needs arise in 2025, and I plan to continue to advocate for more resources in the Planning Department to address our cost of living and housing crisis."

The newest version of the budget will be reviewed and signed by Serino. It will then go to the Dutchess County Legislature's Board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18, for override consideration of amendment vetoes made by the County Executive, if any.

For more information on the 2025 Dutchess County Budget, visit dutchessny.gov/budget2025.

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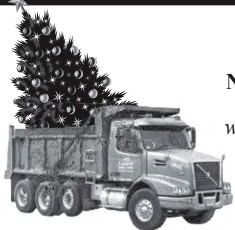
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OBITUARIES

Betty Marie Belliveau

AMENIA — Betty Marie (McGhee) Belliveau, 89, passed away Monday, Dec. 9. She was a resident of Noble Horizons Nursing Facility in Salisbury, in the care of the Wagner unit staff. She formerly lived in Stanfordville and Amenia. Born March 9, 1935, to Mildred (Wirehouse) and Collins S. McGhee Sr. in Bethel (Pine Plains, New York). She attended Pine Plains High School. On Nov. 14, 1953, she married the love of her life, Richard A. Belliveau. They lived in Litchfield, briefly, then moved to Wethersfield Estate in Amenia where they settled for 47 years and raised their family.



Betty was the main housekeeper for the Wethersfield Estate for many years. She was also a licensed hairdresser and was employed for 10 years at Maplebrook School, Amenia, as a dorm parent.

Betty was a wonderful mother, grandmother and loyal friend to many. She loved to cook and garden. There wasn't a recipe she couldn't master or a seed she couldn't nurture.

In her younger years she was an avid bowler. She and her husband were wonderful dancers. She belonged to the Pawling Dutchess Quakers square dance group and they participated in many round and ballroom dance expositions. She also traveled abroad to many countries including China, England, Ireland, Wales, Switzerland,

Austria, Germany, Nova Scotia, Mexico and frequently to Toronto, Canada. Until the last 5 years, she was an active member of the Forever Young Club in Stanfordville.

Betty is survived by her 5 children; Theresa (Robert) Brewer of Miller-ton, Jeffrey (Priscilla) of Yanceyville, North Carolina, Andrea (David) Lyle of Millerton, Joel (Mary) of Millerton and Jill (Stephen) Carroll of Amenia. She was proud of her 12 grandchildren; Nicholas Brewer, Emily Egan, Erin (Brandon) Burke, Rachael Belliveau, Aimee (Christopher) Ziegler, Trevor (Courtney) Lyle, Levi Belliveau, Aera Belliveau, Erika Belliveau, Stephen Carroll, Gavin (Alyssa) Carroll and Logan Carroll. She was the great-grandmother to 11 children. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Richard (2014), her parents, her great granddaughter, Averi Burke, her brother, Collins McGhee Jr. and her sister Janet Hall.

Per her request there will be no services. The family will gather for a burial and memorial gathering in the late spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to the employee Christmas Fund, in Betty's memory would be greatly appreciated, Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. To leave a message of condolence for the family or to share a memory, please visit peckandpeck.net

Polly Allen Mellen

LAKEVILLE — Polly Allen Mellen, of Lakeville, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Dec. 11, 2024, at the age of 100, with family by her side.

Polly was born June 18, 1924, in West Hartford, daughter of the late Walter and Leslie Allen.

Her childhood was a treasure to her, marked by loving parents, close-knit siblings, and an active social life. The family frequented Fishers Island, New York, and the Mill Reef Club in Antigua, where her parents had homes. She attended Miss Porter's School in New England and then moved to New York City.

Following a brief tenure as a salesgirl and display designer at Lord & Taylor, she progressed into editorial. Polly began her illustrious career as a protégée of one of the most famous matriarchs of American fashion, Diana Vreeland. Under Vreeland's tutelage, she evolved into an editor at Harper's Bazaar, and later, a leader at American Vogue. She was famous for her avant-garde, out-of-the-box approach, and her animated facial expressions and gregarious manner. In particular, she was known for her clapping, which became a sought-after benchmark of success for designers during her time at Vogue. Polly is known to have cried at fashion shows when moved. She was larger than life and immersed in her experiences completely.

For more than 40 years, Polly was a beacon in the design world, and, from 1991 to 1999, served as creative director of Allure. She was a force of nature—articulate, vibrant, exuberant, and highly regarded as an iconic American stylist and fashion editor. Polly's joie de vivre, passion for details, and nuanced aesthetic infused her career.

Polly's cutting-edge style and formidable presence profoundly influenced the careers of many designers, editors, and

photographers in the creative fashion world, which eventually elevated her to legendary status. She worked intimately with photographers, including her dear, lifelong friend, Richard Avedon, with whom she styled many timeless images, including photographs of Sophia Loren, Rudolf Nureyev, and an iconic shot of Nastassja Kinski, naked, famously swathed in nothing but a boa constrictor. Polly worked with many other reputed photographers, including Arthur Elgort, Steven Meisel, Helmut Newton, Irving Penn, and Bruce Weber. She worked closely with all the great designers and fashion models of her time. When she retired in 1994, Polly received a lifetime achievement award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America and remained a consultant on various projects.

When not working, Polly was an avid reader and gardener and enjoyed being outdoors, particularly by the sea. She cherished her friendships and family and was an adept athlete, skiing downhill and playing golf well into her 90's.

Polly was the loving wife of the late Henry Wigglesworth Mellen, and savored her family, including her dear grandchildren. She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Bell, her son Louis Baker Bell, Jr.; stepson Henry Mellen, stepdaughter Lucinda Mellen; and grandchildren, Hope Bell, Molly Bell, Palmer Johnson, Dylan Chase, and Clark Mellen, along with many adoring nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Walter Allen Jr., and sisters Nancy Belknap, Patty Wall, and Leslie Tapscott.

A memorial for immediate family will be held in 2025, with announcements to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to offer donations to the Little Guild of St. Francis, Cornwall, CT.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Walter Ray Killmer

MILLERTON — On Nov. 25, Walter Killmer died at his home with loved ones nearby.



Walter was born Jan. 2, 1951, to the late Raymond and Charlotte (Brendline) Killmer at Sharon Hospital.

Walter served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1968. That same year, he married Gail Harpp who predeceased him in 2011. Walter was also predeceased by his beloved daughter, Brenda Hotaling, as well as sister, Judy McGee, and brothers Bryant and Milton (Jody) Killmer.

Surviving at home are his beloved son, Steven Killmer, and Steven's partner Christina Stickles (Chrissy Burns), grandsons Shane and Cole

Hotaling, who were adored by their Poppy.

Surviving siblings, Jackie Spaulding, April Riley, Scott Killmer and Joanne Killmer are all from Millerton.

Walt had a special bond with his niece and nephew, Charlotte Humbert and Raymond Killmer.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews as well as cousins.

The family would like to thank Chrissy who took such loving care of Walter.

The family will have a celebration of life in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the community hospice: The Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services

Week of December 22 & 29, 2024

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P&Z to decide on Wake Robin

By ALEC LINDEN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Planning and Zoning Commission is expected to vote on a resolution for the Wake Robin Inn expansion project on Wednesday, Dec. 18, after a long, contentious application process.

After six hearings of outcry from Lakeville residents, the public hearing was finally closed at the conclusion of a nearly five-hour meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10. P&Z picked up the conversation again on Thursday evening, Dec. 12, to initiate its inter-commission deliberation process.

Near the meeting's end, P&Z Chairman Michael Klemens asked the commissioners to indicate if they felt they would deny or approve the application as it stood so that a resolution could be developed to formally vote on. Four of the five commissioners present voted they would likely deny the application, however this is not P&Z's final decision — the official vote is Wednesday evening, Dec. 18.

