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Final 2024 election results across northern Dutchess

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

The official results of the 2024 election have been finalized in Dutchess County as Presidential Inauguration day approaches on Jan. 20.

Dover was the only town to vote for all three Republican can-

didates at the federal level among the eight towns in Northeast Dutchess County. In Dover 61% of voters favored Donald Trump for President.

In Pine Plains and Stanford 18 or 19 votes decided the presidential winner with 57 votes on the conservative line in Pine Plains putting Trump over the top, and

in Stanford the 87 votes on the Working Party line making the difference to Harris.

The total results in our area in the tight Presidential election where neither major party candidate won the majority reflect the close national outcome with Har-

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Millerton's Dine Out series

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
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MILLERTON — The North East Historical Society's Dine Out for History is returning this year with six participating restaurants.

On select dates from Sunday, Jan. 26, to Wednesday, March 19, restaurants will be hosting "Dine out for History" night. Ten percent of the profits will be donated to the North East Historical Society.

The donations will help the organization perform further research, digitize more of their collections and create content available for the public, especially teachers.

In conjunction with the North East Historical Society, the Millerton Inn will kickstart the celebration on Sunday, Jan. 26. Attendees may participate in an

optional short presentation and a local quiz, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Attendees of the presentation will be offered a free glass of wine to enjoy with their meal at the Inn afterward.

More participating restaurants are Taro's on Thursday, Feb. 6; The Oakhurst Diner on Sunday, Feb. 16; Willa on Thursday, Feb. 27; Round III, on Monday, March 10; and the Golden Wok on Wednesday, March 19, takeout only.

To ensure a table is available for your party, reservations are preferred for most participating restaurants.

For a reminder of this upcoming event, please sign up for the North East Historical Society newsletter by contacting Ed Downey at eddowney12@gmail.com.



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Millerton Inn kicks off the series. Veterans Park planter lights courtesy of Townscape with arrangement by Joanne Scasso at Country Gardeners.

A history lesson with Millerton community's Edward Downey

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
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MILLERTON — Edward Downey, President of the North East Historical Society, recently reflected on his role in the community as town historian, how to access the archives and Millerton's rich history.

The North East Historical Society

The North East Historical Society is a non-profit organization which aims to promote greater appreciation of the his-

tory of the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton.

"The function of the Historical Society is to essentially collect, curate, and make available to the public information about the history of the world," Downey said of his work which also involves programming and grant-sourcing.

As Downey explained it, history can be both personal and possessive. "The two largest areas of interest, first of all, genealogy. People are trying to find family members and the history

of their families," Downey said. "The other thing people are often interested in is maybe the history of a property they own, when it was built, how long it's in existence."

The organization is in possession of archives dating back to the 18th century, with a handful from the late 1700s. Downey and Edith Greenwood, the vice-president of North East Historical Society, provide access to the archives through appointments

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PHOTO BY JILL KIERNAN

Aevary Kiernan, left, with her mother Jill Kiernan.

A mother's advocacy results in answers

By **KRISTA A. BRIGGS**
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STANFORDVILLE — Shortly after her daughter's birth 21 years ago, Jill Kiernan realized baby Aevary was not progressing in the same manner as many newborns generally do after birth.

Kiernan, at the time a general education/special education teacher who lived — and continues to reside — in the Pine Plains area, was baffled by what she was seeing. Describing Aevary as "a floppy baby," the infant was large, 9 lbs. to be exact, with low muscle tone, her tiny feet were turned down, there were difficulties with feeding, and the infant was slow to develop. While Jill Kiernan didn't realize it at the time, she was at the beginning of a decade-long quest to get some answers on her daughter's condition.

Clarity did not come easily or quickly. At the time of Aevary's birth, Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome, the condition affecting Aevary, was not yet identified by the medical community. In fact, the condition would not be pinpointed until 2014, designating it as a more recently discovered disorder.

One of the first steps in understanding Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome is the knowledge of what constitutes a syndrome versus a disorder versus a disease. By definition, a syndrome is marked by groups of symptoms which simultaneously occur while a disorder is defined as a group of symptoms disrupting normal

"It's hard to find opportunities in the rare disease space."

Jill Kiernan

and daily functioning, resulting in significant impairment. Disease is an already identified medical condition with a distinct cause and with measurable components. In the case of Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome, with the research and data in place, though limited, it is now all three — a syndrome, a disorder, and a very rare disease indeed which, according to Kiernan, affects about 450 identified persons worldwide.

At Aevary's birth, there was little to no information available in the medical journals as to the source of her condition. Aevary's growing list of symptoms mystified everyone around her — including health professionals, who were unable to provide the Kiernan family with any definitive insight. With the passage of time during Aevary's childhood, additional issues would present themselves. Aevary, of course, was large from birth, but her physical growth accelerated at an abnormal rate. Unusually bushy eyebrows sprouted above her eyes. Developmental delays and intellectual challenges surfaced. Still, the Kiernan family received no answers to their inquiries from Aevary's healthcare providers.

When Aevary was about ten,

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North East Town Board sets plans for coming year

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — On Thursday, Jan. 2, the Town of North East's board held the annual reorganization meeting, allowing the members to plan for the upcoming year.

"As we start off this year, we've got lots of projects in front of us," Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said. "We've got projects which we have completed ... So we are mak-

ing progress."

The town board members adopted their own schedule, which agreed to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

Julie Schroeder, chair member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, has requested to step down from being a chair, however, will continue to help the Zoning Board. With this opening, Kennan asked Edith Greenwood to fill in

the role.

"I have asked Edie Greenwood whether she would be willing to step into the chair position on the ZBA. She has indicated she would be, which I am very grateful for," Kennan said. "We're very grateful that you are willing to do this. You have contributed so much already in your service on the ZBA and particularly with your years of service as chair of the ZRC."



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Rudd Pond

The New Year got off to a cold start but the inviting ice on Rudd Pond in North East still wasn't safe as mid-month approached.

Amenia approves pool at Troutbeck estate hotel

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Public hearings continued from the previous meeting concluded at the regular meeting of the Amenia Planning Board on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Having considered public comment, the board approved applications from Troutbeck for an indoor pool and from DaVinci Windows for a sign installation.

No public comment was heard in connection with the Troutbeck proposal to construct an outdoor pool as briefly described by project engineer Rich Rennie of Rennie Engineering of Dover Plains. The application is part of Phase 8 of Troutbeck's adaptive reuse application, revised recently to reduce the environmental impact.

Plans call for renovation to the existing pool, the bathhouse and the snack bar — all contained within the wellness area — and construction of a new indoor pool inside the Amenity Barn, Rennie said, explaining that the wellness area will not expand in area, only configuration.

Planning Board attorney Paul Van Cott said that the Phase 8 plans remain consistent with previous planning board approvals and are consistent with the site plan. Board engineer John Andrews indicated that the application was in order and ready for planning board decision, clearing the way for the unanimous vote to approve.

Residents' concerns about traffic safety were repeated during the continued public hearing to approve installation of a two by six sign at the Route 343 location of DaVinci Windows' showroom. However, following discussion, the planning board voted unanimous approval of the sign permit, providing that a site plan be submitted showing details of the new sign.

Resident George Bistransin echoed neighbors' concerns that the sign might pose a dangerous distraction for motorists negotiating a nearby highway curve. He also offered his opinion that conversion of a residential property into a commercial enterprise should have been subjected to further review.

Engineer Andrews reported on his visit to the site accompanied by town highway and building officials. Andrews said that the property is located in a mixed-use district and that the project renovates a single-family residence to add a commercial use.

Andrews added his findings that the sight lines would not be impacted by the sign's location.

Atty. Van Cott advised that Andrews will need to sign off on the sign's site plan, a plan

that will show illumination details.

