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Pending approval from the Planning Board, the former site of McDonald's on Route 44 in Millerton has been proposed as the new home of Tallow, an alternative to traditional fast-food.

New restaurant considers former McDonald's location

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MILLERTON — After a vacancy of over eight years, the former McDonald's building on Route 44 may soon have a new occupant in Tallow, a nutrient-conscious eatery that hopes to be in construction by the spring.

As for its former occupant, McDonald's is not expected to return

to the area. The closest McDonald's is located in Canaan, Connecticut, about 14 miles away. The next closest McDonald's is in Dover Plains.

Millerton is expected to be Tallow's first location. On its website, it bills itself as "fast food that is actually good for you."

"The problem that we're trying to solve is to regenerate health in people," said co-founder Austin Cornell. "How we're doing it

is very simply to just source real ingredients from local regenerative farms to get the most nutrient-dense food as possible into those who really need it most."

As fast-food pricing continues to rise, customers are now paying more money for lesser ingredients. According to Tallow's website, its smashburger will be priced at \$18.

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Aymar-Blair seeks reelection soon after swearing-in ceremony

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Less than a month after his swearing-in ceremony was held in Lagrangeville, Dutchess County comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair has declared his candidacy for reelection to the position on Jan. 19.

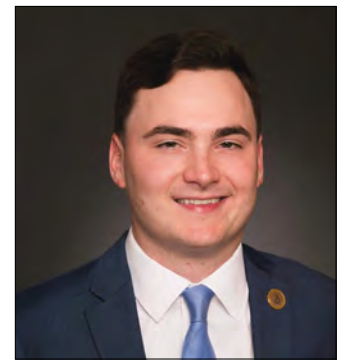
"As I start work as Dutchess Comptroller, I also have to start campaigning for re-election because I was just elected to a one-year term in a special election, which means I'm back on the ballot this November," Aymar-Blair explained. "I've got big plans to implement and I need more than a year to see them through."

With the rapid return to the campaign trail, Aymar-Blair, a Democrat who defeated Republican challenger A. Gregg Pulver by a narrow 929 votes last No-



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Dan Aymar-Blair



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Century Boulevard revitalization to be topic of public info session

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton will be holding a public information meeting on Saturday, Feb. 1, to discuss the revitalization of Century Boulevard.

The meeting's agenda will cover new goals as well as the plan and design process to improve Century Boulevard. The street plan will make it safer and more accessible to the community while also improving its outward appearance.

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PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

The public will have the opportunity to weigh in on upgrades to Century Boulevard in Millerton at a public session set for Feb. 1.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The Village of Millerton completed a streetlight replacement project on Thursday, Dec. 19. Mayor Jenn Najdek said the lamps save the village about \$2,300 every month in electricity costs.

New streetlights save Millerton thousands

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton has completed the multi-year conversion of all 138 village street lamps to LEDs.

On Thursday, Dec. 19, the Village of Millerton was fully lit with

LED street lamps, instead of the old high pressure sodium vapor lamps. The new LED lamps were implemented to help lower the electric bill for the Village.

According to Mayor Jenn Najdek, the Village will be saving

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OUR TOWNS

North East Town Board meets with Zoning Review Committee

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MILLERTON — The Town of North East's board held a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, to review the work of the Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) and suggest amendments to the Town's Zoning Code.

"One of the huge steps forward that the committee made very early on was the idea of reservation," Zoning Board chair Edie Greenwood said. "Because of the location, the walkability ... we were very cognizant that we do not have much land committed to commerce."

The Zoning Review Committee has spent a large portion of its time redoing the zoning for the Town of North East's commercial district, taking almost four years to bring final touches to the town board. This project focuses on the town, stretching from Route 44 to the Connecticut border, which mainly consists

of commercial buildings.

"There are areas which the ZRC did not touch. If we wanted to we could, but it would be a very time consuming thing," said town supervisor Chris Kennan. "We would probably be adding months, if not years, onto this whole process."

According to Kennan, the changes being made to the codes don't only apply to the Boulevard or other commercial districts. Some of the amendments will be used elsewhere.

"I think what is challenging for me, and I'll just speak for myself, is that code is not something we usually work with," Kennan said. "So understanding how code is law, a town law, but how when you can say something should be regulated or allowed ... how that gets translated into code is not easy to see."

Boulevard West, North and South have their own set of codes and the Zoning Committee looked into how

they will be separated. It was suggested the board review the differences between the streets to ensure proper protocol in the future.

"We want people to come here and build good things for us," Greenwood said. "We don't want to get a reputation for onerous processes and applications ... I think this is much more applicant-friendly. You're not stopping and sending to another board, you're coming back and going, but it's a case where special permits are important."

For this type of project to proceed, the town has to receive advice from the County and the public. "Our attorney felt that we just weren't ending up with sufficient community benefit and so we've not really addressed the use of incentives to expand footprints," said Greenwood. "Dutchess County Planning is very large. They would want us to be bigger. That came through in their comments because they have not

seen this finished product, but they have a sense."

Kennan suggested the board give him specific sections of the plan to devote time to in order to fully understand how that subsection would work in town. There will be future meetings — including a public hearing — for members of the community to learn about the new codes and the opportunity to share concerns or suggestions to the board.

"My goal is that we will have finished this process by the summer time," Kennan said. "That means moving along with an extra board meeting, at least once a month, and a public hearing." Kennan also suggested that when the process was complete, he would prefer the county commit itself to a timely response.

Board members and Warren Replansky, the town's attorney, will be going through the ZRC's plan and definitions to find the most effective way to move forward.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Getting on board

One in a series of programs offering Amenia Library patrons of all ages the chance to create their own board game was offered on Wednesday, Jan. 8. All supplies are provided by the library as part of the crafts program. Ready to help crafters was library program assistant Hope Bruzzi (pictured above).

Fire company serves first pancake breakfast of 2025

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — As guests entered the Millerton Fire Company on Sunday morning, Jan. 26, they were greeted by fire commissioner James Milton and the aroma of bacon, eggs, home fries and more at the department's first pancake breakfast of 2025.

The breakfast, which is a recurring fundraiser for the fire company, drew a healthy crowd who didn't leave hungry, thanks to generous portions of breakfast favorites. In addition to eggs made to order, breakfast meats and potatoes and toast, pancakes were also on offer in three va-

rieties — standard, blueberry and chocolate chip — which was a popular option with guests. Participants ranged from community members to emergency service workers to fire personnel from units across the region and their families.

Milton explained the fire company's hope is to offer pancake breakfasts at least once a month throughout the year, depending on interest. While Milton reported attendance was down at the December breakfast, the steady stream of participants indicated renewed interest at the January event.

For more information, visit the Millerton Fire Company on Facebook.



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Ed Covert, left, Gloria Covert, center, and Kay Covert enjoyed a pancake breakfast on Jan. 26 at the Millerton Fire Company.

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Amenia Planning Board resolves two code violations

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Two citations levied by the local Code Enforcement Officer were resolved without complication and by unanimous vote at the regular meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Both concerned exterior improvements to existing buildings without a building permit having been obtained. Planning Board engineer John Andrews and Board Attorney Paul Van Cott were absent from the meeting, although both provided written comments about the issues involved. Considered a “minor project,” renovations to an existing structure on Main Street in Wassaic to create a retail, low impact space, were executed by property owner Jeff Barnett-Winsby without filing a site plan and obtaining a building permit for the work. Noting that the majority of the work has been completed, Engineer Andrews indicated that a site plan still needs to be approved. Barnett-Winsby agreed to submit site plan documents to satisfy local regulations and building permit guidelines. Planning Board member Jamie Vitiello asked for historical perspective. Barnett-Winsby replied that the building was a distressed property

where the interior had been demolished. His intent was to improve the look of the building and by extension to make Wassaic more attractive by reclaiming the retail space. “I think we did a good job, affordably,” Barnett-Winsby said, noting the project took some time to accomplish as it also returned a second-floor balcony and deck to the façade. “You just returned the building to what it used to look like,” said board member Nina Peek, although she agreed a building permit would have been needed. “Nothing but good comes from fixing a building and improving the downtown,” Vitiello said. The retail space may become a wine shop or similar use, Barnett-Winsby explained, adding the proprietor would need to use The Lantern’s restroom facilities, absent such plumbing in the retail space. “What it won’t be is a zombie house any longer,” Barnett-Winsby told the board. Also cited for failure to obtain a building permit was property owner James Heelan who made façade changes to his commercial building at 3306 Route 343 in Amenia as he completed a window replacement project. The project would have required a site plan and approval by the Planning Board. A stop-work order had been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer in October, 2024.

The work had begun as a project to replace a cracked single-pane front window but grew when the wood surrounding the original window was found to be rotted beyond repair, and installation of smaller double-hung windows ensued. Board member Peek reported the town’s building inspector had thought that the former windows were going to be repaired. “We put the new windows in and corrected the framing,” Heelan said, unaware of historic district restrictions. “We need a full application,” Peek said, calling for submission of a site plan. **Local cannabis law** In response to the Town Board’s request for Planning Board comment on a proposed local law which would permit a cannabis dispensary retail establishment, planning board member Peek indicated that public hearings on the law have been held open to allow time to hear from the planning board. The planning board agreed to provide comments by email to Attorney Van Cott who will assemble those comments into a document to be furnished to the Town Board. If there should be conflicting views among planning board members, then the planning board agreed to call a special meeting to resolve those differences.