"Despite the fact that the applicant put so much effort into it, I think there are serious deficiencies," Klemens said. The major issues he cited revolved around the incongruence of the development with its surrounding residential neighborhood, as well as the "unresolved issues of noise and sewer."

The other commissioners largely agreed with Klemens' appraisal, with several members citing the lack of specific

ity on the part of the applicant's design plans as a major flaw in the proposal.

"I feel this application is incomplete in that there's no baseline for the noise level," said commissioner Allen Cockerline. He noted that he felt the applicant had erred severely by not including more data on how the new development's construction — specifically the proposed event barn — would dampen noise pollution into the surrounding neighborhood.

The commission's primary qualms with the project mirror many of the complaints levied by the public throughout the application process, despite uneven — and sometimes antagonistic — relationships between the public and P&Z.

"Some of the stuff that has been said I found highly offensive," Klemens said, "but the bottom line is I think the neighbors have made a very good case — that the size of this expansion is out of character."

At the Dec. 12 meeting, the commission also ultimately decided the intervenors — a panel of experts and attorney Perley Grimes representing Wells Hill Road residents Bill and Angela Cruger — had not met the burden of determining that the project would have significant detrimental environmental impacts. Josh Mackey, attorney for Aradev LLC developers, upheld at the Dec. 10 meeting that the intervenors had failed to demonstrate negative environmental repercussions associated with

the project "as was the basis of their petition."

While the intervenor didn't sufficiently demonstrate cause for significant environmental concern, attorney Grimes' closing remarks to the intervenor's presentation at Tuesday's meeting fundamentally appealed to scale and neighborly disturbance as the true driving issues with the project. "It's too much for the site," he said. "It's too intrusive. It's too large."

"I'm sure the residents of Salisbury look to you to see to it that the quality of life is ensured," he appealed to the commission.

At the Dec. 12 meeting, Klemens and Cockerline both suggested that the applicant withdraw without prejudice before the vote date so that

they may restructure their plans, including downsizing and specifying data points within their construction schema.

Thursday night's proceedings also allowed the commission to air some grievances that have haunted the affair, such as addressing public insinuations that P&Z and the Land Use Office, primarily directed at Klemens and Land Use Director Abby Conroy, had colluded with the applicant Aradev LLC while renegotiating zoning regulations regarding hotels in residential zones. Cockerline asserted that the alterations in question have been in development for years: "This is nothing new, and it really boils me that [Conroy and Klemens] in particular are being grilled on actually doing a great job."

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News

Our mission is to deliver trusted local news to our communities. On that front, we have expanded the newsrooms of both The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal which has added breadth and depth to our coverage and set us on a path to a more sustainable news operation.

This year's reporting highlights include the invasive hydrilla threat to our waterways; the EMS cost crisis in Millerton and beyond; policy changes in our schools and challenges around a proposed merger at Sharon Hospital. We continue to cover key projects like the proposed redevelopment of the Wake Robin Inn and efforts to rebuild the pool at Eddie Collins Park.

We welcomed several new members to our newsroom, including Colleen Flynn, a Marist College journalism graduate and former intern, as a reporter for The Millerton News; Alec Linden, a recent Dartmouth College graduate, to The Lakeville Journal; and Nathan Miller, a University of Missouri journalism graduate, as Editorial & Digital Content Coordinator. Krista Briggs, with a background in journalism and education, joined us this fall as Managing Editor of The Millerton News (see story, Page A1).

In the Spring, Natalia Zukerman was promoted to Engagement Editor and worked to launch a new email newsletter titled "What To Do," with great success. I'm excited to share that she will be expanding her editorial role to a new position of Arts, Lifestyle & Engagement Editor and will be responsible for guiding and further developing all of our arts and lifestyle coverage.

Sustainability

The sustainability of local news has been in the headlines recently and we are working very hard to ensure we continue serving our communities for the long term.

To that end, we're building our business staff both through internal promotions, including Caitlin Hanlon's new role as head of our Production department, and through new staff including Sally Andre as our Development Associate, and Tom Carley, a former New York Times executive, as Chief Operating Officer.

And, we have identified additional Board members rooted in our communities. This year, we were fortunate to add Henry Blodget of West Cornwall, Rob Fish of Salisbury, Meg Downey of Millerton, Scott Siegler of Sharon, and Dick Hermans of Pine Plains.

Generous grants are helping to stabilize our infrastructure, including multi-year support from the Foundation for Community Health, along with contributions from the Cowles Charitable Trust, and The Miami Foundation. The Google News Initiative is supporting website improvements, and LION Publishers is funding upgrades to our financial systems.

Community Engagement

This summer, we met with community members in Norfolk and Millerton to hear directly about what you would like to see in your local news source. And, we again convened a festive gathering of local nonprofits at the Street Fair in Salisbury.

And, in October, we presented the inaugural Estabrook Community Leadership award to the Harney family at a Jubilee Country Luncheon. In addition to honoring the Harneys for their community leadership and spirit, we welcomed a broad swath of community members.

The Next Generation of Journalists

We continue to nurture the next generation of journalists thanks to the generous support of The William and Mary Greve Foundation, the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the 21st Century Fund — along with individual donors. This year, we hosted nine interns from across the region and beyond. We are encouraged by the strong interest in our program and each "intern season" is an opportunity not just to share what we know, but to learn from these talented people.

As always, our top priority remains delivering the news and information essential to life in our communities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Tis The Season — some thoughts

In these challenging times, embracing the beauty amid the chaos can be difficult. With so many voices pushing us to fear, embody busyness and buying, and check off our many holiday lists, it can be overwhelming to consider the gift of the moment. Therefore, I offer these thoughts to encourage and empower those who read them to celebrate some of the spiritual gifts of the season—whether they are "church-folks" or not. More than a few traditional Christian teachings are worth considering and embracing to increase your spiritual health this December.

December 1st was the first Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the Christian New Year. Echoing how the light of creation came out of chaos and darkness, Advent is a season where the days get shorter, and the world has much more darkness than light. During these shadowy times, Christians are called to

meditate on hope, joy, peace, and love—the secret sauce of the light and grace the world desperately craves. Like an answered prayer, the Winter Solstice passes, and then we see the coming again of the Light in the celebration of Christmas. This constant and abiding celebration of Christ-light is a clarion call for the belief that brighter days are coming again, inviting us to enter a life lived in the light instead of the darkness.

Advent is a season encouraging us to give sincere thought and planning regarding our belief in the Light and our commitment to being a people of the Light. Each week, we consider the four core values of our faith: hope, joy, peace, and love. We prepare our hearts and our homes for the inbreaking of the heavenly into the earthly realm. We reach out to others with goodwill and generosity. We show through our words and deeds that we believe in the

brightness of the human soul, sharing care and compassion with whomever we meet.

As we go forth into this transformative month, we know the light still shines even in the darkest moments. It beckons us to live in its warmth with all our hearts. It entices us to share its illumination with our friends, family, community, and country. Yes, it is a tender and challenging moment for the world. This is why we need people who believe in and nurture the light more than ever. Please join us in the work that lies ahead by recommitting to faith in the Divine and humanity's ability to reflect the light in beauty-filled ways. You, dear one, have a light worth shining. Keep glowing, friends.

With luminous faith,

Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse
Pastor of Lakeville UMC, Millerton UMC, and Sharon UMC

Amenia Fire thanks

On Sunday, December 15, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a crowd of 186 people in attendance for our monthly meal and we appreciate Santa taking time out of his busy schedule to stop by! We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the support of the community.