Board member Nina Peek suggested that approval be delayed until the site plan with sign details is submitted, but board member James Vitiello favored moving ahead with a vote to approve, pending receipt of the site plan.

Cascade Road affordable housing

The Planning Board heard a preliminary review of impending plans for a Cascade Road affordable housing development to be proposed by Hudson River Housing of Poughkeepsie.

Plans were introduced by Senior Planner Peter Sander of Rennie Engineering. The site would use the land for workforce housing, envisioning a potential layout of 28 small lots to hold single-family, 4-bedroom homes with on-site shared water and septic systems. Half of the land would be conserved, Sander said, asking the board to provide any preliminary comments to assist with preparing for the application process.

Engineer John Andrews asked for a detailed analysis of the conservation elements on the property and he said that the precise acreage needs to be determined.

Atty. Van Cott noted that the planning board is not going to be looking at the subdivision plans at the current early stage. Rather, the board will be considering the plot of land as a whole including the conservation value.

"The applicant's job is to design around these land resources," Van Cott added, indicating the presence of a stream corridor at the site.

Board member Vitiello asked about impact on any wildlife to which Van Cott responded that the applicant would need to acquire the services of a professional biologist who would define any habitats. An alternative, Van Cott noted, would be for the Planning Board to hire a biologist at the applicant's expense.

Spotted salamander is present at the site, as noted by board member James Walsh who indicated that he has caught trout when fishing the site.

Water and septic concerns were of interest to board member Kenneth Topolsky, including water quality, wastewater treatment plans, and run-off from storm water and Cascade Creek and how it might affect surrounding properties.

Final grant of \$675,000 awarded for Eddie Collins Memorial Park pool project

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — Calling the ongoing revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park "the largest project the village has taken on," Mayor Jenn Najdek has disclosed additional funding has come through in support of its upgrade.

This past December, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation awarded the village a matching grant of up to \$675,000 in support of the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Swimming Pool Project. With these monies, funding for Phase II of the project,

which stems largely from a NY SWIMS capital grant, is now at \$7.56 million.

This most recent grant, which Najdek explained was the final one for which the village had applied, will go toward planned improvements for the park which include a new swimming pool and bathhouse, a community room and an on-site septic system. Additionally, all sections of the park will be accessible, making the venue ADA-compliant. The hope is to have complete and final designs of the project submitted over the next month or so. Completion of the project is expected by spring

of 2026.

"It's going to be great when it's all done," said Najdek, who acknowledged the need for quality outdoor recreation in Millerton, and who fondly recalled the swimming pool which was previously in place. "I'm excited," she added.

The revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park has been a work in progress for just under a decade, but strides have been made in recent years with the implementation of a soccer field, the recent installation of donated lights for the baseball field, and the paving of the parking lot as well as other revisions.

Supplemental ambulance services cover deficiencies in Dutchess County

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POUGHKEEPSIE — As a means of improving emergency services coverage in Dutchess, the county has contracted with Empress Ambulance Service to provide supplemental coverage for those in need of rush transportation for medical treatment.

The coverage, which stems from a \$2 million EMS investment as part of the county's 2025 budget, is designed to address deficiencies in emergency transport throughout Dutchess.

As part of its contract with the county, Empress will provide around-the-clock service with the aid of strategically positioned vehicles — two Basic Life Support ambulances and one Advanced Life Support fly car — to support coverage in areas where response times have lagged. This initiative, which kicked off on the first day of 2025, saw 58 emergency responses in its first week of existence in towns throughout the county including Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, and southerly destinations such as Fishkill.

While the support from Empress will boost emergency service response, it is strictly supplemental coverage and will not replace primary coverage. The purpose of Empress is to ensure emergency service transport in the event primary ambulance coverage or mutual aid is unable to reach patients in an expedited fashion. In addition to the agreement with Empress, the county is also in discussions with Ambulnz by DocGo to act as a secondary provider. If a contract with Ambulnz comes to fruition, their function would be to serve at peak demand times as well as provide on-call service for Dutchess government-hosted events in the event of emergencies.

Supplemental ambulance coverage in Dutchess is an initiative which county executive Sue Serino has prioritized over the past year due to its clear and urgent need, especially in the more remote areas of the county. "By contracting for countywide ambulance units, we are addressing gaps in EMS coverage, improving response times and ensuring neighbors have access to timely, high-quality emergency care," Serino said. "Whether it's a medical emergency in a rural area or a large-scale event requiring immediate major response capabilities, these resources will assist in ensuring that help will arrive when it's needed most."

OBITUARY

Donald Francis 'Frank' McNally

MILLERTON — Donald Francis "Frank" McNally Jr., passed away peacefully at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on Wednesday Jan. 8, 2025, after a short illness. Frank was a resident of Millerton since 1996. He was born on Jan. 27, 1955, in Cold Spring, New York, at Butterfield Hospital and was raised in Garrison, New York, where he enjoyed exploring and camping in the wilderness of the Hudson Valley, participating in the Boy Scouts as a bugler, and competing as captain of his high school wrestling team.

He was a graduate of James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls class of '74 and SUNY Cobleskill class of '76 where he majored in animal husbandry, specializing in equine science. He then proudly volunteered for the United States Peace Corps where he accepted an

assignment to his host country of the Philippines, where he met his wife. Frank would then pursue his lifelong passion for horses and horseback riding on several horse farms in Dutchess County. Later he would work for New York state where he would then retire, spending his time caring for animals, reading, fishing and taking photographs. Frank enjoyed a good laugh with family and friends, while also occasionally winning a game of RISK. Frank was an avid reader, often reading several books a week while in the constant company of his cat.


Frank is survived by his wife and best friend, Paz (Alpez) McNally who resides in Millerton, and two sons, Patrick A. McNally and Philipp F. McNally; his

daughter in-law, Erin McNally and his beloved grandchildren, Jack and Lila who brought him immeasurable joy in his life. Frank is also survived by his sister, Mary R. (McNally) Gutierrez and her husband Victor and their son Juan, and his brother, Daniel McNally Sr., and his daughter Jacqueline and son Daniel Jr. He was predeceased by his father Donald F. McNally Sr. and his mother Jacqueline (Adams) McNally.

There are no calling hours. At Frank's request, cremation has taken place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Poughkeepsie. A celebration of Frank's life will take place in the spring. Memorial Contributions may be made to the NorthEast-Millerton Library, P.O. Box 786, Millerton, NY 12546 or to a local


animal shelter of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To

send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Frank's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



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Robert Thorson is a professor of Earth Sciences at UCONN and the coordinator of the Stone Wall Initiative, which is a resource for protecting our historic stone walls here in New England. For more information on the Stone Wall Initiative, please visit: stonewall.uconn.edu/about-swi/mission-and-purpose/. Robert makes the case of how important these stone walls are to both the history and culture of New England and highlights the threats to their very existence by the strip mining of existing walls. An excellent article in the Smithsonian Magazine was written by Robert and can be found at www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/how-stone-walls-became-a-signature-landform-of-new-england-18098325/



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An array of drugs, drug paraphernalia, and a firearm were recovered as part of the investigation that saw seven Hudson Valley residents arrested and charged in Dutchess County Court on Jan. 9 in an alleged drug-trafficking network in the region.

Large scale drug-traffic network investigation leads to arrests

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Following the conclusion of a year-long investigation, seven Hudson Valley residents were taken into custody by law enforcement on Jan. 9 and charged in Dutchess County Court with participation in a drug trafficking network in which cocaine and fentanyl were peddled throughout the region.

Damian Cunningham, 40, of Mount Vernon, Nicole Kane, 36, of Highland, Shamique Delaine, 33, Jonte Hatcher, 41, Romell Hearn, 45, Daquan Killian, 32, and Dwan Scafe, 36, all of Poughkeepsie, were charged on 155 wide-ranging counts of felony offenses including criminal sale of a controlled substance in the first and second degrees as well as Class A felonies.

