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Evan Kimmah of Amenias enjoys a hot dog and a seat on the curb to take a break from the action at Amenias's inaugural Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18. The fall festival brought a huge crowd to Main Street for food, live music, activities for kids and neighborly conversation. For more photos, turn to Page A8.

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Representatives of LaBella Associates presented conceptual drawings of the new Pine Plains Town Hall at a regular meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Eastern region Vice President Pasquale Marchese led the presentation, showing drawings of the proposed floorplan and a sketch of the exterior of the building under current concepts.

The drawings represent early concepts for the brand new building that will occupy a space on North Main Street behind the Bank of Millbrook close to the center of downtown Pine Plains, Marchese said.

LaBella's conceptual proposal

entails a single-story building with a basement for additional storage space. Each department of the town government will have an office in a horseshoe-like configuration wrapping around a large room in the center of the building that will double as a courtroom and board meeting room.

The building and zoning departments will be clustered in a corner of a building with a dedicated entrance to shorten the distance people will have to walk to do business with those departments.

The current design has an area of 6,000 square feet, significantly larger than the current Town Hall building with 2,468 square feet of floor area.

The current Town Hall build-

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By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Millerton residents eager for a new food market will have to wait a little longer.

During a recent visit to her newly opened New Haven grocery store, Market 360, co-owner Kim Choe offered The News an update — or rather, a lack of one — on the highly-anticipated Millerton market she owns with her husband, Chris.

"We have a lot of work to do inside the building," Choe said, explaining that the couple is still assessing the scope of renovations. "We can't provide an updated timeline yet." Among the needed improvements, she noted, is a new roof.

The exterior of the shopping plaza is also in disrepair, with overgrown weeds and stacks of glass refrigerators sitting in the parking

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PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

The entrance to Kim and Chris Choe's newest grocery store venture, Market 360, in New Haven, Conn. The store opened several weeks ago and Kim Choe said the new business has required her and her husband's attention while it finds its footing and builds up a staff.

By **ALY MORRISSEY**
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MILLERTON — When voters head to the polls this November, they will see the NorthEast-Millerton Library on the ballot with a proposal that seeks to increase their annual tax-based budget by \$50,000, raising it from \$175,000 to \$225,000. All registered voters in the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton may vote on this ballot question.

The additional funding would support daily operations — including staff salaries, utilities, materials and maintenance — while allowing for expanded programming and community services.

"This increase will help with the day-to-day costs of keeping the library running," said Debbie Ruppel, President of the Library's Board of Trustees. "It will allow for more programs, more materials and more opportunities that we currently rely on grants to fund."

The proposed increase aligns



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

The NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex serves as a community meeting space in addition to hosting library events.

with the library's next long-range plan, set for release in January 2026, said Library director Rhannon Leo-Jameson. To shape that vision, the library acknowledged its rising costs and met with resi-

dents through “100 Cups of Coffee” gatherings and patron surveys to learn what the community values most.

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OUR TOWNS

Pine Plains voters approve school district capital improvements

PINE PLAINS — Voters in the Pine Plains Central School District approved the school’s capital improvement plan in a vote at Stissing Mountain High School on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Support for the measure was overwhelming with 200 yes votes and only 51 no votes

in the referendum.

The vote allows the school district to move forward with upgrades to Stissing Mountain’s athletic facilities, concessions stand and courtyard. Also included in the capital project are roof repairs, masonry repairs and other health and safety improvements to

Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center and Stissing Mountain High.

A combination of bonded funds and reserves will fund the capital project, resulting in no increase to taxes in the Pine Plains district to pay for the upgrades and improvements.

Millbrook Trustees schedule public hearing for franchise renewal

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — A ten-year franchise renewal for Cablevision to serve Millbrook was discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Following discussion, a public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12, to begin at 6 p.m. at Village Hall.

Mayor Peter Doro pointed out that there is no cost to the town for the franchise, as the cost is borne by the subscribers.