We thank everyone who attends our events and we will return again on January 19, 2025.

Andy Murphy
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Amenia

Christmas dance; rash of burglaries; Y2K plans

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

in case, was stolen from the rectory which was entered through a basement window.

Burglars entered an unlocked side door and pried open interior doors in the church and school, but nothing was taken, according to BCI Investigator Louis Battistello who is investigating the incident.

The Colonial Pharmacy in Amenia, owned by Richard Fernandez, was broken into through a window on the north side of the building and burglars exited through a rear door. Nothing was stolen, reported Investigator McNallen.

Approximately \$1500 worth of camera equipment plus two kerosene lamps were stolen on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from Leland Hulst III who resides in a farmhouse on Winchell Mountain Road, Millerton.

December 16, 1999

'MFD Makes Y2K Plans'; MILLERTON — The Millerton Fire Department has released its plan to deal with the worst-case scenario of the Y2K computer glitch at year's end.

According to Chief Mike Segelken, the department has stocked up on non-perishable food items to have available in case of emergency. The department will be on standby on New Year's Eve.

"We will be able to prepare food and have heat," Mr. Segelken told the Village Board.

December 21, 1933
'Christmas Dance'; A dance is to be conducted in the auditorium of the high school building Christmas night. The program will include both round and square dancing with music by Garrity's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Pulver motored to Troy Wednesday to bring home their daughter, Miss Gertrude Pulver, who is enjoying a three weeks' vacation from the Emma Willard School

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December 19, 1974
'Webutuck Still Negotiating'; Webutuck teachers and School Board and administrators had a tentative contract negotiating meeting planned for Wednesday night, Dec. 18. Sign-carrying teachers continued demonstrations last Thursday morning in front of the Webutuck Junior-Senior High School.

'Police Investigate Rash of Burglaries'; New York State Police are investigating a rash of burglaries in the area. In the past week and one half three stores in Amenia and one house in Millerton have been hit by burglars.

Sometime on the night of Dec. 6-7, burglars broke a front window in the Amenia Drug Store, owned by Max Rubin, and stole \$180 in currency. On Wednesday, Dec. 11. Between 1 and 7 a.m., the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, rectory and school were entered. The proceeds from a bingo game, \$500

The chief also spoke to Grand Union and the supermarket has agreed to have additional food items available if there is an extended period of power loss.

If power does go out, the department will have room for about 50 people to sleep.

'Millerton Chamber of Commerce Report'; MILLERTON — Passers-by may have noticed that the village has been nicely decorated, thanks to volunteers working with the Greater Millerton Chamber of Commerce.

Roping and wreaths have been put up in the village, adding to a festive holiday

spirit.

Membership in the chamber continues to grow. Current members include Manna Dew Health Foods; Steed's Reality; Oblong Books and Records; Kristie Schmidt, M.D.; McLean Ford Inc.; David Gavin Salon; Downey, Haab and Murphy, Esqs.; Davis and Trotta, Esqs.; The Hamilton Inn; Millerton Appliance Store; Saperstein's; Diamonti's Restaurant; DVR Artist and Framing Shop; Millerton Deli; Christina's Garden Restaurant; Terni's; Thriftique; William Cole Agency; North East Pharmacy; and MCI Industrial Park.

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OPINION

Brief history of vaccines: Smallpox

High on a slope above Farmington, Connecticut, far from settled places, there is a slab of granite angled so that its face is nearly vertical. Names have been chiseled into the rock. They are not the work of graffiti artists, but rather are carefully done, as if by stone masons with time on their hands in the 1790s. The site contained a smallpox hospital, probably only a cabin of which there remains no trace, where people who had vaccinated themselves with fluids from smallpox pustules stayed until the scabs fell off and they were no longer infectious. (I learned about these carvings after a talk I gave before the pandemic and in the five or six years since, sadly, I lost the names of the people who told me.) There were other hospitals in New York and New England, including the ruined smallpox hospital on Roosevelt Island in the East River of New York whose ruins remain.

Smallpox was ferociously contagious and deadly. It probably killed or disfigured more human beings over the centuries, perhaps more than any other disease. It came in waves, killing or scarring as much as 8% of the population at a time. The death rate once a person had smallpox was much higher. People knew it when they saw it because its symptoms, including frightening pustules, were unique. Wikipedia has an excellent summary, including images of patients and a U.S. Army training film from 1967. It is grim, but to understand the devastation of such viruses, far beyond Covid, and the painfully acquired knowledge that eradicated smallpox in 1977, read the text and watch the film.

The first preventative was variolation, a vaccine precursor used in China starting in about 1500 and introduced to Europe by Lady Mary Montagu, who is usually but inadequately described as the wife of a British diplomat posted to the Ottoman Empire. There was much more to her. She defied a tyrannical father who wanted her to live without books and to marry a wealthy man named Viscount Sir Clotworthy Skeffington (forgive me). The diplomat, Edward Wortley Montagu, took Mary to Constantinople and promptly found that she was intrepid and visited many places including the women's baths which she described in letters and books. She was a gifted and curious traveler and writer. Mary Montagu had two children and when she returned to Great Britain, she had them 'engrafted' with smallpox, the first British children to be treated, against strong opposition from the British medical establishment who viewed the procedure as folk medicine.

What did the medical establishment know about infectious disease in 1800? The answer is practically nothing. They knew that once a person had a disease and survived, they were usually immune to it thereafter. They did not know about viruses or bacte-

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ria. Bacteria had seen under van Leuwenhoek's microscope, but never associated with disease. Neither physicians nor scientists knew that living organisms were essential for making bread, wine, or vinegar. Viruses would not be described for a hundred years until 1894. They were called filterable agents and not seen until the 1940s when electron microscopes became available. The physicians and scientists of 1800 had no idea that there was something we now call the immune system, or that people and animals had defenses that could be mobilized.

The smallpox story turns to Gloucestershire and dairy farms where a disease, called cowpox is caused by a virus (we now know) that closely resembles smallpox in its DNA sequence. (Monkey pox is also part of this group.) Cowpox is relatively benign, causing only a few mild scabs on the arms of milkmaids and other dairy workers. Milkmaids who got cowpox, never got smallpox, and they noticed. It's a little late, but credit to them.

Edward Jenner was a Gloucestershire physician who also noticed the peculiarities of cowpox and prepared many case studies, showing that prior infection with cowpox prevents infection by smallpox. Edward Jenner assembled his case studies with fine drawings and submitted them for publication to The Royal Society where he was rejected. Someone who did see virtue in Jenner's work was Napoleon Bonaparte, then in power; he welcomed Jenner to France with honors and vaccinated his armies.

All of this might make you think that after 1800 there would be a deluge of new vaccines. But it took 80 years, or four generations, and much of the 19th century. To explain why, we will keep going, vaccine by vaccine: first anthrax, then animal cholera, and finally, the rabies vaccine, which arrived on a wing and a prayer in 1885.

Richard Kessin is Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Cell Biology at The Columbia University Medical Center and has been writing The Body Scientific column for 15 years.

Rally held in hopes of stopping Iroquois Pipeline expansion

By COLLEEN FLYNN colleen@millertonnews.com

ALBANY — A rally at the New York State Capital War Room in Albany, New York, was held on Monday, Dec. 16, to stop the Iroquois Pipeline expansion project.

The expansion of the Iroquois Pipeline would increase fracked gas use downstate, expand compressors in Athens and Dover and double the pressure of the pipeline as it goes across the Hudson Valley, Connecticut and under the Long Island Sound to bring more gas to New York City and Long Island.