Hatcher, Kane, Hearn and Scafe were charged with firearms offenses including crimi-

nal possession of a weapon in the second degree, which is a class C violent felony. Hearn and Scafe were also charged with operating as major traffickers, which, if convicted on this charge, could potentially carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Cunningham was charged with trafficking cocaine. Delaine, Hatcher, Hearn, Kane, Killian and Scafe were charged with conspiracy and trafficking cocaine and counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl.

The investigation, spearheaded by the Office of the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force, recovered over 10,500 counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl worth approximately \$75,000, over eight kilograms of cocaine with a street value of \$200,000, three firearms — including a ghost gun — and \$14,000 in cash.

The investigation, which was carried out over a period

of twelve months, was a collaborative effort between the organized crime task force and the New York State Police's Special Investigations Unit — Hudson Valley and Troop K — Violent Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team.

"Counterfeit opioids containing deadly amounts of fentanyl are a grave threat to New Yorkers," New York State Attorney General Letitia James said of the success of the takedown operation. "Our investigation dismantled a drug trafficking network that was responsible for moving massive quantities of dangerous narcotics throughout the Hudson Valley, where communities have been hit hard by the opioid crisis. My office remains committed to tackling this crisis from every angle, and I thank the New York State Police for their cooperation and diligent work on this investigation that took dangerous drugs and guns off our streets."

Pine Plains real estate sales

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — From August through November there were 14 sales in Pine Plains with only one on Lake Road selling for over a million dollars and two homes for over \$500,000 — a mid-century modern in town closing for \$590,000 and a historic house on 8.5 acres for \$660,000.

Since September 2021 the median price for publicly listed properties in Pine Plains has hovered at around \$350,000. Properties listed in mid-January include seven residences ranging in price from \$150,000 to \$8.95 million, six pieces of land and Harvest Homestead Farm on 343 acres with a fully functioning distillery formerly associated with 1930's mobster Dutch Schultz.

November

23 Willow St. — 2 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$362,500.

50 Meusel Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house sold for \$339,200.

7760 Main St. — 3 bedroom/2 bath renovated raised ranch sold for \$590,000.

2812 Church St. — a mobile home on .69 acres sold for \$107,000.

North Main St. (#414425) — 2.7 acre residential lot sold for \$80,000 in a private sale.

October

4-8 Stissing Mountain Lane — 3 bedroom/1 bath house on 1 acre sold for \$475,000 in a private sale.

62 Britton St. — 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold for \$235,000 in a private sale.

3 Carla Terrace — 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold for \$345,000.

30 Myrtle Ave. — 3 bed-



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This 3 bedroom /2 bath renovated raised ranch at 7760 Main St. in Pine Plains sold for \$590,000.

room/2 bath house sold for \$202,000.

3831 Route 199 — uninhabitable 2 bedroom/1bath house sold for \$50,000 in a private sale.

Bean River Road (3307440) — 2.87 acre lot sold for \$112,000.

September

243 Lake Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 1.38 acres sold for \$1,525,000.

August

421 Carpenter Hill Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath house on 1.13 acres sold privately for \$214,000.

3327 Route 199 — 4 bedroom/2 bath house built in

1787 on 8.51 acres sold for \$660,000.

* Town of Pine Plains real estate sales recorded between August 1, 2024, and November 30, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY

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Future of weight loss

More than 40% of Americans are now classified as obese while 75% of adults are either overweight or obese. A new group of drugs called GLP-1 receptor agonists have come on the scene to help in the battle to lose weight. Are they as good as we think?

You may have heard about them or some of their brand names like Zepbound, Wegovy and Ozempic. The use of these drugs has exploded in popularity to the point where companies like Lilly and Novo Nordisk have had problems keeping up with demand. There is nothing magical about the science behind these drugs. GLP-1 mimics a protein naturally produced by our small intestines. The receptors for these medicines are located across the body. They help us lose weight because receptors in the gastrointestinal tract slow down and send signals to the brain that give us a sense of feeling full.

There are some side effects but nothing too serious for most patients. We are still learning how these medications impact the body. They are currently approved for treating diabetes, obesity and those with a history of cardiovascular disease in people who are overweight. There are a few drawbacks to these drugs at present.

An entirely new team of individuals, including a retired congressman, a surgeon and a talk-show host could play pivotal roles in how the government goes about safeguarding America's health.

Typically, GLP-1 agonists are administered as injections in the abdomen, upper arms, outer thighs or upper buttocks via a syringe and needle or a pre-filled dosing pen. The shots are generally taken once a day or once a week.

For many, this is a big turn-off. Fortunately, you will be able to take tablets soon. The typical weight loss is from 5-15% of body weight over at least 12 months. But GLP-1 is no quick fix. Like exercise, you must stick with it. If you stop taking it, most people regain the weight they lost. And you can't expect to magically lose weight while you continue to eat all that junk food you get.

The second drawback is the expense. These medications' list price is around \$1,000 a month to \$1,400 a month. Without insurance, we are talking \$12,000 plus per year for these drugs. Many insurance plans cover some portion of GLP-1 costs, but the extent of coverage can vary significantly. You probably are wondering whether Medicare covers GLP-1 medications. They do for certain medically accepted indications such as heart attack or cardiovascular disease but not for weight management. To qualify, you must have a BMI of 30 or higher, or 27 or higher with comorbidities like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or type 2 diabetes. They are currently covered through Part D plans.

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are pegged to the list price of drugs. As such, Medicare beneficiaries who qualify could still face monthly costs of \$250 to \$430 before they reach the annual out-of-pocket drug spending established by the Inflation Reduction Act. The IRA cap for out-of-pocket expenses were around \$3,300 in 2024 and will be \$2,000 in 2025. Most retirees living on modest incomes would still find the cost of GLP-1 prohibitive.

In November 2024, the Biden Administration proposed that Medicare and Medicaid cover obesity medications. In doing so, they sidestepped a twenty-year-old piece of legislation that prevented Medicare from covering drugs for 'weight loss.' The new proposal specifies that the drugs would be covered to treat the disease of obesity and prevent related conditions. Those conditions are serious and include diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, sleep apnea, fatty liver disease, and arthritis.

The classification would also mean that every state Medicaid program would be required to cover the drugs starting in 2026. Between the two programs, an additional 7.4 million Americans would gain coverage. The price tag would be high, at least \$36 billion over a decade. However, there are more obesity drugs in the pipeline and prices should fall as competition heats up. Starting in 2025, Medicare will also be able to negotiate a lower price for Wegovy as well as many other popular drugs.

As for the future, the costs and usage of GLP-1 medications could change significantly under the second Trump Administration. An entirely new team of individuals, including a retired congressman, a surgeon, and a talk-show host could play pivotal roles in how the government goes about safeguarding America's health.

Under Robert F. Kennedy, an environmental lawyer, politician and anti-vaccine organizer, we can expect radically different views and actions in health care, medicine, food safety and science research. Early indications are that Kennedy, who would run the Department of Health and Human Services, is not a big fan of Ozempic. He does not believe that using popular GLP-1 drugs is ever going to make America healthy again. His remedy would be to provide good food to Americans. He believes that providing three nutritious meals a day to all Americans would solve obesity and diabetes overnight. The problem is that for many Americans the admonition to change your diet, eat less and exercise more has failed to dent the problem. Why not give the country an avenue that shows a much better chance of success over the long term?

Bill Schmick is a founding partner of Onota Partners, Inc., in the Berkshires.



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Monarch butterfly granted threatened status

Dear EarthTalk: What is the status of the monarch butterfly in the U.S. and is it listed as threatened or endangered?
— M. Smith, Raleigh, NC

The monarch butterfly, known for its awe-inspiring migration across North America, has become a symbol of both ecological wonder and environmental decline. Once abundant across the continent, their numbers have plummeted in recent decades, raising concerns about the species' long-term survival.

