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The label bearing the hotly disputed “Gulf of America” designation was changed via an order by LaBonne’s Markets to its wholesaler.

LaBonne’s Markets responds to outcry over shrimp label

By ALEC LINDEN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Within a day of Salisbury shoppers complaining about a frozen shrimp label bearing the federally-mandated “Gulf of America” place name, LaBonne’s Markets had already had it changed.

Rob LaBonne III, president of the four-location grocery store chain, said the label alteration had actually been ordered long before complaints began in town.

“As a grocery store, we have to be everything to everybody,” LaBonne said. “We have people from all walks of life and political backgrounds who work for us, shop with us.”

LaBonne explained that although a flood of emails and calls — about 20, he reported — came in on Monday, Sept. 22, to complain about the packaging, the store had actually ordered the label to be changed about a month prior in response to a complaint from a customer at the Prospect location, one of the grocery store’s three other locations in Connecticut.

The concentrated outcry in Salisbury came as the result of Sharon resident and political organizer Jill Drew writing about the shrimp label in her twice-per-week email blast “Today’s Action,” which reaches hundreds of subscribers across the region.

President Trump in January issued an executive order to rename the body of water, which has been referred to as the Gulf of Mexico for more than 400 years and is not owned by any one nation. Only federal agencies within the U.S. are legally bound to use the title.

LaBonne said that while the response was intense, he called back everyone who reached out and found that they quickly appreciated the misunderstanding.

“Everyone I talked to was like, ‘no, we knew you guys wouldn’t do this,’” he said. “We don’t want to get mixed up with people thinking we’re making a political statement with bagged shrimp,” he added, reiterating that the company had acted on the

issue well before the Sept. 22 complaints came in.

He explained that the label, which had actually been on the shelves since June, was not LaBonne’s doing but the result of the distributor following Google Maps’ usage of the title as well as an attempt to indicate that the shrimp were harvested in the U.S. rather than abroad. LaBonne said that the store requested the label change immediately after the complaint at the Prospect location, but that the distributor had to sell through the remaining stock bearing the “Gulf of America” label.

LaBonne’s had the distributor print blank labels to cover the ones still in the aisle on the day complaints came in. New labels eliminate the “Gulf of America” title and simply say “Product of the USA” to indicate their origin.

Salisbury resident Amy Lake, who was the first to bring the issue to Drew’s attention, said she was surprised to see what she saw as nationalist overreach showing up in LaBonne’s, which is a cherished community business.

Lake said that she was “kind of shaken by what [she] saw as jingoism in the aisle,” and was moved to act. She emphasized that the residential voice, and consumer choice, are the “tools of democracy.”

“I just have to credit LaBonne’s responsiveness to the community,” Lake said. “Within 24 hours they had addressed our complaint.”

Drew similarly praised the store’s handling of the issue and lauded its affirmation that “politics doesn’t belong in the grocery aisle,” in her words.

“We didn’t have an argument,” said Drew. “We had a conversation. Our country needs more of these conversations across many issues.”

LaBonne said the personal conversations are what makes LaBonne’s the community store that it is. “I encourage people to either reply or give us a call,” he said.

“We’re happy to hear everybody out. We never turn anyone away, and we want to always be better and make sure people feel comfortable shopping with us.”

Sharon breaks ground on new affordable homes ahead of housing summit

By RUTH EPSTEIN
Special to the Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — The turning of the dirt signaled the hope for four families to find their dream of affordable housing.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on Sept. 29 at the former Community Center on Gay Street (Route 41) where the Sharon Housing Trust is planning to place four affordable units. Dignitaries, including Commissioner of Housing Selia Mosquera-Bruno, were in attendance, along with many Sharon residents and members of affordable housing organizations from around the region.

Richard Baumann, chairman of the trust, began by explaining the trust already owns three buildings contiguous to the center, each containing two affordable apartments.

“The former owner kept them affordable and we’re building on that,” he said, emphasizing the generosity of so many people. “He sold them to us below market value and then took the mortgage. We still had a shortfall of \$100,000 and an anonymous person gave us a bridge loan that we were later able to pay back.” Several times Baumann talked about the remarkable way in which this is all coming together.

The building was the former Masonic temple, which is owned by the town. It has leased it to the trust for 99 years.

“The next remarkable thing was that the town applied for a \$1 million grant from the state and didn’t get it,” he said. “We rolled the projects together — rehabbing the center and upgrading the six apartments — and the state doubled our money. We now have \$2 million to do them.”

He then introduced Sharon resident Lyden Miller, a world-renowned landscape designer, who will donate her expertise in creating the look of the grounds.

First Selectman Casey Flanagan, looking up at the structure, said it has served the community for nearly 100 years and now will continue to do so in a different form.

“Sharon is a town that values its character, its history and most importantly its people,” he said. “We



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Breaking ground for the project that will convert the Community Center in Sharon into four affordable apartments are, from left: Richard Baumann, chairman of Sharon Housing Trust, First Selectman Casey Flanagan, Commissioner of Housing Selia Mosquera-Bruno and State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64.

recognize that for our community to thrive, we must ensure that families, seniors and young professionals can afford to live here. Whether it’s through renovation of existing properties thoughtful development or creative use of town-owned land, we’re committed to solutions that preserve Sharon’s charm while making it more accessible to those who want to call it home.”

He said this project is a creative solution that reflects both fiscal responsibility and compassion.

State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, said, “I get such pleasure out of the frequency of these groundbreakings.”

Mosquera-Bruno, after some ribbing from Baumann, promised she’d try to expedite the funding.

“Congratulations to this milestone and we thank the governor and legislature for their support of housing,” said Mosquero-Bruno. “The reality is we’re putting more shovels in the ground than

ever before.”

Following the ceremony, the annual Housing Summit, sponsored by Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity was held next door at Sharon Center School. Affordable housing organizations manned booths on the school grounds, showcasing their projects in great detail.

The program then moved indoors where Jocelyn Ayer, director of LCCHO, addressed the crowd and said they are working on 18 projects in 12 towns. Water bottles with the slogan “Put US back in housing” were distributed.

Mosquera-Bruno gave statistics about all the affordable units that have, or are going up, around the state. Nandini Natarnjan, CEO of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, who works closely with the commissioner, said solutions to housing have to fit the size and scale of the people and towns here.

“Home ownership is a

dream for so many,” she said. “Our purpose is not just about giving mortgages, but sustaining civic life. It’s about creating futures for the young and older populations.”

Horn spoke about housing on a personal level, saying “Some people we know and love are getting bounced out of their homes. They are intricate pieces of our community and it’s important to remember them.”

The dialogue then shifted to House Bill 5002, with Horn expressing her disappointment that it was vetoed by Gov. Ned Lamont. The bill aimed to implement reforms to make it easier for affordable housing initiatives. Horn and others see this as a setback and she hopes there will be a special session of the legislature to address the matter.

An informal survey on the most engaging display by an affordable housing group and the most informative was held. Norfolk captured the first and Salisbury the second.



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Those attending the annual Housing Summit in Sharon view the displays of affordable housing organizations around the county.

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Jumping competition brings top equestrians to Amenia

By ALY MORRISSEY
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AMENIA — The Silo Ridge Masters Grand Prix drew the world’s top equestrians to the show jumping ring at Keane Stud on Sunday, Oct. 5.

The Grand Prix is the capstone event in the first weekend of the revamped competition. Success in the event depended on an ability to clear 4-foot-11-inch fences accurately and without fault.

Surrounding the competition were spectators on a grassy hill on the south side of the ring, and a row of tents selling clothing, home decor and equestrian gear.

Millbrook business owner

Lily Al-Nemri also attended the event. The owner of Tyte Medispa and Tyte Gallery on Franklin Avenue came to scope out Vendor Village to see if it might be a good fit for community engagement in the future. “I’m having fun, the weather is lovely and I’m happy to be in the community with neighbors close to Millbrook,” said Al-Nemri.

And the “Kid Zone” was packed with pumpkins for decorating, a bouncy house and shaded areas providing a welcome respite from the midday sun. Face-painting, stilt-walkers and a magic show added to the fun.

