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The first day of school on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Webutuck Elementary School went smoothly, with teachers enthusiastically greeting the eager young students disembarking from buses. Excitement was measurable, with only a few tears from parents, but school began anyway. Left, ready for her first day of school on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Webutuck Elementary School, Liliana Cawley, 7, would soon join her second grade class, but first she posed for a photo to mark the occasion.



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Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik shows off the new gear. Brand new police cruisers arrived last week.

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY LISA BRADLEY
The storm closed roads across the Northwest Corner.

Salisbury mountain rescue pits responders against hail

By ALEC LINDEN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Despite abysmal conditions, first responders managed to rescue an injured hiker from Bear Mountain during a tornado-warned thunderstorm on Saturday, Sept. 7.

“It was hailing, we couldn’t see anything,” said Jacqui Rice, chief of service of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service. “The trail was a river.”

Just after 3:30 p.m., Rice was positioned back at the station, her uniform spattered with mud from the harrowing mission high on the ridgeline of the Taconic Mountains. “It was really something,” she said with a chuckle as fellow first responders filtered into the station, sharing their own reports of unnavigable roads due to downed trees and powerlines.

Rice said that emergency crews were dispatched at 11:30 a.m. on report of a hiker with an injured left knee on the Appalachian Trail at North Bear Mountain, just south of the Massachusetts border. The hiker was unable to walk and needed to be transported off the mountain.

The team gained elevation from Salisbury via Mount Riga and Mount Washington Roads, leaving an ambulance at a location three miles from the hiker. The group travelled as far as possible with ATVs but eventually had to continue on foot due to the “very steep” and rocky terrain.

Rice said conditions were fair during the approach, but when they reached the injured party the weather rapidly

turned. Wind, rain, thunder, lightning and hail made the remainder of the extraction difficult, Rice reported, as they transported the hiker via a Stokes litter basket on the slope. Responders deployed ropes to safely transport the hiker through the difficult terrain despite the adverse conditions.

Rice reported that rescuers from Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance, the Lakeville Hose Company, the Northwest Regional Ropes Rescue Team and responders from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection made up the mutual aid effort. “Even the ropes team from Ameniam, New York, came.”

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning at 1:23 p.m. in Dutchess County for a cell moving northwest. At 1:42 p.m., the NWS reported a storm “capable of producing a tornado” above Ancram, New York, that would impact northwestern Salisbury and extreme northern Canaan just after 2 p.m.

The storm wrought significant impacts across the area, closing Route 44 between downtown North Canaan and the intersection with Belden Street for a short period due to downed wires, as well as a section of Route 41 in Taconic that only reopened Sunday afternoon after a fallen tree was removed.

First responding crews reported Taconic was especially hard hit, with travel in some areas essentially impassable following the storm. Major roadways have since been cleared of blockages.

‘Internal loading’ a major concern for Sharon’s Mudge Pond

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON, Conn. — A new report prepared by the Northwest Conservation District found it’s not only recent agricultural runoff that impacts the water quality of Mudge Pond, but pollution from bygone farms of decades ago.

The reason for this is a process called “internal loading,” stated the report, which was prepared by NWCD Natural Resource Specialist Kelsey Sudol and presented to the Board of Selectmen at its August 26 meeting by selectwoman Lynn Kearcher. Drawing from the findings of a February 2025 study (researched in 2024) by environmental consultancy Northeast Aquatic Research, Sudol’s memo declares that “internal loading is the main major water quality concern for Mudge Pond currently.”

Internal loading is the release of harmful particulates that were once entombed in the lake bottom back into the water column. It results from a layer of anoxic or hypoxic — water either entirely or almost entirely devoid of dissolved oxygen — sitting on the lake bottom for longer than usual.

It’s normal for this to happen for a period in New England’s freshwater lakes during the summer when they’re “stratified” (i.e. when warmer, less dense water sits above cooler, denser water). In this state, the layers don’t mix and the deeper water is unable to receive additional oxygen from the well-oxygenated layers above.

Warmer winters can cause this process to begin earlier, especially with a shortened ice season. These extended anoxic periods, which were confirmed by several readings taken during the Northeast Aquatic Research study, allow harmful pollutants that may have been sitting on the lake bottom for decades to reappear and cause damage. Nitrogen and especially phos-

phorus are two such products of historic agricultural runoff that pose a risk to Mudge Pond.

The NWCD report upholds that “within watersheds that have a long history of agriculture, which Mudge Pond does, this release of historic pollution is common.” There is an urgency to remedying this issue, the report went on, given that “the stressors that are worsening this internal loading, like warmer winters, are not projected to improve.”

The report recommends aeration, a technology which artificially inputs oxygen into deeper water, as the most promising remediation tactic. The suggestion follows the Northeast Aquatic Research study which declared that “the lake is an excellent candidate for artificial aeration.” Northeast Aquatic Research would not suggest a specific method for which to implement the solution, however, until it had completed further research, stating the group would be able to present “state-of-the-art” options to the town by the spring of 2026.

Neither the town nor the Mudge Pond Association have stated whether an aeration solution will be pursued, although the Association has indicated a commitment to weigh all possible protective measures.

While the reappearance of old pollutants presents the greatest water quality risk, current runoff also poses a threat. The Northeast Aquatic Research report located a high concentration of nitrogen at certain times of the year near an inlet that enters the lake on its eastern shore, downslope from Low Road. The feeder streams flow through a wetland before reaching the lake at the inlet, which is a cause for concern as wetlands usually act as “biofilters” that remove nutrients from the water, stated Northeast Aquatic Research.

The NWCD offered to conduct a stream-walk to locate the sources of these nutrients that would help develop a “watershed monitoring program.” The group would also help the town educate property owners and

farmers within the watershed on erosion control and nutrient runoff management. Such practices have worked before, the NWCD correspondence stated: according to historic reports from 1999, 2000 and 2001, once newly-established best management practices were adopted in area farms in the 1980s and 1990s, Mudge Pond’s water quality drastically improved.

The NWCD also offered to conduct a volunteer event to remove invasive water chestnut, sending out flotillas of kayakers to hand-pull the water weed in a minimally invasive procedure. Earlier in the summer, an effort by the Mudge Pond Association and local consultancy New England Aquatic Services to hand-pull the plant was stymied by a much-greater amount of organic material than anticipated. A bigger team could help, the NWCD recommended in the memo.

The Mudge Pond Association said it is carefully weighing NWCD’s many suggestions, and is working on next steps.

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Amenia back in court over Kent Hollow mine

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AMENIA — Amenias residents and a Wassaic business have filed suit against the Town Board and Kent Hollow Inc., alleging a settlement between the town and the mine amounts to illegal contract zoning that allows the circumvention of environmental review.

Petitioners Laurence Levin, Theodore Schiffman and Clark Hill LLC filed the suit on Aug. 22. Town officials were served with documents for the case last week and took first steps in organizing a response to the suit at the Town Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4.

The lawsuit is the latest in a multi-year long legal battle surrounding the mine

on South Amenias Road. After Kent Hollow Inc. — a subsidiary of Bethel, Connecticut, based homebuilder Steiner Inc. — applied for a state mining permit in 2017, the Amenias code enforcement officer issued the business a notice of violation.

At the time, Kent Hollow Inc. did not possess a special permit to conduct mining operations as required by Amenias zoning code, and the property did not reside in the Special Mining Overlay district established as part of rezoning efforts coinciding with the 2007 adoption of the towns comprehensive plan.

Kent Hollow Inc. appealed the violation, claiming the use of the property as a mine predates amendments to town and state regulations. The Zoning Board of Appeals



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The main entrance to Kent Hollow Mine at 341 South Amenias Road in Amenias.

denied the appeal citing insufficient evidence in 2019. That spurred Kent Hollow to file two lawsuits — one in the New York State Supreme Court and a federal civil rights

lawsuit — challenging the towns order.

In July 2025, those lawsuits were brought to a close when the Town Board voted at a special meeting to accept a settlement agreement allowing Kent Hollow to continue mining operations under limited hours and quantities.

The most recent suit alleges the 2025 settlement amounts to contract zoning that allows Kent Hollow Inc.

to skirt environmental review and the scrutiny of the permitting and rezoning process. Court documents allege Kent Hollow did not adequately prove a continuous, legal nonconforming use.

Supporting the argument, petitioners have submitted the court documents and decision from the 2019 New York Supreme Court case against the town Zoning Board of Appeals, and the documents

from the preceding ZBA appeals process including receipts and tax returns from Kent Hollow Inc. purporting to establish the nonconforming use.

Kent Hollow Inc. formed as a subsidiary of housing developer Steiner Inc. and purchased the property in 1971, according to state and county real estate records.

Millerton News reporting from 1971 Amenias planning board meetings detail Kent Hollows pursuit of a four-section, 40-unit apartment complex on the property.

The News reported Kent Hollow was granted tentative approval on July 6, 1971, to build eight units on the site with the expectation that more would be built later.

The additional units never came to fruition and Kent Hollow apparently abandoned the housing project, opting to use the property as a gravel mine.

Attorneys for the Town of Amenias or Kent Hollow Inc. have not filed responses to the lawsuit as of press time.

Historical Society talk to explore the life and times of a Revolutionary Era loyalist

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIAS — While the courage and perseverance of Revolutionary era patriots is well understood and celebrated, the stories of the fate of British loyalists in New York are not as clear.

Seen as the initial event in observance of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Amenias Historical Society will present a talk titled, “The Plight of a Loyalist

in Revolutionary New York,” examining the journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr., spanning the period of 1777-1779. The speaker will be noted author, genealogist and historian Jay Campbell.

The talk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church in Amenias. The handicapped-accessible church is located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road. Refreshments will be served.

Colden was the son of a

New York Lieutenant Governor. He was a surveyor, farmer and mercantilist, serving as a judge in Ulster County. His fortunes changed dramatically with the dawn of the Revolutionary War when he remained loyal to the British Crown. His arrest came in 1776, just before the start of his journal.

Campbell is a historian specializing in Hudson Valley history, and the regional stories of Revolutionary era families.

Scarecrow contest planned for Millbrook’s Community Day on Sept. 20

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Local crows should prepare to become highly spooked as planners of Millbrook Community Day, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, have announced that a Scarecrow Contest will be part of the festivities.

Residents are invited to get creative and devise their own renditions of a scarecrow from traditional to whatever imagination might come up with.

Judging criteria will include creativity, including originality, new ideas, or perhaps whether the scarecrow tells a story. Design criteria include the creators technique, materials — recycled materials are emphatically a plus — and durability.