In 2014, the Center for Biological Diversity, a leading conservation group, petitioned the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to list the monarch as "threatened." Fish & Wildlife launched a review of the butterfly's status, concluding six years later that listing was warranted although other species took priority. In 2022, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a federal lawsuit

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and won a settlement calling for the government to decide whether to list monarchs by late 2024, which Fish & Wildlife did in December, finally granted "threatened" status to the species.

The monarch's eastern population, which migrates from the U.S. and Canada to central Mexico for the winter, has experienced a staggering 80% drop over the past 20 years, largely due to habitat loss, especially the destruction of milkweed — the sole food source for monarch larvae. The widespread use of herbicides and pesticides kill both milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plants. Climate is compounding the issue by altering the availability of suitable habitats, affecting migra-

tion patterns. The monarch's western population migrates along the U.S. West Coast to winter in California, and has also seen a drastic decline. It has not yet been listed as threatened or endangered by Fish & Wildlife, but the western monarch is still considered to be in serious jeopardy, with some estimates suggesting a 99% decline since the 1980s.

Being listed as "threatened" means that while monarchs are not yet in immediate danger of extinction, their populations are at significant risk. This status has prompted federal agencies to prioritize monarch conservation, leading to a variety of initiatives aimed at halting or reversing the decline. Fish & Wildlife has created a recovery plan, which includes restoring migratory and breeding habitats, reducing pesticide use and raising public awareness about the importance of monarchs and pollinators in general.

Despite official recognition of the problem and action, habitat destruction continues at an alarming rate, exacerbated by logging and urban sprawl. In response, conservation and governmental agencies and researchers are all working toward restoring monarch habitats and promoting the planting of milkweed.

Everyone can play a role in helping the monarchs. Readers can help by planting milkweed in your garden, backyard or community space. You can also reduce pesticide use in your yard and choose organic gardening practices. Support organizations working to protect monarch habitats and advocate for policies that protect pollinators and raise awareness about their decline can also create broader change.

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When it comes to your health care and end-of-life decisions, do your loved ones know what you would want, or would they be left guessing and arguing among themselves if you became unable to decide for yourself?

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Making your wishes clearly known, in writing, is the basis of what's called "advance care planning." The goal is to create plans known as "advance directives" covering the decisions that are best made ahead of time, while you're able to do so. The directive can describe what you want, as well as what you don't.

Nothing carved in stone

Your wishes may change between now and this time next year, or ten years from now, or even next week. An advance directive only takes effect if you cannot communicate your own wishes. That's how the directive is designed: to let you make changes as your needs evolve.

The American Bar Association defines advance care planning as "a process for setting goals and plans with

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Todd N. Tancredi

respect to medical care and treatments. It requires conversations between the individual and his or her family, key health care providers, and anyone else who may be involved in decision-making. It can begin at any point in a person's life, regardless of his or her current health state and, ideally, is documented in an advance directive or recorded in your medical record, revisited periodically, and becomes more specific as your health status changes."

If you are looking for a simple way to make your wishes known, a living will or a durable power of attorney are great directives to start with. There may be other directives needed to cover your finances and estate, depending on your needs.

What if no directive?

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progress was made on determining her condition, which Kiernan describes as “a long hard journey,” which was finally labeled as Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome. The disease is a complex utosomal dominant disorder affecting children who, by chance, inherit one copy of a mutated gene from either parent. More specifically, according to the website of the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community, a research and advocacy organization founded by Kiernan in the wake of Aevary’s official diagnosis, the disease is “a rare genetic disease caused by pathogenic variants (previously called mutations) in the DNMT3A gene... It is also called DNMT3A Over-

growth Syndrome.” First identified in thirteen cases in the United Kingdom in 2014 by doctors Katrina Tatton-Brown and Nazneen Rahman, who were researching genetic drivers of overgrowth in individuals, members of the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome population are physically characterized by height and weight as affected individuals tend to be tall and heavy with a large head circumference known as macrocephaly and may display unique facial features. They may present with mild to severe intellectual disability. Behavioral and mental health issues may also surface as well as cardiac defects, orthopedic issues and autism,

but according to Kiernan, a range of individual presentation of symptoms is common, the severity of which can vary between persons. Additionally, the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome gene is also linked to incidences of leukemia. For Kiernan, while the diagnosis shed some light, it also brought some uncertainty. “It was a relief to have an answer,” she said of pinpointing the source of Aevary’s condition. But with the diagnosis came initial vagueness attached to Aevary’s outcomes or life expectancy as very little was known at the time of Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome due to the small number of affected persons. Undeterred, however, Kiernan realized she

could play a part in guiding medical research by sharing information with other families affected by Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome as well as researchers, hence the creation of the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community. The Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community began with the creation of a website and a Facebook page by Kiernan. Through these mediums, Kiernan connected with other Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome-affected families who began exchanging information on particulars pertaining to their individual cases. Eventually, the families began to meet. “We began informally gath-

ering for support,” explained Kiernan, acknowledging the value of strength in numbers. Family conferences began to be organized with one taking place in 2018 at Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in Highland, New York. “Families came from all over the world,” explained Kiernan. “Dr. Tatton-Brown came over from the U.K.” As the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community expanded, it led to the creation of a registry, which was launched in 2021 as families began donating blood and skin samples. The registry, in turn, became a valuable tool to researchers, who previously had little information available to them. As word of the existence of the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community spread, even more cases began to be identified, which, in turn, fueled the medical community with what Kiernan terms as “patient-driven research.”

can make a difference, she’s focused less on accolades and more on her daughter. Aevary Kiernan has defied medical expectations with her viability, given the seriousness of her condition. While she will not be able to live independently, Aevary lives the life of a young woman who, while navigating physical and emotional challenges, enjoys spending time with animals, telling jokes, acting and singing. She was even featured on a segment of “Good Morning, America” which showcased her performance in a production of “Beauty and the Beast.” Aevary has completed high school via special education through the Pine Plains school district, first at the Center for Spectrum Services and then at the Center for Discovery. She is currently attending the Tri-Form program for individuals with challenges in Columbia County. Aevary’s future is uncertain, given her medical history and the possibility of future medical challenges. She suffers from joint and spinal issues, and will soon need a hip replacement. Whatever is to come next for Aevary is, for Jill Kiernan, “a ticking time bomb feeling,” but Kiernan remains optimistic about the future given how far she and her family have come on their Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome journey. “We’ve learned a lot living in the rare disease world,” she said. Additional information on Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome can be found at: www.tbrsyndrome.org.

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Downey encourages interested parties to reach out to him for appointments by email. The archives are located on the second floor of the NorthEast-Millerton Library. They cannot be checked out from their location. “It’s not a museum. There’s a distinction between a museum and an archive. A museum is a space where there are exhibits,” said Downey. Downey explained assistance is available while reviewing the archives. “We have an area where someone can sit and we can go through things with them,” said Downey, “but it’s more like research library.”

systems, three which came from the western part of the county. “It enabled the transportation, particularly of coal, to and from the western part of the county, probably from mining and other areas that were brought to those railheads to be loaded onto cars and shipped over into Connecticut where there [was] a lot of manufacturing going on,” said Downey. “Millerton became a very active railroad center because of all that. So in 1851, after the railroad had just gotten here, a group of people got together and decided to name this new hamlet Millerton.”

landscape... but it’s a rich, re-sourced landscape,” Downey said. “It’s supported in the early years of iron ore mining. It then supported wheat farming and apple farming... and now agriculture is more for the large sort of crops such as hay but also for vegetables and direct sale. So there’s this whole history of the community because of what its landscape is. “The second thing that’s been important is that landscape... has attracted periodic ways of talented commercial people... whether it’s been in farming or in operating businesses in the village.” Downey said.