Emily Skydel, the Hudson Valley senior organizer for Food & Water Watch, said, "We've seen increases in storms, drought, forest fires, so

SPORTS Salisbury proves its dominance with 8-1 win against Millbrook

By NATHAN MILLER nathanm@lakevillejournal.com

MILLBROOK — An unsuspecting crowd left Bontecou Rink shocked Monday night, Dec. 9, after the boys varsity hockey matchup between Millbrook and Salisbury ended with an 8-1 Salisbury win.

The heated game saw tensions between the two teams climb to a fever-pitch on the ice. Slams and blocks progressed into would-be fist-cuffs on the ice on multiple occasions, forcing referees and players to pull the offending parties off each other.

Salisbury's first goal came within minutes of the game's start, followed by a dominating series of plays that brought Salisbury's lead to 4-0 by the end of the first period.

The Millbrook boys didn't find much success in cutting



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Matthew Brooks, no. 8, attempts to steal the puck from Salisbury's Ryan Hedley, no. 10.

their opponent's lead as the girls did in the Dec. 4 game against Taft School. In the second period, Salisbury further cemented their lead by scoring two more goals, bringing the game to 6-0.

Millbrook tried to regain their footing on the ice, but Salisbury kept knocking their skates out from under them.

The puck rarely stayed on Salisbury's side of the rink for long. It seemed every time Millbrook ejected Salisbury's squad the boys would simply regroup and retake.

A quick look at the shot count before the start of the third period shows a key difference in Salisbury and Millbrook's play styles, and

reinforces the old cliché originally coined by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky: Salisbury had taken nearly three times as many shots as Millbrook.

Millbrook's valiant efforts culminated in a single goal early in the third period, but Salisbury stayed Millbrook's momentum keeping the score at 8-1 until the final buzzer.

Webutuck hosts HVRHS for basketball scrimmage

By NATHAN MILLER nathanm@lakevillejournal.com

AMENIA — The boys of Housatonic Valley Regional High School's basketball teams visited Webutuck High School Tuesday, Dec. 10, for a pre-season practice scrimmage.

The scrimmage was a typical series of 10 minute face-offs alternating between varsity and junior varsity squads.

Housy was the more successful squad in the scrimmage, but Webutuck didn't make the wins easy for the visiting team. Housy's won all but one of the scrimmages, but none with a difference of more than five points.

In the third scrimmage of the night — the second varsity matchup — Webutuck and Housy matched each other point for point. For most of the scrimmage Housy was up by a basket or two, but at the five minute mark Webutuck turned the game around on a fast break to close Housy's lead.

For the next two or three minutes, Housy tried to rebuild their lead only to be matched by Webutuck. The scrimmage came down to an 11-11 tie in the final thirty seconds. Then, with a rebound and another fast break, Webutuck scored the winning basket with just fifteen seconds on the clock, not enough time for Housy to rebut.

That scrimmage was Webutuck's only win of the night, but the team demonstrated perseverance throughout.



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Webutuck's Junior Varsity squad lost the scrimmage overall despite success at the rim.

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Participants at annual conference encouraged to ThinkDifferently by respecting evolving etiquette norms

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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HYDE PARK, N.Y. — On Thursday, Dec. 5, the annual ThinkDifferently conference was held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Educational Center in Hyde Park, New York. The conference strived to enlighten participants on evolving protocols for addressing and collaborating with individuals with challenges.

Hosted by Dana Hopkins, program director of All Abilities at the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, ThinkDifferently is an initiative first launched in 2015 by former county executive Marc Molinaro with a goal to provide services to individuals with varying abilities and guidance for others such as businesses and communities to help create a more inclusive society.

The conference, which is in its eighth year, has evolved throughout its existence. Hopkins said while the one consistent has been its daily duration, the presentation and subject matter has varied. "Each year has been a full-day conference which has included discussions with authors, clinical professionals, et cetera. Previous conferences included a 'services across the lifespan' session, which covered birth to death," she said. "We adjusted our format based on feedback from attendees as the services through the lifespan [session] was often redundant."

This year's conference was



PHOTO PROVIDED

Top row (left to right): Panelist Shadei Williams; Dana Hopkins, Dutchess County All Abilities Program Director; panelist Johnny Vacca; Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. **Bottom row: (left to right):** Panelist Wayne Robinson; panelist Tracy Wallace; panelist Samantha Van Alstyne

broken into a morning session which included opening remarks from county executive Sue Serino to welcome participants and show her support for the initiative followed by personal experiences from panelists and preferred protocols while interacting with individuals with challenges. The afternoon session featured speaker Emma Arnoff, a licensed social worker, who further elaborated on protocols, the subject of neurodiversity which is described as varying manners of how the brain works, and ableism which is defined as discriminatory practices and prejudicial attitudes towards individuals with challenges. The audience consisted primarily of educators, social services workers, and providers to individuals with varying abilities.

According to Hopkins, ThinkDifferently has less

to do with individuals and is more supports-oriented. "ThinkDifferently is not direct programming for people with disabilities and/or their families," she said. "Rather, a key component of the work we do is helping individuals and families navigate the often-complicated network of providers, as well as resources available at various levels of government. We also create and host inclusive events throughout the year, but most services and programs are contracted out to our local nonprofit agencies."

Respectful speech and courteous behavior as well as consideration for personal preferences were amongst the themes for this year's conference. According to both Hopkins and Arnoff, while there are no set rules of etiquette, and the vernacular is constantly evolving,

it's important to consider the individual and their desires. As Hopkins explained, the vernacular can vary between person-first and identity-first language, a more recent trend which began only a few years ago.

"Disability etiquette is individually based and constantly changing," she said. "When we are speaking about people who have disabilities (and we do not know their preferences) we use person-first language (meaning we say 'person with a disability' versus 'disabled person' which is identity-first language). Only in instances when someone has specifically told us they prefer identity-first language do we utilize that. For individuals with mobility devices or other aides (canes for those that are blind or have low vision), never touch their devices or

aides, unless they ask you to, and/or if you ask and they say yes. Think of the devices and aides as extensions of their bodies."

While sensitivity towards others is always appropriate, terminology is fluid. Words and phrases which were once socially acceptable such as 'special needs', 'handicapped', 'impairment' and 'differently abled' are now to be avoided, which is proper and correct. "Language always is and should be evolving," Arnoff said. "This move to first-person language comes from neurodivergent people finding pride in who they are and not seeing themselves as deficient. As the language evolves, it is our job to learn and listen." Hopkins agreed, saying, "Some of these phrases/words are euphemisms to make those without disabilities feel better when talking about disabilities, but they aren't helpful to people with disabilities."

While attitudes and language has trended more toward sensitivity toward individuals with varying abilities, both Arnoff and Hopkins emphasized the importance of two-way communication, and also, of being mindful of

lessons from previous years. "People with disabilities are just that: people," Hopkins said. "To find out more about what is appropriate and what isn't, talk with the disability community."

Arnoff, too, reinforced the need for understanding and awareness, saying, "It's important that we don't beat ourselves up for what we did in the past and rather learn from it to be different in the future. It is critical we do this by listening ... It is not our job to change or fix [them] but rather to learn about what makes them who they are, so we can see what makes them amazing."

The conference is only one event on ThinkDifferently's very active calendar. Upcoming happenings include a sensory-sensitive performance of "The Nutcracker" on Friday, Dec. 13, the Dance Forever/Rhythm Works hip-hop dance program for young people of varying abilities on Saturday mornings, twice-monthly workshops on applying for social security disability programs and a retreat in mid-January for neurodiverse young adults. For more information, visit www.thinkdifferently.net.