Complaints about noise from leaf blowers were discussed by the board members who agreed to consider the matter more in future meetings. Doro suggested that neighbors might speak to neighbors about the noise as an alternative to a town action or an ordinance, although he recognized that some towns have enacted ordinances.

Apart from the noise, some towns ban gasoline-powered blowers for the fumes generated, thought to be unhealthy for the operator and the environment.

“We should discuss it as a

group,” Doro said, noting that commercial contractors may be unmindful of the hours they operate in neighborhoods, contributing to the complaints.

“It might be hard to enforce, but people should think of it,” Doro said.

A public hearing considered an additional handicapped parking space situated across the street from the Millbrook Library. Resident Tim Collopy offered the only comment cautioning that there may be official requirements about ameliorating curbing at the parking space.

Amenia Garden Club plans fall talk and bulb giveaway

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Every garden is a season-long adventure and at season’s end, there are stories to tell.

The Amenia Garden Club invites residents to gather for its Fall Garden Talk, titled “What I Did in the Garden this Summer.” The program will

be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Amenia Free Library, beginning at 2 p.m.

All gardeners are invited to share gardening stories and photos, too. Whether native species were planted to please the butterflies, or something new was attempted, or unexpected challenges cropped up, fellow gardeners will want to hear about it. They will

cheer the success stories and commiserate over whatever seemed to go wrong. Chances are, it happened to them, too.

Photos will be welcome. Gardeners are advised to send up to four photos for inclusion in a slide show as part of the program. Send photos to ameniagardenclub@gmail.com.

Everyone is encouraged to



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN-EDLUND TUNKEL

Skip Ciferri and Peter Devers enlightened a packed crowd to the history of Millbrook’s stone masonry at the Millbrook Library on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Masonry experts lead talk on Millbrook’s historic stonework

By KIRSTEN EDLUND-TUNKEL
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Village historian Peter Devers, along with masonry experts Skip Ciferri and Dirk-Jan Rosse, enlightened a standing-room-only crowd to the history of stonework across Millbrook at the Millbrook Library Thursday, Oct. 16.

The crowd of 80 attendees listened as Peter Devers started the evening showing two rocks from the stonewall: a structure at his home that

was built in the 1800s. This led to discussing the history of building fences and walls while showing photo examples, many that can be found around Millbrook. He explained the progression of fence design, starting when the original fences were built from branches that had been cut down and cleaned to straight sticks, to tree stump fences from the 17th and 18th centuries, all the way up to rubble fences made from piles of stone.

The bedrock under the Town of Washington is between 1.5 billion to 400 million years old and the large stones that can be found in the area were left by receding glaciers. The field stone found in many walls and buildings had been dug up in plowed fields or taken from walls used to create small paddocks that were now becoming larger paddocks.

Skip is a fourth-generation contractor and his grandfather, Rodrigo Ciferri, was one of the masons who helped build many of the stone buildings still standing in the village today. He talked about builds from the 1920s and 1930s that Rodrigo had done and his involvement in bringing Italian stone masons to the area. He mentioned a 1929 Ford car handle that his grandfather placed in a stone wall and the entry to the Miles Standish Estate entry gate that needed to have stones of the same color.

The talk delved further into the history of the large estates across Millbrook, the designers of the buildings and the laborers that completed the work. The talk was recorded and is available to view online at www.millbrookhistoricalsociety.org or the historical society’s YouTube channel.

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Hillsdale requests speed limit reduction on Texas Hill Road

HILLSDALE — Town Board members approved a resolution requesting a speed limit reduction on Texas Hill Road at a special meeting of the board on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The special meeting was held at noon on Oct. 14. Discussion on the speed limit reduction was very brief, with no comment from town board members before approval.

“This goes to the county, the county approves it and then it goes on to the state,” Hillsdale Town Supervisor Mike Dvorcakh explained before the vote.

The board-approved resolution cites a petition signed by 21 community members expressing concern over in-

creased traffic speed on the road. The petition states residents of the road have noticed

drivers speeding dangerously since Texas Hill Road was paved earlier this year.