“The third factor... We are 100 miles from one of the largest and wealthiest municipalities in the world.” In 2026, the 175th anniversary of the creation of the hamlet is being celebrated, thanks to the railroads which helped establish this settlement, but also thanks to its scenic features. “Another feature of this landscape is its beauty,” marvelled Downey. “There’s just extraordinary views throughout the town and different areas.” For more information, email Ed Downey, town historian, at eddowney12@gmail.com.

History of Millerton
Before the revolution, the boundary lines relating to the Town of North East varied over the years. In 1823, the current boundary lines for the towns were created. “Millerton was really just kind of farmland until the New York and Harlem railroad decided to build a rail system from Grand Central Station up through Hudson, through the Harlem Valley, all the way up to the town of Chatham in Columbia County, where it linked with a railroad coming from Boston to Albany,” Downey said. “That line was started in about late 1840s. By 1851, it had gotten to what is now Millerton. And what was then just kind of farmland along the Weevit Creek, because of the development, the arrival of that railroad, suddenly, people were building commercial buildings and they were building residential buildings all because of the railroad.” Between 1851 and 1888, Millerton was surrounded by four different railroad

The Village of Millerton, named for railroad project engineer Sydney Miller, was created in 1875 as an incorporated village, creating a political subdivision for the town. The Village would ensure residents had their own municipal management, safety and more. “At that time you couldn’t create separate districts to provide special services such as a water district or a fire service district, but Millerton... the feeling began to develop that, ‘We should have those sorts of things,’” Downey said. “And the only way you could do it then, under New York State of Law, was to create what’s called an incorporated village. It’s also still part of the town of Northeast, but it’s a special village, or certain special units of political subdivisions.” According to Downey, there are three distinct things which have created what Millerton is known for today — landscape, talent and proximity to New York City. “There’s a very important

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ris with 50.7% of votes. In contrast Harris received 53% in Dutchess County overall and 56% in New York State. Both incumbents, Kristen

Gillibrand for the Senate and Pat Ryan for the House of Representatives, outperformed Harris in every town in their races, includ-

ing Dover, the only town where both lost. Although Gillibrand won 54% of votes in Northeast Dutchess, this was not as decisive as her

58.9% statewide win. Likewise, Ryan’s result in our towns of 52.6% was also lower than his district wide win of 57.2%.

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PRESIDENT	% Winner			US SENATE			18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		
	Harris	Trump	% Winner	Gillibrand	Sapraicone	% Winner	Ryan	Esposito	% Winner
Amenia	903	982	52.10%	977	864	53.10%	975	888	52.30%
Clinton	1,461	1,111	56.80%	1,498	1,054	58.70%	1,441	1,111	56.50%
Dover	1,445	2,278	61.20%	1,532	2,091	57.70%	1,508	2,132	58.60%
Milan	901	629	58.90%	942	565	62.50%	901	629	58.90%
North East	853	578	59.60%	894	518	63.30%	884	534	62.30%
Pine Plains	677	696	50.70%	740	601	55.20%	709	645	52.40%
Stanford	1,105	1,087	50.40%	1,180	1,003	54.10%	1,157	1,030	52.90%
Washington	1,407	1,137	55.30%	1,460	1,076	57.60%	1,422	1,129	55.70%
Total Votes	8,752	8,498	50.70%	9,223	7,772	54.30%	8,997	8,098	52.60%

Vote tally includes Democratic, Republican, Working Family and Conservative parties not other and write ins

Registration by Party

	Dem	Repub	Conser	Working	NOP + Other	Total Voters	% Total Voters
Amenia	964	858	42	20	762	2,646	28.80%
Clinton	1,272	1,008	58	9	1117	3,464	32.20%
Dover	1,777	1,870	128	23	1979	5,777	34.30%
Milan	865	483	40	6	645	2,039	31.60%
North East	837	539	28	9	733	2,146	34.20%
Pine Plains	554	587	43	1	490	1,675	29.30%
Stanford	930	985	67	8	899	2,889	31.10%
Washington	925	689	37	6	849	2,506	33.90%
Total	8,124	7,019	443	82	7,474	23,142	
% Total Voters	35.10%	30.30%	1.90%	0.40%	32.30%		

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CAMP: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Christopher Wadsworth retires after 43 years of service at Camp Sloane

After more than four decades of dedicated service, Chris Wadsworth has retired from his role as director of Camp Sloane YMCA in Lakeville, Connecticut. His retirement marks the end of an era, with Wadsworth having been an integral part of the camp's growth and success since 1978. His tenure, which spans two periods—1978 to 1985 and 1990 to 2024—has been characterized by unwavering commitment, love, and care for the camp's mission and its community.

"Camp Sloane has been my life," said Wadsworth, reflecting on his extensive time at the helm. "I love that place, and it's been so rewarding to help it grow and thrive."

Under Wadsworth's leadership, the camp has maintained its charm and beauty, thanks to his tireless efforts in overseeing its upkeep and operations. Starting out working part-time when he was still in college, Wadsworth learned a lot of his handyman skills on the job. "It's an amaz-



Chris Wadsworth at Camp Sloane.

PHOTO BY NATALIE WADSWORTH

ing place to work. It's a long day and we just go nonstop so it's a pressure cooker, but everyone is there for each other," said Wadsworth.

Wadsworth's dedication to the camp has extended beyond his professional responsibilities. "It's a year-round job, and there's always something to do—whether it's building projects in the winter or preparing for the next season," he explained. "In the fall, we're all exhausted, but it's not too long before we're already thinking about

next summer." Wadsworth stressed the importance of the support he always received from a remarkable team, including the camp's director Rhino Merrick, executive director Paul "Bear" Bryant, and facilities director Dave Wright. Wadsworth emphasized that the success of the camp has always been a team effort. "We've been very fortunate to have an incredible group of people here," said Wadsworth. "And the community has been amazing.

Our tradespeople have become friends, and the community support has been outstanding. The town of Salisbury has been top-notch to work with."

Wadsworth officially retired on Dec. 31, 2024, and enjoyed a retirement party the first weekend in January at the Interlaken Inn. "I was humbled by all the nice comments and thoughts. It was really something," he said. In passing the torch to Dave Wright,

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Telling Stories: a conversation with Dani Shapiro and Laura Karetzky

On Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m., the first in a new series of conversations called "Telling Stories" will take place at Spring Hill Vineyards in New Preston, Conn. Moderated by writer and teacher Maggie Levine, this inaugural session will feature bestselling author Dani Shapiro and Brooklyn-based painter Laura Karetzky in a discussion about their creative processes, storytelling techniques, and the connections between their art forms.

Shapiro, author of eleven books, and the host and creator of the hit podcast "Family Secrets," and Karetzky, known for her narra-

tive-driven paintings, will explore how they weave multiple perspectives and non-linear narratives into their respective works. "The reason I paired Laura with Dani is because Dani's work, even in her fiction, is not linear. She jumps around in time and weaves different perspectives. Laura's narrative paintings do something similar—they often tell multiple

stories through layers and perspectives," said Levine, who founded her newsletter and social platform, ArtWrite, to explore the intersections of art and writing. Levine will guide the conversation, highlighting the common threads between these two artists' practices.

"I was beginning to see the danger in adhering to a single narrative,

hewing to a story," said Shapiro about writing. "The peril wasn't only in getting it wrong, it was a kind of calcification, a narrowing, a perversion of reality that hardened and stilled the spirit."

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Erin Ash Sullivan, the evening's featured act, performing her music for a rapt audience.

MUSIC: ALEC LINDEN

Coffee house night brings music and beyond to the Northwest Corner

This year's first installment of the 12 Moons Coffee House open mic and performance kicked off to a packed house despite bracing weather on Saturday, Jan. 4.