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of town wastewater projects. Mayor Jenn Najdek, whose 2024 projects include obtaining grant monies, ensuring the installation of new fire hydrants in the village and swapping out streetlights, is also working on multiple goals for the year ahead. Her main concern is reaching the finish line in a timely fashion.

"I'd just like to make sure projects are completed," said Najdek, who cited several 2025 ambitions she's currently working towards. "Wastewater, phase two construction of the park, the swimming pool and the bathhouse." Additionally, Najdek hopes to wrap up the installation of all LED streetlights, which she acknowledges is a work in progress.

While their upcoming hopes for the village and the town are important to Najdek and Kennan, they're also

focusing at on wishing Millerton residents all the best in December. "It's a very special time for a lot of people, a great time to get together with family to celebrate the holiday and think about the year ahead," said Kennan. "We have a wonderful, inclusive and supportive community where we think of each other, especially at this time of year."

Najdek echoed Kennan's sentiments, saying, "I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy and safe holiday season. I hope everyone gets to spend time with the friends and loved ones." Najdek was also quick to convey her gratitude to Townscape, whom she credited with making the season brighter for their work in putting up the village lights. "A big thank you to them for all their efforts in making Millerton look pretty for the holidays."

SANTA RUN *Continued from Page A1*

fill out and return to the Santa Mailbox. The mailbox sits outside the fire department's building starting Nov. 1, waiting to receive as many letters from children as possible. In the letter, each child is supposed to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

"All the volunteers come together and drive all of the fire trucks in a parade, and

we bring Santa to all the addresses that we have of the kids that wrote letters," said Rogers, "We bring Santa to all their houses. They get to get a picture with Santa, and Santa gives them a gift."

The Santa Run began at 10:00 in the morning and ran until 3:30 p.m., ensuring each child who turned in a letter received their gift from Santa.

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sary additional precautions. Testing will determine damaged building materials for the presence of asbestos and any other hazardous materials that may have been disturbed as a result of the history of leaks. Samples will be taken to monitor indoor air quality.

Due to the potential presence of asbestos-containing materials in the auditorium

ceiling, that area will remain closed until school officials have a full assessment of the structural integrity of that roof and the related ceiling system beneath, Hernandez Pidala said.

The issue of roof remediation was expected to be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Central School District Board.

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Shooting the breeze with Christopher Little

What I really feel lucky about is having had the chance to meet and photograph so many people who had a real impact on our lives," said Christopher Little whose new memoir, "Shooting the Breeze: Memories of a Photojournalist" was just released. The book is as eclectic and colorful as the man himself and offers an intimate look into Little's globe-trotting career spent behind the lens, capturing some of the most iconic figures, events, and human stories of the past half-century.

In 2021, the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at The University of Texas acquired Little's photographic archive.

"I had two young women who spent three months in my basement cataloging this stuff," said Little. "So, while they were working, I was scanning as much as I could for this book." After the three months, Little described that a "big blue truck" came to take away his 371,574 images which are now a permanent addition to the Briscoe Center's internationally significant photojournalism collection. "It's very bittersweet," shared Little. "It was literally a life's work driving away, but I'm so glad to have it there. And I'm in good company."

Little has always kept good company; his career is a testament to a charmed life and relentless curiosity. Born



Little with his dog, Ruby.

PHOTO BY MARTIN TANDLER

and raised in Manhattan, Little's father was a journalist with The New York Herald Tribune writing a five-day-a-week column covering the theater. His mother was a playwright, and the couple often had famous people to their apartment.

Little's father was beloved and dropping

his name not only helped open doors early on but put his subjects at ease. "He taught me a lot about journalism and the basic idea that I should look for another angle."

This "other angle" is what makes Little's photographs so evocative—he's able to capture an entire story in a static im-

age. "There's a picture by Nat Fein, a really famous picture," said Little about one of his early influences. "It was the first sports photograph to ever win the Pulitzer Prize. It's a

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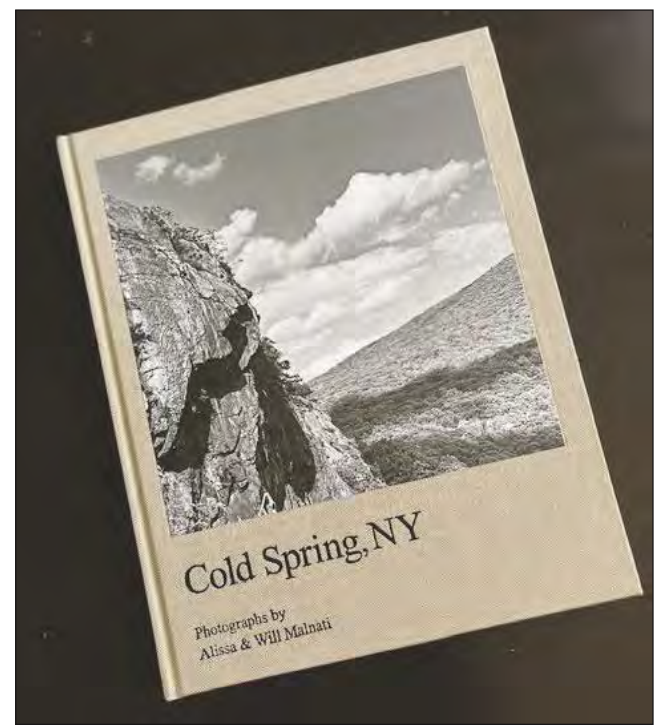


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"Cold Spring, NY" depicts life in a notable Hudson River town with a rich history and much natural beauty.

BOOKS: KRISTA BRIGGS

Cold Spring, a not-so-hidden Hudson Valley gem

According to Alissa Malnati, co-creator of the new coffee table tome, "Cold Spring, NY", after twenty-five years in the urban jungle, it was time to go in search of a cure for the angst which, for some, can come with metropolitan living. "My husband and I were soul sick," explained Malnati of the couple's move to Cold Spring, a Hudson River town located in leafy Putnam County.

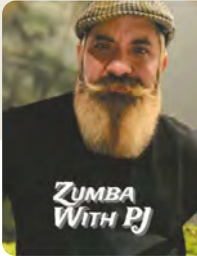
"We were seeking restoration and quiet, and to be in nature, away from the hustle and bustle of the city."

The time was right for a move in 2021. The Malnatis relocated from busy Brooklyn to a tranquil mountaintop abode which allowed them to decompress without the intrusion of cell phones and ceaseless city noise. With


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COMPASS

...Christopher Little

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picture of Babe Ruth on his last day at Yankee Stadium and it's shot from behind. It's always stayed with me."

Little studied psychology at Yale, another element that seems to have guided him to a deeper understand of his subjects. It was while he was still a student at Yale that Little began working for Newsweek. "I was at Yale from '67 to '71 and the campus was one news story after another with the student movement, the Bobby Seale (co-founder of the Black Panther Party) trial, and all that. So, I'd photograph stuff and then I'd get on my motorcycle and drive to New York. I had a loose relationship with Newsweek and I would give them my film, they'd process it, and if they liked something, they'd buy it. And then they started giving me assignments." After college, he worked for Time Magazine and by 25, he was working with People magazine, beginning a 21-year stint during which he shot more than 350 assignments.

"The early days were incredible," Little recalled. "I couldn't have been a freelance journalist now. It almost doesn't exist." From covering the Watergate hearings for Time magazine to serving as official photographer for the Aga Khan and working with William F. Buckley Jr. on bestselling sailing memoirs, Little's assignments brought him into the orbit of world leaders, celebrities, and everyday heroes. His work has been published

in Life, Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, Vanity Fair, Esquire, GQ, and Architectural Digest, to name a few. Little's work also went beyond famous faces. Some of his favorite assignments were stories about "ordinary people doing extraordinary things," such as the first million-dollar lottery winner whose life fell apart under the weight of sudden wealth. "It was heartbreaking to witness," he said.