Hannah Alley-Keller, who lives with her husband and



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

U.S.-based show jumper Kent Farrington took home a portion of \$125,000 in prize money after securing a win in the Silo Ridge Masters Grand Prix on Sunday, Oct. 5.

baby in Dutchess County, grew up around horses in Virginia. She came for the competition but also the family-friendly atmosphere. “We’re here with some friends and are enjoying the social aspect and seeing the horses,” she said.

Inside the ring, Chicago-born Kent Farrington took home the first place trophy after a flawless run around the jump-off, where the top three riders from the Grand Prix go head-to-head to determine their placement.

Animal Farm Foundation in Amenia and Perfect Pets Rescue in the Hudson Valley also had adorable dogs for adoption and are expected to be back next weekend.

The Silo Ridge Masters is just the first weekend in a revamped show jumping

competition now known as the Highlands Horse Show.

The second and final weekend of show jumping competition began on Wednesday, Oct. 8, bringing with it an even higher and more prestigious level of competition that is expected to bring dozens more of the world’s top equestrians to Keane Stud in Amenia.

Third Eye Blind and opener Dinosaur Jr. will be performing at Keane Stud on Friday, Oct. 10, and Leann Rimes and Brothers Osborne will take the stage the following night on Saturday, Oct. 11. Also slated for the second weekend is a car meet on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Lucy Raciti of Millbrook, left, Wyatt Hamm of Rhinebeck, center, and Elliott Raciti of Millbrook, right, paint pumpkins in the Kids Zone at the Silo Ridge Masters show jumping competition in Amenia on Sunday, Oct. 5.



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Pine Plains FFA Ag Fair returns to Stissing Mountain

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains FFA’s Ag Fair is returning to Stissing Mountain High School on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The fair is free and open to the public, and features a full day of classic events and foods for visitors to enjoy.

The antique tractor pull kicks off the day at 9 a.m. Following is a parade from Seymour Smith Elementary to Stissing Mountain High School at 9:30 a.m.

The FFA food booth opens at 10 a.m., offering sausage and peppers, hotdogs, and

hamburgers. The classes and clubs of Stissing Mountain High will be selling refreshments including milkshakes, lemonade and baked potatoes, among other classic fair cuisines.

Closing out the planned events is the pet show at 2 p.m. and Cow Pie Bingo.

A car meet, a livestock show, and a flower show will each take place during the fair. Hot rodders or owners of classic vehicles are invited to the Stissing Mountain High School parking lot where a re-

served section will be waiting for their cars.

The flower show, hosted by the Pine Plains Garden Club, will be located in the high school gym. Sharing the gym is a collection of exhibits by Pine Plains elementary school students and patrons of the Stanford Grange #808.

FFA members will serve their annual roast beef dinner on Friday night before the Ag Fair, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$20 per person at the door.

Governor Hochul implements temporary statewide burn ban

By NATHAN MILLER
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A statewide burn ban is in effect as of Thursday, Oct. 2, the New York State Governor’s office announced in a press release.

The temporary ban is in effect until at least Oct. 15, and the statement released by the governor’s office said the restrictions will be re-

evaluated prior to the Oct. 15 deadline.

Lighting fires for brush or debris disposal and large, uncontained fires for cooking or other purposes are banned until at least Oct. 15 under the statewide order.

Backyard fire pits, contained camp fires no larger than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in diameter, and small, contained cooking fires are still

permitted under the burn ban.

New York State has faced dry conditions all autumn, triggering drought watches and warnings across most of the state.

Dutchess County, along with the other counties in the Catskills region, are under a drought watch according to the Department of Environmental Conservation’s drought condition map.



Queenie, a 1.5 year-old Chicken, with her owner Tom Popp of Amenia getting blessed by Rev. AJ Stack. Queenie donates fresh eggs to the St. Thomas Episcopal Food Pantry each week.



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Blessed pets

Peter Doebele, left, of Amenia and Thomas Bucelwicz, center, of Amenia had their 14-year-old rescue cat named Baby blessed by Reverend AJ Stack, right, of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia.

Correction

AMENIA — The recently completed duplexes at 8 and 14 Powder House Road that were the subject of the Sept. 15 Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and the Oct. 6 public hearing of the ZBA are market-rate housing constructed fully at the cost of the developers and not affordable housing units as originally reported. The developers have not begun construction on the duplex for which they were granted \$200,000 from the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund. They are seeking a special permit to allow construction of that duplex on 8 Powder House Road.



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This coming weekend is filled with great events to celebrate the height of fall colors! First, Salisbury is having its 68th Fall Festival, which will be filled with wonderful food, music (think Joint Chiefs and the Salisbury Town Band), face painting hay rides, etc. The celebration will start on Friday the 10th and run through Sunday, so excellent family activities! To explore all the opportunities for the Fall Festival, please go to: www.salisburyfallfestival.org/. And, for the outdoor enthusiasts, Great Mountain Forest is hosting its Tour de Forest and Icebox Gravel bicycle events. The Tour de Forest is 13 miles and the Icebox Gravel is 30 miles, on both gravel and town roads. To register, please visit: www.bikereg.com/norfolk-ct-tour-de-forest. For more information on other events at the Great Forest, go to: greatmountainforest.org/mission-history/.



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Rhys V. Bowen

LAKEVILLE — Rhys V. Bowen, 65, of Foxboro, Massachusetts, died unexpectedly in his sleep on Sept. 15, 2025. Rhys was born in Sharon, Connecticut, on April 9, 1960 to Anne H. Bowen and the late John G. Bowen. His brother, David, died in 1979.



Rhys grew up at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, where his father taught English. Attending Hotchkiss, Rhys excelled in academics and played soccer, basketball, and baseball. During these years, he also learned the challenges and joys of running, and continued to run at least 50 miles a week, until the day he died.

In 1982 after graduating summa cum laude from Harvard College, Rhys returned to Hotchkiss to teach biology, where he met his wife of 35 years, Rebecca (Becky) Snow. After two years of teaching, he worked at a research field site in Borneo, then went on to the University of California, Davis where he earned a PhD in Animal Behavior in 1995.

Rather than follow an academic tenure track, Rhys preferred the solitary focus of field ornithology, and he spent several decades researching the ecology of bird species in California and on Cape Cod and the Islands. Rhys

believed passionately in supporting biodiversity through habitat preservation. His proudest achievements, therefore, came through his work for the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, in New Hampshire, where he served on committees and the Board of Trustees for twenty years, including three years as Chair.

Deeply intellectual and curious, Rhys learned Homeric Greek so he could read The Odyssey and The Iliad in their original language. An amateur Melville scholar, he would wax poetic about reading Moby-Dick for the umpteenth time. Rhys's spirit was filled by the performing arts. Concerts by the Handel and Haydn Society and Boston Early Music Festival often brought tears to his eyes, while Boston Bluegrass Union shows delivered toe-tapping fidgetiness.

Rhys will be missed by his wife, Becky Snow, his mother, Anne Bowen, extended family, friends, and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A service will be held at The Hotchkiss School chapel on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 at 1 p.m..

In honor of Rhys's memory, donations can be made to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Kelsey K. Horton

LAKEVILLE — Kelsey K. Horton, 43, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut, following a courageous battle with cancer. Kelsey worked as a certified nursing assistant and administrative assistant at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, from 1999 until 2024, where she was a very respected and loved member of their nursing and administrative staff.



Born Oct. 4, 1981, in Sharon, she was the daughter of W. Craig Kellogg of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and JoAnne (Lukens) Tuncy and her husband Donald of Millerton, New York. Kelsey graduated with the class of 1999 from Webutuck High School in Amenia and from BOCES in 1999 with a certificate from the CNA program as well. She was a longtime member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church in Lakeville. On Oct. 11, 2003, in Poughkeepsie, New York, she married James Horton. Jimmy survives at home in Lakeville. Kelsey loved camping every summer at Waubeeka Family Campground in Copake, and she volunteered as a cheer coach for A.R.C. Cheerleading for many years. Kelsey also enjoyed hiking and gardening in her spare time and spending time with her loving family and many dear friends. In addition to her husband and parents, Kelsey is survived

by her two beloved children, Hunter Horton and Aryanna Horton, both of Lakeville; a step-brother, Jason Tuncy of East Hartford, Connecticut; her mother-in-law, Frances "Fran" Horton and her brother-in-law, Benjamin D. Horton III and his wife Penny of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and their son, Alec, and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, Benjamin D. Horton, Jr. in 2017.