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On thin ice

Footprints on the snowy and frozen surface at Rudd Pond on Jan. 26 indicate that, despite the currently posted warning of unsafe conditions, on-ice activity is taking place.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee resumes meetings

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Having paused in 2024 its schedule of meetings and its work to update the town’s 2009 Comprehensive Plan, the committee charged with the task resumed with an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, making progress toward acquiring professional planning assistance.

Re-elected by the committee to serve as chairman was Bill Flood, and Nina Peek was re-elected to serve as vice-chairman. Vicky Doyle was re-elected to serve as secretary.

The importance of achieving community engagement with the process came under discussion as the committee considered support services offered by Pace University’s Land Use Law Center. That program was established in 1993 to assist communities with land use planning needs. The committee consensus was to agree to contact Jessica

Bacher, Executive Director of the Pace program and Tiffany Zezula, Deputy Director, inviting them to join the next meeting either in person or remotely, to explore how their law center might assist with the work of the committee.

One potential means of support discussed by the committee would be to assist with community conversations, gathering information on community vision, goals and objectives.

Committee member Ken Topolsky spoke of the need for a community-wide approach, so all town boards and committees could understand their roles as participants in the plan’s objectives.

“It doesn’t matter what we do if the town does not understand [the plan’s] use,” Topolsky said.

Topolsky reported on his attendance at a December land use planning event

hosted by Dutchess County officials. Comprehensive plans should incorporate ideas for increased accessibility and inspire action and results, organizing around specific issues and a phased approach to progress. A plan should be forward-looking, not dwelling on historical perspective, and written for a short attention span, presenting perhaps four large issue ideas.

Committee member Nina Peek noted that the committee has received grant funding to proceed with its work, gathering public comment, and arriving at an actionable plan, perhaps supported by the advice of Pace consul-

tants. Committee member Michael Peek agreed that community engagement is the right way to begin. “We have a good starting point,” Michael Peek said. “Our population is vastly different today,” Nina Peek observed, reflecting upon the town’s situation in 2009 when the last revisions were made. Topolsky spoke of working toward his vision of there being “One Amenia,” uniting various geographic and demographic constituencies. No date was set for the next meeting that will depend upon the availability of the Pace Law Center representatives to participate.



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Garden Club to offer hands-on pruning workshop

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Winter months can be a time to bone up on proper pruning of trees and bushes and even to practice some beneficial pruning actions.

The Amenia Garden Club is sponsoring an information/action session at the Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m., offering a workshop to demonstrate proper techniques for winter pruning of trees and bushes. The snow date is Feb. 15.

The session will be led by local garden expert Maryanne Snow Pitts who will provide instruction in pruning select tree species for optimal health and beauty. The winter season is thought to be ideal for some pruning to occur.

There is no charge for the event, but participants are asked to register in advance and plan to bring along gardening gloves, hand pruners and hand saws, if possible, and to dress warmly for the outdoor activity.

To register, participants should email ameniagardenclub@gmail.com.



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OBITUARIES

Barbara Breen Victorien

CORNWALL — Barbara, 87, a lifelong resident of Cornwall, passed away peacefully in her home on Jan. 18, surrounded by her family. Barbara was born on her family homestead on Hall Road on Dec. 1, 1937 to Florence Hall and Ralph Breen.



and watching cooking shows. She also was a fan of Judge Judy and Jeopardy. Barbara was an avid reader. Among some of her favorites in her library were The Cat Who books, Agatha Christie, books about Ireland and many cookbooks. Her living room window was her favorite spot to watch wildlife, she especially loved the hummingbirds that would visit her feeders.

She cherished her family and friends who will miss her dearly. Barbara was a lifelong parishioner of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Cornwall Bridge.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband Jacques Victorien. She is survived by her siblings; William Breen Sr. of Southfield, Massachusetts and Patricia Polk of Harwinton; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

A Christian Mass and burial will take place in the spring at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Cornwall Bridge.

Donations in her honor may be made to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department.

Kindly visit www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com to send condolences.

She attended Cornwall Consolidated School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Barbara worked at the Children's Cottage Specialty Shoppe in Cornwall. She went on to work for Frank Cole's insurance agency in Cornwall Bridge. She later worked as a secretary for Nicholas Tobin Insurance in Kent where she worked for several years, before retiring to enjoy her hobbies and home.

She married Jacques Victorien in 1960. They enjoyed traveling to France and Europe and briefly lived in Ireland and Nebraska before returning to the Cornwall area.

Barbara took pride in her home and gardens. Her hobbies over the years included entertaining guests, needlework, and researching family genealogy and has done extensive research on her family. She enjoyed cooking, collecting cookbooks

AMENIA — Evelyn (Frankie) Frances O'Connell (Devine) passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2025, at Sharon Hospital. She was the best mom anyone could ask for. She was a true matriarch of the family, fiercely independent, fun, and feisty. Always ready for an adventure and willing to lend a helping hand, her friendship, or quick wit.

Frankie was born into a big, Irish-Catholic family on Sept. 18, 1935, on a farm in Yankton, South Dakota. The family moved to Michigan and then Central Islip, New York when Frankie was in

the 8th grade. She graduated Central Islip High School in 1954 and in 1957 she graduated St. Mary's in Brooklyn to become a Registered Nurse. She was the first person in her family to attend college and earn a degree.

Frankie and John O'Connell (Jack) were married in 1961. They had four children and moved upstate in 1970. They settled on Depot Hill in Amenia, New York. She was a dedicated parishioner of Immaculate

Conception Church, served as Treasurer on the Amenia Recreation Commission for nearly 20 years, and was awarded Amenia's Citizen of the Year in 2015.

She was employed by Central Islip State Hospital and Wassaic Developmental State School for 33 years. Although she was greatly admired for her work as an RN, her best work was crafts of all kinds, making holiday clothing, ornaments, homemade chocolate, and fudge. She could be found at craft fairs all around the tri-state area, year-round. If there was a fair, she had a booth. She stayed busy, doing private duty nursing, selling Busy Bee Bags, and Contempo Jewelry. But her true love was providing daycare for her grandchildren, taking them on daily trips to the corner store for lotto tickets and lollipops.

She was predeceased by her parents Marion and Leroy (Sox) Devine, her siblings Marilyn Pickens (Richard), Darlene (Rusty) Howard, Dan (Boomer) Devine (Patsy), Tim Devine (Mona), and Diana LaCurto (John), her husband

John O'Connell (Jack) and many other family members and dear friends.

She is survived by her brother, Patrick Devine (Silonge) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; children Karen Grimaldi (Mark) of Salisbury, Micheal O'Connell of Guam, Bill O'Connell of Amenia, Kathleen Lacko of Casper, Wyoming, and her five grandchildren, Connor Washburn (Hannah), Mickaela Grimaldi, Liam Grimaldi, Kenny Lacko and Marykate Lacko.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, New York. Date and time be announced at a later date. Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501 or the Amenia Fire Company, P.O. Box 166, Amenia, NY 12501.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY.

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

Carl Patrick Allen

CORNWALL — Carl Patrick Allen, 50, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 20, 2025.

Carl was born on Aug. 30, 1974, in Torrington.

Baptized in an incubator at 4 hours old, and not expected to survive the night, Carl proved time and time again to be a medical miracle.

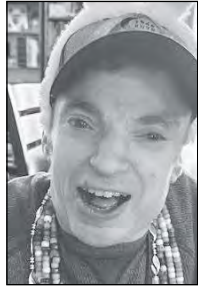
A paraplegic from birth, due to open spina bifida, he endured countless hospital stays and surgeries throughout his life. None of that ever dampened his spirit. Each hospital stay was met with excitement by him as nurses doted on him and brought him his favorite treat, Jello. Carl warmed the heart of everyone he met with his infectious spirit and laughter.

Carl is now reunited with his mother, Carolann Tyler (Maule) of West Cornwall. He is survived by his stepfathers, Earle Tyler of West Cornwall, and Jim Allen of Torrington; his siblings, Marc (wife Sue) Allen of Norfolk, Heather Tyler of Harwinton, Mandy Allen-Fischer (husband Michael) of Thomaston, and Jason Allen of Torrington; and several loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial and burial services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, 289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



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OUR TOWNS

'Dine Out for History' kicks off at the historic Millerton Inn

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The annual Dine Out for History series to benefit the North East Historical Society began on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Millerton Inn.

In 2015, owner and local resident Peter Stefanopoulos worked with his daughter Eleni to restore the property which dates back to the 1860s. Once a Victorian home, the Stefanopoulos's wanted to transform the structure into a property both community members and visitors could enjoy while retaining its Victorian charm. The renovation took about two years to complete. Through their efforts, the property was restored and repurposed as a space to be enjoyed by many.

The Millerton Inn now houses an 11-room boutique



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

Dining at the Millerton Inn allows guests to step back in time while enjoying its Victorian decor.

hotel, a new American-Mediterranean restaurant and a tap room. Its central location in both the Hudson Valley and in Millerton itself allows the community

to explore and discover all the building has to offer with its rich history. Through the boutique hotel, guests can enjoy local hospitality as well as the charm of the neighborhood. As part of its local focus and pride in being part of a farming community, the

Millerton Inn uses local ingredients to create seasonal menus. Peter Stefanopoulos even makes his own feta, chevre and The Millerton Inn's renowned Greek yogurt at their creamery.