Rules include that scarecrows be free-standing, able to stand on their own or with minimal support. No scarecrow can be store-bought. Entries must be able to fit within a 6 x 6 foot space once assembled. A stand is available upon request. Scarecrows must be non-political, family friendly, and in a good-natured spirit.

Entrants are responsible for set-up, scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sept. 20, loca-

tion to be assigned the week before. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m.

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and to register to participate, email mba@millbrooknewyork.com or go to www.millbrooknewyork.com/community-day-2025



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Townscape raffle reaches \$7,000 pot

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The Townscape 50/50 raffle drawing has collected a pot of more than \$7,000.

That raffle drawing will take place this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Veterans Park. The moment is not just about picking a winner, but also reflecting on how far Townscape has come since its start in 1998, when founder Catherine Fenn — alongside Renee Vollen and Jan Gilmore — first set out to

beautify her village.

“I care about this village deeply. Townscape is my way of helping Millerton be the best it can be,” she said.

What began as an informal effort to gather volunteers and plant flowers eventually blossomed into something larger. “It grew into benches, tables, trees and even events. It was such a fun world, a really wonderful organization with so many people involved.”

In 2006, Townscape became a nonprofit organization. But beautification, Fenn

admits, isn’t always the easiest cause to fund. “The trees, the benches, all of it matters. But it’s not high on most people’s list when they think about charitable donations. Still, people have been wonderfully generous over the years.”


This Saturdays raffle drawing is one way neighbors can show their support. The winner does not have to be present to claim the prize, but those who stop by can enjoy cookies, lemonade and artwork by local creators on display in the park.

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OBITUARIES

Judith Marie Drury

COPAKE — Judith Marie “Judy” Drury, 76, a four-year resident of Copake, New York, formerly of Millerton, New York, died peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York, surrounded by her loving family and her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Judy worked as a therapy aide for Taconic DDSO in Wassaica, New York, prior to her retirement on Feb. 1, 2004. She then went on to work in the Housekeeping Department at Vassar Bros. Medical Center for several years.

Born Jan. 2, 1949, in Richford, Vermont, she was the daughter of the late Leo J. and Marie A. (Bean) Martel. She attended Roeliff Jansen Central School in Columbia County, New York, in her early years. Judy was an avid sports fan and she was particularly fond of the New England Patriots football team and the New York Rangers hockey team. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling to Florida, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania for many years. She was a longtime parishioner of Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomeko on Silver Mountain in Millerton as well.

Judy is survived by two brothers; John Martel and his wife, Jane of Falls Village, Connecticut, and Frank Martel of Ancram, New York; her sister, Susanna “Sue”



Martel of Copake, New York; and three generation of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Judy was predeceased by her brother, Leo W. Martel, Sr. of Poughkeepsie, New York, and her sister, Helen J. Slater of Hillsdale, New York; her sister-in-law, Karen Martel of Ancram and a special nephew, Jacob Stickle of Copake.

A visiting hour will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York 12546. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, New York. A celebration of Judy’s life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York 12546.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York 12546 or American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Judy’s memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Jeremy Dakin

AMESVILLE — Jeremy Dakin, 78, passed away Aug. 31, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center after a long battle with COPD and other ailments.

Jeremy was a dear friend to many, and a fixture of the Amesville community. There will be a service in his memory at Trinity Lime Rock Episcopal Church on Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.

Below is the obituary Jeremy himself wrote:

Born July 20, 1947, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

A resident of Salisbury, Connecticut for over 75 years, he graduated from UVM in 1970, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a German translator (“It just seemed like a better idea than learning Vietnamese”), and served two years in West Berlin.

Returning to Vermont in 1973 he began a 16-year gig

as a ski shop manager and a professional ski patroller, which led to a 30-year stint as an EMT.

A direct descendant of Rebecca Nurse (who was hanged as a witch in Salem in 1692), he is survived by a nephew, Robin Dakin, of Englewood, Ohio, his wife Amy, and a flock of grandnieces, all of whom seem to have inherited the family love of camping and canoeing.

The love of his life, Wren Smith, passed away in 2007 after a 10-year battle with breast cancer. By the time he was seventy, Jeremy’s physical activities were curtailed by COPD, due to a lifetime of smoking.

Rather than spend money on flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Lung Association. But, for Pete’s sake, don’t smoke.

MILLERTON — The world lost an exceptional educator and all-around good guy when Theodore (Ted) R. Kneeland passed away at the Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation on Sept. 5, 2025, following a three-decade-long battle with heart disease.

Born May 14, 1947, in Buffalo, New York, Ted always credited his parents, Eleanor Sengpiel Kneeland and Theodore R. Kneeland Sr., for sending him to Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, where as a scholar-athlete he played all the classic sports, was a member of the 1965 New England championship debating team, and learned to love learning and ideas.

Inspired by football superstar Jim Brown, Ted attended Syracuse University where “across a crowded room” of some 2,000 freshmen, he first spotted the love of his life, partner in all things, and adoring wife, Carol.

Following graduation in 1969, they married in a candlelight ceremony. The romance continued for one day short of 56 years with flowers, candy, mutual respect, a loving family, and a conversation that never ended.

The teacher whom students nicknamed “Zeus” spent three years teaching at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania before beginning a 29-year career at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York. There, frustrated by his inability to reach a few students whom he knew had potential, he followed the suggestion of Headmaster Philips Smith and Dean of Faculty John Lloyd Owen and began to search for answers to the problem.

The quest quickly resulted in his development of the innovative Language Retraining Program, designed to help bright dyslexic students reach their full potential as they learned to read, write, and think.

At a time when few believed those students could be taught, Ted followed his credo of “Just Take Care of the Kids,” freely sharing the program throughout the country and with educators who came to the school from as far away as Hong Kong and the British Isles.

Early on, an IBM executive grateful for the help Ted had given to his son, arranged for the school to receive one of the first six Local Area Networks in the country. Ted was designated an IBM fellow, brainstorming monthly with developers on ways in which computers could facilitate education and aid in reading and writing.

Zeus was polyonymously known as “Boomer,” as his prowess on the faculty soft-

ball team was as impressive as in the classroom. He loved mentoring young colleagues and believed that every encounter on campus was a teachable opportunity.

Bridging the Town/Gown Divide, Ted retired as coach of his New England championship golf team to volunteer for his son’s teams at Brewster’s Melrose School and in Pawling. During his summers on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shoreham, Vermont, he volunteered for Hook Kids on Golf, providing instruction and handmade clubs for area youngsters.

In his early 50s, Ted was diagnosed with potentially deadly heart problems. He was lucky enough to receive a newly developed treatment from Dr. Harvey Kramer of Southbury, Connecticut, who was and continues to be a firm believer in the importance of keeping up with the latest advances in the field.

Despite his challenges, Ted continued to teach, returning in 2001 to his family’s ancestral home in “hardscrabble Maine,” where he spent 11 years at Fryeburg Academy as Dean of Faculty and Director of Studies with his brother in education, Headmaster Daniel Lee. They cut the dropout rate to “nearly nothing,” raising the number of students who progressed to “the next level” to “nearly everyone,” with many students becoming the first in their families to attend college — most on scholarship.

Ted coordinated with faculty at the middle school in order to better prepare students for The Academy’s challenging program, which he strengthened with the addition of multiple Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Again “Taking Care of the Kids,” this lifelong educator collaborated with Maine community colleges, actively promoted the idea of free tuition, and arranged for students to take courses and get a jumpstart on credits while still at The Academy.

His health declining, Ted was given a dire prognosis. But good fortune once again intervened, taking him to the Cleveland Clinic — the number one heart hospital in the world. There he was treated by top physicians Walid Saliba and Randall Starling. Coincidentally, Starling helped author the lifesaving paper that prompted Dr. Kramer’s treatment many years earlier.

Against all odds, the cutting-edge treatments in Cleveland brought Ted two dozen more years as he courageously volunteered as a guinea pig for experimental procedures that have since helped others all over the

world.

With all he did, Ted’s first priority was always his family. When Carol was incapacitated by a drunk driver, Ted expanded his Daddy Duties to include everything from gourmet PB & J’s to puddle-jumping lessons, forming an unbreakable bond

with their toddler son, Douglas. For the next four years, Ted helped Carol navigated the then non-handicap-accessible world, ensuring that she could freely enjoy life and that they could continue teaching as a team.

When the two retired from Maine in 2012, they moved to Millerton to be close to their expanding family. There, Ted wrote the column “Bleacher Views” for The Millerton News and cheered on Hotchkiss teams coached by his beloved son, best friend, golf buddy and Latin mentor, Doug.

He treasured time with his deeply cherished grandsons, Teddy and Henry Kneeland, who brought a bright light to his world as he listened to their adventures, ate their Play



Theodore R. Kneeland

Doh spaghetti, and watched proudly as they developed into thoughtful and loving young men. Helping Teddy to design a first baseman’s mitt as he moved into that legacy position and meeting the challenge of keeping up with Henry’s chess prowess gave him immeasurable joy.

Ted also loved and is survived by his dear sister-in-law, Karen Carson of Medina, Ohio; his niece Leslie Putnam of New York; his niece Holly and her husband Edward Tasz of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; and his nephews, Eddie and Connor Tasz, also of Burgettstown.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother, William Kneeland, and his brother-in-law and good friend, Curtis Carson.

Ted’s life will be among those celebrated at the Alumni Weekend Memorial Service on Oct. 4 at Trinity Pawling.

In all, Ted was grateful for a life well lived and for all of those who enriched and enabled it. Should you choose to, he would be delighted to know that you would, in whatever way possible, be “Taking Care of the Kids.”