There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Millerton American Legion Post # 178, Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. A time to celebrate Kelsey and share stories and memories. Memorial contributions may be made to The Jane Lloyd Fund. Please make checks payable to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (please note in memo line, The Jane Lloyd Fund) and mail to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N. Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

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

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

William Daniel Royall

FLORIDA — William Daniel Royall, passed away on Sept. 27, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York. Bill was born in Brooklyn, New York, on Sept. 22, 1940. He was the son of George Peyton Royall, Sr. and Catherine O'Leary Royall. Bill was the younger brother to George P. Royall and the older brother to Thomas J. Royall.



After graduating St. Michael's Diocesan High School in Brooklyn, known as the school that would never die, with academic and athletic honors and a full scholarship offering to several colleges and universities across the country, Bill selected Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Upon receiving his bachelor's degree, he began his 30 year career with IBM, during which time, he took a leave to serve as First Lieutenant with the United States Army.

Once retired from IBM, Bill established a 25 year run

with Essex software, a small consulting firm in Westchester, New York, where he and his family lived for 46 years.

Keeping the passion for athletics in his life, Bill joined the Hudson Valley Orienteering Club, participating in orienteering events across the country.

Never giving up his love for track and field sports, Bill participated in the upstate Empire State Senior Games and the Long Island Senior Games annually.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Wilma Royall, son Michael Peyton Royall, daughter Julie Catherine Royall, grandsons Orin Duffy Royall and Emmett Walden Royall.

There was a small Military Service to honor Bill on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Homes, 41 Main Street, Sharon, CT. Burial was held at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11:30AM.

Randall Osolin

SHARON — Randall "Randy" Osolin passed away on Sept. 25, 2025, at the age of 74. He was born on Feb. 6, 1951, in Sharon, Connecticut to the late Ramon (Sonny) and Barbara (Sandmeyer) Osolin.

He was a dedicated social worker, a natural athlete, a gentle friend of animals, an abiding parish verger, an inveterate reader, and an estimable friend and neighbor. He was a kind-hearted person whose greatest joy was in helping someone in need and sharing his time with his family and good friends.

He was the beloved husband of Karen LaChance Osolin; the loving brother of Bruce Osolin and the late Gail Osolin Leo; the devoted uncle of Kyle and Andrew Osolin and Taylor LaChance; the brother-in-law of Debra LaChance; and the cousin of Brenda Curran, Jay Pickering and Audra Salazar.

To honor Randy's memory, do a good deed for another or send a donation to the Little Guild, 258 Sharon-Goshen Road, West Cornwall, CT 06796. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Sharon Audubon bird seed sale returns this fall

SHARON — The Sharon Audubon Center, located at 325 Cornwall Bridge Road is once again offering Lizzie Mae's brand bird seed to customers at a special discounted price through a fall pre-order bird seed sale in order to stock up for feeding the birds over the winter.

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website (audubon.org/sharon) and Facebook page, or by mailing in a completed form and payment. All orders and payments must be received by Oct. 20.

Additional bags may be purchased on the day of pickup but will be sold at regular price.

Customers will be notified by phone or email when the orders are in, and seed can then be picked up during Audubon's current regular business hours (Thursday to Saturday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.) or by appointment by making arrangements in advance with a staff member.

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canaanctumc@gmail.com
We hope you will join us!

Celebration of Life

Jack Burcroff

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jack Burcroff at the Cream Hill Lake Association on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. The address is 238 Town St, West Cornwall, Connecticut. Bring your Jack stories and memories and join us for a retrospective of Jack's life.

YOUR NEWS

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Next space tech will cost consumers

The big question facing Congress is this: Can we afford space exploration? And the bigger question they are shying away from is: Can we afford not to expand publicly funded space exploration?

Part of the question comes down to ill-informed members of Congress who have not educated themselves on the past benefits — benefits for all walks of life — that have been generated by past space exploration. Like that computer, your cell phone, weather forecasting, CAT scans, 50% of modern medicines, and, never least, the very industrial manufacturing processes which are 100% dependent on inventions made in developing past space exploration — simply put, there is nothing in any part of your life — from your car, to the heating system in your house, to every second you watch on TV that have not been generated because of inventions — innovation — brought about by past space exploration.

Okay, got it? Now stop and ask yourself if we should fund further space exploration? The answer is, everything you thought as being set in stone, every part of your day to day life, will change once again. How much change? Just as the horse and buggy changed to the car, the dial-up phone changed to that cell phone in your pocket, the coming change is greater, more potent. That's science and innovation, not political ignorance.

Now, there is a problem. The current Administration is cutting basic science and NASA funding. They prefer to allow the commercial industries to spend money and reap the rewards, not for the people, but for the captains of

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

industry and Wall Street. Will that mean the change will not come? No, it'll come, but the benefits will come in a commercial sense only. 60% of the cost of that cell phone in your pocket came from taxpayer investment, causing no commercial amortization. The next spin-off from space technology will be fully commercial and cost accordingly.

On top of which, this Administration is shifting funds from NASA's budget to the Space Force... \$1,000,000,000,000 (yes, one trillion) in 2026. And we all know that trickle-down technology from the military takes a decade longer to reach public benefit. Think I'm kidding? The carbon fiber technology for the B-2 bomber of the mid-80s has not yet been realized in commercial aircraft — which would allow 50% greater range per fuel load per flight, cutting your plane ticket cost in half.

Meanwhile, China is outspending us on space exploration and development, consistently increasing their budget 10% a year and, yes, they might well arrive back on the moon first and reap known and unknown benefits before us. Some possible good news? NASA's plans for a return to Moon, commercial or national, is a top priority for the Acting Administrator... "We can't waste a day," Acting NASA Administrator Sean Duffy said. Let's see if Congress is listening.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drago's achievements and focus are right for residents of District 19

As a senior citizen in District 19, I would like to thank Chris Drago for his effective work on the issue of emergency medical services, and to urge District 19 voters to re-elect him as our representative to the Dutchess County Legislature.

Chris's efforts to improve EMS services for our region resulted in a \$2 million appropriation for supplemental EMS coverage. While supporting the important efforts of our EMS volunteers, Chris is working toward a long-term plan to lower costs while ensuring more consistent and reliable service for everyone in Dutchess County — including Northern Dutchess, where response times are currently longer than in the southern part of the county.

Chris has also worked to secure a \$6 million grant to support ADU housing, and to help fund a new mental health center in Rhinebeck. And he has helped to expose wasteful County spending and pushed for greater transparency and accountability in how the County spends our tax dollars.

Chris's opponent, Tonya Pulver, is a school psychologist whose "big experience with politics" consists of her mother's service on the Pine Plains Town Board and the experience of her husband, Gregg Pulver, on the Pine Plains Town Board, as Town Supervisor and in the County Legislature. (The New

Pine Plains Herald, March 14, 2025). The Dutchess County Conservative Party, in endorsing Ms. Pulver, pointed to her "name recognition which plays a big part when running for political office..." (id.).

As for her motivation in running for Legislator, Ms. Pulver said that she wishes to give back to her community and that "I have a little bit of extra time in my life, and it's something worth trying." (Id.)

In my opinion, Chris Drago's focus and achievements in the areas of EMS, housing and mental health services in our district show a far more substantial drive and motivation for serving as District 19 Legislator than someone with extra time on her hands who wants to try something new.

Furthermore, the fact that Gregg Pulver currently serves in the appointed position of Deputy County Executive raises the question of whether Tonya Pulver would be a truly independent voice in the Legislature, particularly in view of the fact that her husband, after losing elections, has been favored with two appointments to County office.

We need a Legislator with no baggage, no political obligations and no interests other than those of us — the residents of District 19.

Amy Rothstein

Pine Plains



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charlie Miller shows his work, shows up

There are eight people running for four positions on Amenia's Town Board. And it may be confusing about who will actually work best for this Town.

But do you really know them and what they bring? They may claim to have done things that resonate with us but what's our proof? What

have they done specifically for the Town? Do we know how long they struggle to figure things out? Things that have a deadline?