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Maplebrook School’s art gallery once again hosting artwork

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — Maplebrook School marked the reopening of its art gallery with an exhibition of work from Florida-based painter Kristy Gammill and students she led in a two-day painting workshop.

Formerly the sight of Maplebrook’s original pool, the gallery has been largely defunct for many years, Maplebrook’s Head of School Daryl Hayes said at the opening of the exhibition on Sunday, Oct. 19. He and his wife, Kelly Crow, invited Gammill to show a collection of abstract paintings in their gallery and work with students to create their own paintings on handmade paper and canvas.

Gammill reflected warmly on the time she spent with the students. “It was really sweet,” she said. “They all were super responsive, super excited about what they were doing.”



Kristy Gammill, right, discusses her artwork with Katya Kazakina, center, and Ruby Goldberg during the opening reception of “Fugue State,” a show of Gammill’s work alongside paintings Maplebrook students produced, on Sunday, Oct. 19.

The workshop took students through Gammill’s “soak-stain” painting practice, where she uses dilute paints — and sometimes pastels — to create abstract paintings. She focuses on a muted, earthy color palette to evoke scenes of nature.

On the first day, Gammill introduced the students to the soak-stain technique on handmade paper. The students took to the practice eagerly — splattering, dabbing, rubbing, mixing and drawing with Gammill’s color palette or even adding in pastels to juxtapose the abstract fields of color with definite forms.

The second day saw the students painting on pieces of canvas, largely continuing and elaborating on the same concepts that were introduced the day before.

One student took a Rothko-esque approach, coating and working the surface of the paper until little flecks came up and mixed with the



Maplebrook student Jefferson points out his painting on canvas. He said the painting represented a headache.

paint. The finished product was a solid block of oppressive gray-green with pieces of paint-soaked paper dried to it. Others produced work more reminiscent of Pollock, with energetic splatters of paint dotting the page. Others still took a very orderly and geometric approach, utilizing broad brushes to make bold strokes to create symmetrical and striking designs.

Maplebrook student Jefferson first set out to paint a face. He started by blocking out the edges and leaving the center blank, he said, but then he thought the empty space needed something, so he started making dots.

“I started putting little dots around it, like a headache,” Jefferson said. “Then I connected every point — ev-

ery little drop of paint.”

Gammill’s work at the gallery — a collection called “Fugue State” — features a series of large, unstretched canvases hanging from pieces of wood that dangle just off the walls of the gallery. The wood is attached to a piece of brass thread with a couple of hooks from the hardware store, giving each work a rough-hewn, unfinished quality that Gammill said is intentional and practical.

The art — both Gammill’s and the students’ — will be on display at the gallery on Maplebrook’s campus on Route 22/44 in Amenia. Head of School Daryl Hayes said anyone interested in viewing the work should reach out to him over the phone with the number 845-373-9511.

Town Board awards contracts for new town garage project

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Progress on construction of the new town garage and salt shed continued as the Town Board approved expenditures at its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Now in its pre-construction phase, the town garage project received 11 bids for preliminary grading and site preparation work. By unanimous vote, the Town Board approved the bid of \$227,281 as recommended by CPL Architects and Engineers for the project and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, William J. Keller and Sons Construction of Castleton, New York.

In other action related to the town garage project, the Town Board unanimously voted to acquire required services of an inspector to oversee the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. The plan requires weekly inspections. Three proposals were received, with Renia Engineering Design of Dover Plains submitting the successful low rate of \$250 per week after an initial payment of \$1,600.

Public hearing on budget

The annual public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2026 was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. The proposed budget is posted on the town website.

Headstone cleaning at the Amenia Burying Ground

AMENIA — The Amenia Historical Society is seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning headstones at the Amenia Burying Ground on Mygatt Road this Saturday, Oct. 25.

Interested volunteers should contact George Bistransin at midvalefarm@aol.com or by phone at 937-708-9717.