The self-designed book, laid out in Adobe InDesign, gave Little the creative freedom he craved. "Nobody told me what to do," he said. The cover, a playful collage, mirrors the book's non-linear structure and personal touch. Beyond photography, Little has led a vibrant life. A father and grandfather, he recently retired from serving as an EMT in Norfolk, Connecticut, after tearing his rotator cuff. "It seemed like a good time to retire," he said. He spends his time now with his wife Betsy and takes digital photographs in the woods with his dog, Ruby. Reflecting on his multifaceted career, Little shared, "I have no regrets and no bitterness. It's a great luxury to look at it all from afar."

With "Shooting the Breeze," Little has ensured future generations can explore the remarkable life and work of a photojournalist who truly captured the world. To purchase a copy of "Shooting the Breeze" visit: www.christopherlittle.com

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Ani Jenkins brings whimsical wood sculptures to HVRHS gallery

"I have pieces of wood that'll sit around for years and then suddenly, I'm looking at it and think, 'Oh! This is what you want to be,'" said artist Ani Jenkins whose extraordinary solo exhibit of wood sculptures opened at Housatonic Valley High School's Kearcher-Moncell Gallery on December 13. This show marks a new milestone for the gallery, featuring its first collection of exclusively three-dimensional works. Jenkins, who moved to Falls Village during the Covid-19 pandemic, has brought her intricate and interactive wood sculptures to the Northeast, much to the delight of students, staff, and visitors.

Jenkins grew up in Boulder, Colorado, surrounded by art, as her mother was pursuing her MFA during that time. Her exploration of wood began in the 90's when she had an opportunity to take an inlay class.

"Everything came so easily and naturally, it was as if I'd been working with wood my entire life," said Jenkins. She continued to work for many years adding inlay to furniture and musical instruments but shared, "I was craving more three-dimensionality, so I started playing around with all the little scraps and cut-offs and building sculptures with those. It all just exploded and snowballed." Her practice eventually evolved into creating larger, sculptural pieces that are infused with deep mystical themes, reflections of ancient civilizations and visions of times and places still yet to be seen.

"Wood tells a story," Jenkins explained. "A lot of these pieces almost build themselves. It's about getting out of the way rather than intentionally creating."

The exhibit at HVRHS, titled "Visions," was curated by students under the guidance of senior Elinor Wolgemuth, the

gallery's lead intern. As part of her role overseeing gallery operations, Wolgemuth used the experience to develop her senior capstone project: a comprehensive guide to help future student interns manage the gallery effectively.

"It's a step-by-step guide on how to have a show, how to run an opening, things like that. It's about creating a team that will flow throughout the years and work together," said Wolgemuth. Jenkins noted of the students' dedication, "They've been as professional as any gallery I've ever worked with."

Art teacher Lilly Barnett, who started at the school this fall, emphasized the importance of showcasing Jenkins's work. "Ani elevates the artistry of woodworking, breaking traditional gender stereotypes. It's powerful for our students to see." FFA students have also expressed admiration for Jenkins's craftsmanship, with many

inspired by the precision and creativity in her pieces.

Jenkins and her family relocated from the west coast to Falls Village in 2020. Never having been to the east coast, the artist was delighted to find that surrounded by Connecticut's hardwood forests, she was newly inspired. "I'm much more of a small-town person, so this is a great place to be," she said. Having grown up in Northern New Mexico and Colorado, her work often reflects mystical themes, ancient civilizations, and the essence of the natural world. "There's a lot of femininity in my work," Jenkins shared. "I love bringing flowing lines into my pieces, contrasting with the rigidity

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At The Movies

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PANAGEA

...Ani Jenkins

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Ani Jenkins

of traditional woodworking.”

Jenkins’s fascination with “containment” is evident in her work, which often features hidden drawers, compartments, and interactive elements designed to engage viewers. The intricate wooden creations invite touch and exploration, offering a magical, hands-on experience. Even better, all the pieces are available for purchase, with proceeds supporting the school’s art department.

Ani Jenkins’s intricate and interactive sculptures have brought a unique and inspiring artistic experience to

Housatonic Valley High School’s Karcher-Mon-sell Gallery. “I’d like to be an artist after high school,” said Wolgemuth. “I’m not sure if I want to do curatorial or more freelance work with my own art, but finding that balance is important to me.”

“I want to build fully moving pieces—big totems where people can arrange all the different pieces,” said Jenkins, hinting at future projects.

The exhibit will be on view through January 10, 2025. To make an appointment, call (860) 824-5123

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YOUR NEWS

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...Cold Spring *Continued from Page B1*

the shift to the Hudson Valley, Alissa, a writer and fashion executive, and her husband, Will, a podcaster and television producer, found the peace they were searching for in Cold Spring, a semi-rural town known for its boutiques, antique shops, and world-class hiking trails.

While modern Cold Spring offers an array of unique independent retailers as well as specialty restaurants and coffeehouses, it is also a destination point for nature-lovers and an historical town.

Many of its current and decaying sites have been documented in “Cold Spring, NY”, coauthored and co-photographed by both Alissa and Will. It served as the home of the West Point Foundry – now enshrined as the West Point Foundry Preserve – which produced artillery for the U.S. government starting in 1818, and it also became known for its Parrott rifles during the Civil War. The town was once visited by Abraham Lincoln back in 1862. In 1970, as part of an effort to raise environmental awareness through the Clearwater Organization, Pete Seeger’s boat, the Clearwater, was once docked at Cold Spring during a music festival at which Seeger performed. Cold Spring remains actively committed to preserving its small-town character, its waters and historic sites. The Putnam History Museum is also located in Cold Spring. “We never intended for it to be a book,” the

couple explained of the process that came about very organically. “At first, it was just photographs that we framed, then photographs that became photo albums, and eventually we decided to print it into a coffee table book.”

Their collaboration proved to be a very positive one which brought them closer. “We loved working on this together and hope that we are able to do more as a duo,” Alissa said, noting that future shared projects along the same lines as “Cold Spring, NY” are already being explored by the couple.

“Cold Spring, NY”, which contains over one hundred pages of vivid black-and-white photography, highlights the town’s very active Main Street as well as its Hudson riverfront, local mountainous terrain, nearby woodland wonders, and sites of antiquated interest.

“There is much beauty in the town that no matter where we were, there was a photo to take.”

While the Malnatis captured as many historical and modern sites as possible for the book, there was an omission of a more recent occurrence. “There was one photo we didn’t take that haunts us to this day,” Alissa recounted. “There was a massive rainstorm in the summer of 2023 and the streets of Cold Spring were flooded. The stairs that take you underneath the railroad from Main St. were also completely submerged in about ten feet of water that had accumulated below. It was like a scene from a movie, and, unfortunately, we were in such shock that we didn’t think to grab the photo.”

Among the photographs they were able to capture, Will Malnati’s preference is for the Bannerman Castle snaps on pages 23-24. Said Will, “The Bannerman Castle shots are a favorite – how much history it has and how beautiful it is up close. People don’t travel there very often or at all, so it was special to see it from the base of it. I also

love the human portraits – so much character and love in each of them.” Alissa is most enthusiastic about the photo on page 31 titled “Optical Illusion”, saying, “You can flip the photo upside down and it would look the same, unless you are present with the photo and notice a small ripple in the water.” The Cold Spring experience proved so refreshing for the Malnatis that while they eventually had to return to Brooklyn, they felt very strongly about leaving a parting gift for their adopted community in the form of the book. They’re also hoping they can eventually return to the community again someday on a more permanent basis. And while some Cold Spring residents prefer for the town to remain a hidden gem of the Hudson Valley, the Malnatis have a different take. Said Alissa, “Cold Spring is a special town and like anything special, it’s difficult for it to remain a secret for too long.”

