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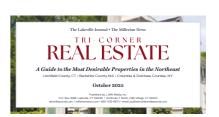
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Groups organize amid nationwide immigration enforcement efforts

By ALY MORRISSEY alym@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — As federal immigration enforcement continues to make national headlines, communities throughout the region are organizing to support immigrants, hoping to mitigate the effects of polarizing federal immigration enforcement. Millerton is home to one such group, which is finding its footing after a failed effort to gain legislative backing from village officials.

Established this spring, the Millerton group has been meeting privately to coordinate support for vulnerable residents. Some have referred to it as the "Millerton Neighbors Network," though at least one

"Everyone deserves protection, documented or undocumented, if they're participating positively in the community. Advocating for people's safety feels so important." Aimee Davis

source said the name has not been made official.

Citing concerns about drawing attention, several members declined to speak on the record. Aimee Davis, a North East resident and longtime Millerton massage therapist, agreed to comment. As part of her work with the group, Davis received "Know Your Rights" and rapid-response training from the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, a New York-based organization providing support, resources and advocacy for immigrants

throughout Columbia County.

"I can now be a point of contact for businesses or residents who want to know what to do if ICE shows up and they're nervous about it," Davis said.

Pushing for local policy

Some founding members were responsible for putting Immigrations and Customs Enforcement on the agenda at two public Village meetings, on May 21 and July 29. They urged the Millerton Village

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Millbrook day

One of the entries in this year's Community Day Scarecrow Contest, Ichabod Hiccup, at left, seems to be particularly enjoying the solo performance of Wil Greenstreet, whose strolling pop-up saxophone performances delighted visitors to the village on Saturday, Sept. 20. For more photos, turn to Page A8.

Local groomer talks dogs, shampoo and independence

By ALY MORRISSEY alym@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — When Rosie Urena left her longtime job at Ledgewood Kennel in Millerton last December, she wasn't sure what the future held. For years, she had worked six days a week — three days at the kennel and three days grooming dogs out of her home. Sundays were her only day off, though often filled with baseball, soccer and caring for her 11-year-old son and 74-year-old mother.

"I was worried about taking the leap," Rosie admitted. "People might assume that because I work from a converted garage, the quality isn't the same. But I am a woman of faith. I trusted my instincts and followed my heart."

That leap has paid off. Today, Rosie runs her own grooming business, Rosie's Grooming, out of her renovated garage in Amenia. She installed a heater, painted the walls, redid the floor, purchased equipboth professional and homey for Island just for her services. her canine clientele.

She uses natural shampoos, ing — Rosie once pulled a muscle

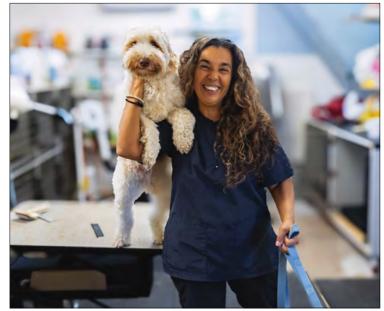


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Rosie Urena poses with a furry client in her at-home grooming studio that she built in her home's garage in Amenia.

plays soothing music and works with dogs of all sizes. "It's a calm environment," she said. "I know every client and their story." One ment and created a space that feels loyal client even drives from Long

The job is physically demand-

lifting a large dog — but it gives her the flexibility she needs as a single mother. "That's why I wanted to work from home," she said. "I feel blessed to have my son, my mother and my house."

See DOG GROOMER, A8

New regional guidelines recommend COVID-19 vaccines for all ages 6 months and up

By ALY MORRISSEY alym@millertonnews.com

New York is part of a new coalition of regional public health agencies and leaders that has released updated 2025-2026 CO-VID-19 vaccine guidelines.

The Northeast Public Health Collaborative, which operates independently from federal agencies and aims to "promote and protect evidence-based public health," includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island

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COVID-19 vaccines are available at the CVS on Route 44 in Millerton.



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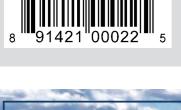
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Fall is not lost

Tree warden hopeful for late season foliage boom despite drought, disease

By ALEC LINDEN alecl@lakevillejournal.com

Glance up at the upland ridgelines, or down to the marshy lowlands, and you're likely to see a familiar brilliant red beginning to glow amongst the still mostlygreen canopy. Look through your kitchen window, however, and you may see your favorite maple's treasured foliage showing jaundiced yellow, marred by cracked and crumpling brown edges, and perhaps even prematurely shedding some of those sickly

This is due to a condition called leaf scorch, explained Kent, Connecticut, Tree Warden Bruce Bennett during a recent interview with The Lakeville Journal.

Leaf scorch happens when environmental factors cause undue evaporation from the leaves that the tree is unable to replenish due to low moisture in the soil. The abnormally dry conditions across the Northeast have primed trees, especially those vulnerable due to existing disease or other stressors, to leaf browning and early dropping.

Bennett looks to the previous leaf season as a beacon of hope for what we may expect in these abnormal years. Many of the region's red and sugar maples, often the star for bright reds and oranges, were impacted by a fungus known as anthracnose that thrives in muggy weather. Last year's hot and humid summer caused a proliferation of the disease across the Northwest Corner canopy, especially in the maples, causing leaves to brown and drop early.

But after those leaves dropped, "late fall turned out to be incredible," Bennett said.

Having the diseased and damaged leaves out of the picture, the late-season showstoppers pulled through with a rich and deep tableau of yellows and golds, russet, ruby and even magenta. Tulips, birches, late-season red maple cultivars, ashes and oaks — especially scarlet oak — are to thank for that spectacular closing act.

Bennett expects a similar trajectory this fall, with a "musty brown, disease-y look earlier, and then later on we're going to get some really good fall color." This also gives the atmosphere more time to produce some much-needed rainfall, though the near-range forecast still looks relatively dry despite some predicted intermittent showers.

The Northwest Corner is lucky, though, compared to the rest of New England, the majority of which is experiencing drought conditions. Extreme drought, with some streams ranking at their lowest ever recorded flow, exists in parts of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Northern Connecticut has thus far avoided a drought classification due to last minute rain events that have "kept our grasses green," as Bennett put it.

As the leaf season moves later in the fall due to the warming climate, tricky leaf seasons are becoming more



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

The tree outside of The Lakeville Journal in Falls Village, Conn., began dropping its leaves in mid-September. An area expert said this is the result of "leaf scorch," but robust autumn colors are still on the way.

common, Bennett said, meaning each year is more complex to predict. One topographic tip this year, he said, is to look for northern and eastern facing slopes, as they will have fared better than the hotter southern and eastern faces of mountains and hills during the dry weather. He recommended a drive down Route 44 toward Canton, Connecticut, where a healthy forest and high water table due to reservoirs usually allows for good foliage.

While we can hope for

a late season show in the canopy, Bennett advised residents to keep their eyes on the yards and understory as well. "The hydrangea have been mind-boggingly beautiful," he said, due to perfectly moist springtime growing conditions and a drier late summer. "The blooms were fantastic, and they just lasted forever and ever and ever, and even into the fall, they're going to be there."

"That's going to be something that'll add to the fall



A Cessna 172 experienced mechanical failure, forcing an emergency landing at Lime

Small plane crash lands at Lime Rock Park

By ALEC LINDEN alecl@lakevillejournal.com

LIME ROCK, Conn. — At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, a small aircraft with two individuals on board crashed after performing an emergency landing at Lime Rock Park after a reported mechanical failure.

As of 4 p.m., the area remained closed for investigation and the containment of a small fuel leak.

Lime Rock's Emergency Services team was the first to respond to the incident. The team's director, Keith Byrne, said that of the two occupants in the plane, the pilot was uninjured while the passenger sustained possible minor injuries. His team transported the passenger to a local hospital where the individual is being evaluated.

"It was a huge relief once

we saw them getting out the plane with nothing on fire," visible. Byrne said of arriving on the

The aircraft, which reportedly originated its flight in Poughkeepsie, New York, was a Cessna 172, a highly popular four-seat, single-engine plane. Lime Rock flaggers saw the aircraft circling above the facility as it called in an emergency landing.

It landed near the west bend portion of the track heading west, where it continued onto the grass, through a wire fence and over a guardrail before coming to an uncontrolled rest on another section of the track. Tire marks on the asphalt and grass showing its path were

Teams from the Lakeville Hose Company, the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department and the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service assisted Lime Rock Emergency Services in the response.

At 4:15 p.m., personnel onsite were awaiting the arrival of representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board and Connecticut State Police to conduct an investigation. More details surrounding the incident are expected to become available once the investigation is complete.









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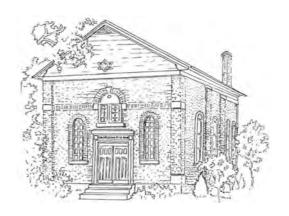
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A fire devastated the Millerton Water Department Building on Feb. 3, destroying highway maintenance and police equipment stored inside.