Volunteers will use a cleaner known as D2 to

remove lichen, dirt and algae from the surface of the headstones.

D2 is widely used for cleaning headstones because it removes grime without damaging the aged stone underneath.

Cleaning will commence on Oct. 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the burying ground on Mygatt Road, near the intersection with Old North Road.



Millerton’s “Festival of Frights” brings trick-or-treating, haunted attractions and free food.

‘Trunk-or-Treat’ to offer one-stop-shop for Halloween fun

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Railroad Plaza will transform into a “Festival of Frights” on Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Families, businesses and community members are invited to a trunk-or-treat celebration, where participants decorate their vehicles and hand out treats to children in costume. The event provides a convenient way for children — especially in rural areas — to enjoy trick-or-treating without long walks on dark roads.

The celebration is a partnership between the North-East-Millerton Library, the

Irondale Schoolhouse and the Millerton Business Alliance. Festivities will include costume contests, candy and more, with free chili and hot dogs provided by the Schoolhouse.

The event will take place at 16 Main St., Millerton, NY, rain or shine.

Register to decorate a trunk

Community members who want to decorate a trunk and hand out candy must register in advance. A Google Form is available on the library’s website. Participants are expected to decorate their vehicle and provide their own treats for trick-or-treaters.



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OBITUARIES

Shea Cassidy-Teti

SALISBURY, Conn. — Shea Cassidy-Teti, passed way on Oct. 11, 2025 in a tragic automobile accident.

He is the beloved son and brother of parents Aidan Cassidy and Charles Teti and his twin Nash Cassidy-Teti.

Shea was born on June 29, 2008 in Farmington, Connecticut.

He attended the Fox Meadow Elementary school in Scarsdale, New York, Weston Middle School in Weston, Connecticut and Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, Connecticut. He was currently continuing his studies as a senior at The Kent School in Kent.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. Joseph's Chapel, The Kent School, 1 Macedonia Road, Kent CT, 06757. Details to follow.

All other services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made in the families honor to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069 and Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The Kenny Funeral Homes has care of arrangements.



Amanda Cannon

SALISBURY, Conn. — Amanda Cannon, age 100, passed away Oct. 15, 2025, at Noble Horizons. She was the wife of the late Jeremiah Cannon.

Amanda was born Aug. 20, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York the daughter of the late Karl and Ella Husslein.

She was widowed at the age of 31 and worked as a bookkeeper for the Standard Oil Company and other oil companies in New York City until she retired at age 72.

Amanda moved to Noble Horizons in 2013 to live near her daughter Diane and son-in-law (the late) Raymond Zelazny.

She enjoyed her time in the Northwest Corner and was an avid nature lover, albeit considered herself a native New Yorker as she was born and resided in NYC for 88 years.

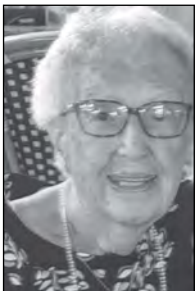
She was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Lakeville and attended Mass regularly until the age of 99.

Amanda was the grandmother of (the late) Jesse Morse and is survived by her daughter, Diane Zelazny, her grandsons, Adam Morse, Raymond Morse and his wife Daron and their daughter and her great granddaughter Cecelia Morse.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, at St Mary's Church in Lakeville, Connecticut.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Mary C. Negri

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — Mary was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts in Feb. 1933 and died Oct. 14, 2025. Mary spent her early life in the area. She later moved to North Canaan, Connecticut, where she met and married her future husband, John Joseph Negri. They raised their two children, Mary Ellen and Joseph, there.

Mary's working life began early, starting on the family farm and later at Bitterman Electronics (subsequently known as Bicon). Soon after, she secured a position at the North Canaan Elementary School as one of its first teacher's aides. During her time there, the role of teacher's aide became such a valuable asset and resource for the elementary school that additional aides were hired in subsequent years.