Kenny Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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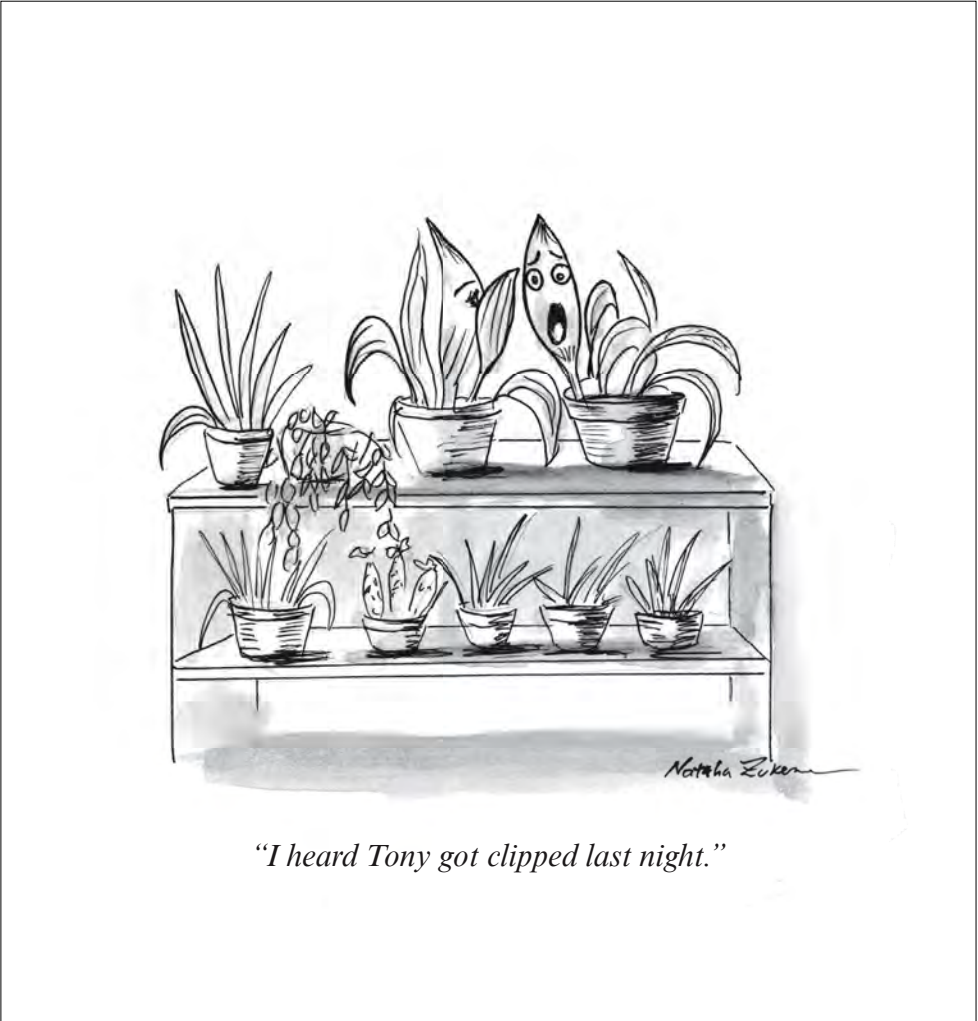
What’s journalism — and what’s not

We know that our community values its journalism. The generous contributions from readers and the steady support from our advertisers is evidence that you value the job we do in providing a weekly report on the goings and comings in your towns and in the region. But how about the larger world of American news consumers? A recent study by the Pew Research Center on “How Americans View Journalists in the Digital Age” reveals that most us put value on the role of journalists in society, even as they see their influence declining. The study also explores the mixed views of Americans when it comes to the various types of content that journalists provide. Respondents in the study are either unsure about or actually don’t think that someone who compiles and shares someone else’s reporting, or offers opinions or commentary should be called a journalist. Someone who conducts his or her own reporting would be — yes — a journalist. The highest certainty about who Americans qualify to be journalists falls to anyone who writes for a newspaper, followed by television and radio reporters, including radio news show hosts. Newsletters, podcasts and social media posts largely fall into a “not-journalism” category. However, the study also found perceptions differed by age group. Four in ten adults aged 18 to 29 said that “someone who posts about news on social media is a journalist,” while in the ‘65-and-up’ group, only 14% considered social media posts as the work of a journalist.

Americans are most likely to see journalists as those who conduct their own reporting. The staff at The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal produce original content. We are present at meetings, events, community fairs, sporting events and elsewhere in the community to report what we see and hear. We are journalists producing our own content. In what might be a commentary on today’s world, the study found that 59% of Americans say journalists are “extremely” or “very important” to the well-being of society. But 49% also say journalists are losing their influence. In past surveys by Pew, journalists have been less trusted to act in the best interest of the public than other institutions and professions, including the military, scientists and police officers. When it comes to what Americans want from their news providers: Honesty, intelligence and authenticity top the list. And those attributes are followed by kindness — meaning that it’s important to Americans at large that the people who provide their news display kindness. Americans care far less about wanting humor, charisma or popularity from their news sources. In today’s polarized society, it is encouraging to see that Pew found three-quarters of Americans believe that journalists should report both sides of an issue or event, giving all sides equal coverage. That’s also in line with the perspective of U.S. journalists themselves, according to an earlier Pew survey.

What do you think?

How do you view journalism in the digital age? Who counts as a journalist? What matters most to you from a journalist? Do you agree that both sides of an issue deserve equal coverage? Let us know by sending an email to: publisher@millertonnews.com (To read the full Pew report, go to: pewrsr.ch/4fDZmnl)



“I heard Tony got clipped last night.”

Borden ends bottling with layoffs; Rudd Pond swim meet; Amenia orphans stranded in Boston

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

September 6, 1934

‘Borden’s Ends Bottling Operation Here; Ignore Offers To Co-operate’; The Borden’s Farm Products Company, Inc., ceased the bottling operation at its Millerton plant Tuesday with a resultant lay-off of twenty-one men “in order to effect economic retrenchments,” in the words of Francis R. Elliott, assistant to the president of the corporation, “made necessary by the peculiar and distressing conditions in which the industry finds itself.” At the same time denying that they were guilty of hasty deliberation, officials of the Borden’s Company followed out the high handed policy which they have pursued throughout the controversy over the local plant, bluntly refusing offers of village officials and the Chamber of Commerce to co-operate in working out a more suitable plan for the station.

‘Lee Miller Winner At Rudd Pond’; Lee Miller, of Millerton, won the junior boys’ fifty-yard free style swimming race and placed second in the fifty-yard breast stroke event in the annual water carnival conducted

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Millerton News

Sunday at Rudd Pond by the Taconic State Park Commission. Charlotte Manning, also of Millerton, placed third in the women’s fifty-yard swim, while in the Junior boys’ division W. Kelly, of Copake Falls, placed second in the fifty-yard breast stroke and D. Matych, of Copake Falls, was third. Henry Idema, Beacon swimming star, won the point trophy, taking first place in two events and third in another.

‘Amenia Orphans Held By Police’; Two orphans whose adopted home is in Amenia were held by Boston police early this week awaiting the arrival of their aunt and guardian, Dorothy Smith, who left immediately for the Massachusetts city after receiving word by telephone from the pair at the termination of an automobile tour of New England. The children, Thomas J. Smith, 17, and Marian, 13, left the Smith home with one of the family cars a few days ago, but were forced to telephone their aunt from Boston when they ran short of funds.

The aunt ordered them to go to one of Boston’s best hotels, and at the same time

requested the police to hold the children until her arrival.

‘Attendance records broken at County Fair’; Dutchess County Fair officials announced last week-end as the nintieth [sic] annual fair was drawing to an end that attendance records established in 1933, the highest previous attendance marks in the history of the fair, had been broken this year. The total attendance for the week was reported to be in excess of 34,000, and it was indicated that the fair was a financial success.

‘Art Feud Bursts Forth Anew: Wilson Appeals For “More Generous Public”’; The Lime Rock art feud, in which Winslow Wilson, Texas portrait painter, and G. Glenn Newell, Dover Plains artist, are the principals, has burst forth with renewed vigor as a result of the reported \$100,000 slander action which Mr. Wilson disclosed exclusively in last week’s issue of The News he was bringing against the sixty-two-year-old painter of pastoral scenes. Mr. Wilson, who revealed last week that he was suing Mr. Newell for libel because of remarks he alleges the latter made in the presence of Mr. Wilson’s prospective clients in the Lime Rock art gallery, now appeals through the columns of The News for the privilege of exhibiting his painting, “The

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Morn Children,” in “any city, town or village in the United States that will give his picture a “fair showing.”

September 4, 1975

‘Renovations Delayed At Grade Schools’; Progress on construction and renovation work in the Millerton and Amenia Elementary Schools has been slowed down in recent weeks by a delay in the delivery of materials. The \$280,309 worth of work was approved by Webutuck District voters in a bond issue presented in the 1973-74 school elections.

September 7, 2000

‘West Nile Virus: More Infected Birds Found’; POUGHKEEPSIE— The Dutchess County Department of Health has learned of two additional dead birds that have tested positive for West Nile virus. One was found in Beacon July 28 and the other in East Fishkill Aug. 15. This brings the total number of positive birds to 10. “Combating the West Nile virus takes a cooperative effort between the public and private sector,” stated Dr. Michael C. Caldwell, commissioner of Health for Dutchess County. Data received by the Dutchess County Department of Health indicates that residents need to increase their efforts in reducing the mosquito population.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Call to elect Kara Gerry to County judge seat

I urge voters to elect Kara Gerry Dutchess County Court Judge. Kara’s career — as both a prosecutor and a defense lawyer — makes her particularly well-suited to this position. The fact that she has worked on both sides of the criminal justice system gives her a clear and thorough appreciation of fairness and practicality in criminal cases. As Kara has said, “[a]s both a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I’ve witnessed the devastating impact of crime and the critical importance of fairness and respecting constitutional rights in our courts.” Kara’s opponent, current Dutchess County Judge Edward T. McLoughlin, whose prior experience has been only as a prosecutor, clearly lacks the ability and thoughtfulness to handle criminal

cases responsibly. In a case involving the sentencing of a woman who killed her horrifically abusive partner, an appellate court found that Judge McLoughlin used incorrect “methodology, approach and application” of a statute that was intended to take the abuse of the woman into consideration when sentencing her for a crime against her domestic partner. Nicole Addimando, who had no criminal history, shot and killed her domestic partner after he threatened to kill her, capping years of documented extreme physical and sexual abuse that included rape, strangulation, repeated beatings and burns to her breasts and genitals (Ms. Addimando’s midwife testified that on the three times that she examined her she had a

“hard time looking” at Ms. Addimando’s injuries). Despite compelling evidence of the abuse, Judge McLoughlin, shockingly, found an “undetermined abusive history” — a finding that the appellate court soundly rejected. The appellate court also rejected Judge McLaughlin’s finding that Ms. Addimando could have defended herself by simply leaving the apartment. The appellate court noted that such thinking was based on “antiquated impressions of how domestic violence survivors should behave” and that Judge McLoughlin’s approach “simply runs afoul of the spirit and intent of the statute” that was intended to prevent harsh punishment of women who commit crimes against their abusers. Judge McLoughlin sen-

tenced Ms. Addimando to 19 years to life in prison, a sentence that the appellate court found “frustrate[d] that legislative intent by applying outdated notions regarding domestic violence issues.” The appellate court reduced the sentence to 7 ½ years. In violating the sentencing statute, Judge McLoughlin demonstrated not only a misunderstanding of the law, but an unrealistic and callous attitude toward an abused woman. It is time for Judge McLoughlin to lose his judgeship and make way for Kara Gerry, whose work as an Assistant District Attorney and as a Public Defender gives her the breadth of perspective we need in our judges. Amy Rothstein Pine Plains