The main dish menu for The Millerton Inn includes Saffron orange chicken, the Millerton Inn Burger, pistachio and honey crusted pork chops, almond crusted salmon, tarragon shrimp risotto, a daily dish and more. Additionally, they offer plant-based options as well as brunch, lunch and dessert.

Ten percent of the profits from Dine Out for History will be donated to the North East Historical Society to aid their content creation, research and the ongoing digitization of collections.

For more information on the North East Historical Society and its mission, visit www.nemillertonlibrary.org and navigate to The Historical Society tab.

What's next for 'Dine Out for History' in Millerton in February and March

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — Dine Out for History will be taking place at the following venues on the dates below. Reservations recommended.

Taro's at 18 Main St. on Thursday, Feb. 6.

The Oakhurst Diner at 19 Main St. on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Willa at 52 Main St. on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Round III at 5523 Route 22, on Monday, March 10.

Golden Wok at 2 Main St. Suite 5165, on Wednesday, March 19, takeout only.

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Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde certainly has proven her worthiness to be included in JFK's Profiles of Courage with her sermon asking that mercy be shown in our governance. It is worth watching her sermon given on Jan 21st at the National Cathedral prayer service which is widely available on the internet. In addition, it might be a good time to read or listen to her most recent book entitled *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*. As the book has now sold out, it is best to listen to the Audible version. In this book, Bishop Budde gives guidance on how to face the current challenges our country faces with grace and clarity.



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<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>	

EDITORIAL

Our Community

The current conflict in the Mideast that began on Oct. 7, 2023, involving Israel, Hamas, the Palestinians, Hezbollah and Lebanon continues to show up daily on the news front. The war in Ukraine equally puts a prominent news focus on what next month will be a three-year long invasion by Russia. Both stories fight for our attention every day. Now we have a third dominant news story, the inauguration of a new president who is testing the boundaries of the presidency.

Digesting the steady stream of all this news has become a complex process, requiring that we summon and revisit a knowledge of history, that we strive for a fair footing with regard to political viewpoints and try not to rush to judgment, while not forgetting our humanity and what that means. These are not simple times. It's not easy to settle for an 'it is what it is' stance.

In terms of total vote for president across the country, the tally differed by a little more than a percentage point (1.47%). In other words, while half of Americans who voted for change might be applauding the flood of executive orders coming from the White House, the other half expresses dismay.

Just as political polarization remains consistently high in the United States, civility in American society is on the decline. We must remember that we are a community. We should protect that community by acknowledging differences of opinion, recognizing that our worth as a community comes from the respect we grant each other.

This newspaper isn't covering the war in Ukraine or the Mideast conflict or the White House. It is covering our Dutchess County communities, and our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion. And we put a premium on civility for the sake of our own community.



"Honey, you know you don't actually have to RUN to the bathroom."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning 'Community and Kindness' sign

Readers, I have seen a number of controversies over the years regarding signs in both the village and the town. These were brought to mind after seeing the monstrosity on display on Route 22 behind the Dutchess Auto building promoting Community and Kindness. I am at a loss to un-

derstand how this has been allowed. After reviewing Village Code section 170.41 it would seem that the sign regulations are aimed at advertising signs and not this, however 170.41 lists the intent of the regulation is "to improve the communities visual appearance; to promote an attractive business

environment; to maintain the rural nature of the community." One person recently described it as looking like a graffitied wall in the South Bronx. Other descriptions have included words such as hideous. I am sure that some people may be enjoying the content of the sign, however

everyone I have spoken to believes it looks awful and should be removed. According to The Millerton News, Townscape plans on working with NECC to "fill the village with signs." I hope what is to come is not so gaudy and repulsive looking.

Dave Sheehan
Millerton

Albany Post Road widening; contest of beards

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

January 25, 1934

'Continuance of Parkway is Advocated; Winslow Cites Taconic Report; Urges Post Road Widening Wait';

Pointing out that the Taconic State Park Commission had expressed its view two years ago in regard to widening of the Albany Post road in lieu of further construction of the Eastern States Parkway, Paul T. Winslow, executive secretary of the Commission, last week indicated that it would make every effort to have work on the parkway continued this year, stating that the 1932 report to the legislature reveals "just where we stand today on the proposition." Mr. Winslow said, however, that he did not intend to engage in any controversy with Colonel Frederick Greene, state superintendent of public works, who recently advocated widening the Post Road this year in preference to continuing construction of the Parkway.

Attention was called by Mr. Winslow to a report of the commission in the 1932 edition of the Conservation Department's report to the State Legislature which included the item: "The Commission is of the opinion that because of the urgent necessity for traffic relief on the existing truck lines, particularly state routes No. 9 and No. 22, that construction of the Eastern States Parkway should be advanced immediately, and recommend that before the very costly widening of the Albany Post Road (No. 9) is undertaken, careful consideration be given to the advantages of continuing construction of the Parkway through Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia Counties over rights of way now owned by the State."

January 23, 1975

'Beard Growing Contest To Begin In Millerton'; It is hereby proclaimed that the Beard-Growing Contest of the Incorporated Village of Millerton year 1975 officially begins on Friday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m.

The traditional Millerton Days will be combined with the celebration of Millerton's centennial and carnivals, parades, and concerts will take place on two weekends next summer: July 25,26, 27 and Aug. 15, 16, 17.

Ronnie Smith of Ronnie's Barber Shop on Main Street, Millerton, will begin his reign this Friday as Supreme Judge of Hairy and Bristly Appendages. Supreme Judge Smith will assume all the rights and honors normally bestowed upon a person of this rank' and will be authorized to levy taxes and-or fines, and-or other forms of cruel punishment.

The following categories of hairy and bristly growth will be judged: most attractive, fullest (trimmed and untrimmed), most original, curliest, longest, best color (natural or ?), most pathetic (first, second and third prizes), best mustache, best mutton-chops and any other category that may grow forth.

'Webutuck Talks Halt: Teachers Boycott Stores'; Negotiations drew to a dead halt this week as teachers protested the School Board's latest offer by increasing job action that will affect not only the school activities but community businesses as well.

Both the School Board and the teachers now plan to publicize more fully their views on negotiation issues. No new negotiation session has been slated.

The Webutuck Teachers Association (WTA) stated this week that the teachers in the Webutuck and Millbrook school districts will jointly participate in an economic boycott of all businesses within the two districts.

"Teachers will buy groceries, gasoline, clothing, hardware and all other items outside of the two districts," said the WTA. "Bank accounts that teachers hold within the districts should be closed. The teachers within the Pine Plains District will not boycott in their own community, but will support the Webutuck and Millbrook boycotts.

This latest job action was in response to the negotiations session last Friday, Jan. 17. The WTA contends that "the Board of Education withdrew agreement to several key items which the teachers and the mediator had considered to be settled."

The WTA stated that "the Board further indicated that no new contract would be offered this year and teachers would have to be satisfied with the old contract.

January 27, 2000

'County Will Reimburse Town For Special Clerk Race'; NORTH EAST—The Dutchess County Legislature approved a resolution Monday to reimburse the town for the cost of holding a special election for county clerk Feb. 8.

State Supreme Court Judge John LaCava, a Republican, ordered the special election after he ruled the ballot in North East was confusing to voters. The Democratic candidate for clerk, Richard Anderson, appeared on Row H on the Working Families Party. Also on Row H was the local slate of Good Government candidates. Four active members of the Good Government group testified that they actually mistakenly voted for Mr. Anderson on Row H, thinking they were voting for successful county sheriff candidate Adrian "Butch" Anderson.

Bill Paroli Jr., the Republican incumbent, lost in the town of North East to Mr. Anderson, 308-294, on Nov. 2.

'Highway Appointment Splits NE Town Board';

NORTH EAST — Town Supervisor David Sherman made his proposal for sub-committee assignments at last week's Town Board meeting, but his recommendations revealed the first public rift among board members this year.

For the fire committee, Mr. Sherman proposed the appointments of Councilmen John Merwin and David McGhee. He proposed Deputy Supervisor Catherine Fenn and Mr. Merwin for the recreation committee. Mr. Sherman also proposed to continue his own appointment to the highway committee, along with Councilman Carl Stahovec.

Mr. Merwin objected to Mr. Sherman's proposal. "I feel Dave McGhee should be on the highway committee," he said. But Ms. Fenn spoke in favor of maintaining the status quo. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Stahovec have served on the highway committee in previous years. "I feel we are doing a good job with highway," Ms. Fenn said. In the end, Mr. Sherman's proposal passed 3-2, with Mr. Merwin and Mr. McGhee voting no.

'Author Will Give Book Talk at Oblong'; MILLERTON — There is cold and then there is the ultimate cold. Area resident Tom Shachtman delves into one of the hottest scientific races of all time, the 400-year search for the coldest cold-absolute zero.

Mr. Shachtman is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and author of 25 books. He will discuss his latest book, "Absolute Zero and the Conquest of Cold" at Oblong Books and Music.

The book is a fascinating examination of how and why scientists have, for centuries, sought to understand, create and preserve cold. Along the way, their discoveries have fundamentally changed society: refrigeration and air conditioning have made large cities viable; coolants have allowed rockets, satellites and space probes into outer space.