Water Department demolition awaiting preparation work

By ALY MORRISSEY alym@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Mayor Jenn Najdek provided an impromptu update on the Water Department building demolition in response to public comment at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, Sept. 22.

In public comment, resident Delora Brooks asked about the timeline for demolishing the burned highway and water buildings. Najdek said delays stem from the need to reroute exposed water pipes. "Until that's done, we can't schedule the demolition," she said, noting state law also requires 14 days' notice once the work on the pipes is completed. A demolition company is ready, but the village continues to seek the best price and a contractor who can complete the prep work quickly.

North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago joined the meeting

Kennan discussed a joint application between the village and town for a "NY Forward" grant, which offers two \$4.5 million awards for small communities. He noted that projects like the joint wastewater system and Century Boulevard upgrades could make Millerton and North East "prime candidates." The grant requires no local match. A letter of intent is due in October, with the full application due in November. The

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village board voted to move forward and partner with the town on the submission.

Drago, who is running for re-election, visited to show support and share county updates. He asked for feedback on the Dutchess County Mobile Health Unit, which visits the Rail Trail lot on the second Wednesday of each month, and brainstormed with the board to boost awareness of the service. He also addressed the EMS crisis, saying now is the time to act as the budget cycle begins. "We need to move toward a long-term plan more quickly — one that will help bring down costs for everyone and, ultimately, provide more reliable, consistent service," he said.

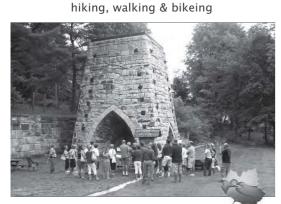
Village Police Chief Joseph Olenik highlighted the department's new Axon 4 body cameras, purchased with grant funding. He touted the cameras' ability to translate more than 70 languages in real time. Olenik said the two-way translator will record interactions and help officers and residents communicate. "This will be an effective tool and will be great for our community policing," he said.

The board also authorized the issuance of a request for proposals for professional engineering services to update sidewalks on North Center Street. The RFP will be posted Wednesday, Sept. 24, with submissions due Thursday, Oct. 23, at 3:30 p.m. An onsite visit is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m.

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Millerton's Legion supplies County youth shooting sports club

By NATHAN MILLER nathanm@millertonnews.com

VERBANK, N.Y. — At the end of a narrow, winding forest lane off of Route 82 south of Millbrook is the secluded 110 Rod & Gun Club, where Bob Jenks and his crew of volunteers were running their weekly meeting of the Dutchess County Long Rifles youth shooting sports club last Wednesday.

"There's about 75 kids that come and shoot," Jenks said, participating in air-rifle, air-pistol, target shooting with handguns and rifles and shotgun sports like trap and skeet shooting. The goal, Jenks said, is always safety first. He hauls a trailer to every weekly practice stocked with safety equipment, firearms, ammunition and targets — all owned by American Legion Post 178 in Millerton.

The mobile gun range, as Jenks calls it, allows the Long Rifle club to travel anywhere and set up a temporary gun range wherever shooting sports might be permitted.

The group meets at a different range every week, and the trailer allows them to participate in competitions and exhibitions, like last Saturday's Game Fair at Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook.

Jenks sets up as many different activities as the space allows, and carries equipment for sports ranging from air pistol to archery to long rifles.

Jennifer LaPorte and her daughter Margot help Jenks run the archery range. Margot has been shooting since she was 9 years old when she got started at the Dutchess Coun-



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLE

Collin Olenik strikes a clay bird in the trap shooting range at 110 Rod & Gun Club on Wednesday, Sept. 17, during a weekly meeting of the Dutchess County Long Rifle club.

ty Fair. She and her mother affirmed the club's commitment to safety and education.

"If you know a little bit more, you have no fear," Jennifer said. She and Margot trained to be archery instructors after being involved with shooting sports for years. Now they're the qualified archery leaders, though it's not Margot's main sport.

Jenks and the volunteers instruct the kids in gunhandling and range procedures. Nobody moves up or down the range alone, and only when the chaperone instructs. Guns get put away when someone needs to go down the range. Safeties on. Things move slow, but the day goes on for three hours and everyone gets plenty of time, Jenks said.

The young sharpshooters displayed talents in air-rifle

target shooting and trap shooting on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Jennifer explained the shape of 110 Rod & Gun Club restricted the variety of activities that could be offered that day.

Otherwise, the group would have set up as many different events as possible.

Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik was at 110 Rod & Gun Club with his son Collin. He said Collin had been shoot-

ing for years and loved the club.

"He wants to go to West
Point." Olenik said of his son.

Interested young shooting sports enthusiasts are welcome to join the club. Jenks can be contacted by email at dclongrifles@gmail. com or by phone at 518-672-1071. Membership costs \$50 per year and \$3 per meeting to help maintain a budget for food and snacks, Jenks said.

Community Day at Indian Rock Schoolhouse Sept. 28

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The Amenia Garden Club has announced that the annual Community Day will be held at Indian Rock Schoolhouse on Mygatt Road on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the garden club's offering gardening advice and encouragement, other local organizations will be on hand to describe their work in the community.



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Sharon Dennis Rosen

SHARON — Sharon Dennis Rosen, 83, died on Aug. 8, 2025, in New York

City. Born and raised in Sharon, Conn., she grew up on her parents' farm and attended Sharon Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She went

on to study at Skidmore College before moving to New York City, where she married Dr. Harvey Rosen and together they raised two children.

Sharon's lifelong love of learning and the arts shaped both her work and her passions. For decades, she served as a tour guide at the American Museum of Natural History and the Asia Society, sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with countless visitors. She also delighted

> in traveling widely, immersing herself in other cultures, and especially treasured time spent visiting her daughter and grandsons in Europe and Af-

She was also deeply connected to her hometown,

where in retirement she spent half her time and had many friends. She served as President of the Sharon East Side Cemetery until the time of her death, where generations of her family are buried and where she will also be laid to

She is survived by her husband. Harvey: her children. Jennifer and Marc; and four beloved grandchildren.

Gloria Ann Covert

Ann Covert, 84, a longtime

resident, passed away at her home in Millerton, New York on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025. Mrs. Covert had a lengthy career in the casino and gaming industry as a pit manager for over

twenty years, having worked in Las Vegas, Nevada, Atlantic City, New Jersey and Gulfport, Mississippi prior to her retirement.

Born July 15, 1941, in Poughkeepsie, New York, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Millicent (Brinkerhoff) Flood. Gloria was a graduate of Webutuck High School where she served as captain of the cheerleading squad. In 1966 in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married James Bennett "Bounce" Covert, Sr. Mr. Covert passed away on July 31, 2016. Gloria loved to grow roses and tend her rose garden in her spare time. She was an avid reader and worked as a professional model while living in Nevada. Gloria enjoyed spending time with her family and will be dearly missed

Gloria is survived by her son, Edward Covert and his wife Kay of Millerton, her brother, Joseph Flood and his wife Jean of Hillsdale, New York, her sister, Doris Reeves of Florida, her daughter-in-law, Jeanette Covert of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, her sister-in-law, Patricia Flood of Millerton, her sister-in-law, Janel Barnhill of Texas, her brother-in-law, Robert Fuller and his wife Natha of Texas; her grandchildren, Fawna, Robert, Josephine, Colleen, Lauren, LeNita, Carina(Amanda); great grandchildren, Zoe, Mia, Asher, Tealin, Amelia, Madeline, Charlotte, Kennedy, Emmett and Elliott and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Gloria was predeceased by a son, James B. Covert, Jr., a grandson, Clark Covert, a niece, Melissa Fuller Cahill and her brother, Thomas J. "Tom" Flood.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2649 South Road # 101,

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Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

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OUR TOWNS

Webutuck selected regional **United Way Literacy Champion**

AMENIA — The Webutuck Central School District was named a Literacy Champion by United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani accepted the plaque for the district at the United Way Dutchess-Orange Region's Imagination Breakfast held at Doubletree by Hilton in Poughkeepsie on Sept. 18.

Webutuck and Pine Bush were the only schools to be selected Literacy Champions in the region that includes Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan counties. The United Way is collaborating with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in this initiative to deliver a free book each month to children's homes from birth until they start kindergarten.

"It's a tremendous accolade for all the hard work that our teachers and our administrators are putting in, in regards to shaping literacy within our school district to have students be successful," said Castellani.

"Somedays you say to yourself, are we doing what's right, are we taking the right avenue to address our students' needs. Obviously, accolades like this and a program



Sydney Cipriano's second grade class posed with a plaque commemorating Webutuck as a literacy champion after United Way of Dutchess-Orange honored the school.

resources to our children at even earlier ages means we're on the right track."