"This is the best thing you can do on a freezing evening," said the night's featured performer, singer-songwriter Erin Ash Sullivan. Applause and murmurs of assent filled the vaulted interior of Falls Village's Center on Main.

The event, which is funded entirely by donations, occurs on the first Saturday of each month and has, except for hiatus during the pandemic, been running since 2012. Since taking over in 2022, the night usually draws between 30 and 50 attendants, said John Nowak who organizes 12 Moons with his wife Nancy. "Tonight we have about 60," Nowak said.

The evening's structure followed the standard 12 Moons layout, starting with an open mic session which was then followed by the featured artist taking the stage at 8 p.m.

Nowak explained that he sees the night as a showcase of the deep and thriving music community in the region, as well as a supportive platform for newer performers to showcase their work.

The event has a strong regular following — "We have people who come every month," Nowak said — but continuously draws new participants. "There has always been somebody new for the open mic for two and a half years," Nowak explained, referencing his tenure as the event's organizer.

Saturday evening's open mic showcased the varied and vibrant Northwest Corner talent pool, closing with David Capellaro reciting his own original poetry, a few lilting tunes from local legend George Potts, and a couple of traditional songs performed a cappella by South Kent resident John Milnes Baker, who runs his own folksong night on the second Monday of every month

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at the Bulls Bridge Inn. One of Milnes Baker's songs related an amusing tale about a traveler who unwittingly gets wrapped up in a strange barter system involving mink skins in Arkansas. When asked where he found the song, he said he wasn't sure — he's 92, and heard it as a teenager.

He said he grew up on the south shore of Long Island among a rich bal-ladeering culture, and has a good memory for a tune. "I literally know hundreds of songs," he said.

After a short break, it was time for Ash Sullivan to take the stage as the night's featured act. "What we try to do is get local, professional artists to be our featured act — and we have," said Nowak, noting that they now are exploring artists from further afield in New England.

Ash Sullivan, who hails from Harvard, Massachusetts, thanked the crowd and other performers before diving into the set. "This is like the best open mic I've ever been to," she said to cheers from the audience.

The songs Ash Sullivan played stuck close to home, focusing on her hometown, friends,

family, and intimate moments shared between loved ones. She sang about her grandmother, who was cast on the original Broadway staging of Oklahoma but backed out to marry Ash Sullivan's grandfather, and how she wished she could have gotten more stories from her when she had the time. She also sang about motherhood, memories of going to the beach with a difficult teenage friend, and a difficult summer at home after college.

The songs were simultaneously tender and humorous, the vocals primarily accompanied by her finger-picked guitar except for one for which she played the ukulele. "Ukulele players are like vampires — they tend to sire other ukulele players," she said, explaining that her husband's ukulele playing had inspired her to take up the instrument.

She closed with a song about rejoining — and winning — a hometown pie eating contest as an adult after having won it twice as a pre-teen. The refrain encapsulates the air of levity and sentimentality that was consistent throughout her set: "Sweetness brings a sweetness that money just can't buy."

... Wadsworth

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who has been with Camp Sloane for 15 years, Wadsworth said, "I've worked with Dave for so long, and I know the camp is in great hands."

Looking ahead, Wadsworth plans to spend more time with his family, particularly his wife, who is very active in Falls Village, and his two children, who both had the opportunity to experience camp life. "It was wonderful having my family at the camp. My kids loved it, and I never had to worry about them being embarrassed by their dad working there," he laughed.

Although he seems ready to take a step back, Wadsworth expressed a desire to stay involved in the local community. "I hope to be more active in town now that I have more time," he said, alluding to his future plans to take on handyman projects at his own home and perhaps even lend his skills to local initiatives.

"I'll miss the community, the team, and the work. It's been inspiring, and I'm proud of everything we've accomplished. I know the camp will continue to thrive, and I'm excited to see what's next," said Wadsworth.

Chris Wadsworth's contributions to Camp Sloane are immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of campers and staff. As he steps into retirement, the community he helped build will remain a testament to his hard work, dedication, and love for Camp Sloane. "I'll miss the community and my coworkers," said Wadsworth, "but I know it's in really good hands. And that's the truth."

For those who want to send a message of thanks, Chris Wadsworth can be reached at cwadsworth@camp sloane.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT: CAROL KNEELAND

Copake Grange readies for 2025 with an activity-packed calendar

Rita Jakubowski, recording secretary and membership director for the Copake Grange, says the 2025 calendar, already packed with events for all and open to the public, is the result of the group's increasingly diverse membership, up from seven in 2018 to 125 today.

The playlist for a "Love to Dance" Party, on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., the brainchild of Madeline Silverman, will feature songs which contain the words "love" or "dance" with suggestions submitted to tinyurl.com/JanuaryDance. Held several times a year, Jakubowski says, young people come out "in droves" for the party. Donations of \$5 and items for the Roe Jan Food Pantry and emergency supply cabinet at the Taconic Hills School are appreciated.

Movie Night's "Mississippi Burning" in recognition of Martin



PHOTO BY RITA JAKUBOWSKI

Chili lovers had a feast as they decided on their favorites at the Chili Cook-Off at the Copake Grange. The winner of the next competition, planned for Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m., has been a hot topic around town for months.

Luther King Day, is set for Sunday, Jan. 19, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The movie is free with a \$10 fee for a following meal of soup, salad and bread to help with the historic building's "never ending needs."

Months-long competitive talk of the "legendary" fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off, will be settled on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

when attendees taste samples and vote for the best entry. Chili may be purchased to eat there or take home.

To participate in "Jammin' at the Grange," on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. or the next free Open Mic Night scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. contact lenny-barham@gmail.com "Making Collages" on

Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children seven to 18 will be led by Grange artists Liz Fenamore and Deborah Macheski. The \$5 admission fee will include art supplies.

For more information on the Grange at 628 Empire Rd. near the Clock Tower, go to www.copakegrange.org. or email copakegrange@gmail.com.

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"I believe that we are experiencing concurrent truths that are in constant flux," said Karetzky. "It's only when I start putting an image down on canvas that I begin to understand the myriad complexities of a particular story. It's through this process that I begin to unearth what I actually think and see."

This conversation will take place at Spring Hill Vineyards, located along the Shepaug River in New Preston. Established in 2006 by Stephanie and Tim Ingrassia, the vineyard is also the site of Spring Hill Arts Gathering, a summer arts festival hosted in the vineyard's gorgeous barn space. The conversation will be hosted

in this same charming barn, offering an intimate setting for this exciting new series.

This free event is open

to the public, with reservations encouraged. For more information and to reserve a seat, visit www.

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Dani Shapiro, left, and Laura Karetzky, above.

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Dee Salomon



PHOTO BY JACQUE SCHILLER

It is time to think about seeds for spring planting and time to plant seeds that require overwintering to break their dormancy and germinate in the spring. That is my January project, planting the native seeds collected mostly from my garden, the meadow and the woods. I will use the tried-and-true method, re-using plastic gallon jugs which I have saved for this purpose. I cut around the jug, four inches from the bottom, leaving about an inch of the plastic attached so that it hinges open. The bottom is filled with soil and dotted with seed, then I tape the top to the bottom to create a kind of greenhouse. These can be left outside until it starts to warm up, and the tops can then be removed. Be sure to label the jugs in a way that will not succumb to the elements – even Sharpie ink can fade over the winter. I use a wood plant label stake inside the container before I seal it up as well as a tag sealed with clear tape attached to the outside.