Minimum wage impact

I found it interesting that the local business owners interviewed for the story about Connecticut's new minimum wage lamented that with the small increase in hourly wages some of their staff would lose their state benefits (health insurance, food and energy assistance, affordable housing). What no one pointed out was that the previous minimum wage (\$15.69 per hour) was

not a "living wage" because those who earned it could not support themselves. (That may not have changed even with the increased minimum wage.) What struck me was that Americans in business expect the American taxpayer to supplement the wages they pay their employees and to subsidize their labor costs.

Laurie Nussdorfer
Amenia Union



PHOTO BY TOM CARLEY

Winchell Mountain Burying Ground

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OUR TOWNS



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Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project Director Kyung Won Pak and Program Coordinator Younhee Shin are among members organizing meals at some of thousands of presentations around the world, one of which will include a free Korean meal at the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Saturday, Feb. 8 from noon to 1:45 p.m.

NEML to host Korean meal Feb. 8

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — Korean neighbors from Flushing will be coming to the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Saturday, Feb. 8, from noon to 1:45 p.m. to share a taste of their food and culture.

Project coordinator Yon Kin said the visitors are members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project, a worldwide non-profit started in 2005 as a way of “showing gratitude to countries which helped” Korea during that country’s conflict.

The members will bring a free homemade meal of Korean dishes, served on traditional table settings of Bangjja — hand-forged bronzeware. The meal will also include two dishes that will be prepared in a hands-on demonstration during the event. Recipes will be provided during a general discussion of Korean food, approximately 70% of which is based on fermentation.

The tentative menu for the meal will include Kimchi salad; Bibimbap, rice with mixed vegetables; Bulgogi, soy sauce and honey marinated beef; Japchae, seafood pancake, sweet potato noodles with mixed vegetables; and Kimchi.

Refreshments will consist of honey glazed walnuts, sesame cookies, rice cake and sweet rice punch — Sikhye.

Aimed at a non-Korean audience, two short documentaries — as well as some complimentary books — will give further information about the food, culture and history of Korea.

Library Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson says the program is the second from the Koren culture promoters that provided a popular Zoom Lotus Lantern Workshop two years ago.

She noted the event is part of the Library’s mission to “provide cultural and educational resources to the community,” adding that a number

of Library patrons are interested in food preparation and in having the opportunity to watch someone demonstrate procedures.

She said this event will replace the February Community Dinner. The limited reservations are due by Feb. 4 and may be made at nemillertonlibrary.org.

Pine Plains Community Center offers Argentine tango lessons

By COLLEEN FLYNN
colleenf@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Learn and practice Argentine Tango at the Pine Plains Community Center every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Participants can join Ellen Chrystal in her beginner class, and no partner or registration is needed. Guests also have the option to stay for Practica with Audrey Jurutka. Practica is a social practice event where participants have the opportunity to work on their moves and socialize while enjoying food brought in by Jurutka.

Chrystal has been teaching Argentine Tango in the Hudson Valley since she moved to the area in 2005.

“I fell in love with the music and the dance and studied mostly in New York City and Buenos Aires,” Chrystal said, “When I moved to the Hudson Valley, around 2005, I was asked by tango students in the area to teach, and have been teaching open ongoing week-

ly tango classes since then.” Classes were previously held at the Garage Dance Studio in Red Hook, but for the past ten months, the venue has been the Pine Plains Community Center. Students of all ages and walks of life have turned up in Chrystal’s classes.

“The size of classes has varied over the years, and Pine Plains Tango is a relatively new venue for our classes,” said Chrystal, “We love teaching and dancing at the beautiful Community Center above the Pine Plains Library. It is a perfect venue

for what we do.” Although there is no registration fee, there is a suggested donation of \$15 for Chrystal’s beginner class and \$10 for Practica to help support their teachings.

Classes begin at 6:30 p.m., and are open to all levels. Practica starts at 7:30 p.m.

Lessons take place at the Pine Plains Free Library on its second floor community room, 7775 S. Main St., Pine Plains. For more information, contact echrystal@gmail.com or audreyspractica@gmail.com

American Legion to hold pancake breakfast on Feb. 2

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
kristab@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — On Sunday, Feb. 2, the American Legion Post 178 will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at their location on Route 44. Par-

ticipants can dine on eggs to order, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, and a variety of pancakes. Eat in or take-out available. Cash and checks accepted, no credit/debit cards.

For more information, call 518-789-4755.

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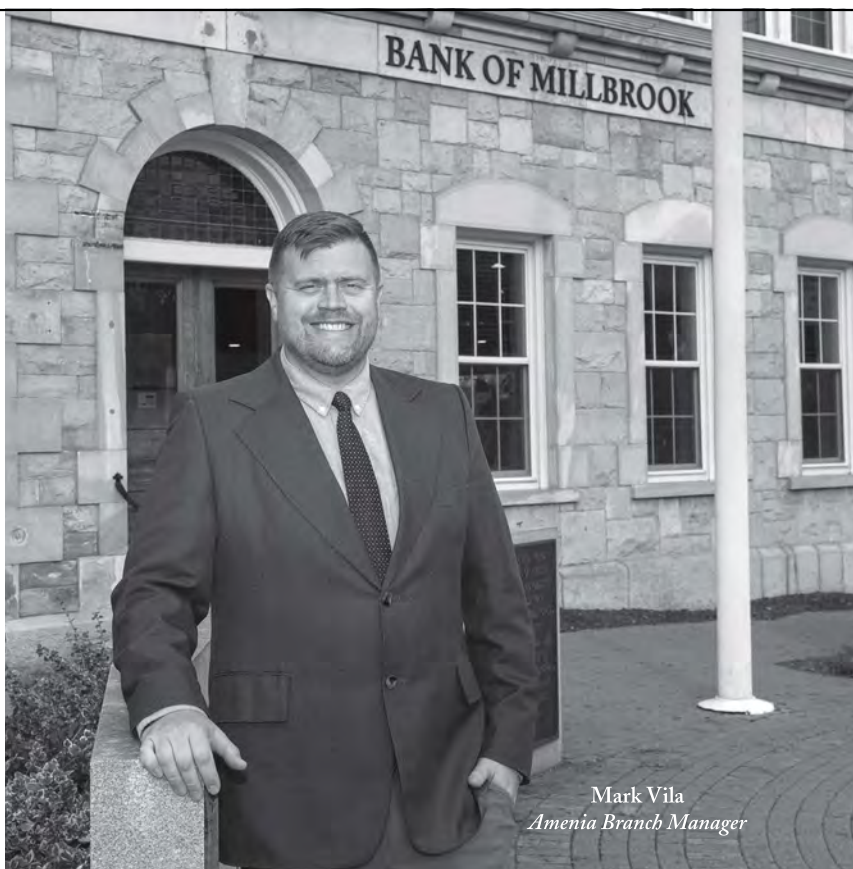
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LEGAL NOTICES

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 Timothy Capowski LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 2, 2023. Office location: P.O. Box 785, 42 Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY, 12545, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: P.O. Box 785, 42 Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY, 12545. Purpose: law practice (appellate litigation and consulting).

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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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Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Eileen Ciaburri the Tax Collector for the Town of Pine Plains, has received the Tax Roll for 2025 and will be collecting taxes during the month of February 2025 at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199 East, Pine Plains New York, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00AM to 1:00 PM and during the months of March, April & May on Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM-1:00PM. Taxes collected through the month

of February 2025 are without penalty. Penalties are levied as follows: March 2 percent, April 3 percent, May 4 percent.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Pine Plains will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the first day of June 2025.

Eileen Ciaburri
Tax Collector
Town of Pine Plains
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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, any 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, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REAGAN’S MILL HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; DISCOVER BANK; LVNV FUNDING LLC; ANTHONY ANZALONE; ROSEMARIE ANZALONE, MICHAEL F. ANZALONE, III; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Defendants. INDEX # 2022-51944 Original filed with Clerk July 6, 2022 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Dutchess County. Premises: 45 Riverdale Drive Wingdale, NY 12594. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in

this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff’s Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 day of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Said Supplemental Summons and Amended Complaint are being filed pursuant to Court Order dated November 20, 2024.

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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Millbrook trustees move ahead on block grant process

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Following a public hearing at the Millbrook Board of Trustees' reorganization meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, the trustees voted unanimously to approve a resolution to complete the application process for a Community Development Block Grant.

The process will begin with an early February submission of a letter of intent to apply, as explained by Mayor Peter Doro. The full application will then be due in early March.

A previous community block grant project had cor-

rected sidewalk unevenness along the south side of Franklin Avenue. The current application would continue the project to repair the sidewalks along the north side of the street.

One resident's question about any planned tree removal in connection with the project determined no trees would be affected.

"The concrete is worn out," Doro said, describing current sidewalk conditions, explaining that some sidewalk panels are uneven, creating a tripping hazard for pedestrians, the elderly and the physically challenged. Doro noted, however, not every panel needs replacement.

"We can keep the good panels," Doro said, adding the project may also include moving a crosswalk to improve pedestrian safety when crossing Franklin Avenue.

Taking action to fill a vacant seat on the board created when Doro was elected to serve as Mayor, the vote was unanimous to appoint Republican Elizabeth Socci to the position. Republican Patrick Murphy was unanimously selected to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Democrats Shannon Mawson and Julia Bucklin also serve as Trustees.