Castellani also received for the district a Certificate of Recognition from State Sen. Rob Rolison and a Dutchess County Government Office of the County Executive Proclamation signed by County Executive Sue Serino.

"It is very special and it just shows that people out there, whether in the field of education or in county governrecognize the work that we put in and that we are putting forward for our children," said Castellani.

Castellani said district

residents would be notified and encouraged in the coming weeks to register in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for their free books.

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like this, which actually gives ment or different agencies, **Sharon Historical Society** welcomes new executive director

By ROBIN RORABACK Special to the Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Having worked at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Park Avenue Armory and The Frick Collection, how does Abbey Nova, the new Executive Director of the Sharon Historical Society and Museum like leading a smaller museum?

"I love the work, the people, and learning about the beautiful place we live in, its history and its present." She does not see the museum as

Projects were underway in rooms throughout the

Board members BZ Coords and Eileen Tedesco examined a clear glass decanter as they cataloged the seven thousand items in the historical society's collection of maps, paintings, photographs, baskets, letters, journals, ledgers, clothing and textiles, tools, glassware, ceramics and other things brought together from Sharon's past.

A love of historical objects came to Nova from childhood. She grew up in a farmhouse built in the 1770's in Putney, Vermont. There was an old trash dump in the woods behind her house. "My sister and I would excavate."

"In the summer when my mother was teaching, my father would take us to all the small museums in the area." Both of her parents are teach-

Her love of history and objects grew as she went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in History from Dartmouth and a Master of Arts in the History of Decorative Arts and Design from Parsons School of Design in conjunction with the Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.

Cooper Sheldon, the Museum's curator, was working on a diorama which will recreate Sharon in miniature, painstakingly creating past and present buildings to scale with the help of old documents and new technologies.

In another room, volunteer Diane Monroe was transcribing the tiny, cursive handwriting in the journals of her grandfather, James Wilbur.

Upstairs, project manager Myra Plescia worked through scrapbooks of the eminent Buckley family from boxes holding the Museum's Buck-

ley Collection. Plans are in the works for next year's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The exhibit will focus on "what was happening in Sharon and in the larger world in 1776, 1876 and 1976." Nova said.

There will be a smaller exhibit about the Gay-Hoyt Sheldon is working on the

House, which was built in 1775

and now houses the Museum.

Museum's "maker space." The goal is to "have kids and adults interact with history on a personal level," said Sheldon.

Nova has launched the Sharon Historical Club. which meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. around subjects that provide windows to the past.

Another project Nova described is a collaboration with historical societies in towns throughout the region to create a driving-map that connects the iron industry and other historical organizations.

For more info on events and exhibits at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum go to sharonhist.org

Popular Kent swimming hole reopens for public use

KENT, Conn. — After a three week closure of North Kent Road due to overcrowding and litter at a well-used swimming hole on the Housatonic River, Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer announced via email on Sept. 15 that the road and river access

would be reopened to the public for "reasonable and appropriate recreational pursuits."

Lindenmayer indicated that the town will continue to consult with other stakeholders on the site to develop a "more permanent" solution to the issue.

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With winter approaching,



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Some green shoots in dementia's desert

irst, let me say I am **d** not a neurologist or a neuroscientist, but I worked in a Pathology and Cell Biology Department where I had colleagues who were both of those things. I went to their seminars and their graduate students' Ph.D defenses. I taught in a course on cell biology and histology where neuroscience was a major subject. The College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia teaches serious basic science to its medical and graduate students.

Progress with dementia and other neurological diseases has been depressingly slow. No new treatments for Alzheimer's or Parkinson's diseases have been introduced in years. Now, a few green shoots have appeared in this desert. The first (for me) was a population study that suggested the people who had been vaccinated for shingles were 20% less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than unvaccinated peers. Such studies are called Natural Experiments. There is no effort to intervene, but patterns are still observed. Charles Darwin's observations, mostly natural experiments, led to the theory of evolution, which is the organizing concept of biology.

The second study with a weight reduction and antidiabetes drug slowed but did not stop the shrinkage of the brains of patients in the early stages of Alzheimer dementia. More news on such drugs, which are being tested in interventional studies should be forthcoming.

The third study involves two papers from Harvard Medical School and took a molecular approach which concentrated on the genes that are turned on or off in brain neurons as dementia begins and proceeds. Proteins that turn genes on or off are part of the intellectual heartland of molecular biology and thus reassuring to people like me; we know how to do this. After many experiments the Harvard scientists arrived at a compound called lithium orotate, which we will leave hanging while I tell you about mice with Alzheimer's

Humans, mice, other mammals, and even fruit flies have brains with specific regions devoted to various tasks: sight, small, hearing, short-term memory, long term memory, reasoning, and many others. A mouse neuron is hard to distinguish from a human neuron under a microscope. We can now introduce mutations into mice that cause human diseases, whether spinal muscular atrophy, cystic fibrosis or dementia, which allows us to study the disease in an animal; this is a sort of biological bootstrapping. Mice live two years and dementia appears early in animals carrying these mutations. They lose their memories and can no longer locate where they are in a maze.

A research university like Columbia or Harvard may house 80,000 or more mice for the study of various disease conditions.

In our Alzheimer mice, tau and beta-amyloid (both proteins; sequences of amino acids) are overproduced, as in humans with Alzheimer's disease. Some human patients have high amounts of tau and beta-amyloid but are cognitively normal. These pro-

THE BODY **SCIENTIFIC** Richard Kessin

teins are part of the disease process, but do not cause it. Something else must occur for the neurons to progress to the full disease. According to scientists in the Yanker lab at Harvard Medical School, beta amyloid protein binds to lithium and takes it out of circulation.

What is the consequence of sequestering lithium? The neurons (and the mice) progress to the final stages of Alzheimer's disease: the brain continues to shrink, synapses and cognitive functions disappear. Would more lithium in the mouse drinking water help preserve neurons? Yes, at least in mice. Positively charged lithium bound to a negatively charged organic molecule called orotate is the most effective formulation.

Three years ago, some of the same authors discovered a protein complex called REST that acts to suppress the expression of genes involved in late Alzheimer's disease. If a cell makes a lot of REST, it does not progress to full dementia, much as if one gives it lithium orotate. Lithium orotate and REST are called checkpoint regulators, well known in other biological processes. The authors of this paper put the case this way: 'Here we show that endogenous lithium (Li) is dynamically regulated in the brain and contributes to cognitive preservation during ageing.'

None of these potential treatments: Herpes zoster vaccination, anti-diabetes/ weight loss compounds, or lithium orotate, in variations or combinations, is guaranteed to be therapeutic; mice are not humans after all, but after years of frustration, it is a relief to try new approaches.

Richard Kessin, PhD, is Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at the Columbia University Irving Medical



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Aymar-Blair for Comptroller

I urge Dutchess County voters to support Dan Aymar-Blair for county Comptroller. Elected to this position for the first time last year, Dan has spent the past several months improving the Comptroller's office and making the work of the office more transparent. In his 8-plus months as Comptroller, Dan has created a glossary of terms so that taxpayers can better understand the office's work - and how the County Legislature and County Executive are spending our money. He has also begun monitoring the County's federal funding and has increased oversight of all County contracts.

Dan's review of existing County contracts revealed several problems. Some contracts were so poorly written that it was not clear what the County was paying for, and there were flaws in the bidding process. Dan brought such issues to the attention of County Executive Serino, who agreed with Dan that the Comptroller should have advanced review of contracts.

Prior to his 4 years as a Beacon City Council member, Dan worked for the New York City Public Schools for 15 years in finance and operations, where he rose to leadership positions, including Senior Executive Director of Operations, managing multi-million-dollar budgets. Clearly, Dan's primary professional experience has been in public finance — not, as his opponent, in politics.

Dan has emphasized that the Comptroller's job is not political. His role is not to make policy, but rather to objectively review and audit County government expenditures to make sure that taxpayers' money is being used appropriately and that taxpayers know how the County Legislature and Executive are spending our money.

By contrast, Dan's opponent, Will Truitt, is a politician. He even defines himself

with Mr. Conklin that our

country is in dire need of tol-

that way on his Facebook page. Truitt's public service work over the past 10 years is that of a legislator — a policy maker, not a financial professional. Dan, on the other hand, is an experienced public finance executive — a serious financial watchdog who will not rubber-stamp decisions made by politicians.

In these times of federal funding cut-backs and other economic hardships, it is critical that County Government uses its resources efficiently. We need Dan Aymar-Blair to continue the work he has

Amy Rothstein Pine Plains

Call for more civility, tolerance and respect

I would like expand upon Larry Conklin's call for civility, tolerance and respect. Charlie Kirk and Turning Point were not shining beacons of a tolerant society.

About gays he said "they want to corrupt your children."

About trans people "you are an abomination to God."