I have seen proof for one of the candidates and I solidly endorse Charlie Miller for Town Board.

I was a member of both Wastewater and Affordable

Housing Committees long enough to know how consistently and thoroughly Charlie Miller learns his stuff and is able to inform committee members on every relevant detail of a subject. He volunteered and chaired tirelessly and faithfully for years to better the Town.

Engineering reports, done, planning reports, done, surveys, done. Several community information sessions and engagements, done. Several detailed presentations, done. All for wastewater solutions and affordable housing, both of which we need.

Through endless research he did the heavy lifting for us all. He continues to get things done for us now and for future generations as the Chair of both committees and the Town's current Budget Officer.

If you think that's good enough, there's more. Charlie has a brilliant and quick mind when it comes to numbers, math, calculations. I once needed a budget done for a grant I was applying for (A/C heat pumps in gym.) After being rebuffed by our contracted grant writers and facing a looming deadline, Charlie quickly calculated the budget with time to spare, as a volunteer who truly cares.

As Chairman of the Amenia Housing Board Charlie led the way to increase developer fees to \$2.3 million from \$610,000. Working with the Supervisor, he led the bidding process for a new Water Engineer, Highway Garage Engineer and Wastewater Engineer.

With Town Board authorization and to fulfill NYS re-

quirement that Town's have an investment policy, Charlie identified wasteful spending and through new investment opportunities, earned close to \$190,000 for Amenia! As a fiscal conservative you can bet he will continue to do that. He is savvy, resourceful and tenacious. As a Town Board member, he will hit the ground running, he already has. We don't have the luxury of voting in people who will waste our time for "on-the-job training" or "winging-it". Charlie shows his work. He shows up. Look for him in the past few years of recorded Town Board meetings.

Please join me in voting for Charlie Miller for Town Board. I think he truly earned it.

Stacy Mantel

Amenia

Library is vital part of community

I have lived in Millerton for 86% of my life and during that time the NorthEast-Millerton library has always been there for me. They have offered amazing programs that have helped me learn and grow as a person. Not only do they offer books, but one can also take out CDs, games, and use spices. The library is a vital part of our community providing support and a space to grow. Come election, please support the library.

Jane Wood

Millerton

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Amenia Town Hall on Route 22.

Amenia Town Board continues discussing board alternates

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — After gathering comments from the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as it considers adding alternate members to those boards, the Town Board discussed possible changes to local laws governing those boards at its meeting on Friday, Oct. 3. The meeting date, usually on a Thursday, had been changed to accommodate a holiday. In recent weeks Town Board attorney Ian Lindars has been compiling comments from the affected boards along with comments from the Town Board. The new laws may bring the appointment of two alternate members to each board. Alternate members are likely to be required to attend all meetings and be prepared to

be seated if needed and be familiar with the applications being discussed. They would also need to take training required of all board members. Lindars will prepare a draft of the new local laws to be reviewed by the Town Board and the affected boards. As the Town Board begins work on the town’s annual budget negotiation process and anticipating an increase in some budget lines to accommodate major projects, the board unanimously approved three resolutions. The first will override the tax levy limit imposed on municipalities by the state of New York, a limit generally tied to the rate of inflation. A public hearing on the proposal to override the levy limit was set for Thursday, November 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning. Notice of such error must be given to us after the first run of the advertisement.

Millbrook Library dedicates pollinator pathway garden

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Participating in a patchwork of libraries that have planted pollinator pathway gardens to attract insects and birds to their native plantings was one of the accomplishments being celebrated at the dedication of a new pollinator garden at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Oct. 4. “A lot of work went into it,” said Emma Sweeney, past President of the Millbrook Garden Club, who started the local library’s initiative two years ago. The Pollinator Pathway program is a national effort to plant native plants that native insects depend upon for sustenance and preferred plants for their own seasonal reproduction. Jana Hogan of Ridgefield,



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Joining in the fun at the dedication of the new pollinator pathway garden at The Millbrook Library on Saturday, Oct. 4, local expert gardener Maryanne Snow Pitts provides information about a planting to Lorraine Mirabella of Poughkeepsie. Connecticut, Executive Director of the Pollinator Pathway program, was on hand to present a plaque to the library for its successful participation. “A garden is not just a garden,” said garden designer Andy Durbridge of Wassaic, designer



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Latin rhythms

Flamenco music and dance thrilled the audience at the Bandshell during a performance by New Bojaira, performing a blend of jazz and flamenco. The Millbrook Arts Group sponsored the event on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Annual Rio Jazz Concert at Smithfield Oct. 11

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Fans of the smooth sounds and rhythms of Brazilian Jazz will enjoy “Rio Jazz: Intimate Brazilian Jazz,” a concert at The Smithfield Church on Saturday, Oct. 11, beginning at 3 p.m. The concert is one of the acclaimed Bang Family Concerts, an ongoing series offering an eclectic range of performances by regional artists. The historic 19th-century church sanctuary offers perfect acoustics, thanks to its dimensions as a classic Greek square. Assembled in 1988, Rio Jazz is led by Matt Finley, a pioneer in Brazilian jazz, who has brought together a combo of world-class performers for an hour of live music including a sampling of his own

compositions. The Brazilian genre began in 1963, with the rise of the bossa nova and its growth in popularity in the U.S. Members of the combo performing live are pianist Larry Ham, double bassist Lou Pappas, and drummer Jeff Siegel. Guitarist Jeff Ciampa from Orange County is playing for the Smithfield audience for the first time. And vocalist Denise Jordan Finley will join her husband in performing a collaborative composition. The Smithfield Church is located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road in Amenia. A suggested donation of \$20 will support future Bang Family concerts. A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert. For more information, go to www.thesmithfieldchurch.org/concerts.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice
Brevi Properties LLC
Brevi Properties LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/27/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Peaceable Way Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Real estate management. Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law.
10-09-25
10-16-25
10-23-25
10-30-25
11-06-25
11-13-25

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING - AMENIA FIRE DISTRICT#1- 2026 BUDGET
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Amenia Fire District #1 of the Town of Amenia, State of New York will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Amenia Fire District, for its consideration.
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Amenia Firehouse, 36B Mechanic Street, New York 12501, in the Town of Amenia, State of New York on the 21st day of October, 2025.
Pursuant to Town Law 181.3(a), the Board of Fire

Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget; make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allowing the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.
The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same.
That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Amenia 4988 Route 22 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.
Board of Fire Commissioners
Amenia Fire District #1
Dawn Marie Klingner
District Secretary
10-09-25
Legal Notice
SilentMind Apparel, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 593. Purpose: any lawful act.
10-02-25
10-09-25
10-16-25
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11-06-25
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.
09-25-25
10-02-25
10-09-25
10-16-25
10-23-25
10-30-25
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing

will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Nancy and Robert Kaplan for a 14 foot reduction in the required front yard and a 6 foot reduction in the required side yard in order to construct a one-family residence at 17 Ridgcrest Lane, tax parcel # 7070-00-723996-0000, in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.
The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.
Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: 9/30/2025.
Edith Greenwood
Chairman,
Zoning Board of Appeals
10-09-25
Notice of Submission of Question to Voters of the Town of Amenia at the next General Election
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1) (13), and in accordance with

the provision of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Amenia at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:
“Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Amenia for the operating budget of the Amenia Free Library be increased by Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand (\$265,000) Dollars annually?”
Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk,
Town of Amenia
10-09-25
10-16-25
PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Pine Plains Fire District of the Town of Pine Plains, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District.
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the Pine Plains Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, New York 12567, in the Town of Pine Plains, State of New York on the 21st day of

October 2025.
Pursuant to Town Law §105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.
The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.
That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Pine Plains at 3284 State Route 199 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.
Dated: September 16, 2025
Board of Fire Commissioners
Pine Plains Fire District
P.O. Box 860
Pine Plains, NY 12567
Heather Lamont Secretary
10-09-25

2025 SALISBURY FALL FESTIVAL

October 10-12 www.salisburyfallfestival.org

Special Events

Middle School Chorus

Friday, 11:15 a.m.
Library Lawn

Friday Concert

Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.
Congregational Church
Soprano Francesca Federico

Sip & Stroll

Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.
Enjoy snacks, drinks, and special sales at the White Hart, Rosemary Rose Finery, Salisbury General Store, Murphy’s Barbershop, and Sweet Williams.