After her husband's untimely death in 1979, Mary knew she had to improve her circumstances. She applied for and accepted a position at Aetna Life and Casualty in their downtown Hartford corporate office. This required a grueling daily commute of over an hour each way in all kinds of weather, an uncommon feat for a Canaan resident, and a position she held for over 15 years.

As times changed, Mary returned to work in the local area at Berkshire Bank in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She quickly became the go-to person for questions and advice, with customers asking for her by name even on the few days she wasn't in the office. She finished her career there, working until she was in her late 70s.

On the home front, she kept a tidy and well-organized house. She was well known for her stellar border garden of poppies, irises, and morning glories, whose annual spring return was shared with the hummingbirds she fed. Beyond her domestic and gardening pursuits, Mary was an avid sports enthusiast. She was a keen UCONN Huskies women's basketball fan long before the team gained its current popularity. Her loyalty to the Bruins and Yankees rounded out her sporting interests. Mary was also active in the Catholic Church at St. Joseph's in Canaan—she served as the parish's first Eucharistic minister, was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and was often seen greeting guests at the church's community dinners.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday October 25, 2025, at 11:00 am at St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph Church, 4 Main St. North Canaan, CT 06018. Burial will follow the mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cemetery Road, North Canaan, CT 06018. Family and friends are invited to meet Mary's family on Saturday morning at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. North Canaan, CT from 10:00 a.m. -10:40 a.m.



Ursula Wirth

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Ursula Wirth, born Ursula Sachs, a long time resident of Lakeville, Connecticut, passed away on Oct. 5, 2025, in the Algarve, Portugal.

Ursula, born in Munich, Germany, on May 14, 1936, lived an extraordinary and eventful life. Leaving post-war Germany at the age of 17 to move to New York City on her own, she returned to Germany a decade later and married Heinrich Wirth an architect, who worked on projects that took him and their family of 4 to Zimbabwe and South Africa. After these assignments ended they returned to Europe for a number of years before settling in Connecticut, closer to family.

Upon arriving in the region, Ursula started teaching German at the Waldorf Lower school in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and later helped to establish the Berkshire Waldorf High-school in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.



A great source of pride was creating a vibrant student exchange program between the Waldorf school in Munich, Germany, where she had once been a student herself and the Berkshire HighSchool in Massachusetts. It was a great success and continues to this day, opening up the minds of young people on both sides of the Atlantic.

She was a mentor and favorite teacher to many, over a career that spanned 20 years.

Ursula will be put to rest next to her husband in the village of Planegg near Munich. Ursula leaves behind 4 children.

Ursula's family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Berkshire Waldorf High School to establish a scholarship fund in her memory. Here is a link for donations to the Ursula Wirth Scholarship Fund. You may also mail a contribution to Berkshire Waldorf High School, PO Box 1706, Stockbridge, MA 01262, USA.

Barbara Mary Snyder

ANCRAMDAL — Barbara Mary Snyder, 92, a lifelong area resident died peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut. Mrs. Snyder was a sales associate and cashier at Saperstein's Department Store in Millerton for 28 years, prior to her retirement in 2018.

Born Dec. 11, 1932, at Vassar Brothers. Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Goldie (Mowris) Howland. She attended Millerton School and on Jan. 21, 1951, in Amenia, New York, she married her childhood sweetheart, Robert John "Dixie" Snyder, Sr., her forever partner of over fifty-six years. Mr. Snyder sadly passed away on April 20, 2007. Barbara was a staple at Saperstein's in Millerton for twenty-eight years; she was the first face people saw as they entered the iconic store. Barbara liked dancing with her husband, spending time with her family, Elvis Presley, the New York Yankees, watching birds out of her dining room window and TAG SALES! She will be dearly missed by her loving family and by all who knew her.

Mrs. Snyder is survived by five children; Melanee Mayville, Robert J. Snyder, Jr, and his wife Phyllis, Scott Snyder, Kelli Millius and her husband Jim and Nicholas Snyder; nine grandchildren, Shannon Caranci, Toni (Art) Black, Kyle (Erin) Caranci, Joshua (Melissa) Mayville, Lucas Snyder, McKayla (Jackson) Miller, Andrea (Austin) Reynolds, Dusty Snyder and Gia Norcia; fourteen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by two grandchildren, Logan and Cory Snyder and four siblings.