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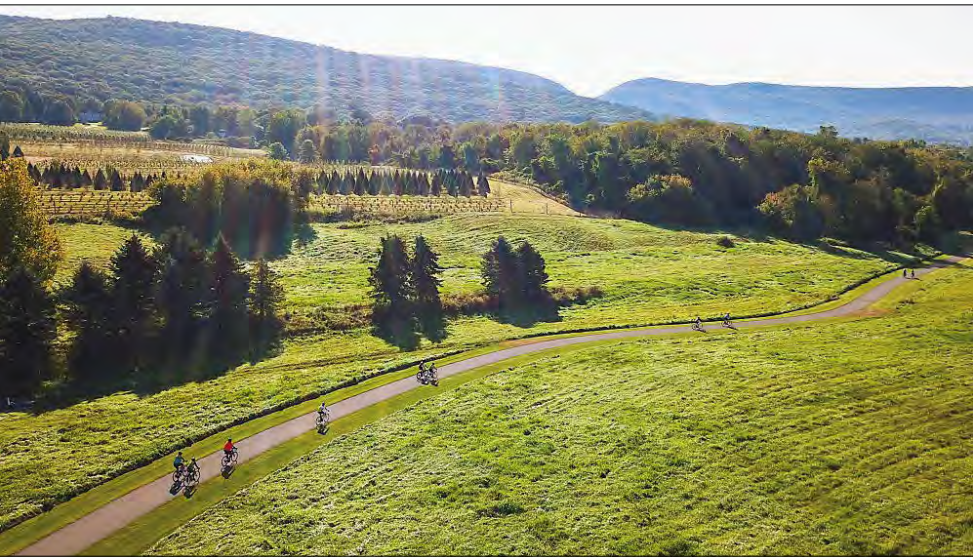
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Cyclists can enjoy bucolic views and cycling camaraderie at the 13th annual Roe Jan Ramble on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Roe Jan Ramble returns Sept. 20

By NATHAN MILLER
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COPAKE — The 13th annual Roe Jan Ramble is returning to the roads of south Columbia County on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The free community bike ride offers routes at a variety of distances for cyclists of every skill level, from a 10-mile jaunt around Copake to a 64-mile marathon ride looping around Hillsdale, Copake and Ancramdale.

Participation is completely free, as the event is paid for and sponsored by the towns of Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram, but organizers do accept donations benefitting the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association.

Organizer Tom Goldsworthy said the ramble has raised more than \$25,000 in donations over the years.

“We had many people who participated in rides the first couple of years when we didn’t accept donations and they all said ‘Where can I donate? I love the ride so much,’” Goldsworthy said. “The ride is free as a public event that’s sponsored by the town so anybody can participate regardless of ability to pay.”

The six routes available to participants travel through the hamlets as much as possible, Goldsworthy said. “They’re some of the less-traveled roads that have some really beautiful views,” he said. “Scenic parts of the towns that people wouldn’t normally see.”

Such as the 64-mile ride, which routes cyclists around Copake Lake. Or the 25-mile ride that routes past the scenic Herondale Farm in Ancram.

Participation has been solid for the annual cycling event. “Last year we had over 700 riders,” Goldsworthy

said. “And it looks like we’re on track to do the same thing this year.” Riders come from Columbia and Dutchess Counties and points further south in New York mostly, but include cyclists from as far as New Hampshire and Vermont, he said.

Amenia Town Board authorizes Water District grant application

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — In support of the town’s efforts to repair and upgrade its water district infrastructure, the Town Board voted unanimously at its regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4, to move forward with an application for grant funding from the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.

If the application is successful, the grant could fund up to 70% of the project’s costs, estimated at \$3,902,850. Because the grant would require that the town match any funding, the potential match amount estimated at \$1,170,855, the Town Board agreed to pursue possible resources for the match, including the town’s general fund, other state or federal programs, or a state loan program.

Critically needed upgrades would improve the Lavelle Road pump house, the existing water storage tank, the Lavelle Road well field and the Washington Court well field. Water mains needing replacement are included in the project.

Landfill biofilter
Following up on a presentation at its previous meeting, the Town Board unanimously approved a memo of understanding with the non-profit Hudson Valley Regional Council, seeking to reduce emissions from small towns’ closed municipal landfills. Many communities in the mid-Hudson region

have been determined to be eligible for installation of bio-filter systems to curb harmful emissions, according to the Mid-Hudson Biofilters program representatives.

Closed landfills are sources of hidden methane emissions that are often responsible for increased levels of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

In November 2024, the HVRC received \$3.06 million in federal funding to implement the landfill biofilters project.

Meeting date changes
Because the next scheduled meeting of the Town Board would occur on a holiday, the board voted unanimously to change the date of its next meeting to Friday, Oct. 3, beginning at 6 p.m. Also to avoid meeting on a holiday, the next meeting of the Plan-

ning Board will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25.

A lapse in decorum
The meeting spiraled into incivility during the public comment portion when the public is invited to comment on any concern not included on the agenda. At issue was a Tuesday, July 15, episode involving activist and protestor Kimberley Travis and resident Jamie Deines who is a candidate for the Town Board in the November election.

Travis spoke first, reading a prepared statement detailing a public episode that occurred at Fountain Square, the site of Travis’ continuing series of political protest activities, now familiar to passers-by. Her statement was repeatedly interrupted by councilmember Brad Rebillard on a point-

Second creditor files motion over Shepherd’s Run developer’s finances

By JOHN COSTON
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COPAKE — A Brazilian buyout fund has filed a motion in Delaware Chancery Court to intervene in a case involving concerns about Hecate Energy LLC’s financial solvency.

LCM Fund, a creditor to Hecate, filed a motion on Aug. 26, following a motion brought in the same court by another creditor, NEC VI, which loaned Hecate \$82 million and which is seeking a restraining order against the Chicago-based developer of solar, wind and energy storage projects.

LCM Funds states in its motion that “Hecate Energy is in default under their loan agreements.”

Last month, opponents of the Shepherd’s Run solar project asked New York State regulators to put a hold on a pending application for a permit for a 42 megawatt solar installation in Copake because of new concerns raised about the company’s financial solvency.

Since then, additional public comments have been filed by area residents who expressed concern about Hecate’s financial status and its ability to deliver on mitigation strategies related to the project now that two separate lender groups are in litigation over the company’s finances.

Matt Levine, the Shepherd’s Run project manager, said in a statement after the motion was filed for a restraining order that Hecate remains committed to Shep-

herd’s Run, adding that the company “denies that NEC’s claims and allegations have merit.”

The project has been controversial for the rural hamlet’s residents since it initially was discussed in 2017 when it was planned as a 60-megawatt solar farm to be located near the intersection of Routes 23 and 7. In February 2024, the state granted a motion from the Town of Copake to dismiss the application, and Hecate regrouped, filing again last December.

Since then, state regulators have issued two notices of incomplete application. On June 27, ORES found Hecate’s most recent application deficient in eleven areas. The company has resubmitted its application, which is pending.

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The Town Board entered Executive Session to receive further legal advice that lasted for a few minutes.

Decorum restored, the meeting then continued to hear the remainder of public comment, including comments from Charlie Miller, Finance Officer; and Ken Topolsky, organizer of the town’s first annual Harvest Festival scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the town website: www.ameniany.gov.

of-order, questioning its relevance as town business, his concern to be over-ruled by Town Supervisor Leo Blackman, who cleared the way for Travis to read her statement for the three minutes allotted.

Next to approach the podium was Deines, who had been heard twice during public comment sessions at a previous meeting, leading Blackman to suggest that she had already been heard. However, he yielded to audience protests that she should be allowed to speak.

Deines’ statement included strands of content found on Travis’ social media accounts including profanities and vulgarities, bringing an interruption by Blackman who indicated that profanity was neither tolerated nor

appropriate at a Town Board meeting. When Deines continued despite the caution, Blackman sought the counsel of Board Attorney Ian Lindars, who advised that Blackman had the authority to shut down the meeting and clear the room.

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Philharmonic organist returns to Smithfield Church

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — New York Philharmonic organist and acclaimed choir master Kent Tittle will bring his lively, personable and intimate performance style to The Smithfield Church in Amenia on Saturday, Sept. 20. The concert to benefit the Oratorio Society of New York, where Tittle serves as Music Director, will begin at 3:30 p.m. This will be the 13th organ recital Tittle has performed on the Smithfield Church’s

historic 1893 Johnson and Son tracker organ, meticulously restored and moved from its original location at the First Congregational Church in Kent, Connecticut. Tittle has said that the “sweet sound” of the Smithfield instrument reminds him of one of the first organs he ever played as a youngster in Iowa. He will be performing works by J.S. Bach, Hindemith, and Widor, and, joined by virtuoso cellist Arthur Fiacco Jr., Vivaldi’s “Sonata for Cello.” Fiacco appeared as one of a

three-cello ensemble at Smithfield Church in July as part of the Bang Family Concert Series. He has years of experience performing in New York City with distinguished regional orchestras and ensembles, such as the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New York City Ballet, and Orchestra of St. Luke’s. Fiacco plays a cello made by Venetian master Carlo Tononi, dated 1730. Tittle serves as music director of several highly esteemed choral ensembles in New York City, including Musica Sacra and The Oratorio Society of

New York. In addition, he is Director of Cathedral Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Most recently, Tittle helped garner an Emmy nomination for The All Star Orchestra’s performance episode, A Symphonic Organ Spectacular. The suggested donation is \$25 at the door. A reception will follow. For more information, phone 718-473-4623 or email swebb00@icloud.com. The Smithfield Church, 646 Smithfield Valley Road, is handicapped accessible.



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Contract Documents may be examined at no expense online at www.bidnetdirect.com//townofamenia or <https://ameniany.gov/bidding-opportunities> or at the office of Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., 28 Madison Ave Extension, Albany, NY 12203. Digital copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained online as a download from the website www.bidnetdirect.com//townofamenia

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Questions should be sent to Robert Flores, PE via email at rflores@delawareengineering.com. Each bid must be

accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

The project is funded with NYS Funds and 20% MWBE utilization is required.