I'm also planting seeds directly into the ground

in the meadow. The meadow was not mowed last year so there is an excess of grass and thatch covering the soil. I decided to use the propane weed torch to selectively burn the grass where I want to plant the seed. I waited for a morning after a big rain to start this experiment. Holding the torch steady in one spot for a few seconds created an approximately 5-inch patch of char and bare soil. I then used my boot to push back a bit of the newly uncovered topsoil. Onto this moist exposed soil I pressed a few seeds and then covered it lightly with the soil I had pushed back. My foot tamped it down gently and then I loosely covered the patch with some dry grass. With help, I was able to create about forty of these bare patches into which I planted seeds from six different native plants suited to the sandy riparian soil.

We 'started' the meadow three years ago

on about an acre of land across the stream from our house simply by not mowing it anymore. We had no idea what would grow. And when it did, it was not impressive; mostly non-native weedy plants took over: sheep sorrel, hawkweed and several non-native grasses. But also some promising signs – a few yarrow, horsetail, evening primrose and wild strawberry. The following year, after a June mow, we planted little bluestem seeds, mostly as they did not need the overwintering that

perennials typically require to germinate; they grew in well. Last spring I spent way too long pulling out the sheep sorrel and planting partridge pea seeds. Over the season I added a few more flowering perennials: Rattlesnake master, Eryngium yuccifolium, Culver's root Veronicastrum, Biennial Gaura, Gaura Oenothera. From these and a few more species I had enough seed to spare for this planting experiment.

On New Years Day I was chatting with Jacque Schiller -about seeds- at a mellow afternoon party in North Cornwall. Jacque had planted a small meadow in the area where the septic system

Straw mulch over seeds protects a meadow planting. New growth will be augmented with plugs in Spring.

of their house which had been replaced. She relayed how she spread seeds- a wildflower seed mix specifically for Connecticut from Urban Farmer - last August after the septic work was complete and planned to augment with native plugs this spring. When I got home, I went on the Urban Farmer website to look at the details of the seed mix she used. I was sad and not surprised to see that about 70% of seeds in this particular mix is from non-native species. The company does offer a native mix for the Northeast which is found alongside the other seeds on offer but does not make a distinction between native and non-native seed for the state-specific mixes.

I asked Jacque if she thought her meadow was comprised of native plants; yes, she had. Her error is a common one; I too have bought plants thinking that they were native when they were not. Not all wildflowers are native, of course, but the nomenclature

and the way they are sometimes marketed can be confusing to people whose intentions are to plant native. So why is it done? I suspect the wildflower species included in the CT mix are showier than the native alternatives. And perhaps even harder, as there are fewer animals that eat them or their pollen or reproduce on them. Consumers want aesthetic success, and non-natives can do that but they do not deliver on preserving the native habitat and food chain for native insects, birds and even mammals. Moral here: Buy seeds from reliable sources such as native plant specialists. Exchange seeds with people you trust. Read labels well.

If you are looking for native seeds, there will be a native seed exchange Jan. 25 from noon to 3 p.m in the Munger Barn at The Dudley Farm North Guilford, Conn. Organized by national organization The Wild Ones, the event is a bit far away; but will be a worthwhile trip. For more information, go to mountainlaurel.wildones.org/news/

Dee Salomon 'ungardens' in Litchfield County.

LIFESTYLE: KRISTA A. BRIGGS

New rustic wedding venue opens in Pine Plains

A new gathering hall, Mountain View Events, has opened in Pine Plains. The rustic venue, located on Route 82, is slated for use for weddings and events, and features a full commercial kitchen for chefs and caterers, a covered patio, private dressing accommodations for bridal parties with views of Stissing Mountain as a backdrop. Generous parking is available, and the site is able to accommodate up to 250 guests.

Jack Banning, the owner and proprietor of Mountain View Events, is enthusiastic about the venue's opening as well as the rebirth of the venue's space. "We are delighted to bring new life to this wonderful building, which was home to



PHOTO PROVIDED

Festive place settings welcomed guests to a holiday party hosted at Mountain View Events.

the much beloved Lia's Mountain View Restaurant for over forty years, and to provide the local community and beyond with a beautiful and unique space for their events," said Banning.

Mountain View Events is still accepting bookings for 2025. For further information, please visit www.Mountain-View-Events.com or their Instagram: @Mountain-View_Events.

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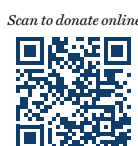
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JANUARY 16

ASSEMBLED Exhibition at Mad Rose Gallery

Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 N Elm Ave., Millerton, N.Y.

Join Mad Rose Gallery for ASSEMBLED, a group exhibition featuring six remarkable artists. The reception on January 18 offers a chance to meet the artists and view their diverse works in photography, painting, printmaking, and mixed media. The exhibition will be on view between Jan. 16 and March 2, with an opening reception on Jan. 18 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. (Sat until 6 p.m.) Details: MadRoseGallery.com

The Devil's Element: Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance - Book Talk with author Dan Egan

Lovejoy Auditorium, Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y.

On Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m., in person at Cary's Lovejoy Auditorium or virtually, watch author Dan Egan give a book talk. Phosphorus can be both lethal and life-giving. Can we find a phosphorus balance, so that we can have food on the table and healthy waters? In his latest book, *The Devil's Element: Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance*, Pulitzer Prize finalist Dan Egan investigates the past, present, and future of what has been called "the oil of our time."

Virtual Author Talk

Online.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, in collaboration with Essex Library Association and Darien Library, to announce a Virtual Author Talk with Betsy Lerner on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Author Betsy Lerner will delve into her debut novel, "Shred Sisters." Spanning two decades, "Shred Sisters" is an intimate and bittersweet story exploring the fierce complexities of sisterhood, mental health, loss and love. If anything is true it's what Amy learns on her road to self-acceptance: No one will love you more or hurt you more than a sister. Register online at yoursessexlibrary.org or by calling the Library at (860) 767-1560.

JANUARY 18

Love to Dance Party

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

On Jan. 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., warm up this at the Copake Grange LOVE TO DANCE night (all songs include LOVE or DANCE.) The dance is at 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y. (right behind Clock Tower Pub & Grill). Admission is FREE (\$5 suggested donation), refreshments available, BYOB. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or hygiene product for donation to the Roe Jan Food Pantry & Taconic Hills Schools' Care Closet

Submit a suggested dance tune that includes the word "LOVE" or "DANCE". Go to tinyurl.com/JanuaryDance

JANUARY 19

Free Movie Night

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.

On Jan. 19 there will be a free movie night at the Colonial Theatre. The movie is at 2 p.m. and the doors open at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Hunky Hound Handlers. The film is *Eight Below*. Raffle to win a \$10 concession stand gift card.

Heirloom Apple Cultivation, Cider Making & Tasting with Ron Bixby

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

Ron Bixby shares his skills of careful clearing, pruning, replanting, and grafting for 40 years on an orchard, producing organic heirloom fruit. Join us on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 to 3:30 p.m., to hear the story, packed with knowledge about local apple cultivation, and enjoy a tasting of hard ciders afterwards. Register: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13810249

Last week's WotW

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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.

- Honeycrisp, Red Fuji, etc.
- ____. Set. Go!
- Waterproof fishing boot
- Patterned grip on a tire
- King's iconic vision

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

Classic Film Series

Presentation: "Mississippi Burning"

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m., in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day, Copake Grange will show "Mississippi Burning." This film, based on true events, is a fictionalized version of the FBI's search for the killers of three civil rights workers in the South in 1964. Starring Gene Hackman, Willam Dafoe and Frances McDormand, it was directed by Alan Parker and won an Academy Award for best cinematography. Grange Classic Film Series organizer, Lenny Barham, will provide commentary and insights about the film. Movie admission by donation. Stay after the movie for dinner - soup, salad and dessert for \$10. Vegetarian options available.

JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Events at Triplex Cinema

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.

On Monday, Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. there will be a free community screening of *Selma*, followed by a discussion with activist Shirley Edgerton. On Tuesday, Jan. 21 there will be a *Selma* screening for local 8th grade students, followed by a discussion with Shirley Edgerton.