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Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Pretty Little Closet, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/15/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Crystal Smith 124 Sharon Road, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Legal Notice

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the Pine Plains Fire District of the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, New York, will be held on the 7th day of January, 2025, at 7 o'clock P.M. on that day at the firehouse, 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, NY.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District

12-19-24

Legal Notice

Reorganizational Meeting of the Amenia Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 3, 2023 at 7:00pm., at the Amenia Fire House, 36B Mechanic Street, Amenia NY.

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District Secretary
12-19-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the construction of the Perimeter Fencing and Automatic Gate Operator for the new Highway Department Facility for the Town of North East, New York located at 6097 Route

22, Millerton, New York. This Contract has been designated, as set forth in these contract documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect, D.P.C., located at 26 IBM Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

All such sealed bids must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., PO Box 516, Millerton, NY 12546 until 11:00 am on January 9, 2025 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read out loud.

Copies of the proposed contract documents, including plans and specifications, and the forms of bids for the contract, are available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton, NY 12546 (phone 518-789-3300 x 603), Monday to Thursday 9:00AM-12:30PM and 1:00PM- 4:00PM, Friday 9:00AM-12:30PM, becoming available December 13, 2024. Plans and specifications can be obtained on Bidnet.com.

All bids shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more

fully set forth in the bid documents:

1. Only such bids as are made and filed upon the forms available in the office of the Town of North East will be accepted.

2. Bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked “Bid Documents, DO NOT OPEN Town of North East Highway Garage Facility Perimeter Fencing and Automatic Gate Operator;” this will be a single Prime General Contract.

3. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Town of North East, or a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Town Board of the Town of North East, in such amount, conditioned that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents, for the faithful performance of the contract, within 15 days from the acceptance of the bid.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 105,

no bids may be withdrawn unless no contract is awarded for more than 45 days after the opening thereof. Upon such proper withdrawal of bid, the deposit shall be forthwith returned. After award of the contract, all bid deposits or other bid bonds except that of the successful bidder will be returned.

5. Upon acceptance of the bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to the requirements of said Town Board or fails to give further security prescribed in this notice within the time noted herein, then the check deposited as aforesaid, and the moneys standing to the credit of the same shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages and not as a penalty and the Town Board shall collect the same or enforce the payment of the bond for the benefit of the Town Board.

6. All bids shall contain the non-collusion certificate in a form meeting the requirements of GML 103-d.

The Town of North East reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical noncompliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to

rebid the project. Dated: December 13, 2024.

By order of the
Town Board of
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Elizabeth Strauss
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12-19-24

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Organizational Meeting of the North East Town Board for the year 2025 will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave, Millerton, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in case of cancellation due to inclement weather, the Annual Organizational Meeting will be held on Friday, January 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Millerton, New York. Dated: December 12, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE
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COMPASS

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com

DECEMBER 19

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.

DECEMBER 20

Concert with Guitarist Stephen Bennett

Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

There will be a concert with guitarist Stephen Bennett at Sharon United Methodist Church on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Benefit of Fishes & Loaves, the food pantry in Canaan.

There's a suggested donation of \$20, kids under 12 get in free.

DECEMBER 22

Pancake Breakfast

Pine Plains Firehouse, Pine Plains, N.Y.

The Pine Plains firehouse is having a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11

a.m. on Dec. 22. We are also having a special visitor at the breakfast. It's Mr. Santa Claus himself so instead of cooking breakfast come on down to the Pine Plains by our house have breakfast and meet Santa.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Services at Church of St. John in the Wilderness, Copake Falls

Church of St. John in the Wilderness, Copake Falls, N.Y.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness on Tuesday, Dec. 24. The Candlelight Service and Carols begin at 7 p.m. and the Service at 7:30 p.m.

ONGOING

Ani Jenkins: Visions

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, Conn.

Artist Ani Jenkins will display her wood sculptures in a solo exhibition in the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery at HVRHS. The show will be up through January 7. Ani Jenkins uses a variety of wood types to create whimsical stories with interactive features. This is the gallery's first exhibition with exclusively 3-dimensional pieces. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit anijenkins.com, @hvrhsgallery on Instagram, or reach out to student Ellie Wolgemuth: ewolgemuth@hvrhs.org.

"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.

Art Show

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

The Douglas Library of Canaan is featuring a retrospective of artwork by the late Mary Monnier. The show runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 15. Monnier was a local artist, with family roots dating back generations. Her artwork reflects her love of people, of nature, and the beauty of the Northwest Corner.

Art Show

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

The next art show at The Cornwall Library. "Illustrating the Chronicle, Sketching Cornwall's Stories Over the Years," runs from Nov. 2 through Dec. 28. With this show, the library celebrates the Cornwall Chronicle, arguably the monthly infusion of local news, humor, and event listings that binds the community together.

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Old School: Visions of Local History and Personal Pasts

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Visit the Sharon Historical Society and Museum to see an exhibition by The Beard Collective (Theo Coulombe & Katro Storm), which explores how personal and local histories blend into a creative dialogue.

Holley Knife Exhibit

Academy Building, 24 Main St. Salisbury, Conn.

The Holley Manufacturing Company, located on Holley Street in

Lakeville, was one of the early producers of pocketknives in the country at a time when everyone needed and carried one. A display featuring the craftsmanship of the company, hosted by the Salisbury Association's Historical Society, is now on view.

Flow Yoga with Caroline Robins @ NECC

NECC, 51 S. Center St., Millerton, N.Y.

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Bridge Class

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

Bridge is back with Gary Steinkohl: An ongoing series every Thursday through December from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Cornwall Library. If you know basic bidding and play and want to improve your game these classes are for you. The fee is \$10 per class, payable to the instructor.

For questions and to register contact Gary at garysteinkohl@gmail.com.



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Music in the air

Toes tapped to lively Celtic/Irish tunes as an enthusiastic audience gathered at the Amenia Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 15, for a Celtic Christmas Concert. Music was provided by the Upstate Celtic Allstars, including Joseph Sobol of Amenia, joined by David Paton, son of Sandy and Caroline Paton of Sharon. The free event, complete with seasonal refreshments, was a musical gift from the Town of Amenia to the entire community.

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.