There were no calling hours. A private graveside service and burial took place on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton, NY. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Barbara's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



Philip Ernest Hernandez

MILLERTON — Philip Ernest Alexander Hernandez, 73, a longtime area resident, died peacefully on his birthday, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Connecticut. Philip worked at Harney & Sons Fine Teas in Millerton, New York for many years, prior to his retirement.

Born Oct. 15, 1952, in Manhattan, he was the son of the late Ernest Hernandez of California and Gloria M. (Santiago) Dorogoff with whom he resided and cared for in Millerton. Following his high school graduation, he attended college in New York and California. He served his country in the United States Airforce as well.

In addition to his beloved mother, Philip is survived by his step-sister, Priscilla Dorogoff and her family of Boca Raton, Florida and his step-aunt, Sonoli Santiago also of Florida. He was predeceased by three uncles, Frank, Louis and Charles Santiago, all of Puerto Rico.

Cremation has taken place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York. All other services are private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Philip's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Debra Ann Whitbeck

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — Debra Ann Whitbeck, 62, of Canaan, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Oct. 11, 2025, in the loving arms of her daughter, Jennifer. Debbie was born May 7, 1963, in Sharon, daughter of Virginia Tanner Whitbeck of Lakeville, and the late William Whitbeck.

Debbie was a graduate of HVRHS. She worked as an order fulfillment clerk at Edward R. Hamilton Book-seller Company in Falls Village, Connecticut. Deb was an avid NY Yankee fan and enjoyed gardening, spending time with her grand fur-babies, and beading jewelry for the cancer center where she received her treatments. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. If you knew Deb, her infectious laugh will likely be forever etched in your soul.

In addition to her mother, Deb is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Surdam and her husband Ben of East Canaan, sister Donna Cooke and her husband Robert of Canaan, nephew Jordan Cooke and his wife Crystal and their three children of Avon, Connecticut, niece Jala Cooke and fiancé Ayden Tombs of Independence, Missouri. She was predeceased by the love of her life Robert "Bob" Reed of Falls Village, Connecticut.

A celebration of life will be held in Deb's honor on Nov. 15, 2025, at the VFW 104 S. Canaan Rd., North Canaan from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please dress casually and comfortably and wear Deb's favorite color, purple, if possible.

There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Jane Lloyd Fund c/o The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N. Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257-9503 or the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps PO Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018.





Worship Services

Week of October 26, 2025

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
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North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232 FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan <i>Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm</i> www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT <i>Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons</i> Sunday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. WAIT, JESUS WASN'T CHRISTIAN? For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com All are Welcome
Congregation Beth David <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i> 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i>
Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org	Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org
All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us	Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i>

For more obituaries, see page A8

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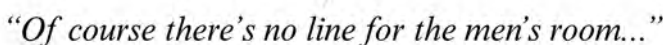
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We need new energy in Pine Plains government

This phrase is not helpful since it contains no suggestions for action. And it emphasizes Brian Walsh's passivity as Town Supervisor. Clearly, the question we need to address is how to attract new businesses and help them prosper. Brian Walsh, when asked about the Town's basic marketing and informational tool — its website — responded that he has invited people to make suggestions for improving the current website but has received no responses. Not only was Brian's response inaccurate (Kevin Walsh ex-

What ultimately tipped the scales in favor of Rosanna Hamm is her unwavering commitment to cultivating a cooperative environment within our town. She recognizes that Amenia thrives not because of party divisions, but because of the strength, resilience, and cooperation of its neighbors. Her belief in fostering relationships and building a sense of community is precisely what is needed in our

Brian's failure to generate a weekly newsletter — a practice started by former Supervisor Darrah Cloud — is another example of his failure to take positive action. When asked about such a project, Brian responded that he cur-

Similarly, Town Board candidates Murphy Birdsall and Trevor Roush offered new ideas for improving conditions for businesses in Pine Plains. Murphy pointed out that we are not in a food desert — we are surrounded by farmers who could bring their products to a central place in town if we created one. Trevor talked about using marketing to tout our town's wealth of natural resources. Neither of the other two candidates offered concrete suggestions for enhancing Pine Plains' business environment.