Speaking of his decision to recommend Socci fill the vacant seat on the Board of

Trustees, Doro noted the margin of votes received in the November election was narrow, with Socci having received 389 votes and Mawson having received 391, a difference of only two votes.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a reading of the various rules, regulations, fee schedules, meeting schedules and other details of village government.

Discussion of topics which will be considered in the coming year included the wastewater system upgrade project, repairs to the Village Hall possibly including the gym area and inviting the public to consider initiating a community garden project.



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

New York State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, left — pictured here with New York State comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli — has organized a card drive to boost the spirits of seniors on Valentine's Day.

Economic Development Committee convenes for organizational meeting

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The inaugural meeting of Amenia's Economic Development Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 15, elected officers and began discussion of their mission and goals.

Elected unanimously to serve as officers within the five-member committee which will serve as an advisory group to the Town Board were Ken Topolsky, chairman; Richard Fields, vice-chairman; and James Ohliger, secretary.

Robust professional expertise characterizes the backgrounds of the committee members outlined during a round of introductions. That well of experience drove discussion of mission and goals as the group will seek to determine development priorities early in its service.

Once priorities are mapped out, the committee will present their initial thoughts to the Town Board for comment and direction. The priorities are expected to be accompanied by suggested sub-goals, forming a structure for moving ahead.

Councilperson Rosanna Hamm, the committee's liaison with the Town Board, spoke during the public comment segment, acknowledging economic diversity within the town as well as social divisions. She urged the board to seek input from the community to overcome existing

public perceptions among factions.

"This committee could do a needs assessment," Hamm said, suggesting a social event to introduce the committee to the community, including business people. Such an event would serve as a listening session to hear directly from residents.

"We need to define our role, our goals," said Topolsky, adding that if the committee seeks to attract new businesses as a goal, then the committee would serve as an adjudicator to study problems within the business community, bringing sides together.

Resident and Wassaic business owner Sharon Kroeger attended the meeting and offered public comment. She recalled the town once had an active Chamber of Commerce, although that organi-

zation has gone on to merge with area Chambers within the Tri-State Chamber.

Topolsky reminded the committee Wassaic needs to be included within planning work, as the town is made up of more than one hamlet neighborhood.

Kroeger displayed a town map indicating the town is divided into six separate hamlets divided by geologic formations.

"We're here to devise strategies and present those ideas to the Town Board for guidance on how and whether to proceed," committee member Tom Buttacavoli said, with committee member Damian Gutierrez agreeing the committee is advisory only.

Gutierrez noted that in addition to considering the two local commercial districts — Amenia and Wassaic —

strong agricultural heritage of the town should also be considered.

Topolsky reminded the committee of the existence of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan for Development, now under review for update by another committee. He indicated any ideas offered by the Economic Development Committee will need to be in alignment with the updated plan.

The new committee expects to meet quarterly, although it will meet in coming weeks to agree on a list of priorities for its work with each member submitting a list of suggested priorities for discussion.

Hinchey organizes Valentine's Day drive for seniors

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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HUDSON, N.Y. — New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey is looking to lift the spirits of the 55-plus set with her fifth annual Valentine's for Seniors card drive. Individuals and local schools can participate in the card drive in which homemade cards will be delivered to veterans and seniors in nursing homes throughout the region.

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Blood drive at Amenia Town Hall set for Feb. 5

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Residents are encouraged to consider donating blood at the upcoming Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Amenia Town Hall between the hours of 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Organized by the New York Blood Center, donors may pre-register for an appointment at www.nybc.org. The Blood Center reminds donors that one pint of blood can save up to three lives. An appointment is not mandatory. Walk-ins will also be accommodated.

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Milestones in Business

January is traditionally the month during which business owners reflect on the year that is past, and the year that is to come, trying to get a good handle on the economic future. This year, extraordinary in so many ways, has continued to be a challenge for all businesses, but especially small businesses, due to labor shortages and economic uncertainty. Yet, small businesses are an extremely important part of what makes the economy in the Tri-state region work. So, we are focusing this month, as we have for years at this time, on the businesses in our area that would like

our readers to know when they were founded, or some other milestone they feel is significant. They are mainly what the U.S. Small Business Administration defines as "small" - but together they have real and very meaningful influence on the region's fiscal health. We salute all those who have maintained and strengthened their businesses and organizations, and only hope for their continued success beyond. Please support these businesses, which employ many of us and improve the quality of life for all in the region.

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Though a notch above fast food prices, the ingredients are of a higher standard than many fast-food restaurants, and it is priced lower than many farm-to-table eateries in the region. "We're serving burgers and grilled cheese and chicken sandwiches and a few other things," Cornell said. "A very simple menu with the most nutrient-dense, pesticide-free, highest-quality ingredients we can find locally." According to Tallow's

website, highly processed vegetable oils which come from plant seeds — corn, sunflower, canola, etc. — make up 30% of American calories. Around 1990, many fast food chains switched from frying food in tallow — animal fat — to seed oils in order to save money. Tallow plans to utilize local ingredients, regeneratively sourced meats, chemical-free produce and will fry its food in 100 percent grass-fed beef tallow.

Nate Long, co-founder and head chef, previously worked at The Inn at Little Washington in Virginia, a Michelin three-star restaurant, under Chef Patrick O'Connell. Long has butchered for the Organic Butcher of McLean, Va., which was listed as the top butcher shop in America in USA Today. As an independent chef, Long creates elaborate six-course menus for private dinner clients. "I've recruited a co-founder

who has 10 years experience in the food industry. He's a chef trained down in Virginia," said Cornell. "And is coming on board to run, to really run the menu, and to lead the team in the kitchen." Cornell struggled with obesity and chronic fatigue as a teenager, and was working to improve his health while growing up. After trying "every fad diet," he decided to cut out processed foods and worked with a personal

trainer, losing 60 pounds as a result. "This experience taught me two vital lessons: anything is possible, and a real food diet is essential to health," as Cornell explained on Tallow's website. "In recent years, I've learned about the toxicity of our food system, the misleading advice from so-called health 'experts,' and what's truly necessary for health." To help build customer loyalty, Tallow is creating a paid membership program

for in-store discounts, community events and bi-weekly Sunday six-course dinners. Cornell hopes to bring the site proposal to the Planning Board by mid-February with an aim for construction to begin in March. "We have such great farms around us," Cornell said. "Some of the best regenerative farms that I've visited are within a 15-20 minute radius... If anyone locally would be interested in supporting the mission, that is my main goal right now."

Millbrook takes two wins in Webutuck visit

By **NATHAN MILLER**
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AMENIA — The Millbrook Blazers travelled to Webutuck High School on Friday, Jan. 24, for a pair of basketball games. First the junior varsity squads took the court, ending in a 55-30 win for Millbrook. Then Millbrook's varsity squad took another win, beating Webutuck's Wildcats 58-34.

Millbrook's performance in the first half by ramping up the heat slightly in the second, but their efforts were in vain. Millbrook matched almost every Webutuck basket. The Webutuck boys will return to the court on Friday, Jan. 31, when Onteora High School visits for another Friday night game at Webutuck High School. The Millbrook boys will host Rhinebeck High School Friday, Jan. 31, as well.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Millbrook took home two wins after their visit to Webutuck High School Friday, Jan. 24. Millbrook's junior varsity squad beat Webutuck 55-30 and the varsity squad won 58-34.



Fans filled the bleachers in Webutuck's high school gym rooting for both teams and occasionally trying to coach the players. Webutuck's biggest struggle in the night was securing rebounds, evidenced by shouts from coaching staff and fans alike to "crash the boards," and "box out." The Wildcats' struggle under the net let Millbrook get more possessions and more attempts at the goal per possession throughout the night. For basketball laymen, the squad which can get more shots up almost always scores more. By halftime of the varsity game, Millbrook was leading Webutuck by more than 15 points — a lead which would turn out to be insurmountable. Webutuck responded to

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member, is looking at a possible challenge from county legislator Will Truitt, R-7, a familiar face on the Dutchess political scene. Truitt represents Hyde Park and the Town of Pleasant Valley, and currently serves as chairman of the legislature. While Truitt's candidacy has not yet officially been declared, he concedes he's in contention

for the comptroller contest. Said Truitt of the upcoming race, "I am honored and humbled to have my name in consideration for county comptroller ... I look forward to the work we have to come in 2025, and I am excited to travel the county to speak with our neighbors about the road that lies ahead."

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about \$27,000 a year with the new fixtures. The Village's monthly Central Hudson bill is now \$600, down from \$2,900 per month before the project. The new lights have an average lifespan of 25 years compared to the average five and a half year lifespan of the former sodium vapor lights. A feature these fixtures have is being dark sky compliant, meaning the lenses project light directly down instead of scattering into the surroundings. Thanks to the research and work done by volunteers Christine Bates, Laurie Kerr and Jennifer Dowley, the Village found the most effective way to save money and the

environment. Climate Smart has a significant impact on this project, saving the Village an estimated 22,300 kWh, equalling about 40,000 miles driven by a gas-powered car. Public comments and concerns will be addressed at the beginning of the meeting regarding service needs, traffic, public safety, landscape, parking and more. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the NorthEast-Millerton Library's Annex, with light refreshments available.

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Frozen fun in Lakeville

While the chill of recent weeks has driven many Northwest Corner residents inside and their energy bills up, others have taken advantage of the extended cold by practicing some of our region's most treasured — and increasingly rare — pastimes: ice sports.