About feminism "Reject feminism. Submit to your husband."

About other religions "Islam is not compatible with Western Civilization."

About immigrants "The great replacement is under-

About race "Michelle Obama and Ketanji Brown Jackson do not have the brain power to be taken seriously."

Freedom of speech is the cornerstone of our democracy and Mr. Kirk and everybody else should feel safe in exercising their rights without fear of being silenced or killed.

Unfortunately we are living in an increasingly violent country rife with guns where any unhinged 22-year old can buy one and kill somebody. Sadly, Mr. Kirk self validated his statement that "having an armed citizenry comes with a price."

I agree wholeheartedly

not silence those who are diferance and respect. We are all the same. We all want happiferent from ourselves. ness and don't want to suffer and are all worthy of love. Millerton

Kristie Schmid

This is only going to happen

when we can celebrate and

Amenia Fire Co. thanks community for support

21, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly pancake breakfast. We were pleased to have a nice crowd of 156 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the support of the

On Sunday, September community. We thank everyone who attends our events and hope you will join us at our next breakfast on October 19 at the firehouse.

> Andy Murphy, on behalf of the **Breakfast Committee** Amenia Fire Co. and Auxiliary

Amenia

Liquor 'clean-up'; cell tower in village

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

September 27, 1934

'Goudy Designs New Type Face'; Frederic W. Goudy, of Marlboro, who designed the masthead and headline type of The News, has just completed his ninety-second type face which is to be used exclusively in the advertising matter of Saks' Fifth Avenue store in New York City.

'Sheriff plans liquor clean-up'; An extensive liquor clean-up campaign in **Dutchess County, comprising** about thirty prosecutions of persons for alleged violations of the state ABC laws, was indicated last week when Sheriff Hiram C. Carroll disclosed that cases were ready, warrants have been obtained and that he was prepared to take the defendants into custody whenever District Attorney Schwartz is ready to make

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the drive.

'About Millerton'; Bus Line Enlarged

The former Millerton-Poughkeepsie Bus Line has been enlarged and its name changed to the Poughkeepsie and Eastern Bus Line, it has been announced by John Hamm, owner of the transportation company.

Alumni Meets

The first fall meeting of the Millerton High School Alumni Association was held Monday evening in the high school building with the new president, Miss Blanche Bates, presiding.

September 25, 1975

'After Rejection: Shopping Developers Seek New Rezoning'; Shopping center developers, undaunted last week by the North East Town Board's rejection of their rezoning application, plan to ask the Board to approve another proposal.

'In Record Time'; The Millerton Fire Department hands over the final check to pay off a \$10,000 note to the National Bank of Westchester for the rescue squad's new modular ambulance. The 5-year note was paid back in less than 9 months.

September 28, 2000

'Cellular One Eyes Village Water Tower for Antenna'; MILLERTON — The village will negotiate this week with Cellular One, a communications firm which wants to install "whip antennas" on top of the water tower in Millerton.

At the village board's regular business meeting Monday, Kevin Brennan, a project manager for Cellular One, said the company has capital temporarily available to improve its network, and the water tower site would fill a void in cell phone service in

the area.

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Town Board conducts public hearings on local law changes

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Two local boards anticipating changes to their structures and administration, along with a proposed law to provide guidance on food truck operations were the subject of public hearings

at the regular meeting of the Town Board held on Thursday, Sept. 18.

As directed by the Town Board, the local Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are considering changes to their operations to allow for the selection and seating of alternate members

to serve in the event of a regular board member's absence. In addition, the ZBA law change is seeking to establish attendance and training requirements.

As no members of the public offered any comment in relation to the changes, the public hearings were brief.

Both boards, however, had furnished comments for consideration by the Town Board. Those comments are being compiled by the board's attorney Ian Lindars to be discussed at a future Town Board meeting.

Establishing guidelines for the operation of food trucks did draw some comment during public hearing. Planning Board member Ken Topolsky suggested a period of ten days be required between the filing of an application and the event when the food truck would conduct business. He also asked that the upcoming Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, be exempted from the changes.

Resident Charlie Miller also raised questions of location limitations, including distance from restaurants and a minimum lot size stipulation. He also suggested a maximum of three trucks at any event. **Settlement of Silo Ridge**

tax certiorari cases

Following years of litigation, the Town Board has agreed to assessment adjustments, bringing a close to twelve cases brought by Silo Ridge entities and individual property owners within that development. Also authorized by the Town Board was settlement of the "fee in lieu of" agreement whereby Silo Ridge development is to pay an agreed-upon amount to the town, rather than being required to construct affordable housing units on their acreage.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Ramblin' around Copake

The Roe Jan Ramble broke an attendance record on Saturday, Sept. 20, with 730 registered riders and "numerous walk-ins," organizer Tom Goldsworthy said. The event collected donations for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail totalling \$26,824, Goldsworthy said, another record.

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Smithfield Church traditions

Acclaimed New York Philharmonic organist Kent Tritle put the 1893 Johnson and Son tracker organ through all its paces at The Smithfield Church, joined by cellist Arthur Fiacco in concert on Saturday, Sept. 20. Proceeds from this 13th annual Tritle concert at Smithfield Church were donated in full to the New York Oratorio Society where Tritle serves as Music Director and Conductor.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Change of Meeting Date

Please take notice the regularly scheduled Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled for 10/20/2025 has been rescheduled to, 10/6/25 at 7:00pm.

09-25-25

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.**

SSNYhasbeendesignated 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 TOWN OF AMENIA **LANDSCAPE** ARCHITECT / **ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUEST FOR** QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed responses for Town of Amenia

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT **ENGINEERING SERVICES** request for qualifications

will be received until 2:00 PM on October 14, 2025 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud on October 15 at 1:00 PM.

No responses will be received or considered after the date/time stated above.

RFQ Documents may be examined at no expense online at www.bidnetdirect. com//townofamenia or https://ameniany.gov/ bidding-opportunities or at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

Please note that www. bidnetdirect.com// townofamenia is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all RFP package information. All Respondents are urged to register to ensure receipt of all necessary information including RFQ addenda. Any Addenda will be emailed from the service and will be available at www.bidnetdirect.com// townofamenia.

Details may be obtained at the Town Clerk 's Office during regular business hours, by calling (845) 373-8860 Ext. 125 or by emailing ownclerk@ameniany.gov.

All envelopes must be clearly marked "Landscape Architect / Engineering Services".

The Amenia Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses.

> Dawn Marie Klingner Amenia Town Clerk 09-25-25

LEGAL NOTICE **TOWN OF AMENIA REQUEST FOR** PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE FOLLOWING **TOWN SERVICE: COMPREHENSIVE** RECREATION **MASTER PLAN TOWN OF AMENIA** RECREATION **COMMISSION**

Proposals are sought and invited by the Town of Amenia Recreation Commission for a planning consulting firm to develop a Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan as set forth herein.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, of the Town of Amenia, until 2:00 PM on November 3, 2025. All proposals must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan, Town of Amenia Recreation Commission". The proposals

will be opened and read aloud on November 5, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

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Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, by calling (845) 373-8860 Ext. 125 or by emailing townclerk@ ameniany.gov.

The Town Board expressly reserves the right to waive any irregularities in a particular proposal, or to accept any proposal or reject any and all proposals, or to award any or all items, as the interest of the Town of Amenia may require. September 25, 2025.

By order of the Town Board, Town of Amenia, New York.

By: Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk Town of Amenia 09-25-25

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAILED BY ALYSSIA LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC) located in Dutchess County, New York by filing

Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on July 15, 2025. Alyssia Morton Beliveau is designated as registered agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Alyssia Morton Beliveau will be mailed any process against it served to 579 Carpenter Hill Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AREA VARIANCE **RELATED TO** PROPERTY LOCATED **14 POWDER HOUSE** ROAD, AMENIA, NEW

YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning

Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on October 6th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Applicant Affenpinscher LLC (the "Applicant") seeks an area variance from the Zoning Law with regard to property located at 14 Powder House Road, Tax Parcel #132000-7167-17-142183 (the "Property,"). The Property is located in a Hamlet Residential ("HR") Zoning District. The Property is approximately 26,789 square feet, where the required minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet for lots with common or municipal water supply but no common or municipal sewage disposal services, pursuant to Section 121-11(D)(1) of the Zoning Law. Applicant therefore seeks an area variance of

approximately 13,211 square

feet and such other variance relief as the ZBA deems necessary and appropriate.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/ Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M. by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122 or email jwestfall@ameniany.gov for comments or questions.