The Town of Amenia reserves the right to waive any informalities in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids. Dated: September 11, 2025

Town of Amenia
Town Clerk
09-11-25

Legal Notice
Change of Meeting Date

Please take notice the regularly scheduled Amenia Planning Board meeting scheduled for 9/24/2025 has been rescheduled to Thursday, 9/25/2025 at 7:00 pm.

09-11-25

Legal Notice
Change of Meeting Date

Please take notice the regularly scheduled Amenia Town Board meeting scheduled for 10/4/2025 has been rescheduled to Friday, 10/3/2025 at 7:00 pm.

09-11-25

Legal Notice

Formation of LLC TrueClean Solutions, LLC. Filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. NY Sec. of State designated agent for service of process. Mail to: 3 Neptune Rd, Ste Q19, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Legal Notice

McIntyre Law PLLC, a domestic PLLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/18/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 554 Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: Law. Section 1203 of the Limited liability Company Law.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Tailored Tails Grooming LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/25.

Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY

shall mail process to Kim Czelowalnik, 15 Millstream Court, Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Compa De Danza Folk Regional Mexicana, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Karina G Powers, 26 Wing Rd. Millbrook NY 12645. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Chocolate and Pines LLC.

Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/26/2025. Office location: Dutchess County.

SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Natalia Hurley, 108 Old Post Rd N, Apt 2, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items will be received at the Office of Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Avenue, PO Box 516, Millerton, New York 12546 until 10:00 AM. on the 25th day of September 2025, at which time they will be read aloud.

Propane Delivered
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87 Octane Gasoline Delivered
#2 Fuel Heating Oil Delivered
Run Of The Bank Gravel
Processed Gravel
Screened Topsoil
Screened Ice Control Sand
Washed Ice Control Sand
Tailings
Crushed Stone
Washed Crushed Stone
Bituminous Mix (Cold Patch)

Bituminous Mix (Hot Mix All Types)
Latex Emulsions
Latex Primer & Sealers
Latex MP Materials
Base Conditioners
Liquid Calcium Chloride (Spread On Road By Gallon)
Full Depth Reclamation By Square Yard

Relevant items may be bid F.O.B. or delivered. Bid period will be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Bid winners will be notified in writing. All bids must be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked “Bid (01/01/26-12/31/26)”. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Information may be obtained by calling the Superintendent of Highways at 518-789-4850. September 11, 2025.

Robert D. Stevens
Superintendent of Highways
Town of North East
09-11-25

Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sept. 13, 2025, at St. Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from Noon to 1:30 PM. If attending, please bring a couple of dollars to give to the Church’s Food Pantry. If you have family in the Cemetery, we are always looking for new Board members. Also if you wish to donate to help support the Cemetery, you can send a check made out to Union Cemetery Association and mail it to Union Cemetery Association, Gail Seymour, 16 Townsend Blvd., Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.

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Section 001112
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS (N.Y. PUBLIC WORK)

The Town of Amenia 1. Invites bids for GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, and ELECTRICAL Work for Amenia New Highway Garage Site Clearing located at 3754-3756 NYS RTE 22, Amenia, New York, 12569.

1. Separate sealed bids will be received by Town of Amenia at 4988 NY-22, Amenia, NY 12501, until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. All received bids will be read aloud on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received at the

designated location prior to the designated time that bids are due.

1. Complete sets of the drawings, specifications, and bid forms, becoming available to the public on Thursday, September 11, 2025 and may be viewed and downloaded at no charge by visiting the Empire State Purchasing Group website at: www.bidnetdirect.com//townofamenia.

1. A Pre-Bid Meeting for the Project will be conducted by the Architect/Engineer on September 19, 2025, at 9:00 am, local time, at 3754-3756 NYS RTE 22, Wassaic, NY 12592

1. Bidders shall promptly notify the architect if any errors, omissions, conflicts, ambiguity, etc. within the contract documents. The above item and/or questions shall be submitted in writing via email to GSchmitt@cplteam.com. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary will be issued via Addenda posted to the Empire State Purchasing Group website at www.bidnetdirect.com//townofamenia. Questions must be received on or before 12:00 p.m., EST, Monday, September 22, 2025. Questions received after this date may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Where state and local requirements differ from federal, the federal requirements shall be followed. Final addenda will be issued Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

1. The Town of Amenia hereby reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all Bids or to accept the one that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Town of Amenia.

1. A Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%)

Base Bid is required and must accompany proposal. Performance Bond and Labor Material Payment Bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of Contract Sum are required to be delivered at time Contract is signed with Owner.

1. Attention of the Bidder is particularly called to the following:

1. The Owner’s sales tax exemption.
2. The minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.
3. The requirements pertaining to certification of Non-Collusion in preparation of proposals submitted for this Project.
1. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after date of bid opening.
1. In addition, the

Bidding Documents for this project contain detailed requirements for the qualification of Bidders as follows:

1. Rigid bonding and insurance requirements.
4. Financial statements and bank references.
5. Lists of lawsuits, arbitrations or other proceedings in which the Bidder has been named as a party.
6. A statement of Surety’s intent to issue Performance and Payment Bonds.
7. A description of other projects of similar size and scope completed by the Bidder.

1. Bidders will comply with New York State prevailing wage and supplement requirements.
1. Town of Amenia
1. Dutchess County
1. State of New York
1. Town Clerk

09-11-25

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 23rd day of September 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Suellen and Peter Helinski for property located at 7760 South Main Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6872-18-426071-0000.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed action requesting a proposed fence to have a height of 6 feet, in lieu of the maximum of 4 feet, in a front yard. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of:
Scott Chase,
Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals
09-11-25

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.
Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to
The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039
Go to millertonnews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

OUR TOWNS



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Parking paintjob

Webutuck High School seniors spent the days leading up to the first day of the school year painting their parking spaces — an annual tradition at the high school. Alex Caldiero turned his parking space into a celebration of his Italian heritage. Designs ranged from simple to elaborate, and seniors spent hours over several days painting and touching up their designs.

Wildcats struggle through cramps against Rhinebeck

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — Webutuck’s Friday night home game against Rhinebeck ended with a 1-0 loss with a late-second half goal from Rhinebeck. The Wildcats put up a solid defense for most of the game, with goalkeeper James Singleton back on the field showing his strength in the net. Webutuck suffered an apparently significant loss midway through the second half when both team captains suffered severe muscle cramps, forcing them to the bench to recover and replenish electrolytes for the rest of the game. The remaining players fought on without them, but a well-timed fake out pulled Singleton just far enough out of the goal to sneak the ball into the back of the net. Webutuck couldn’t manage to tie the game, but defenders held Rhinebeck at bay to maintain a 1-0 loss.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Webutuck’s Friday night matchup against visiting Rhinebeck ended with a 1-0 Webutuck loss after a hard-fought, very defensive bout. Left, Webutuck players fly high to get to the ball before their Rhinebeck counterparts.



Sen. Hinchey introduces ‘Vaccine Integrity Act’ to Assembly

ALBANY, N.Y. — State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-41, proposed a bill to the state assembly that would allow New York State to consider vaccine guidance from two state-level advisory groups.

The “Vaccine Integrity Act” comes on the heels of recent cuts to federal vaccine advisory groups under the leadership of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

A statement released by Hinchey’s office said the bill would allow state health and education officials to follow the guidance of the Immunization Advisory Council, a nine-person panel that operates under the state Department of Health; and the 21st Century Disease Elimination Workgroup, which combines

Immunization Advisory Council members with staff from the state Department of Health’s immunization division. The bill would also require insurance agencies to cover vaccines recommended by these state-level groups in addition to vaccines recommended by federal experts.

County Executive plans town halls on mental health

AMENIA — Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino will be leading a series of town halls across the county in conjunction with the county Department of Mental Health. Serino is scheduled to visit the Amenia Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. before the program’s start at 6 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and speak about their struggles with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health and substance use challenges, and provide feedback on local services and programs. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be provided. Three other town halls are planned for September and October — in Poughkeepsie, Red Hook and Wappingers

Falls. Residents planning to attend who may need to request accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, are asked to provide at least seven days’ notice, by emailing edentrone@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2885. For those unable to attend, DMH welcomes individuals to submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/townhallcomments, fax comments to 845-486-2829, or mail them to: Mental Health Town Hall Comments; 230 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. A moderator will follow up with a response and share the comment during the town hall, ensuring others with similar questions or concerns can benefit from the discussion.

CARES van to visit Millbrook Library

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — The office of U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan has announced that the CARES van is scheduled to visit the Millbrook Library on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Constituent Advocacy Resources Empowerment Services van — the CARES van for short — assists residents who have issues or questions about Social Security and Medicare, VA benefits or any other federal

agency. Rep. Ryan’s staff is prepared to help anyone who stops by for specific questions or even just to offer a comment. Since its launch in 2023, the van has visited over 164 communities served by Rep. Ryan.



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September 8, 2025

Dear neighbors and community members,

Lime Rock Park was honored to have hosted its 43rd annual historic festival over Labor Day weekend in which the Park welcomed a record number of guests, participants and partners, all of whom enjoyed five days of outstanding activities, including our traditional Thursday evening parade, three full days of historic racing, and our Sunday in the Park Concours d’Elegance and “Gathering of the Marques” car show. The event was blessed with absolutely perfect weather, which helped attract such wonderful interest in the weekend’s activities. Other local businesses have reported that they were very busy over the weekend, as patrons of the Park also visited those local establishments. The entire weekend at Lime Rock Park was very successful and enjoyable, and we hope that many of you were able to enjoy some or all of it.

I also want to publicly acknowledge that a byproduct of the weekend’s success was an unacceptable traffic situation on the morning of Sunday, August 31, as thousands of people took advantage of the beautiful weather to come to Lime Rock Park.

I apologize directly to the community for the inconvenience caused by all of that traffic. It created long delays for our neighbors, guests, and anyone who was simply trying to pass through the area. It was unacceptable, and we need to do a better job.

The Lime Rock Park team has already met several times since the weekend and have formulated concrete steps that will help avoid those types of delays in the future. We have recent evidence of our ability to do so, as many of you are aware of the more defined traffic and parking plan executed for our NASCAR event in late June. That particular event in June welcomed many more people to the Park than we had last weekend, and yet we had zero traffic issues for the NASCAR event. More parking areas were open in June, with more entrances and a segregated traffic flow that got traffic into the Park more expeditiously.

We did not anticipate as many attendees on Sunday, August 31 weekend as we attracted, and we didn’t have all of those traffic plans in place for the ultimate attendance. Again, we made a mistake which resulted in the traffic delays. I am responsible for that.