I am one of those who goes out rather than in when the mercury drops: a one-time Pee-wee and Bantam league hockey player turned pond hockey enthusiast turned general ice lover. In the winter, my 12 year-old hockey skates never leave my trunk, on the chance I'll pass some gleaming stretch of black ice on a roadside pond.

Last winter, when ice was hard to come by, was a massive disappointment for me, as it was for the other ice-obsessed among us. I was delighted, then, when I arrived at Lake Wononscopomuc on a comparatively balmy (26°F) Saturday afternoon to find recreators strolling, skating, fishing and fat-biking across the frozen expanse of its surface.

Grabbing my camera and stepping out onto the ice with the intention of chatting with some of the merry-makers, I gauged the uneven — but passable — surface below my feet and decided to run to the car and switch my boots with skates.

The going was rough at times, contending with intermittent snow layers and slush crusts, but even so the skates were vastly more efficient than my boots as I made my way from group to group.

I stopped to chat with David Bain, who was just starting to set up his fishing station after getting a late start. I asked him the depth under the hole he had just drilled, and he said it was about five feet, despite being 200 yards from shore on the deepest natural lake in Connecticut.

He explained that he had situated himself over a weed bed, and was hoping to catch some brown trout lurking off its shelf. A Norfolk resident, he said he was glad the ice was back after a season or two without it. He said the last time he had fished out on Wononscopomuc's ice — 2023, he reckoned — he had caught two sizeable brown trout (about 10



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Hot-tub style approach with a sledge-hammer assist at the lake.

and 8 pounds) within 15 minutes of each other at a spot just yards away from this one. I wished him luck for a similar outcome, and skated off to some distant figures hunkered over their ice drills.

I found Kyle Carso of Glastonbury and Andy Sabetta of Berlin, who are long time fishing friends, huddling over their holes as they hoped for a bite. They had been moving around the lake since 7 a.m., and had only pulled up a couple of perch so far. Carso said. Echoing Bain, Carso told me that Wononscopomuc is known for big brown trout though, and the duo had proof: Sabetta had caught a 14-pounder in June.

Carso said he was grateful for the ice conditions this season, which have been difficult to come by in several recent years. He said the ice was generally solid, about eight inches in most places, but encouraged caution as they had found some variability in the holes they drilled, with some spots thinner than others.

Brothers Eamon and John McNiff, who I found

with beers in hand just offshore of Eamon's lakefront property, similarly urged caution for those looking to explore the ice. He said that the frozen lake provides a valuable wealth of recreation, made more special by its seasonal transience — "as long as you're being smart about it." With the right caution, though, he said time spent on the ice is "magical."

The kids get to skate around the lake — close to shore, he specified — and for the adults? "There's nothing better than an ice beer."

His brother John had just fat biked — essentially a mountain bike with huge, deeply treaded tires for traction on snow and ice — across the lake from his own property on the other side. Upon arriving at Eamon's house, he slipped out and sprawled on the ice, pulling a muscle in the process. He said he was better now, though, enjoying a "recovery beer" provided by his brother.

My final stop of the

afternoon found a different type of cold-weather health practice — hanging out hot-tub style in a sledge-hammered hole in the ice. Danny Tieger and Tyler Spofford, both local to the area, are avid cold water swimmers they explained, and try to submerge themselves a few times a week during the winter months.

Tieger said that taking regular cold dips has been transformational after starting about five years ago: "It changed my relationship with my health and brain." The two stayed in the water, with apparent calm, for a remarkably long time. Spofford said that once you get over the shock, the water can actually feel a bit warmer than the air, because it actually is at about 34°F compared to the air temperature in the mid 20s.

As they finally climbed out and did some post-dip exercises, I looked out over the

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PHOTO BY ELIAS OLSEN

Emma Brockett, Josalyn Cipkas and Tiffany Oltjenbruns in rehearsal for "From All Angles."

DANCE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Garet&Co returns to Norfolk

Garet Wierdsma and her northern Connecticut-based dance company, Garet&Co, will return to Norfolk for their third annual appearance with Dance Workshops on the next three Sundays, followed by two performances of "From All Angles" in Battelle Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m.

In "From All Angles," audience members will witness Garet&Co translate three of the works presented at their fall show, "Can't Keep

Friends," danced in the round, where viewers can witness each piece from a new angle.

Additionally, Garet&Co will be premiering two new works, including a site-specific work made for the beautiful Battelle Chapel performance space. Notably, Garet&Co will be reprising an excerpt of their preeminent piece, "and sometimes I wish" for this show.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, audience members will enjoy a post-show recep-

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Live Music at the American Mural Project

Known for its stunning 120-foot wide, five-story tall “Mural to the American Worker” by artist Ellen Griesedieck, the American Mural Project, also known as AMP, is located next to Whiting Mills in Winsted, Conn. AMP also offers educational programs for youth, summer camps, book talks, and has recently added musical programming.

After formally opening the main gallery to the public in the summer of 2022, the music series “Live @AMP” began in 2023 with the intention of expanding AMP’s scope and demographic through both visitation and event attendees.

Director Michelle Begley explained AMP’s goals. “We wanted to establish AMP as a high quality event space by bringing in dynamic, professional artists to create a synergy of music, per-



PHOTO BY JUDY GRIESEDECK

The New Mosaic performing at the Live @AMP music series.

formance and art.”

Asked how she finds talent, Begley said, “My colleague Mimi Madden and I work closely with our artistic and executive directors to invite established and innovative

Connecticut performing artists complemented by national and internationally recognized musicians, poets and speakers. It’s fun to both support local musicians, think big, and reach out

beyond Connecticut!”

AMP’s “Happy Hour Piano Series” has become a monthly anchor event that features solo pianists who play a multitude of styles. Recent performances by

Jen Allen, TJ Thompson, Isabella Mendes and Warren Byrd drew great crowds of jazz lovers. Jeff Bortako and Dan Ringuette had people singing along with their pop and holiday tunes while the passion and technique of classical pianists Maria Centola and Heather Reichgott moved audiences.

“We were gifted a beautiful baby grand piano by a steadfast supporter, the Greenberg family, who also support the series,” Begley explained.

AMP has hosted a wide variety of musicians including full bands performing soul, jazz, R&B, gospel, latin jazz, funk, swing and rock. The room has hosted Connecticut bands like West End Blend, Eight to the Bar, Theresa Thomason with the KC Sisters, Nikita, Ed Fast, and One Time Weekend, and there’s more in store.

“In 2025, we’re bringing in our first Grammy nominee, Eric Bibb, for what promises to be an incredible blues performance in April; the grunge band Gryme to connect to our community college population in September, and our first A Cappella Showcase that will feature student singers from colleges across New England,” Begley said.

Audiences can experience the excitement and energy of listening to great music, surrounded by incredible art with a big dance floor and great sound.

“We’ve been incredibly fortunate to work closely with John Fiorello of The John Samuel Group to help us invest in our sound and address the challenges of working in such a vast space. John’s skill has been critical to

our success as he is adept at optimizing every musician and vocalists’ performance, no matter the challenge,” Begley said.

As an active professional musician, teaching artist and voice teacher working in Connecticut for the last 30 years, Begley has worked in communities from Hartford to Torrington to the Northwest Corner.

“I’ve connected with an inspiring array of the wonderful and committed musicians who are perpetually digging deep to give of themselves to the vibrant and growing arts scene in Connecticut,” she said.

Cultivating a spirit of collaboration and community in all its events and programs, AMP is committed to creative partnerships. Local restaurants provide food and local bookstores have sponsored author based “AMPTalks.”

“The string quartet performance this past October, in partnership with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, highlighted the ‘industrial cathedral’ acoustics of the AMP space. We’ll be doing that and more in 2025 and 2026!” Begley said.

For audiences, the combination of exploring the mural’s massive art installation and inherent storytelling along with each performance makes every AMP event a remarkable experience.

Upcoming shows for 2025 include the New Haven based singer/songwriter Natalie Hamilton for the Friday, Jan. 25 Happy Hour Piano Series and the electric neo-soul vibe of The New Mosaic on Saturday, Feb. 1.

For more information, visit: www.americanmuralproject.org/all-events

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tion followed by a Q & A session.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, audience members will enjoy a pre-show performance with dancers

performing installation work.

Garet&Co offers several classes in the performance space at Battell Chapel during their

residence, including:

Intermediate/Advanced Technique: this Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary Phrase Work: Sunday, Feb. 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Beginners’ Contemporary: Saturday, Feb. 23, 1 to 2 p.m. (please join this class prior to the Sunday show for a special discounted package of class + show tickets)

Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 to 3 p.m. (please join this class prior to the Sunday show for a special discounted package of class + show tickets)

Garet Wierdsma expressed her excitement: “This year, we are bringing more dancers and more pieces than ever before, plus we are adding special elements that will keep audiences on their toes. We can’t wait to share this show with everyone!”

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Evie Sondag, Jessica Winter, and Kyleigh Olivier in rehearsal for “From All Angles.”