John T. Metcalfe Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town Of Amenia 09-25-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AREA VARIANCE **RELATED TO** PROPERTY LOCATED AT **8 POWDER HOUSE** ROAD, AMENIA, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on October 6th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Applicant Borzoi LLC (the "Applicant") seeks an area variance from the Zoning Law with regard to property located at 8 Powder House Road, Tax Parcel #132000-7167-17-128184 (the "Property,"). The Property is located in a Hamlet Residential ("HR") Zoning District. The Property is approximately 26,354 square feet, where the required minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet for lots with common or municipal water supply but no common or municipal sewage disposal services, pursuant to Section 121-11(D)(1) of the Zoning Law. Applicant therefore seeks an area variance of approximately 13,646 square feet and such other variance relief as the ZBA deems necessary and appropriate.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/ Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M. by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122 or email jwestfall@ameniany.gov for comments or questions.

John T. Metcalfe Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town Of Amenia 09-25-25

TOWN BOARD OF THE **TOWN OF NORTH** EAST **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of North East has caused to be compiled a Benefit Assessment Roll for $the North \, East \, Water \, District$ No. 1 which describes the benefit assessments for 2025-2026.

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for the receipt of comments on the Benefit Assessment Roll on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton, New York 12546.

The Benefit Assessment Roll will be available for public inspection after September 11, 2025 at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

An information sheet containing the procedures for contesting an assessment, complaint forms, and the map of the Water District are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated: September 15, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE NORTH EAST TOWN BOARD Elizabeth "Tilly" Strauss, Town of North East Town Clerk 09-25-25

Powder House Road affordable housing units before the ZBA

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Recently constructed affordable housing units contained within two buildings on Powder House Road came under discussion at the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, Sept. 15. Although construction is complete on one of the duplexes, the owners have yet to be granted a Certificate of Occupancy by the town, needed before ten-

ants can occupy units.

Residents Wooley Pardoe and Olivia Berry, owners of 8 and 14 Powder House Road, were represented at the meeting by Attorney Joshua Mackey, Managing Partner of Mackey Butts and Whalen of Millbrook.

The project at 8 Powder House Road had been awarded a grant from the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in the construction of a duplex housing unit holding two apartments, each with

two bedrooms. The project was seen as a potential model for providing small-scale solutions to local rental housing shortages. The County Housing Trust Fund has as a goal the creation of 100 affordable rental housing units throughout the region.

Following discussion, the project that consists now of two duplex housing units in close proximity, was scheduled for the next meeting of the ZBA on Monday, Oct. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. One of the buildings is completely built; the other is nearing completion. The applicants are seeking an area variance on lot size.

Mackey sought to resolve interpretation of local regulations specifying lot sizes in relation to septic planning, noting that both lot sizes are in excess of the minimum requirements. The construction, he said, conforms to the character of the neighborhood

Following discussion, Mackey and ZBA attorney Robert Stout plan to meet to examine the existing regulations and arrive at an agreeable interpretation in advance of the public hearing.

"They thought they had permission when they were granted a building permit," Mackey explained about the applicants' actions to proceed with construction.

The septic system has received the approval of the local Health Department, Mackey noted.

ZBA member Craig Meili saw potential that the project may be an example of higher density housing, particularly because the applicants described their intention to build another rental unit toward the rear of the property in the future.

The applicants noted the ongoing expense they are incurring in servicing borrowed funds while being unable to receive income from renters while they await a resolution to the situation that is delaying issuance of a CO. They asked that the process be expedited.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The view from Delavergne

Andrea Kozak, seated center, of Wappingers Falls and her family enjoyed a tradition in the making with a picnic made by her mother atop Delavergne Hill in Amenia overlooking the scenic Amenia valley. Joining her are her husband, John Kozak, seated left; parents, Rob, right, and Kim Alfonso; sister Michelle Hinojos and brother-in-law Jaime; and her two daughers, Lorelei and Kayleigh.

Webutuck School District to mark Hispanic Heritage Month

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Students throughout the Webutuck School District will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a program titled La Herencia Hispana on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school. The public is invited to the celebration, now in its second year.

Festivities will include food,

music and dancing. Students have planned a parade down the auditorium aisle behind native flags of the countries of their heritage, followed by a demonstration of dance native to those countries.

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Moose mania in Millbrook

By ALY MORRISSEY alym@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — A moose on the loose has the community abuzz with reports and images of a moose making its way through Millbrook, Clinton Corners and the Town of Washington. While some area residents are excited to share and track the moose's whereabouts, others

are hesitant to share its location to protect its wellbeing.

Over the weekend, conflicting reports of the moose being struck by a vehicle also started to appear on Facebook. New York State Trooper Krystal Paolicelli confirmed one such report. She said, "On September 18, 2025, at approximately 9:30 PM, a Chevy was traveling westbound on State Route 44 in the town of Washington when a moose entered the roadway and struck the vehicle. The moose fled the scene. No injuries were reported."

Multiple members of local Facebook groups reported seeing the moose again since its alleged accident. "He is out walking today," shared one user in the Millbrook NY Community Facebook



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LING

Drivers spotted the moose again Monday morning, Sept. 22, on a farm off the Salt Point Turnpike.

group, "I have seen proof but will not share as the location is obvious to people familiar with our area."

"So happy that Bullwinkle is out and about," another Facebook user replied.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) collects public moose sightings on its website and asks members of the public to report information via a Google Form. Along with its research partners – including SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Cornell University's

Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit and Animal Health Diagnostic Center, the Biodiversity Research Institute and the Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program - DEC is collecting the data that will be used to create a moose management plan for New York State. A public moose sighting tracker shows that areas in Dutchess County have reported between 0 and 25 moose sightings between 2014 and 2022.

They also collect moose photos that are posted to the DEC Flickr page.



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Born in the Dominican Republic, Rosie grew up on her family's 300-acre coffee farm. "Everything we grew, we sold," she recalled. "We never went hungry." At 15, she and her mother moved to Brooklyn, to what she remembers as "the worst neighborhood."

Despite her limited English, Rosie enrolled in college. She started at Hunter College, transferred to Queensborough, and eventually earned an associate's degree in animal science from Mount Ida College in Massachusetts. She still beams when recalling her graduation, when Muhammad Ali handed her diploma across the stage. "I always tell young people, just because you don't have what someone else has, or you don't speak their language, it should never be a barrier to success."

Rosie discovered her love of grooming in 1992, though her animal science training initially led her toward protection work with police dogs. The experience left her unsettled. "I felt like I was training a dog to kill somebody," she said. Grooming and nutrition, instead, became her passion.

Resourcefulness has been a constant theme in Rosie's life. For 16 years, she commuted from Stanfordville to New York City for work, making jewelry on the train to supplement her income. Inspired by a bracelet she received as a gift, she took it apart to study its design, then began crafting her own pieces from wholesale beads. "You have to be creative," she laughed. "I made money before I even got to my dog grooming job."

That same creativity extends to her health. Last year,

Rosie cut starch from her diet — a challenge given her Dominican roots — and lost 40 pounds. She now runs up to 20 miles on the Rail Trail, brews her own teas and begins each morning walking barefoot in the grass, even in the snow. "It might seem crazy, but try it one day," she said. "You'll feel negativity leaving your body."

Her motivation is simple. With diabetes in her family, Rosie wants to stay healthy to see her son grow up. "It changed my life," she said of her transformation.

She also makes a point to give back. She pays a caretaker in the Dominican Republic to check in on her home, even though she doesn't need one, and donates the tips from her grooming shop to those in need.

"When you die, you don't take anything with you," she

Looking ahead, Rosie dreams of returning to school to study psychiatry. "Everybody has challenges and stress," she said, noting that her cultural upbringing has afforded her the gift of communication and connection. "You have to be careful how you talk to people and you have to listen. I think I have a gift for putting myself in other people's shoes."

For now, though, she is content to focus on her dogs, her clients and her family. "I count myself as a blessed person because there is so much happening in the world," she reflected. "I love it here in Amenia. With my own business, I can do what I love and still give back. That's what

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and New York City.

The guidelines recommend vaccination for children ages 6 months to 18 years and all adults.

The NPHC says its recommendations align with several professional medical societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

In a Sept. 18 press release, New York Governor Kathy Hochul said, "Vaccines remain one of the strongest tools we have to safeguard our families and our communities. As Washington continues to launch its misguided attacks on science, New York is making it clear that every resident will have access to the COVID vaccine,

no exceptions. By standing with our partners across the Northeast, we are ensuring that New Yorkers have the protection and the information they need to stay safe and healthy."

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout **Dutchess County. Residents** can get the vaccine at CVS pharmacies in Millerton, Dover Plains or Pleasant Valley, as well as Pine Plains Pharmacy on Church Street and Millbrook Pharmacy on Franklin Avenue. The **Dutchess County Immuni**zation Clinic also hosts vaccine appointments on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about access to COVID-19 vaccines, visit the Dutchess County website.

ICE and protecting the constitutional rights of immigrants. Attendance at the July

meeting tripled and a divided community of supporters and critics attended to voice their opinions. Ultimately, the Board declined to move forward, citing concerns about losing funding for critical infrastructure projects and pointing to an already robust police policy.