Crafts and Games

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Library lawn
SOAR, EXTRAS, Indian Mountain School, HYSB, SCS 8th Grade Class

Facepainting

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Library lawn

Sparkly Strands

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Near Salisbury General Store

Herbal Crafts

Saturday, 10a.m. to 4 p.m.
Rosemary Rose Finery

Hay Rides

Saturday, 10 to 1 p.m.
Beginning at the corner of Library Street and Railroad Street

Antique Car Rides

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
On Library Street by Congregational Church

Magic Shows

Saturday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
By Peter James
Outside Congregational Church

Jazz Guitarist

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Mark Phillips
In courtyard behind Salisbury General Store

Hot Dog Tent

Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Outside Congregational Church

Comfort Food Tent

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Chili, mac and cheese, baked potatoes by Lakeville Hose Ladies Auxiliary

Food Trucks

Saturday
Street Tacos, Food 4 Friends, and Peter Doda’s Softee Ice Cream.

Salisbury Band

Quickstep Hotshots

Saturday, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
In the bandstand on Library Street

Blue Studio Dance

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
White Hart lawn

Joint Chiefs Band

Saturday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
White Hart lawn

World Percussion Jam

Saturday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
In courtyard behind Salisbury General Store

Martha Graham Dances

Saturday, 2 to 3 p.m.
In the Buttons Garden by the Scoville Memorial Library

Gilbert the Party Pig

Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.
Scoville Memorial Library lawn

Prime Rib Dinner

Saturday, 5-8 p.m.
Lakeville Hose Company in Lakeville

Morgan’s Dinner Discount

Friday and Saturday, 5 to 9 p.m.
Interlaken Inn in Lakeville

Pet Parade

Sunday, 12 p.m.
Lakeville Community Field

Ongoing Events

Annual Scarecrow Contest

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Vote for favorites at Salisbury General Store, White Hart, and Grassland Dessert Cafe.

Quilt Show

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Congregational Church

Friends of Scoville

Library
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Early bird \$10 on Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.)
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: ½ price sale

St. John’s Episcopal Church

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:
Baked goods, coffee, and Left Bank Bookstalls (outside)
Sunday, 12 to 2 p.m.:
Left Bank Bookstalls

Congregational Church

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:
Treasure Trove Tag Sale, bake sale, raffle, and info about Repair Cafe
Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m.:
Treasure Trove ½ price sale

Salisbury Association

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.
Learn about activities of the Land Trust, Historical Society, and Community Events. See exhibits about iron industry, pocket knives, and antique purses.

All Saints of America

Orthodox Christian Church
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Congregational Church
Greek pastries, pies, cookies, honey, maple syrup, cheese, olives, breads, donuts

Rosemary Rose Finery

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Jewelry, home décor, vintage and antique items.

Johnnycake Books

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
All books \$100 or less are ½ price

Salisbury Handmade Group

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Group of local artisans in tents on the White Hart lawn.

Blacksmith Demo

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
William Trowbridge on lawn near St. John’s Church

Booths

Visit the many booths lining Main Street for information about the organizations, maps, hats, t-shirts, kids crafts, raffles, cider, and candy. Several of the stores will have sales items outside.

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Friday & Saturday, 10am–4pm
Sunday, Noon–3pm (1/2 price sale!)

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Friday & Saturday, 10am–4pm
(Raffle drawing, Sat. 3:30pm)

HOT DOG TENT
Friday & Saturday, 11am–4pm

ANTIQUE CAR RIDES
Saturday, 10:30am–1:30pm

PETER JAMES MAGIC SHOW
Saturday, 11am and 2pm

SALISBURY BAND HOTSHOTS
Saturday, 12noon–1:30pm



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BENNETT PARK *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The community turned out to celebrate the Grand Opening of Bennett Park on Sunday, Oct. 5. Perfect fall weather greeted the ribbon-cutting event, an impactful moment in the community’s history.

is a giant undertaking by the nonprofit Millbrook Community Partnership, whose president, Oakleigh Thorne, recognized by name the multitude of local supporters and went on to share plans for the rest of the project, including the Woodland Trail feature, even more park features and the Thorne Center slated to become a community cultural center.

The final bit of ongoing work to finish Phase One is the creation of a woodland trail connecting the village to the park, slated for completion in spring of 2026.

The story of the long journey described by Thorne began in 2014.

“The Bennett College campus by then was an aesthetic calamity,” Thorne said. The once proud collegiate institution had been foreclosed on by Dutchess County. It was local businessman George Whalen III whose foresight led him to pay the back taxes and acquire the property envisioning the creation of a public park.

The phased project to create a green space began in 2021 with the demolition of the imposingly spooky Bennett College buildings, laden with asbestos and deteriorated beyond saving.

“We had bought ourselves a nightmare,” Thorne observed, adding that the calamity ultimately

became a public space to be enjoyed by countless future generations.

Demolition, design and construction were the next phases. Thorne praised the work and herculean efforts of MCP board member Larry Shapiro and his “dramatic demolition.” An elevator that had sunk all the way to the basement of the old campus building was plucked upward in its shaft by a giant crane. That historic elevator cab is slated to be an installation at the Thorne Center where it will be an historic memento of Bennett College.

Next year Bennett Park will see expanded parking and rest room facilities.

The two limiting factors going forward are funding and necessary design work, Thorne said.

“We have \$26 million in gifted funds to create the Thorne Center,” Thorne said. “That total is 75% of the \$34 million in projected cost.” Those statistics drew robust applause. Design drawings for that project are currently underway.

Following the presentation, there was lively music and souvenirs including commemorative frisbees, refreshments and children’s activities including a scavenger hunt with prizes to complete the afternoon’s festivities.

LIBBY VALENTINE *Continued from Page A1*

“Some years they were goofy, others were serious, but they were always a big production.” Her friends soon began to notice the quality of her images and asked her to photograph their families. “And then I just started picking up my camera more and more,” Valentine said.

Today, Valentine is constantly capturing the beauty of Millerton from all angles and hours, but mostly during “golden hour,” her favorite time of day.

“I bring my camera with me wherever I go,” she said, pointing to her Nikon DSLR. Inspiration can strike when you least expect it, like last week while she was delivering copies of the magazine just after sunrise. Valentine captured a serene moment at Rudd Pond when fog enveloped two fishermen who were waiting in pursuit of an early morning catch.

While anyone might look at Valentine’s photographs in awe, she is unwaveringly humble and views herself as more of a student of the craft than an expert. “I learn something new from each photograph I take,” she said. “It’s all about lighting. There’s obviously a lot more to it than that, but if you can find good lighting, you’re golden.”

In addition to staging Main Street Magazine’s iconic cover photos, Valentine also creates the publication’s “Recipe of the Month,” which she called a “big-time passion.” With a love for



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Libby Valentine’s first introduction to photography was her brother’s makeshift darkroom in a closet. Her photographs are regularly featured in Main Street Magazine.

sweet and savory recipes, she spends countless hours in the kitchen and considers cooking a mood booster. “That’s my sanctuary — my space,” she says. “My go-to when I’m feeling blue.”

While she said it hasn’t always come naturally, her father — who will turn 91 this year — is also a great cook. “He still does all the cooking,” she says

That love of food and creativity will likely find its way into Valentine’s November cover. Her process, she says, is a mix of structure and spontaneity. Some months have defined themes, while others are left open to inspiration. “It’s a time when everyone starts to gather,” she said of November.

Clarity often comes late at

night when her mind is racing, and that’s exactly how her latest idea was born. “I want to decorate a holiday table — but outdoors, surrounded by the colors of fall,” she said. “I’m going to decorate the heck out of it — a big, beautiful fall table for the November issue.”

As people eagerly await the next issue, locals will know exactly when it’s out. “Delivering the magazine is like Christmas every month,” Valentine said. “People recognize me, they recognize my car, and as I’m getting the magazines out of my hatch they’ll come over to me and chat and ask for a copy.”

With that recognition and appreciation, it’s hard for Valentine to remember her early days at the magazine, when

she first began sending editor and publisher Thorunn Kristjansdottir photographs that were accepted for Instagram and, occasionally, inside of the magazine. “And now, it seems like I’m the cover girl,” she laughed.