Lime Rock Park continues to work closely with our community organizations, including the Town Council, PZC, immediate neighbors, and the Connecticut State Police. We will continue to work diligently and with all available resources to avoid such challenges for our future events.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dicky Riegel".

Dicky Riegel, President & CEO

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PHOTO BY JESSICA YURKO

Demitasse owner Hayden McIntosh Geer, right, and her husband, Richard, sitting on the bench in front of the Main Street storefront.

was never part of a master plan, Geer said. “We found our way as we went along and it happened very organically.” But from day one, she knew she wanted to support marginalized artists and makers.

For example, Sidai Designs, which makes beaded jewelry in Africa, provides work for 120 Maasai women and helps support their communities. Maison d’Haiti, which produces handcrafted goods in Haiti, employs nearly 100 women at fair-trade wages, giving them a reliable income through sales in the U.S. and Haiti.

One of the highlights of having a storefront — and a true testament to what she and her husband had created — came when the editor of a major culture and lifestyle magazine told Geer how much she loved shopping at Demitasse for its quality and mission-driven products.

“I could have quit right there,” Geer joked, reflecting on the highs and lows of the last five years.

Just as thoughtfully as the products were curated, every element of the store reflected care and craftsmanship. Hayden and Richard incor-

porated their tastes and skills into every nook and cranny, including shelving made from reclaimed wood from their home. Some of those shelves now have a new life at The Beehive, a boutique in Mount Kisco, New York.

Today, their digital shelves continue to highlight a diverse range of makers, with biographical details available on each product listing. The website carries the same aesthetic found in-store, maintaining the mission to support LGBTQ+ makers, environmentally friendly products, and Black- and women-owned businesses.

Looking ahead, Geer says, “We want people to know that if they enjoyed shopping in our store, they’ll love our website.” Shoppers can still expect beautiful gift wrapping and flexible exchange policies, and Geer is offering personal deliveries within driving distance on a limited basis.

Above all, Geer says her heart is full of gratitude for her customers. “They came in, shared life stories and became friends. We love Millerton, and I hope people will remain in touch.”

CRUISERS *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

The new police cruisers are outfitted with lights with automatically adjusting brightness to best perform in ambient conditions.

gine. “They call it the ‘Police Package.’”

Olenik worked with The Cruiser’s Division in Mamaroneck, New York, to design the vehicles.

“We really want to thank the Pine Plains Police Department for their tremendous support,” Olenik said. After the fire, “they were the first

ones to come forward and offer help.”

Since February, Millerton officers have been borrowing a patrol car from Pine Plains. With the new vehicles now in service, Olenik said he plans to thank Pine Plains officers by treating them to dinner at Four Brothers in Amenia and having their car detailed

FASHION FEEDS *Continued from Page A1*

of Life Pantry, said Fashion Feeds has become one of the pantry’s most successful fundraisers. “With the rising costs of food, housing, healthcare, and transportation, food pantries have become essential for families’ survival,” Stack said.

Fashion Feeds clothing is available year-round at the Millbrook Antiques Mall, but the annual pop-up will take place during Community Day. This year’s sale runs Sept. 18-20, featuring racks of one-of-a-kind finds on the patio and inside Corcoran Country Living from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

New this year is a \$25 pre-sale Sip & Shop, which includes a glass of prosecco or sparkling water and early access before doors officially open Friday morning.

From J.Crew to Giorgio Armani, shoppers can find designer clothing and accessories at unbeatable prices — from \$5 to the thousands — with every dollar going to local families.

An interior designer by trade, Rollins backs up her artistic eye with research to ensure garments and accessories are priced to sell, while also respecting the value of each donation.

“It’s time-consuming,” Rollins said. “But you want to make sure you’re valuing everything that’s donated to you.”

After becoming empty nesters in 2013 and selling their Millbrook landscaping and garden center business, Rollins and her husband were ready to start a new chapter. Rollins found inspiration after attending a clothing swap

in Rhinebeck.

“On the way home, I thought, ‘I can do that,’ so I planned my own event that fall and had my friends donate their clothes,” she recalled, laughing about how she made soup for more than 30 women.

While soup is no longer served, the warmth of community continues to fuel the mission.

Millbrook Antiques Mall donates a year-round booth to Fashion Feeds, allowing all profits to go directly to the pantry. When donations outgrew Rollins’ basement, Global Self Storage offered a free unit to hold garment racks — donated by J.McLaughlin —

and boxes of designer items. Corcoran Country Living also provides space during Community Day for the annual sale.

“It’s a true community effort in support of our neighbors,” Rollins said.

Beyond feeding families in eastern Dutchess County, Fashion Feeds also aims to address climate change and reduce pollution by promoting secondhand shopping. “Fast fashion is the second biggest polluter in the world, and by donating or purchasing vintage clothing, we’re preventing items from entering the waste stream,” Rollins said.

Though she has stitched Fashion Feeds from the

ground up, Rollins prefers to stay out of the spotlight. Lakeville resident Susan Simmons discovered Fashion Feeds last year and was inspired by the mission. She now helps amplify Rollins’ work.

“She is an unsung hero because she does it all herself,” Simmons said, who is helping organize the Thursday Sip & Shop event. “It’s incredible what she quietly does for members of our community.”

Shoppers can support the cause by purchasing items from Fashion Feeds. Accepted payment methods are cash, check or credit card through Zeffy, a platform designed for charitable organizations.

More on St. Thomas Church’s Food of Life pantry

By ALY MORRISSEY
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AMENIA — Food insecurity is a growing problem in Dutchess County, where nearly one in four adults worry about being able to afford nutritious meals. The number of families who report feeling worried or stressed about having enough money to buy food is “sobering,” said Rev. AJ Stack, priest-in-charge at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia and director of the Food of Life Pantry.

According to 2021 data from the New York State Department of Health, both Dutchess and Orange counties reported food insecurity rates of 23.9% — the highest in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

The Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry at St. Thomas in Amenia serves 653 individuals from 156 local households each

week. About 40 regular volunteers help package meals, transport food and welcome pantry guests. Meal pick-ups take place every Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Amenia and 6 to 8 p.m. in Dover Plains, with each household receiving food for about nine meals per week.

To offer nutrient-dense options, the pantry partners with local farms, including the Tenmile Farm Foundation in Dover Plains, a 120-acre farm that supplies fresh produce and proteins to food programs across the Tri-State area.

“It’s a community project,” Stack said. “Not all of our volunteers are members of the church — it’s a group of people who care about their neighbors and want to make a difference.”

For more information on volunteering or donating, visit stthomasamenia.com/pantry.

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COMMUNITY: MIKE COBB

Celebrating diverse abilities at Stanton Home fundraiser

Stanton Home is holding its annual Harvest Roast fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Great Barrington, an evening of farm-to-table dining, live swing music, and community connection.

For nearly 40 years, Stanton Home has supported adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential programs, therapeutic services and skill-building activities.

“Here in the Berkshires, adults with diverse abilities often face barriers like limited housing, tricky transportation, and fewer opportunities for meaningful work,” said Executive Director Peter Stanton. “Stanton Home flips that script. Our mission is to partner with adults to pursue healthy, self-determined lives.”

The Harvest Roast features locally grilled meats, roasted vegetables from Stanton’s



The Weavery is Stanton Home’s oldest activity space, featuring a collection of vintage and modern floor looms. It offers opportunities for building dexterity, creative expression, and social connection through fiber arts.

own gardens, warm apple crisp with SoCo Creamery ice cream, and beverages —all set to the swing and gypsy jazz rhythms of the Lucky 5 Band.

“The Harvest Roast is a celebration of what

makes our community strong, inclusive, and vibrant,” Stanton said. “Every ticket and sponsored table supports programs that make a lasting difference.”

Guests will begin in the gardens with a

signature cocktail before gathering at long farm tables for a shared meal and celebration.

“Though this night matters, the work is year-round,” Stanton added. “People can help by shopping locally at the farm store or buying handmade weavery goods, pitching in with time or skills, gardening, lending a hand at events or by partnering with Stanton’s programs like composting or sourcing local goods. Folks can also speak up for inclusion in their workplace or community circle. Even the smallest action helps keep the mission alive.”

Tickets are \$125 per person. Proceeds support Stanton Home’s inclusive programs. Reserve at donorbox.org/events/771775/steps/choose_tickets or call 413-441-0761.

BOOKS: LAURIE FENDRICH

Gwen Strauss: a life in motion, a pen in hand

Poet, children’s book author, short story writer, essayist, and most recently, author of two books of creative non-fiction about the Holocaust, Gwen Strauss is what might be called a polymath of literary genres.

“The Nine” (St. Martin’s Press, 2021) tells the story of nine women who, near the end of World War II, escaped a death march from Ravensbrück — a political

concentration camp for women — and managed to make it to the Western Front. It’s a riveting read and a New York Times bestseller.

Now comes “Mile-na and Margarete” (St. Martin’s Press, published this past August). Yet again, Strauss melds meticulous historical research with a profound and moving story of perseverance in the face of horror, this time focusing on the true story

of two women prisoners who met at Ravensbrück and fell passionately in love.

Strauss says of her path to becoming a writer that it was “both foolish and brave in equal measure,” and adds that her life has “a nomadic trajectory.” The first part is fully accurate; the second, an understatement. Born in Haiti, she moved to Florida with

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Charles Busch wrote and stars in ‘Die Mommie Die!’ at Sharon Playhouse.

THEATER: RICHARD FEINER AND ANNETTE STOVER

Sharon Playhouse presents staged reading of ‘Die Mommie Die!’

Following the memorable benefit reading last season of Charles Busch’s Tony-nominated Broadway hit, “The Tale of the Allergist’s Wife,” the Sharon Playhouse will present a one-night-only staged reading of his riotous comic melodrama “Die Mommie Die!” on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

The production —a deliciously over-the-top homage to classic Hollywood mid-century thrillers — continues the Playhouse’s artistic partnership with Busch, who reprises his iconic role of the glamorous yet troubled songstress Angela Arden.

The playwright and performer is no stranger to the Playhouse and, luckily, he’s supported by a truly stellar powerhouse cast of top-notch comic actors — some returning to

the Playhouse stage, and some making their debut. The cast includes Richard Kind; two-time Tony Award nominee Kristine Nielsen, who was part of the original New York cast; Tony Award winner Celia Keenan-Bolger; Andrew Keenan-Bolger; and Claybourne Elder.

The production also marks a fortuitous alignment of talent and history. It is directed by Sharon Playhouse Artistic Director Carl Address, who performed in the play’s Los Angeles premiere in 1999.