Board to draft a local law lim-

iting police cooperation with

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This decision led the advocacy group to question whether the existing policy leaves room for additional protections or clarifications regarding immigrant rights.

Police policies and ICE

The News obtained a full copy of the 93-page Millerton Police Policy, which covers topics like patrol areas, decision-making, chains of command, use of force and use of non-lethal weapons, to name a few. The policy does not explicitly mention immigrants or immigration status.

The closest it comes to the advocacy group's requests requiring judicial warrants for ICE collaboration and not proactively sharing immigration data — is a section on racial profiling added in March 2023 and effective May 1, 2023.

"Racial profiling is a practice that offends fundamental principles of our Constitution ... The Village of Millerton Police Department has an expressed prohibition against racial and ethnic profiling and is forbidden by all standards set forth by the municipality," the policy states on page 68.

Redacted arrest records and incident reports from Jan. 1 to July 26, 2025, obtained by The News show that the department collects standard personal information, such as date of birth and address, but does not record immigration status in a way that could be shared with ICE. However, in two separate incidents, under sections labeled "Suspect" and "Missing/Arrested Person," police captured ethnicity, which was listed as either "Hispanic" or "Not Hispanic."

In a conversation with The Millerton News in August, Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik said he would not ask to see a judicial warrant before aiding in an arrest spearheaded by ICE.

"It's their arrest, so to speak, and we would only be there as a supporting and assisting agency. We're not there to second-guess their policies and procedures."

He added that federal law supersedes state and local law, and "if ICE calls us for assistance and we are on duty - we are mandated to go."

While Millerton Police show no sign of updating their policy, other agencies have.

Beau Duffy, Executive Director of Public Information for the New York State Police, said they do have a policy on immigration matters.

"The New York State Police do not make referrals to federal authorities, nor do we detain a person or inquire about immigration status based on suspicion of civil immigration violations. Our members would only detain, arrest or make a referral to federal authorities if there was probable cause to believe a person has committed a criminal violation," Duffy wrote in an email to The News.

The Hudson Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff's Department have extensive policies, drafted in partnership with the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, that address ICE head-on. The Hudson Police Department policy states that it prioritizes the health, safety and well-being of all community members.

"The Hudson Police Department has long determined that it will give full priority to public safety and justice concerns in preference to rigid enforcement of immigration regulations." The policy states the department will not engage in certain activities solely to enforce federal immigration laws and will honor limited ICE requests with a judicial warrant, while "protecting the due process rights of persons as to whom federal immigration enforcement requests have been made."

ICE spotted in Millerton

Some residents disagree with officials' claims that a "problem does not exist" in Millerton. Speaking anonymously after the July 29 meeting, one witness reported seeing ICE vehicles outside a North Center Street home twice between June and early August. She described black SUVs with tinted windows and officers in black uniforms and duty belts, noting the outfits differed from local police uniforms.

"The officers did take two people from that house and put them into their vehicle. Whether they were released later, I don't know," she said.

While anecdotal, such incidents mirror a nationwide spike in enforcement activity. Community members are using training and rapidresponse planning to ensure neighbors know their rights and that ICE operates within legal bounds.

Regional and national political debate

The Millerton discussion exists within larger regional and national contexts. As of Sept. 16, Connecticut has banned the use of masks "or other covering that obscures the face" by ICE agents while inside a courthouse. The same

policy also prohibits arrests inside the public areas of a courthouse without a judicial

Connecticut Sen. Stephen Harding, a Republican, has criticized these policies, arguing they put undocumented immigrants — even those accused of crimes — before public safety. He described the state as a "sanctuary" for undocumented residents, saying Democrats have limited cooperation with ICE, even in violent cases.

He called the policy "Unbelievable and out of touch," adding that "Republicans continue to fight to uphold our immigration laws while demanding safer streets and respect for the taxpayers' money."

Looking ahead: local support networks

The Millerton group follows in the footsteps of similar organizations across the country, including nearby Vecinos Seguros 2 — which translates to "Safe Neighbors" - in northwest Connecticut. Run by Jill Drew of Sharon, Connecticut, the organization provides training, develops local rapid-response teams, tracks nearby ICE activity and offers support ranging from legal to financial.

"Groups like mine don't

even have a website, and we try to stay under the radar," Drew said. "At the same time, we want people to know we're out here so families know there are safe neighbors."

Last week, Vecinos Seguros 2 held a free public training at the White Hart in Salisbury, Connecticut, focusing on how to respond to ICE operations. The training was led by Berkshire Allies, the community wing of the Berkshire Alliance to Support the Immigrant Community — or BASIC. They shared tips on how to prepare for an ICE interaction, how to spot ICE, how to approach interactions carefully and how to film interactions legally for evidence not for social media.

These types of local trainings connect like-minded residents, allowing them to feel proactive while potentially improving community safety.

"In this area, it's hard to get the word out — most folks only hear about things through social media or a poster at the market," said Aimee Davis of the Millerton group. "Everyone deserves protection, documented or undocumented, if they're participating positively in the community. Advocating for people's safety feels so important."

Millbrook Community Day



Family fun and community were the order of the long-planned Community Day, on Saturday, Sept. 20, as village turned out to welcome visitors from throughout the region for a day of activities, contests, parades, displays, sales and the joy of being together.



A popular feature of the Millbrook Library lawn area was a carpet of children's books being given away for free. Appealing to little Julien Gulbrandsen, 3, of Pleasant Valley was the story of a pancake, being read by her mother Lauren Gulbrandsen. It is likely that the little book went home with them.



To George Whalen IV, relationships are what build community, and lending is a tool that helps people make things happen. He's seen it his whole life the Bank of Millbrook working together with people like you, in this area that's thrived from his great grandfather's generation to his son's.

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Top row, left to right, Caroline Kinsolving, Christopher McLinden, Dana Domenick, Reid Sinclair and Director Hunter Foster. Bottom row, left to right, Will Nash Broyles, Dick Terhune, Sandy York and Ricky Oliver in Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Local talent takes the stage in Sharon Playhouse's production of Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

pening on Sept. 26, Agatha Christie's legendary whodunit "The Mousetrap" brings suspense and intrigue to the Sharon Playhouse stage, as the theater wraps up its 2025 Mainstage Season with a bold new take on the world's longest-running play.

Running from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5, "The Mousetrap" marks another milestone for the award-winning regional theater, bringing together an ensemble of exceptional local talent under the direction of Broadway's Hunter Foster, who also directed this summer's productions of "Rock of Ages" and "Million"

Dollar Quartet." With a career that spans stage and screen, Foster brings a fresh and suspense-filled staging to Christie's classic.

The Playhouse's casting includes Dana Domenick of Falls Village who leads the cast as Mollie Ralston, the newlywed innkeeper with a secret. Reid Sinclair of Norfolk plays Giles, her husband and partner in hospitality — and maybe in something more sinister. Will Nash Broyles from Lakeville plays the eccentric and enigmatic Christopher Wren, and Sandy York of Sharon will play the role of the imperious Mrs. Boyle. Dick Terhune (Litchfield), Caroline

Kinsolving (Salisbury), Ricky Oliver (Pawling), and Christopher Mc-Linden (also Lakeville) round out the cast as the play's increasingly suspicious guests — and one very determined detective.

As always, Sharon Playhouse has gathered a top-tier creative team to match its cast. The Swader brothers (Christopher and Justin) return with their signature scenic designs, while Kathleen DeAngelis's costumes and Bobbie Zlotnik's wigs promise to anchor us firmly in postwar England, even as the plot spirals into timeless psychological suspense. Lighting by Wheeler

Moon and sound design by Graham Stone will help turn the cozy theater into a stage crackling with tension.

If you've never seen "The Mousetrap," here's what you need to know: it's the murder mystery that truly defined the genre. Premiering in London's West End in 1952 and still running strong over 30,000 performances later, Christie's ingenious puzzle unfolds in a snowbound manor house where everyone has something to hide, and no one is safe from suspicion. Its final twist is famously kept secret by audiences - a tradition of theatri-

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Mary Beth Lawlor, publisher/editorin-chief of Litchfield Magazine, and supporter of Plein Air Litchfield, left, and Michele Murelli, Director of Plein Air Litchfield and Art Tripping, right.

ART: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Plein Air Litchfield returns for a week of art in the open air

or six days this autumn, Litchfield will welcome 33 acclaimed painters for the second year of Plein Air Litchfield (PAL), an arts festival produced by Art Tripping, a Litchfield nonprofit.

The public is invited to watch the artists at work while enjoying the beauty of early fall. The new Belden House & Mews hotel at 31 North St. in Litchfield will host PAL this year.