Despite having a coveted job as a magazine photographer, Valentine doesn’t consider photography work. “Photography has always been a passion, it’s never been a job,” she says.

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roofing,” Timm said. “And that’s just about where we’re at.”

The courtyard will get a face-lift too, with preliminary drawings featuring shade awnings, furniture and outdoor lighting.

Timm said the goal is to open up the courtyard to the community, providing a space for students and neighbors to congregate during and after events that is inviting and comfortable.

The Intermediate Learning Center will receive masonry restoration to portions of its aging brick facade and the accessible entrances.

Timm said the project started out with a longer list of proposed upgrades that were narrowed down to three essential areas. “Overall I’m happy with the project as a whole,” Timm said.

“I ask that voters support the project,” Timm said. “It’ll provide a great benefit to our students and to our community.”

Questions or comments on the capital project ahead of the vote can be directed to Pine Plains Central School District Superintendent Brian Timm, by calling 518-398-7181 and dialing extension 1401 or emailing Patricia Audenino at p.audenino@ppcsd.org.

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put their stamp on the historic occasion.

The celebration will take place from July 11 through 19, 2026, honoring the past while looking toward the future. Branding for the anniversary, created by committee member Eric Rewilak, highlights the village’s locomotive origins with a train featured prominently in the logo.

Committee member Caroline Farr-Killmer said she was pleased with both the turnout and the creativity in the discussion. “It was nice to see local, friendly faces eager to participate in our 175th anniversary,” she said. “Our committee is working very hard, and I believe this celebration will highlight all the wonderful things the Village of Millerton has to offer from 175 years ago until now!”

Farr-Killmer is planning a 5K race to take place on one of the weekends next July. She also supports marketing efforts for the committee, including creating and managing social media with brand new Facebook and Instagram pages.

Community outreach to promote the 175th celebration is also underway, with the committee attending events throughout the spring and summer, like the Millerton News Street Fair and Webutuck Community Day. They held competitions like sack races that harken back to traditional community days.

The business forum was largely led by Lisa Herman, who brought organization and focus to the meeting. She noted that the committee plans to collaborate with local businesses wherever possible — for example, producing t-shirts and other “swag” through the T-Shirt Farm on Main Street.

The Historical Society hopes to bring its walking tour to life, potentially incorporating historic photographs of commercial buildings in each window, using the village’s rich history as a way to promote local businesses.

The anniversary will culminate with a fair in Eddie Collins Park, and planning is underway to include rides, carnival games, tournaments,

live animals and a big brass band, giving a very retro feel. A bathing suit contest was even suggested — a vintage bathing suit contest, that is, to match the theme.

And while many aspects of the celebration will honor the village’s rich history, the committee is also considering a drone display in place of traditional fireworks. The futuristic performance could even depict a train rolling across the night sky, adding a modern twist to the festivities.

The spirit of collaboration was evident throughout the meeting, which drew residents from across the village and town, from the fire department to Oblong Books. The committee is still seeking sponsors, offering a wide variety of naming and donation opportunities, led by Kathy Fenn and Claire Goodman.

For more information or to get involved, email 175th@villageofmillerton-ny.gov. A complete schedule will be posted to the 175th website at villageofmillerton-ny.gov/175th in the months ahead.



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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

The radical legacy of Dolores Huerta comes to Norfolk

On Sunday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m., the Norfolk Library will host a free public screening of “Dolores,” a critically acclaimed documentary about Dolores Huerta, one of the most important — and often overlooked — figures in American labor and civil rights history. Now 95, Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers union with César Chavez and helped lead the grape boycott of the 1960s, a powerful act of economic resistance that brought national attention to the exploitation of farm workers.

Directed by Peter Bratt and executive produced by Carlos Santana, “Dolores” presents an unflinching portrait of a woman whose voice, body and will shaped the political terrain of the United States. In 1970, Huerta was organizing in Arizona when a group told her change was impossible. “They said, ‘Oh, Dolores, in California, you can do these things but here in Arizona, you can’t,’” Huerta recalled in a recent interview by phone. “And my response was, ‘Sí se puede in Arizona.’” When she shared that message at a rally, the crowd rose to

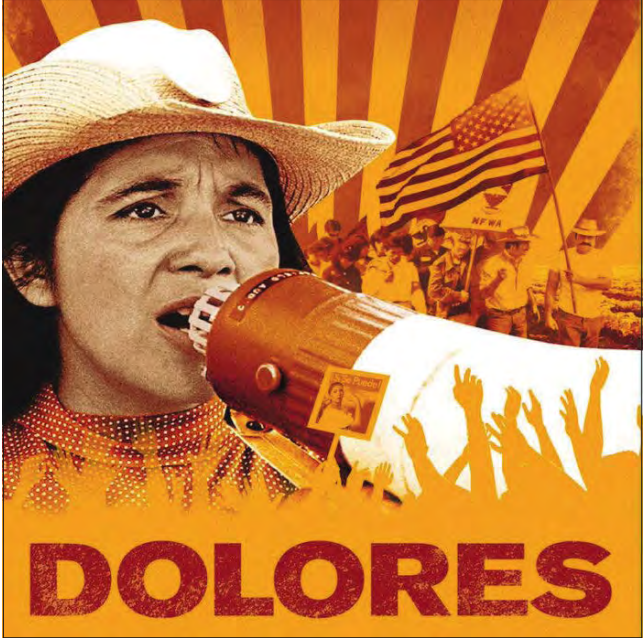


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“Dolores,” the documentary about legendary civil rights activist Dolores Huerta will be at the Norfolk Library on Oct. 19.

their feet, chanting “Sí se puede,” and a call to action was born. President Obama adopted the slogan for his 2008 campaign. “Yes We Can” posters and stickers were everywhere. Obama, having mistakenly credited Chavez with coining the phrase, later apologized as he honored Huerta with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. Huerta wears the badge of feminist icon with pride. “I always thought I was a feminist because my mother was a businesswoman,” she said. “She divorced my dad because he was abu-

sive and always taught me to have my own bank account, always pushed me to speak out.” But, like many raised Catholic, Huerta once believed birth control and abortion were sins. Through her friendships with Gloria Steinem and Eleanor Smeal, that changed. Huerta is a founding member of the Feminist Majority Foundation, led by Smeal, which promotes non-violence, equality, and women’s empowerment. “There are two big issues in the Feminist Majority Foundation,” Huerta explained. “One is a woman’s right to abortion — women must control their own bodies. The second is back in 1987, we launched the Feminization of Power campaign to get more women elected. With one campaign, we succeeded in getting the largest number of women of color into California’s state legislature.” How does she feel

about the word feminist now? “Well, now we have to use the word. There’s a difference between women’s policies and feminist policies. Look at the Trump cabinet — there are many women, but the policies don’t protect women. Our goal is to get more feminists elected. We will never have peace in the world until feminists take power.” There are few moments more urgent than now to gather in community to reckon with these powerful words and the rest of Huerta’s radical legacy. This film offers not just biography but revolutionary remembrance — telling the story of a leader, a mother, an uncompromising feminist and a visionary who still fights for liberation. Huerta still believes deeply in the power of economic pressure and solidarity. “We saw it with the Target boycott,” she said. “They were going to drop DEI policies, so people stopped shopping. No picketing — just word of mouth. And it worked. Shares dropped. The CEO resigned. Now we have to be bigger and more coordinated in our efforts.” She also praised recent community resistance to ICE raids. “In L.A., people stood in front of a business to stop ICE detentions. What ICE didn’t expect was the Anglo community to show up too. That kind of solidarity is

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Sergei Fedorjaczenco, Garth Kobal, and Zoe Fedorjaczenco of the David M. Hunt Library’s ArtWall Committee, standing in front of “Works on Paper” by Rika Laser and Gail O’Donnell which continues through Oct. 17.