“I have a long and happy history with this particular show,” Address said. “At the Sharon Playhouse, we’re thrilled to offer unforgettable, one-of-a-kind live experiences. With Charles Busch and this phenomenal

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LIFESTYLE: KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Your next room makeover may start at the farmers market

You never know when inspiration will strike. Sometimes it's in the quiet of a local gallery or boutique — I've designed an entire space around a Karen LeSage canvas or an Italian petal bowl from Honeychurch Home in Salisbury.

But just as often, it happens in the hum of a fall farmers market — and we have plenty of those, too. With my market basket firmly in tow, I love to traipse through pop-up shops, tag sales, farm stands, you name it. I've found something fabulous at them all. You never know how décor-changing (or life-changing) that single piece you stumble across can be.

I have a good friend who left her TV job and started a thriving quilting business after finding a bag of rare quilt blocks at Brimfield! These finds are treasures — from handwoven baskets to antique accent chairs — they can become the

seed that grows into an entire room.

Fall is the perfect season to discover these pieces. The events that pop up in September and October are more than community gatherings; for those of us who love design, they're décor Disneyland. With farm stands bursting with harvest color and craft tents filled with one-of-a-kind artisanal goods, these markets offer more than cider and pumpkins. They offer unlimited inspiration.

Picture this: You're wandering through a fall festival and come across a pottery stall. A deep plum vase catches your eye, its glaze shifting from violet to moss green depending on the light. That vase isn't just something to sit on a shelf — it's a color story waiting to unfold. Let's do it: layer pillows in your living room in the same shades of plum, add a throw that picks up both violet and green, and hang artwork with



PHOTO BY KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Vintage glassware from estate sale.

hints of all three.

A design friend once said, "Think threes." An accent color will be grounded in a room's palette if it shows up in at least three ways.

Now let's add in natural textures — linen, rattan, unfinished wood — and suddenly your space feels curated yet cozy, all because of one object you loved enough to

bring home.

In another corner of the market, a stack of vintage cookbooks or hand-carved wooden spoons might catch your eye. Instant kitchen design inspiration. Open shelving, a row of mismatched ceramic bowls, copper pots hanging on hooks — these touches, combined with your market finds, tell a story of warmth and gathering.

Fall 2025 trends lean toward saturated colors and layered materials, so play with rich terracotta, mustard and deep green alongside natural woods and stone. The layered effect feels both current and timeless.

And then there's the bedroom. Maybe a fall festival revealed a quilt stitched in bold geometric patterns. It can be hung on the wall from a rustic stick as a tapestry or draped across the bed as a cozy centerpiece. From there, pull accent colors for the walls or side tables, choose lamps with sculptural bases to echo the quilt's forms, and soften the space with layered rugs. Suddenly, what might have been a forgotten craft becomes the heartbeat of a personal sanctuary.

Even utilitarian rooms can be transformed. A handwoven basket bought at a craft fair can become the muse for your mudroom. Picture a bench topped with chunky knit pillows, walls painted in a warm clay tone, and hooks made of forged iron. The textures echo the weave of the basket, creating a room that feels inten-

tional — even if its primary purpose is storing boots and coats.

This fall's design mood is all about storytelling through objects. Designers are leaning into the trend of building spaces around meaningful pieces — things with a history, a heart, a handmade quality. Not the "buy everything from a single online vendor" vibe.

Metallics like chrome and nickel can add contrast to these earthy finds, while plush textures like velvet and wool keep things firmly planted in comfort. A farmers market candleholder, an estate-sale gilded mirror, a festival-made watercolor in a rustic frame — all can serve as anchors for bigger choices, from paint colors to furniture selection.

The trick is to let the object lead. Don't try to match everything perfectly; instead, build harmony through layers. Pull two or three colors from your find and use them repeatedly in different materials — linen, wood, ceramic, even metal. Let texture do some of the work, too. A rustic carved bowl looks richer when paired with a sleek chrome lamp or a plush velvet pillow.

So this season, as you head out to sip cider, pick apples or browse handmade goods, keep your design eye open. The markets may come and go, but the story you bring home can last a lifetime.

Kerri-Lee Mayland is an Emmy award-winning news anchor and designer. She lives in Lakeville.

...Gwen Strauss *Continued from previous page*

her mother after her parents divorced when she was 10.

Her nomadism took off right after high school, when she spent a year with her boyfriend on a small wooden sailboat that had a motor but no shower or head. The trip took them to Central America, where they encountered a dangerous, secret war. During that year on the sea, Strauss dove deep into reading — and the writing bug bit her hard.

After Strauss returned home (and yes, broke up with the boyfriend), her nomadic impulse didn't end. She spent a year in Kyoto studying Japanese women poets of the 11th century, earned a master's degree in education, and then taught second grade for a year.

Her winding life was only getting started. In 1989, Strauss moved to Paris, where she wrote freelance articles for magazines, short stories and poetry. She also met her husband (they later divorced). Together, they refurbished a barge and spent the next five years as part of the bargee community, traveling the riverways of Europe.

During this time, Strauss gave birth to twins; a third child was born in 2000, after the couple had moved to Savannah, Georgia. In 2005, Strauss moved to the south of France with her three children. In 2007, she ceased wandering when she was appointed director of the Dora Maar House (now the Dora Maar Cultural Center), an international



PHOTO PROVIDED

Author Gwen Strauss and her pup, Zola.

residency and cultural center in Ménerbes, France.

It turns out Strauss has roots in our area. After her parents' divorce, she spent several summers and holidays

with her sisters and step-siblings at the 375-acre former dairy farm in Amenia owned by her father, Julian Strauss. Today, she regularly returns to visit her father and stepmother, as well

as her sister Tilly Strauss (town clerk of Northeast), who lives with her family on the farm.

Strauss's peregrine past helps explain why her narratives so acutely express empathy for the dead souls whose lives were uprooted from their homes not by choice — as was the case with her — but by the cruelties of history.

As part of the White House Speaker series sponsored by Oblong Books, Gwen Strauss will be in conversation with Laurie Fendrich at The White Hart Inn on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be reserved at the following website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-white-hart-speaker-series-gwen-strauss-milena-and-margarete-tickets-1538087253379>

Laurie Fendrich is a painter and writer living in Lakeville. She is a 2016 Guggenheim Fellow and is represented by Louis Stern Fine Arts in Los Angeles.

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LIFESTYLE: SALLY HAVER

Black Squirrel Antiques proprietors prepare to relocate

Joni Beveridge and Tom Emerick, owners of Black Squirrel Antiques, have put their beautiful building at 308 Main St. in Lakeville on the market. Does this mean they're abandoning the antiques business?

"Not at all," said Emerick. "This business is addictive, and it's better to stay active than sitting on your front porch in a rocker. We're just planning to move to a smaller venue — Ball & Claw Antiques in Port Ewen, a town just outside Kingston — a cozy shop with nine other vendors."

Beveridge chimed in. "Ball & Claw is the perfect next step for us. When you have a booth in a group store, you don't need to be there all the time. All the vendors help each other out."

Emerick and Beveridge have been in the antiques business for many years. They moved north from Naples, Florida, in 2017, bringing their existing treasure trove and adding exponentially to it as they settled into their current location. Prior to their Florida stint, they were the proprietors of a shop in Saugerties, from 1994 to 2008.

Both brought strong prior experience to their business ventures. Emerick, a former carpenter, specialized in fixing up old houses and refurbishing antiques. Beveridge worked in real estate for many years, helping them secure



PHOTOS BY BOB ELLWOOD
Above, Tom Emerick and Joni Beveridge in front of Black Squirrel Antiques. Right, Joni Beveridge shows a customer a lamp.



commercial and residential spaces with each move.

"The success of our whole operation is predicated on finding 'diamonds on the rough' — items that need restoration," said Emerick. "There isn't anything I can't repair for resale, and I'm able to make each piece attractive and functional again."

How does one downsize a business that easily holds 10,000 antiques?

"We've done this twice before," said Emerick. "You choose your most valuable, saleable pieces — like this drop-leaf cherry 19th-century table," he said, gesturing. "If we can't sell it at a decent price, we'll just take it with us."

Beveridge added, "Ditto on the 'smalls' — what dealers call little pieces like jewelry, diminutive statues, and glassware. Those will go with us unless we can sell them first."

"Once we have a closing date on the building, we intend to have a huge sale, open to the public," said Beveridge. "Anything that's left over — well, there's always the Lakeville Transfer Station. At the end, you can't be sentimental. You sell what

you can, take what you can, and move on."

"Until this building is sold," said Emerick, "we're in business."

Beveridge added, "Someone will fall in love with this big, lovely, multi-use building and buy it. The only question is when."

For now, Black Squirrel Antiques is open Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Email Tom at temerick@outlook.com, or call 845-264-1090

...Die Mommie Die
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cast, 'Die Mommie Die!' will surely light up the Olsen Stage with laughter, wit and glamour."

The original music is by Lewis Flinn, whose score for the 2007 Off-Broadway production is being adapted specially for this event.

The play is a classic Charles Busch concoction that, like all his work, lovingly and intelligently spoofs some of the greatest talents and tropes of stage and screen. The original production was praised by critics as his "funniest, most accomplished and, without question, raunchiest work."

In 2003, Busch won the Best Performance award at the Sundance Film Festival for the film version of "Die Mommie Die!" His indelible contributions to American theater have been recognized with countless awards and he was recently inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame.

The event promises to be an unforgettable night of laughter, glamour and theatrical fun, with all proceeds going to benefit Sharon Playhouse's productions and educational programs. The funds will help ensure that the Playhouse continues to thrive as a cultural destination for audiences and artists alike.

For tickets, visit: sharonplayhouse.org. Running time: 90 minutes.

Richard Feiner and Annette Stover have worked and taught in the arts, communications, and philanthropy in West Berlin, Paris, Tokyo, and New York. Passionate supporters of the arts, they live in Salisbury and Greenwich Village.

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SEPTEMBER 11

Intuitive Painting & Collage with Artist Karen Dolmanisth

Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Sept. 11 (18, 25 and Oct. 2) Four week workshop on Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tap into your inner creativity through this guided and meditative workshop. RSVP: info@madrosegallery.com

Goshen Garden Club Guest Speaker

Camp Cochipianee, Beach Street, Goshen, Conn.
Thursday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., Goshen Garden Club will host guest speaker Renee Marsh, an advanced master gardener, garden designer, horticulturist and flower farmer. Her passion is to encourage, coach and teach everyone to garden and create healthy ecosystems. Non-members are welcome at \$10 per person.