Tickets and details: thetriplex.org

Sponsored by: Massachusetts Cultural Council, Sheffield, Great Barrington, and New Marlborough Cultural Councils.

JANUARY 21

Knitting Workshop with Bruce Weinstein

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

Calling experienced knitters! Join knitting book author Bruce Weinstein from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21, to learn slip-stitch color patterns, changing colors every row or other row, and explore how to work these into patterns for scarves, throws, and even sweaters.

To register and learn more, please visit the event page: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13566970

Henry James / Paul Cézanne: Literary Seminar with Mark Scarbrough

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

This new literary seminar with Mark Scarbrough meets for eight Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting Jan. 21. We'll explore how James and Cézanne traced the move from form to chaos, from

structure to entropy, from certainty to uncertainty that marked the West's entrance into the modern world. Available online and in person. To register and learn more, please visit the event page: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13792522

JANUARY 23

Community History of Falls Village Writing Workshop Series

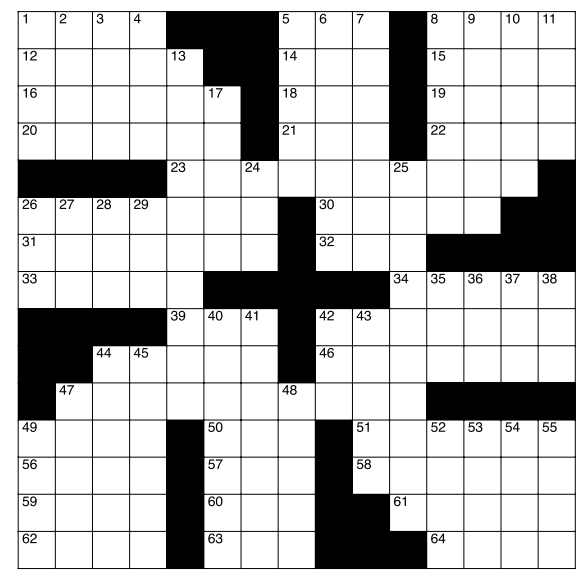
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Thursday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. the David M. Hunt Library will offer the first session of the Community History of Falls Village Writing Workshop Series. Join writer and Falls Village resident Mark Gozonky for a six month learning by publishing workshop centered around telling Falls Village stories. Beginning in January participants will meet at the library once a month to share ideas and work on their stories in community. Meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am. The workshop will culminate in June with a book and a community celebration and reading. This workshop is open to all ages, and writers of all levels and abilities are invited to participate.

Brain Teasers

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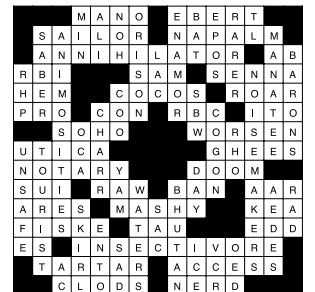
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- "The world's most famous arena"
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
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- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
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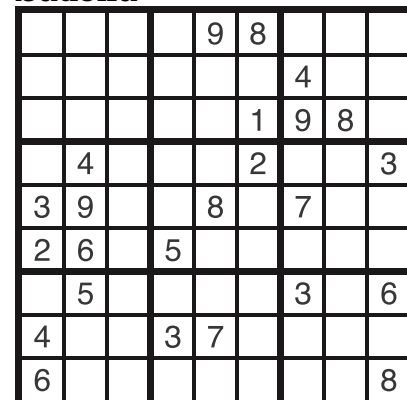
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- Guy (slang)
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- Extremely slow
- Pearl Jam's debut album
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- Martens

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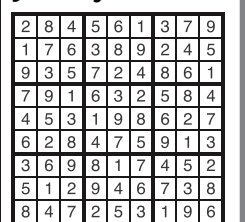
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX BILLS AND WARRANT
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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2025 without penalty. All taxes received after that date shall have an added interest of 2% for the month of March, 3% for the month of April, and 4% for the month of May. In addition, after May 15th, a fee of \$2.00 will be added for each parcel.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that after June 1st, 2025 all unpaid taxes will be turned over to Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Dated: January 3, 2025.

Elizabeth Strauss Town Clerk/North East Tax Collector
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Legal Notice
GENERAL GEORGE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/12/2024, Office location: DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY. SSNY is designated as agent upon which process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4957 NY-22 Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful.

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Legal Notice

Notice of formation of limited liability company. Articles of Organization of BLACK BARN EVs LLC were filed on September 27, 2024 with the Secretary of State of New York. The LLC has an office in Dutchess County, NY. The NY Sec of State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may be served. The SSNY shall mail process to: 17 South Quaker Hill Road, Pawling NY 12564. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pine Plains Fire District held its 2025 reorganization meeting on January 7, 2025 at the Pine Plains Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, NY. Regular monthly meetings in 2025 will be held at the Fire House on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

01-16-25

Amenia Ethics Board gets organized

By LEILA HAWKEN
 Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — For its first meeting of the year, the town's Board of Ethics elected officers and set its annual schedule of quarterly meetings. The meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The votes were unanimous to elect Nadine Macura to serve as chairman, Alan Gamble to serve as vice-chairman, and Jeff Barnett-Winsby to serve as secretary.

Summarizing the aims of the ethics board, Macura said

that the board will review the town's ethics regulations and provide the results as suggestions to the Town Board for any further action.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. The board agreed to review a portion of the regulations in preparation, with particular focus on considering an update within the section concerning allowable gifts. Another area needing attention, the board agreed, was ethics training, anticipating a challenge in coordinating schedules to

accommodate sessions.

Board member Damien Gutierrez asked about the availability of legal advice from the Town Attorney as the board works through its review process.

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.

Amenia Fire Co. to host first pancake breakfast of the New Year

AMENIA — The Amenia Fire Co. is inviting the public to its monthly pancake breakfast at the firehouse Sunday, Jan. 19, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Breakfasts are all you can eat with a menu of pancakes, French toast, eggs and omelettes, home fries and more, all for just \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors and children under 12 years old.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, - against - UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA R. ANZALONE, if living, and if he/she be dead, and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors,

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STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

This is an action to foreclose and mortgage dated March 22, 2016, executed by the Defendant, Patricia R. Anzalone, to Intercontinental Capital Group, Inc., to secure the sum of \$289,682.00, which Mortgage was duly recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on April 15, 2016 as Instrument Number 01-2016-2277. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company

who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: December 6, 2024 Uniondale, New York. Respectfully submitted, Pincus Law Group, PLLC. By: Linda P. Manfredi, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 425 RXR Plaza Uniondale, NY 11556, 516-699-8902

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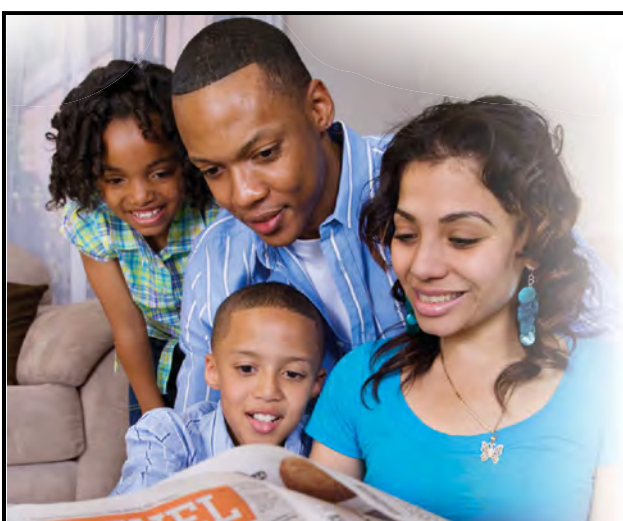
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