From Sept. 30 through Oct. 5, artists chosen from 100 entries around the country — representing diverse origins as far flung as Punjab, Berlin, and Peru will set up their easels and spend the week recording the landscape, farms, historic buildings, and even restaurant interiors throughout the town. Artists such as Thomas Adkins, Yili Haruni, Katushka Millones,

and Zufar Bikbov will participate.

"The French term plein air means 'out of doors,' referring to the practice of painting entire finished pictures in the open air. The plein air approach was pioneered by John Constable in Britain in the early 19th century," according to The Tate Gallery in London.

Thursday, Oct. 2, is "Paint the Historic District Day," when artists make paintings of early buildings.

Norfolk artist Sam Guindon will give a painting demonstration in the meadow by Tapping Reeve Law School at 82 South St. at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Nicole Carpenter, curator of the Litchfield Historical Society, will present "Landscape Visions: Artistic Depictions of Litchfield," exploring the role artists play in documenting regional history, at 4 p.m.

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Folk, food and fall views at annual Stissing Center fundraiser

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture is hosting its Harvest Sunset Celebration at Globe Hill in Pine Plains on Saturday, Sept. 27. Set against panoramic views, the event promises an evening of music, locally sourced food, and community spirit — all in support of year-round arts programming.

The celebration will feature a performance by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, the renowned folk duo best known for their rendition of Ashokan Farewell, used as the the hauntingly beautiful theme from Ken Burns' "The Civil War." Their evocative blend of Appalachian, Cajun, and Celtic music has earned them a lasting place in American acoustic music.

Opening the musical lineup is Long Steel Rail, a dynamic bluegrass trio. The evening will be emceed by Ophira Eisenberg, comedian, author, and host of NPR's "Ask Me Another." Eisenberg is known for her sharp wit and engaging presence on both stage and radio.

A seasonal harvest dinner will be prepared by The Farmer's Wife, a local favorite recog-



PHOTO BY ALICIA KING

Amazing views from Globe Hill in Pine Plains will be the backdrop for this year's fundraiser for The Stissing Center.

nized for celebrating farms — and seasonal ingredients — from the area. The dinner will be accompanied by local beverages and set amid the natural beauty of Globe Hill's expansive landscape.

The Harvest Sunset Celebration serves as a vital fundraiser for The Stissing Center. Proceeds support accessi-

ble ticket pricing, free children's programming, and diverse arts offerings throughout the year.

"This event is really a celebration of The Stissing Center's deep connection to our community," said Gwen Greene, President of the Board. "The spectacular venue, the extraordinary entertainment, and the

delicious local food and beverages are all a part of our commitment to this area. By the same token, the breadth and depth of our programming also speaks to our mission to bring to our audiences something that each and every person can enjoy. We are very excited to share this celebration with our friends and neighbors."

Executive Director Patrick Trettenero added, "As summer turns to fall, this is the perfect moment to gather, give thanks, and support something meaningful. There's no better way

to celebrate the season than with delicious local food, world-class music, and one of the most spectacular views in the Hudson Valley."

Tickets are available at thestissingcenter.org

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cal discretion that only deepens the sense of shared experience.

"The enduring success of 'The Mousetrap' lies in its suspense, yes, but also in its structure," said the Playhouse's Artistic Director Carl Andress. "It's a masterclass in storytelling. And with **Hunter Foster leading** this incredible cast of local artists, we know

our audiences are in for an evening of mystery, laughter, and yes, plenty of gasps.

Tickets are available now at SharonPlayhouse.org.

...Plein Air Litchfield Continued from previous page

Thursday at the Oliver Wolcott Library at 160 South St. The talk is free, and all are welcome.

The public is also invited to the historic firehouse at Belden House at 6 p.m. for a free art show of the works created that day.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Judge of Awards Eric Forstmann, a Litchfield County artist, will announce the winners at the Gala Art Show and Sale in the historic Firehouse property of Belden House & Mews, where all displayed artwork will be available for purchase.

Finally, on Sunday morning, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, everyone is invited to a three-hour fun "Quick Paint" event. Open to artists of all levels, with additional prizes, the event will be held in the Tapping

Reeve Meadow at 82 South St. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

Art Tripping was founded in 2018 by Michele Murelli, whose mission is to create community art events and show how art enhances

quality of life. Murelli and her team of volunteers have organized Plein Air Litchfield, 2025.

Visit the PAL website, www.pleinairlitchfield. com for information and to purchase tickets to the Gala Art Show and Sale.



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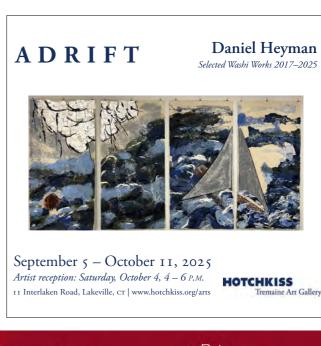
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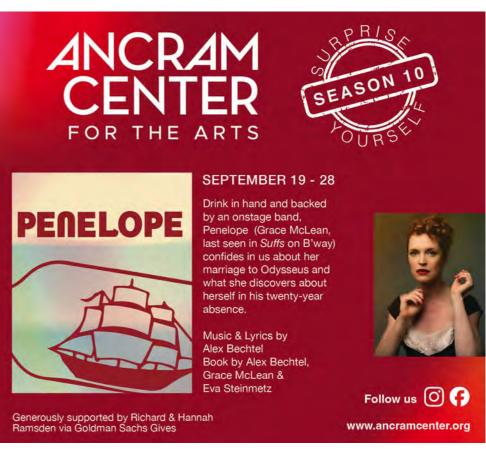
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Tangled warm water report

spent August floating around a warmwater lake annoying largemouth bass, primarily. There were a few smallmouth in the mix, plus the odd pickerel, bluegill and perch.

But the main event involved largemouth bass.

After playing around with various alternatives I relied mostly on a 10 foot 7 weight rod with a short sink tip and a 9 foot 8 weight rod for surface fishing, which was lousy.

It might have something to do with the blistering heat. The lake is not particularly deep, 10 to 20 feet most of the way, and even at dawn surface water temperatures were at or near 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Even bass draw the line somewhere.

My theory is they simply won't expend the energy to come to the surface if they can't breathe when they get there.

So almost everything worth catching was caught subsurface.

Feeling experimental, I tried using an abbreviated nylon leader. It started out as a 7 foot leader, tapered to 1X.

I immediately cut off two feet and added back two feet of 1X fluorocarbon tippet, with a dropper. I tied the dropper long because I then attached a small swivel and clip, reasoning



Tangled LINES PATRICK L Sullivan

that a) the extra weight wouldn't hurt and b) it's a lot easier than retying everything all the time. I put another, larger swivel and clip on the end of the leader.

I wasn't sure if chucking all this hardware would work or just result in endless tangles. It took a little getting used to but soon enough I was working two streamers, big, small, weighted and unweighted, in different combinations without any real problems.

There were some highlights. One came when someone relaxing on a dock one evening said to his pal "Fly-fishing a lake like this is a waste of time."

Sound travels over water and I heard this clearly from the other side of the lake.

For once the planets were aligned. No sooner had this statement echoed away than there was the kind of weird tug on the line that means there are two fish attached, both swimming in different directions.

I wound up with about five pounds total of largemouth.

I held the net up so Mr. Smarty Pants could see but the mosquitoes had chased him inside.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

If you fish two flies at a time, you have to consider the possibility of catching two fish at a time.



The pontoon boat is essentially a floating chair, propelled by oars and/or swim fins. I had another one going for a while but it blew a seam and my buddy had to beach it in a hurry.

Here's a tip. If you're fishing two flies at once and get a double, detach the bottom fish first. If you release the one on the dropper first, you then have a fly swinging wildly around as you deal with the fish on the bottom.

The fly will hook something. If you're lucky it will be clothing. If you're not lucky, your hand or leg.

Ask me how I know this.

It was a relaxing kind of routine. No pressure, no urge to see what is around the next bend. I've been fishing this lake for decades now and it's predictable.

Then back up to camp for the frugal meal and a book read by kerosene lantern, with the Mets fading in and out on the AM radio.

All in all, fairly idyllic. But there is a distinct whiff of autumn in the air as I peck this out on Aug. 26. That means that Tangled Lines will be shifting westward soon for Catskill trout fishing adventures.

Coming up: Trout Spey fishing. I have no idea what it means but that's what I will be learning.



Two worlds: different perspectives in painting

The UCC Parish House in Cornwall hosted an opening reception Sunday, Sept. 21, for a new art show by two painters. Michael Worobec, who worked for more than 25 years as a commercial artist and landscape designer, presented his paintings inspired by Cornwall's geography. Lisa Orleman, a student of the Silvermine School of Art in New Canaan, Connecticut, displayed a masterful use of color in her surreal still-life paintings. The show will be on display through Oct. 23.