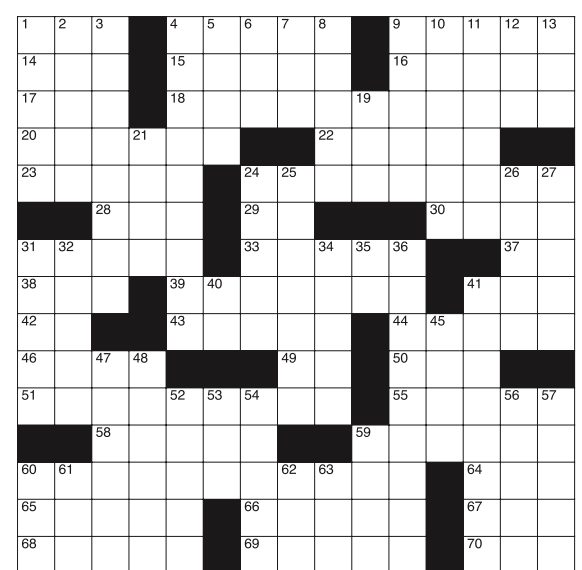
- Pertaining to the Moon
- Airplane captain
- Simple skateboard jump
- Yuletide red berries
- Santa's seasonal spirit

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Miller beer variety
- Member of people inhabiting Bering Sea islands
- Stomach
- Investment vehicle
- Fictional soccer coach Ted
- Irregular in botanical parlance
- Cease standing
- "American Horror Story" actress
- Grow milk teeth
- Plant parts
- Snow house
- Most contemptuous
- Note to repay
- Old English
- Wings
- Financial institutions
- Parks and Lopez are two
- Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Give off
- Semitic alphabet letter
- Farm state
- Actress Sarandon
- Back parts
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Touchdown
- One point north of due east
- Refurbishes
- Silver and Dogg are two
- Former Tigers catcher Alex
- Type of envelope
- Seriously considered
- Unhappy
- Past (archaic)
- Asian wild dog
- Old English letter
- Young domestic sheep
- Football players need to gain them
- Witness



- World leader
- Midsection
- Jewish calendar month
- Urological condition
- A small quantity of anything
- Mountain Time
- Affirmative
- Word element meaning ear
- Carried away
- Short-billed rails
- Newborn child
- Sword
- Groups of people
- Prickly, scrambling shrubs
- Become less intense
- Polishes
- Indicates position
- Songs sung to one's beloved
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Insects
- Israeli politician
- Pre-digital
- Roaming
- Ambience
- Brew
- Late
- Make ecstatically happy
- Semitic alphabet letter
- Blend
- Dash
- Self
- Exclamation of satisfaction
- Hill or rocky peak

Dec. 12 Solution

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Stanford real estate holds momentum in late fall

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

STANFORD — Thirteen real estate transfers were recorded in Stanford in October and November continuing Stanford's recent history as an active market. Only three homes sold for over a million and seven under \$500,000. Three of these houses were Covid purchases in 2020 and 2021 which were resold substantially over their purchase price — as indicated below.

There are 14 single family homes on the market now and price reductions are occurring with the prices of half of the homes listed reduced by \$500,000 to \$20,000.

October
83 Fancor Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch sold for \$360,000.

73 Woods Drive — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath townhouse sold for \$360,000.

35 Tick Tock Way — 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch sold for \$325,000.

59 Mills Lane — 3 bedroom/1 bath house built in 1850 sold for \$515,000, 47% over its purchase price of \$350,000 in June of 2021.

132 Hunns Lake Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home sold for \$435,000, 98% more than its purchase price of \$220,000 in October of 2020.

196 Ohland Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath modern home

on 4 acres sold for \$1.1 million.
86-88 Wendover Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home built in 1810 on 10.2 acres sold for \$325,000.

6322 Route 82 — 6 bedroom/2.5 bath house on 153 acres sold to the Winnakee Land Trust Inc. for \$1,675,000.

November
213 Willow Brook Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath house sold for \$290,000.

1235 Anson Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$540,000.

429 Hunns Lake Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$345,000, 27% more than its purchase price of \$270,000 in June 2021.

701 Bangall Amenia Road —

3 bedroom/ 4.5 bath house on 8.9 acres sold for \$3,125,000.

Bulls Head Road (#273650) — 11.28 acres of vacant land sold for \$250,000.

* Town of Stanford real estate sales recorded between Oct. 1, 2024, and Nov. 30, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. Parcel details may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1942 this 1,400 square foot cottage at 429 Hunns Lake Road sold for \$270,000 in 2021 and was sold again with a new roof for \$345,000 in November.

Amenia hears progress on project to upgrade wastewater facility

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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MILLBROOK — The final Board of Trustees meeting of 2024 before a new mayor takes office was held on Wednesday, Dec. 11. It included the adoption of the Natural Resources Inventory local law, as well as hearing a progress report from Tighe and Bond regarding the

needed upgrade for the village's wastewater processing facility.

"It's been an incredible journey," said outgoing Mayor Tim Collopy, reflecting on his years of service to the village.

"You've been the backbone of our success," Collopy told the outgoing board members. "Together we've made great strides."

"I complete my term with

confidence in the next administration," Collopy said, congratulating Mayor-elect Peter Doro, who will begin his service in January.

Wastewater
Reporting to the trustees on the status of the wastewater plant upgrade, Erin Moore, vice-president and Senior Project Manager of Tighe and Bond (T&B), the

engineering firm which is guiding the phased planning and grant application process.

Moore indicated that the project can be divided into seven parts, of which five a sequential and two can be thought of as parallel paths.

A preliminary engineering report was drafted and submitted in July, 2024 a necessary step in qualifying

for government grant funding. Official comment has not yet been received, Moore said. In the meantime, the design phase is continuing.

A geo-technical report is expected within coming days, Moore said, indicating that the report will indicate the location of bedrock at the wastewater plant site.

Moore said T&B is project-

ing that necessary permits can be obtained by late March or early April of 2025. Generally, funding for environmental facilities can take four to six months for approval.

"The steps we are on now are design, not yet construction planning," Moore explained.

Following a public hearing where no comments were offered by residents, the Trustees unanimously adopted a new local law bringing the Natural Resources Inventory into effect. The inventory to be included in the village code will be used by all village entities when considering land use applications, using the Inventory to guide decisions.

Dutchess County Sheriff's offers online scam guidance

By **NATHAN MILLER**
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MILLERTON — Spam phone calls and text messages are on the rise this holiday season.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office offered some guidance on popular scams this year.

Scammers frequently send emails posing as tech support, according to the Sheriff's Office, often with logos which match the company's official emails. The emails could say anything, but they frequently claim the victim's computer is infected with a malignant virus. The email will instruct the victim to call support, but the number in the email connects with a fake call center.

This falls under the broad umbrella of a phishing scam. Phishers use email, telephone and text messaging to manipulate victims to send money.

Resources on the FBI's website warn that phishing attacks are sophisticated and convincing. Often, the emails and websites that scammers use appear identical to official sources.

The USPS has weighed in on phishing scams too. Scammers send text messages posing as the USPS claiming a package has failed delivery. These messages often have a link where victims provide personal information under the guise of receiving their package.

These messages are always fraudulent, according to a statement from the USPS. Text message package tracking is strictly opt-in, so USPS customers should not receive unsolicited messages about packages from the organization. The statement also said USPS tracking texts never contain links. If messages allegedly sent from the USPS

contain a link, the message is a scam and it should be ignored.

Phishing scams can take many forms and scammers will pose as anyone to bilk money out of their victims. Sometimes, scammers pose as law enforcement or tech companies like Microsoft. Scammers pose as grandchildren or relatives. The New York State Department warned in September of so-called "friendly greeting" scams, where scammers don't pose as anyone with authority at all, instead sending a seemingly innocent text to a wrong number.

The best way to avoid falling victim to phishing scams is to ignore the messages. The FBI's online resources advise that links and phone numbers should not be trusted in emails and text messages. A company or law enforcement's contact information can be found on trusted sources online and should always be consulted

rather than the information listed in an email. If a relative is asking for money, it's best to ignore that too and seek verification, even if it appears to be an emergency.

Scam victims should immediately contact law enforcement. Victims can reach the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or by email at dcsotips@gmail.com.

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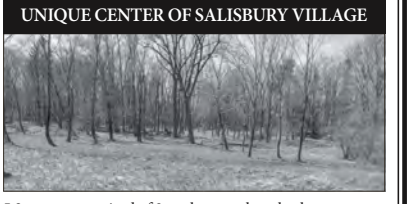
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