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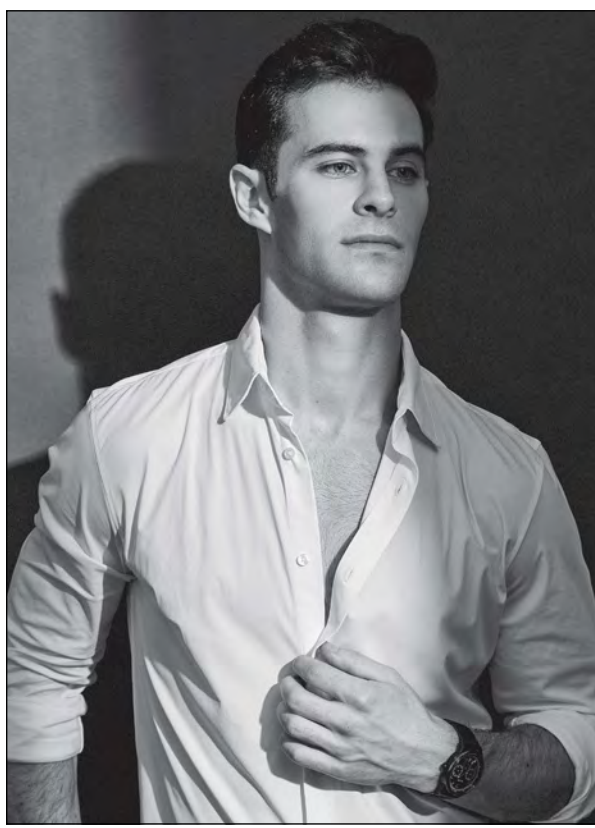


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Sam Gravitte returns to Pine Plains on Feb. 1.

THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Broadway's Sam Gravitte brings 'A Song for You' to The Stissing Center

Broadway star Sam Gravitte ("Wicked") is returning to The Stissing Center in Pine Plains on Feb. 1 with his acclaimed cabaret show, "A Song for You," a heartfelt evening of music and storytelling. He will be joined by renowned music director Jacinth Greywoode, whose works range from classical chamber pieces to Broadway-style theater music.

"I'm so excited to have Sam Gravitte return to Stissing Center," said Stissing's executive director, Patrick Tretteno. "We were fortunate to have him perform on our stage last year with his mom, Tony-winner Debbie Gravitte."

Known for his stand-out performance as Fiyyero in "Wicked," Gravitte will once again bring his signature charisma and powerhouse vocals to the Stissing Center. The audience can expect a rich repertoire featuring legendary songwriters like Stevie Wonder and Stephen Sondheim, woven into a narrative exploring themes of love, hope, and connection.

"While we love that Sam has his own Broadway bonafides," said Tretteno, "we are looking

forward to his cabaret performance on our stage, which promises to show us his more personal side. Sam tells us that his show will explore themes of love, hope, and romance —perfect for the run-up to Valentine's day!"

For tickets and more information, visit: thesstissingcenter.org

... frozen fun

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lake, dim silhouettes of anglers and fat bikers speckling the white expanse in the soft blue light of the late afternoon. Pulling off my skates for the day with numb and fumbling fingers, I felt grateful for the ice and the unique joy it brings to an oft-maligned season.

With cold weather growing less consistent with each passing winter, days like these can feel a little melancholic and fragile, as if those of us who take to the ice are

FILM: ROBIN RORABACK

Students see 'Selma' at the Triplex on MLK Day

Students from W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School, Mount Everett Junior High School, Berkshire Country Day School and Richmond Consolidated School attended a screening of the movie "Selma" at the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington Jan. 20.

The screening was held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It was sponsored in part by the Great Barrington, Monterey, Stockbridge, and New Marlborough Cultural Councils.

"Selma" was released in 2015, 50 years after the marches from Selma to Montgomery. It recounts the struggles of African Americans to exercise their right to vote in spite of resistance from registrars of voters in Selma, Alabama. It shows the brutality encountered by activists and marchers and those just wanting to vote. The participants of the first march were met with tear gas, police armed with clubs and on horseback as they marched over the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Many among the marchers suffered injuries. After the first March, King called for

clergy and others to join the next march.

Moderator of the question-and-answer period after the movie was Shirley Edgerton, a local activist and NAACP Berkshires board member. She asked the students, "Why do you think you were allowed to come here today?"

Answers included: "History repeats itself."

"To learn about the civil rights movement." "So, it doesn't happen again."

"It is a reminder of issues that are happening today."

"What did you think about the movie?" Edgerton asked next.

"It was emotionally heavy when it got into what actually happened."

"It was not just the story of Dr. King, but of Malcom X and John Lewis."

"Your schools want you to understand history," Edgerton said. She explained that she is a member of the NAACP which was founded in 1909 by a group including Great Barrington resident and sociologist W.E.B. Du Bois. The NAACP is composed of



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Shirley Edgerton, local activist and NAACP Berkshires Board Member, leads a discussion with students from area middle schools after a screening of the film "Selma" at the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"All folks who believe in addressing and disarming hate," Edgerton said.

"All of us have biases," Edgerton said to the crowd. The way to combat bias, she said, is to "Address issues and ensure that these issues don't continue."

She asked the students what issues they

are facing today. "Abortion" said one, another said "Only two genders now." "Human trafficking," said another.

"What can you do as eighth graders about these issues?" asked Edgerton.

"We can grow up

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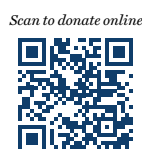
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JANUARY 30

The White Hart Speaker Series: Janice Kaplan, What Your Body Knows About Happiness

The White Hart Inn, Salisbury, Conn.

On Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m., Janice Kaplan reveals how the body-mind connection can unlock a happier, more fulfilling life.

\$15 (Includes wine + \$5 book voucher)

www.eventbrite.com/e/janice-kaplan-what-your-body-knows-about-happiness-tickets-1114118531519

JANUARY 31

Lunar New Year Celebration

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

It's the Year of the Snake! Join the David M. Hunt Library to learn about Lunar New Year, a special celebration in many parts of the world that marks the new year, at our Lunar New Year Celebration on Friday, Jan. 31 at 3:30 p.m.! We'll enjoy treats, stories, and crafts as we learn about this treasured holiday.

FEBRUARY 1

Take Your Child to the Library Day

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

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" at the Douglas Library in North Canaan on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Canaan Kids Artspace will host a fun drop-in craft where kids can create a collage portrait of their favorite book character using recycled materials. This event is free! Refreshments. Call the library at (860) 824-7863 or visit canaanartspace.org for further info.

Live Music + Open Mic

Twelve Moons Coffee House, The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Twelve Moons Coffee House offers live music, poetry readings and storytelling on the 1st Saturday of each month. Saturday, Feb. 1, will feature David Ray as the Featured Artist. A former New York City cab driver, bartender, bouncer, and actor, David Ray's award-winning songs have been described as "cinematic." Doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic performances beginning at 6:30. Ray will play from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own dinner and beverage or enjoy coffee/tea and fresh baked goods provided by the venue.

Kitten Story Time/ Take Your Child to the Library Day

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

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the David M. Hunt Library on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. with Kitten Story Time! Learn more about cat fostering and animal rescue through this special story time while meeting some of Sophia L'Orange's rescue kittens! Snacks and crafts to follow.

2025 Winter Benefit: Le Bal Éclipse

Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.

There will be a benefit for the Wassaic Art Project on Saturday, Feb. 1. The benefit is from 6 to 8 p.m. and the afterparty is 8 to 11 p.m.

Join us for a black-and-white ball in the style of Paris 1968, honoring philanthropist Robert Wilder and artist Taha Clayton. The evening includes exclusive artworks, an auction, and the unveiling of Clayton's new object edition. The afterparty begins at 8 PM, transforming the night with sound, light, and liberation. Admission to the afterparty is included with the benefit ticket.

FEBRUARY 2

Author Talk

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

Join the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. for an Author Talk & Book Signing with James Shay, the author of "Mohawk Mountain Ski Area: The Birth of Snowmaking." Explore the unique contributions of Mohawk and Walt Schoenknecht to the sport of skiing. Registration is required for this talk, as space is limited. Please register here: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/13678038.

Salisbury Forum Offers Free Film Screening and Local Panel on Food Access

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

The Salisbury Forum will present a free screening of the documentary Food and Country followed by a panel discussion about

the local food economy at the Colonial Theater on 27 Railroad St. in North Canaan, Conn., on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 1:30 p.m. Registration is required at www.salisburyforum.org. This is a sold-out event. If you were unable to register keep an eye out for the video of the panel discussion on our website by the end of February.

Food and Country is produced by trailblazing food writer Ruth Reichl, who has served as a restaurant critic for the Los Angeles Times and New York Times, editor-in-chief of Gourmet Magazine, and a judge on Top Chef Masters.

Following the screening, attendees will learn about the local food economy from panelists who bring food from the farm to the table. Rebecca Busansky, executive director of Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV), will moderate the panel, which will feature Dan Carr, owner of Beavertides Farm in Falls Village, Conn., and BAV team member; Amanda Freund, third-generation farmer at Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Conn., and manager of the farm's CowPots business; and Peter Platt, chef and owner of The Old Inn on the Green in New Marlborough, Mass.

FEBRUARY 4

Bradford Morrow, The Forger's Requiem: A Novel

Oblong Rhinebeck, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m., author Bradford Morrow will speak about his gripping literary thriller about expert forgery, family secrets,

and Mary Shelley's legacy.

Free, Online registration required.

FEBRUARY 6

Christopher Bjork & William Hoynes, More Than Just a Game

Oblong Rhinebeck, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

On Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m., Two Vassar professors unpack the youth sports industry and its impact on parenting and kids.