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■ SEPTEMBER 26

Cornwall Days

Various locations, Cornwall,

Sept. 26 to 28, A weekend of live music and theater featuring Bruce T. Carroll on Friday, Crown Back Funk Trio, RIP Dunes and Matt Sucich on Saturday and Grumbling Gryphon's Childrens Theater on Sunday. For complete schedule and more info, visit: explorecornwallct.

Community Sound Bath in Gridley Chapel

Gridley Chapel, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. Join us for a soothing sound bath of Tibetan and crystal singing bowls, gongs, and chimes. Bring your own yoga mat and blanket!

■ SEPTEMBER 27

Mushroom Walk

Ballyhack Preserve, Dibble Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Dave Paton leads a mushroom walk through Ballyhack Preserve Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register online at cornwallconservation trust.org, and check before coming.

Book Signing

The Wish House, 413 Sharon-Goshen Tpke, Cornwall, Conn.

The Wish House will be hosting a book signing with local children's book author/illustrator Valorie Fisher and her newest book, "Look and Cook Sweet" on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to benefit the Cornwall Library.

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ART EXHIBIT: Kiva Motnyk - Opening Reception + Artist Talk + **Textile Workshop**

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

Workshop is 1 to 3 p.m. Opening reception is 4 to 5 p.m. with artist talk 5 to 6 p.m.

Solo exhibition of fiberbased wall works by New York artist Kiva Motnyk, presented in collaboration with Object & Thing. Motnyk's work incorporates natural dyes made from materials collected at Troutbeck, including botanical and kitchen waste. The exhibition includes a site-specific commission for the library windows and new textile pieces inspired by the Catskills landscape.

Annapurna - Play Reading by Tangent **Theatre**

The Moviehouse, Theater 3, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. Sept. 27 | 7 p.m. (Doors 6)

Tangent Theatre Company presents a staged reading of Annapurna by Sharr White. Featuring Maggie Adams McDowell and Michael Rhodes. Directed by Tracy Carney. Tickets \$10 (online purchase only). General admission. Wine, beer, and light snacks available.

More info & tickets: bit.ly/ AnnapurnaMoviehouse **Tickets**

Plight of a Loyalist in **Revolutionary New** York. The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr.

Smithfield Presbyterian Church, Lower Level, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y.

Sept. 27, 2 p.m. "Plight of a Loyalist in Revolutionary New York, The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr." Guest Speaker: Jay A. Campbell

Hosted by: Amenia **Historical Society**

Fall Author Series

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

National Book Awardwinning Susan Choi will read from and discuss her latest novel, Flashlight. which was just longlisted for this year's Booker Prize. Dwight Garner of the New York Times declared Choi "a major world writer...[who] is in thrilling command." Flashlight traces a father's disappearance across time, nations, and memory and chases the shock waves of one family's catastrophe, even as they are swept up in the invisible currents of history. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m. for a thoughtprovoking afternoon with Susan Choi.

Twelfth Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour

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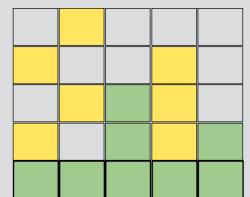
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The self-guided 12th **Annual Berkshire Pottery** Tour is self-guided studio tour in a geographic loop that brings visitors through Richmond, West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Great Barrington, and Monterey. Participants can begin the tour at any studio. A detailed map and video previews of several studios are available on the Berkshire Pottery Tour website.

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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. Loose fitting clothes
- 2. Hawaiian greeting
- 3. Boardwalk for boats
- 4. A boxer's wingspan
- 5. Surprise landing at Lime Rock

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■ SEPTEMBER 28

CROP Hunger Walk Congregational Church

of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

For the 42nd consecutive year, the Northwest CT **CROP Hunger Walk will** raise funds to end hunger. Walkers will meet at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m., to walk together for an essential cause.

■ SEPTEMBER 29

Writer's Workshop Course

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. This fall, acclaimed author and advertising veteran Jim Flaherty will lead a seven-week writer's workshop, beginning Monday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at

the library. Writers of all

genres and generations

are encouraged to

participate.

Registration link: hotchkisslibrary.libcal. com/event/14889442

■ SEPTEMBER 30

The Effects of Light Pollution on Birds, Wildlife and Humans

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

On Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host The **Effects of Light Pollution** on Birds, Wildlife and Humans with Lights Out Connecticut. Our state is located along the Atlantic Flyway, so many birds use our shoreline and green spaces to rest and refuel during their trip north. Artificial light emitted by houses, buildings, streetlights, bridges, and other structures can confuse and disorient birds, causing them to land near buildings, crash into windows, or circle around for hours until they drop from exhaustion. Light pollution also impacts other wildlife and the well-being of humans. Learn what can be done to mitigate the damage. The lecture will be given by Craig Repasz, chair and co-founder of Lights Out Connecticut and an

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Curating at the Morgan

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

Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.

The Cornwall Library presents Claire Gilman, Acquavella Curator and Department Head of Modern and **Contemporary Drawings** at the Morgan Library & Museum, in conversation with author and art writer Robert Becker, Gilman will discuss her curatorial work and the exhibition Lisa Yuskavage: Drawings. Reception to follow.

In-person only. Registration requested: cornwalllibrary.org/ events

R. Carlos Nakai with Will Clipman at The Stissing Center

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

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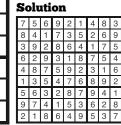
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Pine Plains homes selling for 50% more than last year

By CHRISTINE BATESSpecial to the Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — Pine Plains's five real estate transfers recorded in August ranged broadly from homes on small lots to two parcels of 67+ acres selling for very different prices, including a property that the Durst Organization bought in 2010 for \$915,000 according to Dutchess Parcel Access.

The 12-month trailing median price of a single-family home sold in August remained the same as July at \$555,000 — 55.5% more than in August of 2024.

Inventory is limited with only 15 houses for sale in mid-September, again across a broad range with four under \$500,000 and five over a million with a median listing price of \$575,000. There are eight parcels of land for sale totaling 2,300 acres of land selling for an average of \$17,740 an acre.

6 Carla Terrace — 3 bedroom/1.5 acres ranch on .45 acres sold to Lawrence Bracone for \$285,000.

2067 Route 83 - 3 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1910 sold to Erika Murdoch for \$665,000.

129-133 Mount Ross Road — 6 bedroom/4 bath home built in 1880 with 67.08 acres sold to Raquel Ayala for \$520,000.



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The 1910 home on 67 acres at 129-133 Mount Ross Road was purchased by 1113 Taconic LLC, the Durst Organization, in 2010 for \$915,000 and sold in August for \$520,000.

259-263 Hicks Hill Road — mobile home on 1 acre sold to William S Strang for \$65,000.

53 Brooks Road — multiple residences on 67.7 acres sold to Kenneth Williams for \$2,525,000.

*Town of Pine Plains

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property transfers in August are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Market data from One Key MLS and Infosparks. Compiled by

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DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Sept. 4 to Sept 17.

Sept. 4 — Deputies responded to 807 Route 22 in the Town of Pawling for a possible burglary in progress. Investigation revealed this to be a criminal mischief to a garage door. Investigation ongoing.

Sept. 4 — Deputies responded to 298 Perotti Road in North East for the larceny of equipment from the AT&T cellular tower site. Investigation ongoing at this time.

Sept. 4 — Deputies report the arrest of Gerson A. Garcia, age 28, for Criminal Possession of a weapon and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop at Route 55/Rock Lane in the Village of Pawling. At the time of stop was found to possess an illegal loaded handgun. Subject to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Sept. 10 — Deputies responded to 160 Holsapple Road lot 189 in the Town of Dover for an out-of-control male throwing items in the residence. Matter was determined to be a mother/son domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Sept. 11 — Deputies responded to Merwin Road in North East for a husband versus wife domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention. Mil-

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lerton Police Department assisted at the scene.

Sept. 14 — Deputies investigated a one car property damage Automobile accident on Route 199 in Pine Plains. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Richard Buckley, age 79, for driving while intoxicated. Subject to appear in the Town of Pine Plains Court at a later date

Sept. 14 — Deputies responded to the area of 207 Rudd Pond Road in the Town of North East for a report of an automobile accident involving a vehicle into a utility pole. Upon deputies' arrival, it was determined that the vehicle's operator had fled the scene. Investigation ongoing.

Sept. 14 — Deputies report the arrest of Sebastian Choc Cac, age 37, for driving while intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of 6 N. Center St. in Millerton. Choc Cac to appear in the Town of North East Court at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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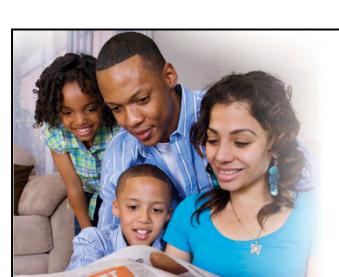
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