ART: ROBIN RORABACK

Garth Kobal and Hunt Library’s ArtWall

Arts advocate Garth Kobal leads the ArtWall Committee at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village. “We aim to engage and inspire individuals of all ages in the creative process through art exhibitions, art talks and workshops,” Kobal explained, “in a welcoming public space.” Kobal schedules the shows, serves as artist liaison, writes the press releases and manages promotional materials. He shares curating duties with fellow committee members Zoe and Sergei Fedorjaczenco, who also install the shows. Rika and Sara Laser, Yonah Sadeh, Caitlyn and Brent Jenkins, and David Noonan complete the team. Kobal grew up in North Plainfield, New

Jersey, where he spent hours going through art books at the local library, his “imagination leaping higher and higher.” “I came to Falls Village in 1983 to work for Edward R. Hamilton Bookseller. That is where my knowledge of art and the art world exploded.” He moved to New York City in 1987. “It was at Jersey City’s Grace Church Van Vorst where I began curating art exhibitions,” Kobal said. Working there, he learned how to organize large group shows. He moved back to Falls Village in 2006 and began volunteering at the library in 2009. He served a year as board president. Sergei Fedorjaczenco came up with the

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Gallery founder reflects on 22 years as ‘Transcendence’ opens at Argazzi

Argazzi Art in Lakeville will open “Transcendence,” a two-artist exhibition showcasing new works by Kathy Moss and Suzanne Onodera on Saturday, Oct. 11. The show brings together two accomplished painters whose practices, while distinct, both explore the sublime and ineffable through nature-based abstraction and symbolic form.

This will be the only major show of the year at Argazzi, lending “Transcendence” a heightened poignancy as the gallery prepares for an uncertain transition. With the building soon to be listed for sale, and programming for 2026 yet undecided, this exhibition may represent the culmination of a chapter in the

gallery’s storied history under founder Judith Singelis. Originally from California and now based in upstate New York, Suzanne Onodera bridges abstraction and realism in richly layered paintings that capture the complexity and chaos of the natural world. Her compositions offer “a sublime floating world, simultaneously chaotic and unsettled, exalted and sublime,” she writes in her artist’s statement. Her brushstrokes are lush, gestural and physical, evoking landscapes not as they are, but as they are felt.

Kathy Moss, known for her stark and symbolic botanical forms, brings eight new contemplative and minimalist pieces to “Transcendence.” Her



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

“Transcendence”: Kathy Moss and Suzanne Onodera at Argazzi Art.

work uses silhouetted flowers, seed pods, and organic shapes as archetypes, what she calls “a

poetic depiction of the internal self.” Presented in glistening oil and chalk on luminous surfaces, Moss’s paintings investigate dualities: beauty and darkness, fragility and power, concept and representation.

“She doesn’t usually do that pink,” said Singelis, pointing to one of Moss’s larger canvases in the show. “Kathy is really well known for the rosebuds and trees and there’s a fragility to her work, but these are very graphic,

very solid.”

Installed in the light-filled rooms of Argazzi Art, with fall foliage just beyond the windows, “Transcendence” is a meditation on impermanence — of nature, of personal and artistic transformation, and perhaps of the space that houses it.

“The physical part is really hard,” said Singelis, reflecting on the work that goes into preparing and hanging an exhibit. “It took me three weeks

to put this show together and there I am up on a ladder, just this morning. It’s not easy,” she continued.

There are the physical demands of curation but there is also the interdependent relationship between gallery and artist in an ever-changing and inconsistent art world. “Curating isn’t just about hanging art,” said Singelis, who said that she would love to find a successor, someone with whom she could share the vision and passion for Argazzi. “They have to really want to do this,” she said. “They have to have a passion for it, because it’s not easy.”

And so “Transcendence” is not only a remarkable pairing of two wonderful artists, it is also a moment of reflection for the gallery itself. As Argazzi Art contemplates its next chapter, this show reaffirms what has made it such a beloved and enduring presence: a commitment to beauty, depth and meaningful artistic relationships.

“Transcendence” opens on Oct. 11 with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. The show will be on view until December 1.

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Indigo Room launches with weekend events

The Indigo Room is a new event space in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, adjacent to the Mahaiwe Theater, with a capacity of 50 to 100, depending on the seating arrangement. With a flexible stage, the venue can be set up to meet most production needs and is fully equipped with top-notch sound and lighting systems.

Though it has already hosted a few soft openings, The Indigo Room officially opens Sunday, Oct. 12, with a ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m., part of a weekend of grand opening events.

A traditional Chinese lion dance will be performed to bring good luck. Red envelopes will be available for attendees to present their good wishes, and an apple



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA LANE

Morgan James performing the first sneak preview event (with Doug Wamble) in March.

cider toast will be raised in celebration. Guests will receive a commemorative souvenir.

On Friday, Oct. 10, comedian Kevin McCaffrey performs at 7 p.m. Drag Bingo with Miranda Moirai will take place later that night at 9:30 p.m.

Tony-nominated jazz and pop singer

Ann Hampton Callaway will feature highlights from her hit shows “The Streisand Songbook, Ann Hampton Callaway Sings the ‘70s,” “The Linda Ronstadt Songbook,” “To Ella with Love,” “From Sassy to Divine: The Sarah Vaughan Project”

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powerful.”

Huerta’s nephew, John Fernandez, who lives in Colebrook, Connecticut, will introduce the screening and share a personal perspective on her legacy.

Asked what advice she has for young activists, Huerta pointed to today’s digital tools. “Social media, cell phones — people can organize fast. Look at George Floyd. That one video sparked a global movement.”

Huerta reminds us that organizing takes discipline, clarity, and a refusal to accept the violence of poverty, racism, misogyny, and xenophobia as inevitable. Economic resistance — boycotts, strikes, direct action — remain among the most potent tools we have.

“You can’t learn leadership by osmosis,” she said. “You’ve gotta live it.” And live it she has — and does. At 95, Huerta still dances weekly at a jazz workshop in Bakersfield and leads her foundation’s work on voter turnout and redistricting reforms in California.

As always, she reminds us: “We have to stay active. We have to participate. Change doesn’t happen by itself — we make it happen.”

For more information about the work of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, visit: <https://doloreshuerta.org>. To RSVP for the Oct. 19 screening, visit: norfolklibrary.org/events/documentary-film-dolores

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The Indigo Room has a capacity of 50 to 100, depending on the seating arrangement.

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idea of a permanent exhibition space in 2011, expanding the size and frequency of the library’s exhibits. Art Talks, which give the exhibiting artists a chance to explain their work, were added in 2024.

Kobal observed, “The Hunt ArtWall has become a cultural hub in the Northwest Corner.”

The library often collaborates with the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society on exhibits. The nearby Lee H. Kellogg elementary school visits frequently.

In November, students will meet with artist Vincent Inconiglios, whose show, “Face Time” runs Oct. 25 through Nov. 13. The students will make their own face collages, which will appear this January in the library’s annual Emerging Artists show.

Kobal remarked, “The exhibition that generates the most significant community engagement is 12x12, our annual year-end fundraiser often featuring up to 50 artists and 70 pieces of art. 12x12

is a great opportunity for talented self-taught artists to show their work alongside well-known professionals.”

This year’s 12x12 show opens Dec. 6 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. (Artists who’d like to participate next year can email HuntArtwall@gmail.com).

With the guidance of Kobal and his team, Hunt Library’s work for the

arts continues to expand. Kobal stated, “We want to add a film component to our arts programming so film and video artists can show their short works on a video monitor accessible to library visitors. We also hope to have screenings where filmmakers can present their work and discuss it with the audience.”

To find out more about Hunt Library’s ever-changing shows and art talks, go to: huntlibrary.org/art-wall/

and “Finding Beauty: Inspired Classics and Originals” on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m., there will be a free family concert with Arlo Guthrie’s longtime drummer, Terry A La Berry. Also on Sunday, blues musician Guy Davis will perform at 8 p.m. Davis is a two-time Grammy nominee for best traditional blues. A musician, actor, author and songwriter, Davis uses roots, blues, folk, rock, rap, spoken word and world music to address social injustice, touching on historical events and common life struggles.

Tickets are available at mahaive.org, or by calling or visiting the box office at 14 Castle St., Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. The phone number is 413-528-0100.

The Indigo Room will also leave space in its programming for local artists — a welcome addition to Great Barrington’s cultural scene, especially since the departure of smaller venues like Club Helsinki in recent years.