Memoir Workshop with Leigh Curran

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Beginning Sept. 11, for five Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., this Memoir Workshop with author Leigh Curran will guide you through tried-and-true approaches to memoir writing, offering techniques in structure and style, in-class writing, constructive feedback, and inspiration. Registration is required.

SEPTEMBER 12

Family Cannoli Making Workshop

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Sweeten your day by joining Matt Yanarella with MY Productions CT at the David M. Hunt Library as we hand-make cannoli, a classic Italian dessert, from shell to filling. This workshop is best for adults, kids 10 and up on their own and kids under 10 with an adult. Space is limited, so register today online or contact the library for more information.

SEPTEMBER 13

Special 25th Anniversary Screening: Psycho Beach Party

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Join the Triplex for a special screening of the cult classic Psycho Beach Party with special

guests Lauren Ambrose and screenwriter/star Charles Busch. A post-film discussion will be moderated by Triplex board member Sam Handel. Tickets available at www.thetriplex.org

Sculpture Exhibition: Neil Estern

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Sept. 13 (through Nov. 1) A retrospective celebrating the work of nationally recognized sculptor and longtime West Cornwall resident Neil Estern. Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 13, 5 to 7 p.m.

Opening Reception: Kirsten Westphal – Works in Wood and on Paper

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
5 to 7 p.m. Join us for the opening of Prunings, an exhibition of sculptural and paper works by Kirsten Westphal.

On view through Oct. 23 at Bes.

50/50 Raffle at Veterans Park

Veterans Park, Millerton, N.Y.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m Stop by the Townscape table to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets will also be available at all Townscape tables during summer events. The winner will be drawn Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds support Townscape's community beautification efforts.

Ticket prices: 5 for \$20, 10 for \$40, or 25 for \$100.

Trinity Gallery Juried Art Show

484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Conn.
Enjoy a traditional, yearly art show featuring artists from Connecticut, New York & Massachusetts.

The show will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 13, 14, 20, and 21.

Browse original large paintings, small works and prints in the church's spacious gallery. All work will be for sale!

HSI Certified Babysitting Course

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Housatonic Valley Health District Nurse, Heidi Bettcher, to learn everything you need to know for safe and effective babysitting.

Harvest Roast Fundraiser for Stanton Home

205 North Plain Rd., Great Barrington, Mass.
An evening of farm-to-table dining, live swing music by the Lucky 5, and community support. Proceeds benefit programs for adults with diverse abilities at Stanton Home.

Cornwall Agricultural Fair

Village Green, Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn.
Cornwall celebrates agriculture on the Village Green Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Produce entries will be judged and exhibited. Community groups will have info booths. Non-perishables will be collected for donation. Rain date Sept. 14.

Sculptor Exhibit

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Cornwall Library's next art exhibit is entitled "Verisimilitude, Works of Neil Estern," a selection of studies, reliefs, busts, portraits, nudes, and maquettes (small preliminary models) by the distinguished American sculptor (1926-2019). Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Art Exhibit Opening

tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave (2nd Floor), Millbrook N.Y.
"Looking: 21 Ways" is a vibrant new exhibition at tyte Gallery, curated by Rudy Vavra, artistic director. The exhibit showcases the diverse work of 21 women artists spanning styles from abstract expressionism to figurative realism, the show fosters dialogue across mediums and experiences. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 13, 3 to 6 p.m.

Theater LARP (Double Feature!)

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Join LARP (Live Action Role Playing) writer and game runner Olivia Montoya for an evening double feature of short theater LARPs. Game veterans and newbies alike are invited to play — no experience necessary. This event is aimed at adults due to some sensitive content, but parents or guardians may bring teens age 16+.

Last week's WotW				
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Word of the Week

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

- 1. Flat surface used for dining
- 2. Between 59 and 61
- 3. Bird that delivers babies
- 4. Coming up ____
- 5. Varsity athletics return

Salisbury Association Academy Building Open House

24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 13. Celebrate the refreshed Academy Building exhibit space, to view a display of purses and other accessories from the costume collection and to learn more about the Association. Light refreshments will be served.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
From 4 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 13, join Claudia Cayne for a lively and informal discussion James, by Percival Everett. A winner of multiple awards, the novel retells The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Registration is not required. All are welcome. Learn more at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15140694.

SEPTEMBER 18

Community Mental Health Discussion and Supper

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.
6 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for an introductory program on mental health concerns in our community, hosted

by Copake Grange with support from the National Grange. This free event will include open discussion on topics such as stress, anxiety, and depression, followed by a buffet supper prepared by Chef Oleg Shcherbakov.

RSVP to copakegrange@gmail.com with the number in your party. All are welcome.

The Revolutionary Love Project

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Thursday, Sept. 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free interactive workshop in partnership with Project SAGE exploring the impact of love through reflection, journaling, and vision board

creation. Open to adults and young adults; no experience needed.

Register: zeffy.com/ticketing/revolutionary-love-project


For info on a children's version, contact Linda at lindac@project-sage.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

TRIFEST: International Youth Film Festival

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.
Sept. 19 to 21. The Triplex Cinema launches its inaugural international youth film festival, showcasing 44 short films by filmmakers age 25 and under from nine countries. Special guests include Peter Becker (Criterion Collection), Hamish Linklater, Lily Rabe, Tony Gerber, and others.

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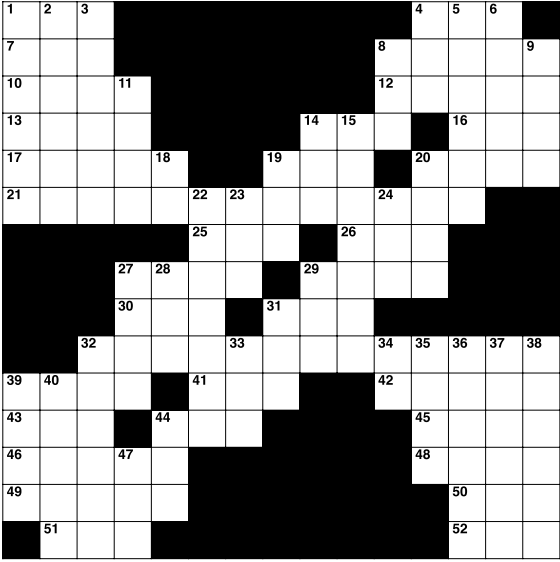
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Brain Teasers

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- 1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Macaws
- 8. Listens to
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
- 12. Made of wood
- 13. Chinese lute
- 14. Beginning military rank
- 16. Indicates near
- 17. Ties the score
- 19. Chum
- 20. Long ago
- 21. Localities
- 25. Midway between northeast and east
- 26. Make fun of
- 27. Tennis great Arthur
- 29. Construction location
- 30. Cow's noise
- 31. Blue
- 32. One of the Fab Four
- 39. Formula 1 team
- 41. Dash
- 42. Lifting device
- 43. Basics
- 44. Keyboard key
- 45. Old Irish alphabet
- 46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
- 48. Covered stadium
- 49. Sword handles
- 50. Longing or yearning
- 51. Creators' social network
- 52. Boxing's GOAT



- 18. Sensor hub
- 19. Before
- 20. The boundary of a surface
- 22. Witnesses
- 23. Singular
- 24. Type of meal
- 27. Music awards show
- 28. Former French coin of low value
- 29. A bag-like structure in an animal
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 32. Calm down
- 33. Partner to cheese
- 34. Cola brand
- 35. Stepped on
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Type of coating

- 38. A citizen of Yemen
- 39. Popular breakfast item corned beef ____
- 40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 44. First responders
- 47. Short-term memory

September 11 Solution

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

September 11 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Summer sales in Ancram run the gamut in price

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

ANCRAM — There were five properties transferred from June through August in Ancram – typical activity in this sparsely populated town of only 1,400 residents. The price of closed sales hovered around a median of \$550,000 and listing prices of homes on the market show that Ancram remains an attractive second home market. At the beginning of September there were 16 single family homes listed for sale with none under \$500,000 and seven over a million dollars.

84 Cottontail road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 6.46 acres built in 1958 sold by Christopher Hoilund to Andrew MacDonald and Katsuko Bowne for \$302,500 recorded on June 24.

1086 County Route 3 — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home built in 2012 on 27 acres sold by Joanna Bree to Barbera Brooks for \$2,100,000 recorded on June 25.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This small Victorian house built in 1880 sold for \$280,000 after initially listing at \$379,000 in August 2024. The home sits on .7 acres in the center of the hamlet of Ancram across the street from the Union Cemetery.

111 Arcadia Drive — 3 bedroom/2.5 bathroom home in a HOA sold by Irene H. Lovitz to Alexander Sherwin and Lisa Davis for \$560,000 recorded on July 14.

1283 County Route 7 — 3 bedroom/1.5 bathroom house

on .7 acres sold by Michelle Podbielski to Esao Andrews for \$280,000 on August 11.

Harry Wood Road — 105 acres of rural vacant land sold by Robert Natale to Boubu Kiki LLC for \$924,500 on August 12.

**Town of Ancram real estate recorded as sold with consideration is derived from Columbia County public deed transfers with property details from Ancram property tax records. Active listings data reported from realtor.com, and Trulia.com. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Aug. 28 through Sept. 3

Aug. 30 — Deputies responded to Tony's Deli in Pawling for an intoxicated and unwanted person on the property. The subject was told to leave and not to return. Matter resolved.

Aug. 31 — Deputies report the arrest of Ericka B. Rose, age 52, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of 385 Route 22 in the Town of Pawling. Subject to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date

Aug. 31 — Deputies arrested Justin Kadish, age 28, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree as the result of a traffic stop on State Route 22 in the Town of Amenia. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

Aug. 31 — Deputies arrested Angelina Mejia Lopez, age 51, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in the Town of Pawling. Subject to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Aug. 31 — Deputies responded to 46 Charles Colman Blvd. in Pawling for a report of a customer who slapped and pushed an employee at that location. Investigation ongoing.

Aug. 31 — Deputies report the arrest of Fernando Chavez Ortega, age 32, for driving while intoxicated. Mr. Ortega had crashed his vehicle on Holmes Road in Pawling and reportedly left the scene on foot. Deputies located the subject nearby where further investigation revealed him to be in an intoxicated condition. Ortega to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Sept. 3 — Deputies report the arrest of William R. Sierra Duenas, age 54, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of 3570 Route 55 in the Town of Pawling. Sierra to appear in the Town of Pawling Court on a later date.

Sept. 3 — Deputies arrested Amanda Salvaggi, age 43, for driving while intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop on Maple Lane in the Town of Dover. Subject to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

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