Free, Online registration requested.

Memoir Workshop with Leigh Curran

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

Join us for five Thursdays,

Feb. 6 through March 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a new memoir workshop. Author and writing instructor Leigh Curran will guide you through tried-and-true approaches to memoir writing. Open to all writing levels. Register at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13908316

FEBRUARY 7

First Friday Music

The Meeting House, Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Feb. 7 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m.

This month's program, David Baranowski will play a varied program of piano works, including Beethoven's beloved 'Piano Sonata 'Moonlight' No.14 in C-sharp minor Op. 27, No. 2 (Sonata quasi una Fantasia)." Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

Last week's WotW

Word search grid with letters W, R, I, N, G, R, O, B, O, T, C, O, R, A, L, S, O, L, A, R, P, O, L, A, R

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.

Word search grid with colored tiles (green, yellow, grey) for the Word of the Week puzzle.

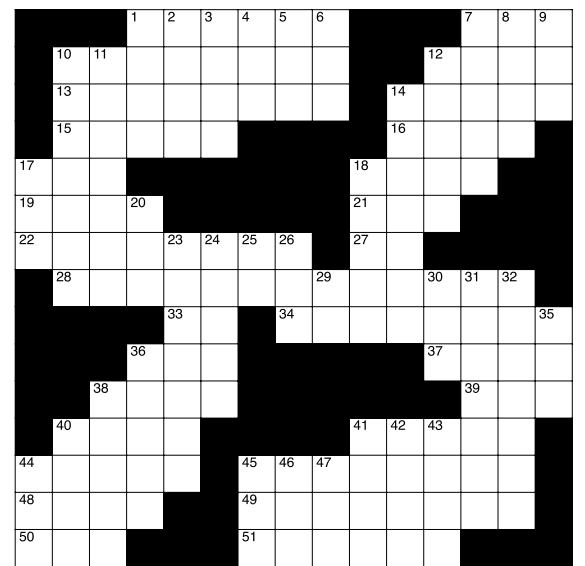
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2. Light brown, sandy hue
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4. Local exploration expert
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Brain Teasers

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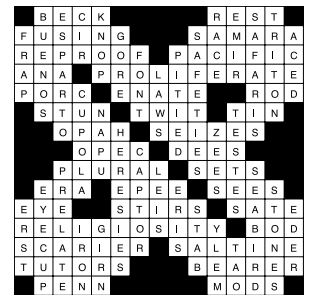
- 1. Where entertainers perform
7. Miller beer variety
10. Ageless
12. River in SE Europe
13. Able to be repaired
14. Type of wrap
15. Atomic #54
16. Type of tent
17. U.S. Treasury position
18. Opposed to
19. Protective covering
21. Bridge building degree
22. Clouding of the lens
27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
28. Unacceptable
33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
34. American national park
36. One point south of due east
37. Assist in a crime
38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
39. A major division of geological time
40. German courtesy title
41. English family dating back to Norman times
44. Discounts
45. South American nation
48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
49. Hostile
50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
51. Discourages from doing



- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
10. A way to get around
11. Repeat
12. A way to cook with fat
14. Temporary loss of consciousness
17. Reciprocal of a sine
18. Fir tree genus
20. "Transformers" director Michael
23. Criminals who steal
24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
25. Music product
26. "Talk to you"
29. Santa says it three times
30. Doctors' group
31. African nation
32. Ageless
35. When you hope to get somewhere

- 36. Worn
38. Deprives of vigor
40. Used to have (Scottish)
41. Where you live
42. Muslim ruler title
43. Basics
44. Type of drug (abbr.)
45. Spanish soldier
46. It precedes two
47. Illuminated

Jan. 23 Solution



Sudoku

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells for solving.

Jan. 23 Solution

9x9 Sudoku solution grid for Jan 23.

Level: Intermediate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
2. Nevada city
3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
4. Bird's beak
5. Language
6. Midway between south and southeast
7. Punjab village
8. Small biting flies

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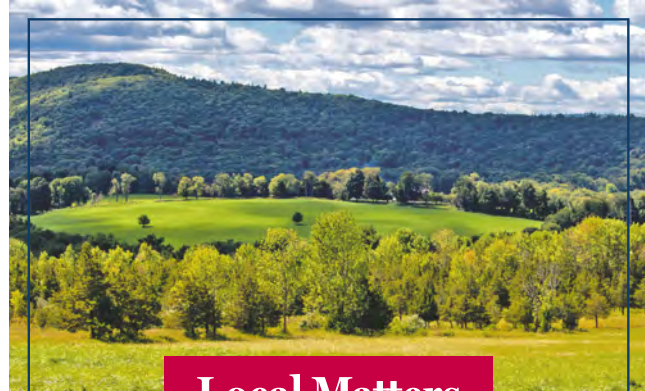
smarter and fix these issues."

"Stop making fun of people who ID as gay, straight, non-binary."

"Be kinder."
"Support peers and take the knowledge of

what we learned today and put it into our day-to-day base."

In conclusion, Shirley Edgerton told the students, "You have to decide if you want to be part of change or not."



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OUR TOWNS

First holiday decorating contest announces winners

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — The winners of Millerton's first holiday decorating contest have been announced.

The contest, which encouraged participants to feature festive and creative exteriors at personal residences and businesses, was held during the holiday season and hosted by the Village of Millerton. It featured two divisions — residential and commercial —

and three categories — best lights, most creative and best overall. The village is aiming for the contest to become an annual event.

The entrants were reviewed by six volunteer judges from the community who drove around the contest route to assess participants. Prizes of gift cards and gift baskets were donated by local businesses including — but not limited to — Harney & Sons, The Moviehouse, Oakhurst

Diner and Oblong Books and Music. The winners are as follows below:

- Residential**
113 Sharon Road — Best Lights
527 Mill St. — Most Creative
9 S. Maple Ave. — Best Overall
- Commercial**
5196 N. Elm Ave. — Best Lights
42 Main St. — Most Creative
52 Main St. — Best Overall



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Millbrook Garden and Landscaping on Route 44 has been sold for \$725,000 to Brian Kiernan in an off-market transaction.

Washington median home price climbs to \$712K

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Town of Washington ended the year with a median price of \$712,000 for a single family home in 2024 with the sale of a multi-million dollar house on Jameson Hill Road and a 243 acre dairy farm boosting the year end number. Besides the three homes and farm sold in December one commercial property traded privately.

In mid-January, 15 houses were listed for over a million dollars in Washington, eight over \$500,000 and six under \$500,000. Three commercial properties were publicly listed including Charlotte's Restaurant for \$1.5 million.

1250 Route 343 — a dairy farm with a small 1910 house on 248.12 acres sold off-market for \$3.7 million.

170 Horseshoe Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath on 1.55 acres sold for \$529,500.

114 Jameson Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath contemporary farm house on 34.02 acres sold for \$2.4 million.

49 Horseshoe Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 1.18 acres sold for \$499,000.

3781-3783 Route 44 — commercial property with a converted residence on

2.3 acres sold off-market for \$725,000.

**Town of Washington real estate sales recorded between Dec. 1, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. 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.*

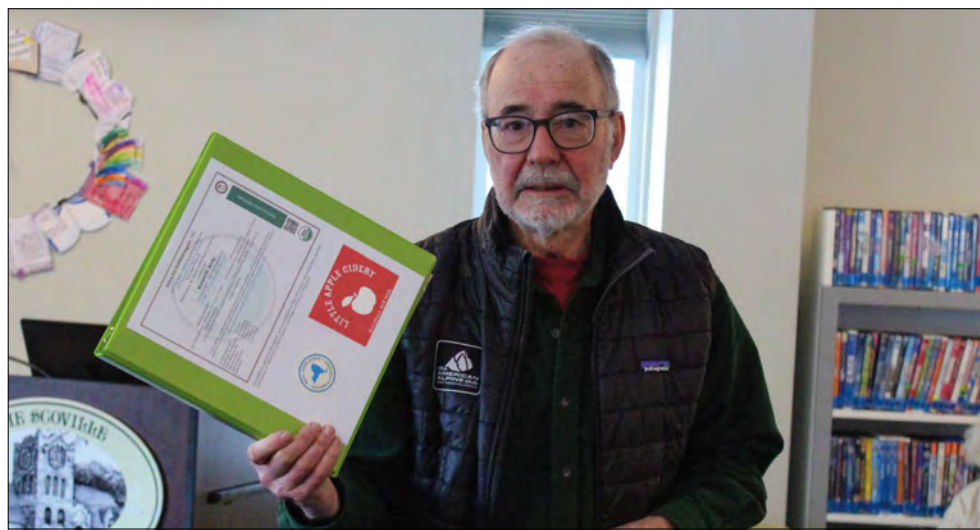


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Hillsdale Cider maker visits Scoville Library

Ron Bixby of Little Apple Farm and Cidery in Hillsdale, N.Y. came to the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, Jan. 26, to talk about his experiences in reclaiming an old apple orchard and starting a cidery. The talk was sponsored by the Salisbury Association Land Trust. Little Apple is a certified organic operation. Bixby said they use materials from an approved list for pest control. "It takes a lot of work and a lot of love to have and make cider," said Bixby. To learn more about Little Apple Farm and Cidery, visit www.littleapplecidery.com.

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