“It is a continuation of the high-caliber work and customer care that audiences expect of the Mahaive, while expanding what we can do. It’s an intimate social space where you can find live comedy, an array of musical performances, as well as family-friendly entertainment and everything in between,” said Executive Director Janis Martinson.

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

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Hunt Library hosts local author Heather A. Campbell. In her new book, *"Good Is Amazing: Stop Overstriving and Celebrate Being Enough!"*, Campbell shares relatable, hilarious, and heartfelt moments from her life that anchor a deeper message: the constant pressure to aim higher, do the most, and be the best is exhausting—and it's not working.

Annual Project SAGE Vigil & Red Sand Project Action

Community Field, 10 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Conn.

6:15 to 8 p.m.

Join Project SAGE for the Annual Vigil honoring victims of domestic violence, beginning with a Red Sand Project Action at 6:15 PM, followed by a candlelight Remembrance Walk to the Project SAGE office. A memorial ceremony and small reception will follow. Open to all.

■ OCTOBER 10

Haunted Works of Art [ages 9 and up]

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

Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

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■ OCTOBER 11

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The Oldtone Music Festival Fall Benefit Bash

Chaseholm Farm, 115 Chase Road, Pine Plains, N.Y.

A night of music and dancing featuring Roochie Tooachie and the Ragtime Shepherd Kings, Olivia Ellen Lloyd Band and more. Tickets: www.oldtone.org/fall-benefit?mc_cid=261c6950b1&mc_eid=e5414546ee

Annual Lobster-Beef BBQ & Raffle at the Ancram Firehouse

Ancram Firehouse, Ancram, N.Y.

You can pick up the meals at the firehouse between 3 and 6 p.m. or dine at the Firehouse. Reservations for the Lobster and Beef BBQ can be made by calling 518-329-3430. The raffle drawing will be held around 4p.m. at the Firehouse and people will be allowed to observe the raffle (winners need not be present to win). Additional tickets for the raffle will be on sale at the Barbecue before 4 p.m.

■ OCTOBER 16

Women's Health Dinner

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Rd., Sharon, Conn.

Join Sharon Hospital Thursday, Oct. 16, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. for a special dinner and presentation on women's health. Topics include menopause, post-menopause, healthy aging and cancer screenings. Register by calling (860) 364-4507 before Oct. 14.

■ OCTOBER 17

Coat Sale and More Benefit

St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y.

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop in Millbrook will have its annual COAT SALE and More on Friday & Saturday (Oct. 17 & 18) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive. The event will feature coats & jackets, sweaters, boots, handbags and other cold weather accessories. The Coat Sale is a popular annual event that benefits St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook. For more information, call Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 845-677-5002.

WINE CLASS at Ten Mile Table

14 Main St., Wassaic, N.Y.

5 to 7 p.m.

\$40/student - RSVP required hello@tenmiletatable.com

During this two hour class we'll discuss Sicily as a winemaking force, and why she's so damn special. We'll taste four native grapes to the region.

Class will discuss the impact of Sicily's unique terror on its wines, and delve into the specific traditions and foods on the island.

■ OCTOBER 18

Evening of Song Celebrates Country Life and Farming

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, presents an evening of songs about farming, rural living and the harvest, Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m.

All ages are invited to celebrate the area's agricultural heart and soul by drawing from a long tradition of songs about working the land.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 or what you can afford. Reservations are not required.

Book Signing with Frances Palmer for her book, "Life with Flowers"

Honeychurch, 35 Church St., Lenox, Mass.

12 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 18 visit Honeychurch in Lenox for a book signing with Frances Palmer, author of "Life with Flowers."

Run & Wag 5K

Village Green, Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn.

The Little Guild animal shelter's Run & Wag 5K brings runners, walkers and tail-waggers together to support animals in need. Festivities begin at Cornwall's Village Green at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct 18, and the race begins at noon. Registration is available online only at www.littleguild.org through Friday, Oct. 17, at noon.

Pumpkin Fest

Bunny McGuire Park, Main Street, North Canaan, Conn..

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, Pumpkin Fest will take place at Bunny McGuire Park. Scarecrow contest will award prizes for scariest, funniest, most creative and best use of recyclables. There will be a haystack prize search, pumpkin carving, food, vendors and kids karaoke. Free entry. A shuttle will run from the municipal parking lot on Railroad Street to the park.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Comedic actor Rogen
- 5. Bits per inch
- 8. Tire pressure measurement
- 11. Angels great Mike
- 13. Own (Scottish)
- 14. Notable FI racing team
- 15. Upper bract of grass
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Skeletal muscle
- 21. Popular fish type
- 22. Salts of acetic acid
- 25. Arriving early
- 30. Worded
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. Amphibians
- 33. Warm greeting
- 38. Belonging to a thing
- 41. Segmented worm
- 43. Concerns
- 45. Audacious
- 47. Wings
- 49. Type of drug
- 50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- 55. Island close to the U.S.
- 56. "To the __ degree"
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. A way to march
- 60. Where golfers begin
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Of she
- 63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. Amounts of time
- 3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- 4. Color properties
- 5. One who hands over
- 6. Thieves of the sea
- 7. Put in
- 8. Nocturnal rodents
- 9. Pouches
- 10. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 12. Greek alphabet letter
- 14. Greek goddess of youth

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- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Partly digested food
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. A major division of geological time
- 28. Angry
- 29. St. Francis of __
- 34. Romanian monetary unit
- 35. Stale
- 36. Go quickly
- 37. Commercials
- 39. Canadian city
- 40. One who slices
- 41. Perform perfectly
- 42. Nest of pheasants
- 44. Tactile sensations
- 45. Sword

- 46. Climactic
- 47. Adrenocorticotrophin
- 48. Fisherman's tool
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

October 2 Solution

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

October 2 Solution

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Word of the Week

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

- 1. Four in a gallon
- 2. Hard work
- 3. A court hearing
- 4. Internet fame
- 5. GNH @ Torrington Oct. 10



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OUR TOWNS

Stanford home market sees nine sales in July and August

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — The Town of Stanford with nine transfers in two months reached a median price in August of \$573,000 for single family homes, still below Stanford's all-time median high in August 2024 of \$640,000.

At the beginning of October there is a large inventory of single-family homes listed for sale with only six of the 18 homes listed for below the median price of \$573,000 and seven above \$1 million.

July transfers
79 Ernest Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 6.87 acres in 2 parcels sold to Matthew C. Marinetti for \$1,225,000.

29 Drake Road — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 2 acres sold to Harper Montgomery for \$850,000.

6042 Route 82 — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.09 acres sold to Spencer Thompson for \$795,000.

125 Tick Tock Way — 3



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1820, 1168 Bangall Amenia Road sold for \$875,000 on July 31 with the transfer recorded in August. It has a Millbrook post office and is located in the Webutuck school district.

bedroom/2.5 bath ranch on 1.9 acres sold to Fleur Touchard for \$475,000.

August transfers
102 Prospect Hill Road

— 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 6.35 acres sold to Karl Creighton Pfister for \$565,000.

252 Ernest Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath cottage on .85 acres sold to Meg Bumie for \$465,000.

1196 Bangall Amenia Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 2.16 acres sold to Roderick Alleyne for \$875,000.

Hunns Lake Road (#759929) — 59.1 acres of residential land sold to Argos Farm LLC for \$3,325,000.

* Town of Stanford recorded real estate transfers from July 1 to August 31 provided by Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly transfer reports. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access - properties with an # indicate location on Dutchess Parcel Access. Market data from One Key MLS and Infosparcs. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Sept. 18 to Sept. 30.

Sept. 23 — Deputies responded to 1542 State Route 292 in the Town of Pawling for the report of a suspicious vehicle at that location. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Sebastian Quiroga, age 26, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. Quiroga to appear in the Town of Pawling court at a later date.

Sept. 30 — Deputies responded to Woodside Street in the Town of Pine Plains for a past-occurred verbal

domestic dispute between a stepfather and stepson. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

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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Out on the trail

Hunt club members and friends gathered near Pugsley Hill at the historic Wethersfield Estate and Gardens in Amenia for the opening meet of the 2025-2026 Millbrook Hunt Club season on Saturday, Oct. 4. Foxhunters took off from Wethersfield's hilltop gardens just after 8 a.m. for a hunting jaunt around Amenia's countryside.

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