In sum, we need new energy in our Town government. In my opinion, Kevin, Murphy and Trevor are the ones to bring it.

Amy Rothstein
Pine Plains

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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.

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Legal Notice
Silent Mind 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.

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Legal Notice
The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot owners and general business meeting on November 1, 2025 at 10:00am.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

10-23-25
10-30-25

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
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of said Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Preliminary Budget is available for review Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Amenia located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. It can also be downloaded from the Town's website at www.ameniany.gov or available by email upon request to the Town Clerk,

Dawn Marie Klingner, dmklngner@ameniany.gov
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed salaries of each member of the Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Justices are as follows:

Supervisor \$27,947.00
Council member (4) Each \$6,637.00
Town Justice (2) Each \$20,256.00
Town Clerk \$45,891.00
Superintendent of Highways \$74,935.00

Dated: October 16, 2025
Amenia, New York
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF BOARD
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER,
TOWN CLERK
10-23-25

Notice of Public Hearing
Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Pine Plains will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law # A of 2025 entitled "OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c" on November 6 at 6:00pm at the Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Rt. 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on the adoption of said Local Law shall be given an opportunity to do so.

By Order of the Town Board
Madelin Dafoe
Town Clerk
10-23-25

Notice of Publication SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
Index No. 2025-51557 FORECLOSURE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND,
Plaintiff,
-against-

DONNA PARILLO, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; BRENDA J. SWEENEY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; DONALD E. SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; JAMES RICHARD SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; ROSEMARY SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; SCOTT P. SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; THOMAS SWEENEY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; RENEE PERRY AS HEIR,

DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1- #50" and "MARY ROE #1- #50", the last two names being fictitious, it being intended to name all other parties who may have some interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint,

Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after service, or within thirty days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty days of service hereof. If you fail to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Dutchess. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property that is the subject matter of this action is located in the County of Dutchess.
NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: October 14, 2025
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
By: s/ Patricia Pirri, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
(404)474-7149
10-23-25
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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS.

Education Law §259(1) (b), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of North East at the General Election to be held on the fourth day of November, 2025:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE NORTH EAST-MILLERTON LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE SUM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held at the 28 Century Boulevard in the Village of Millerton on the fourth day of November 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM in addition to Early Voting location and options.

Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk, Town of North East
10-23-25
10-30-25

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2025 to consider the site plan application of Martin's Fox Hollow, LLC. (the "Application") to selectively harvest timber on 50 acres of its land located on Fox Hollow Drive (SBL # 7067-00-332636) in the Town of Amenia, New York (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district and within the Scenic Protection and Upland Aquifer overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Planning and Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing. Written comments may be submitted by email to Planning Board Secretary Judith Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov or to her attention at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

Dated: October 9, 2025
Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman
Town of Amenia Planning Board
10-23-25

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter

121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2025 to consider the site plan application of Stephen and Laura Holt (the "Application") for an expansion of their single family dwelling located at 81 Randalls Road (Grid # 132000-7267-00-475821-0000) in the Town of Amenia, New York (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district. Portions of the Site are located within the Scenic Protection, Stream Corridor, Flood Plain and Valley Bottom Aquifer overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

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Dated: October 9, 2025
Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman
Town of Amenia Planning Board
10-23-25

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 12th day of November 2025 at 7:35pm at the Town Hall,

3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the site plan submitted by Scott Chase and Jeanne Valentine-Chase for the proposed small solar ground mount array for the residence on the property located at 560 Carpenter Hill Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6971-00-031229-0000.

Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

By order of:
Town of Pine Plains Planning Board
10-23-25

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS Pine Plains, New York NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Pine Plains for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York at 6:00 p.m. on the 6th day of November, 2025, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified:

Supervisor \$22,000
Budget Director \$3,500
Councilpersons (4) \$6,800
Justices (2) \$17,000
Town Clerk \$25,000
H i g h w a y Superintendent \$60,000

Dated: October 17, 2025
BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.
MADELIN DAFOE,
Town Clerk
10-23-25



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THE LIBRARY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

How do libraries address the challenges of modern times — the spread of misinformation, countering social isolation and book bans — and still meet their mission?



Anthony W. Marx

Anthony W. Marx is President of The New York Public Library, the nation's largest library system. Marx will discuss the future of the NYPL and challenges facing libraries in general in the context of the current issues of the day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 • 7:00 P.M.
Housatonic Valley Regional High School
Falls Village, CT

Admission free. Please register online.



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lot. The appearance has raised questions about the Choes’ recently estimated timeframe of an October opening.

Choe said that she and her husband have had their hands full with their newly-opened New Haven store. Market 360, located in a busy commercial space on Chapel Street just past the Yale campus, held its grand opening on June 4 and was attended by New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker.

That store, Choe said, is still finding its footing and building its team. Despite being in its early stages, Market 360 is fully operational, with shelves well-stocked with international and American food

and the aroma of curry and spices drifting through the aisles from the cafe.

No strangers to the grocery business, the couple has owned and operated the nearby Sharon Farm Market for 15 years. They purchased four adjoining parcels in the former Millerton Square Plaza at 122 Route 44 — totaling 10.2 acres — and earlier this spring the Town of North East Planning Board approved their site plan for the “Town Gourmet Market.”

When asked if the Millerton project was still a sure thing, Choe was effusive. “Of course,” she said. “It’s our building. It’s our home.”

TOWN HALL *Continued from Page A1*

ing, located at 3284 Route 199, was built in 1970 and houses the town’s government — including the courthouse and the police department.

“The town is looking to grow,” Marchese said. “Every department has needs, but we don’t want to have a 10,000 square foot building.” The new designs, Marchese said, should be big enough to facilitate every department’s current needs and comfortably accept expansion without hitting the town’s coffers too hard.

Town Board members received the concepts positively, saying the design appears to fit in well with the character of the town and praising the chosen site.

“It definitely looks like it fits in,” Town Supervisor Brian Walsh said.

In other business, the Town Board approved a resolution to exceed the state-mandated tax cap, allowing the board to

increase tax revenues more than 2% from last year as a precautionary measure during budget talks.

“We’re not actually going over the tax cap,” board member Matt Zick said. “We’re at 2% right now but this gives us the fluctuation to play with the budget. We don’t plan on going over.”

The vote is seen as a regular formality in towns across northeast Dutchess County during budget season. The Town of North East passed a similar resolution, citing concerns over rising EMS costs that require the town to exceed the tax cap so other essential services can continue.

A public hearing on the resolution is scheduled for the next town board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m.

That same meeting will also feature a public hearing on the town’s preliminary budget, available to view online at pineplains-ny.gov

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“With everything getting more expensive, we realized how critical a larger operating budget will be,” Ruppel said.

While residents may recall the library being on the ballot in 2024, that measure did not actually raise taxes — it secured existing funding from the Town of North East. This year’s proposal represents the library’s first true budget increase since 2009.

“It can be confusing,” Leo-Jameson said. “That earlier vote didn’t add new money — it just ensured we could count on the funding we already had from the Town.”

If approved, the new budget will remain stable year to year, providing the library

with long-term financial security.

“We do apply for grants and look for other sources of funding because we don’t take lightly having to ask the community,” said Leo-Jameson. If approved, the \$50,000 increase would cost the average homeowner only a few dollars a month. For example, a \$300,000 home would cost around \$16 per year. The tax would remain the same in future years.

Beyond the numbers, library leaders emphasize how much the institution has evolved into a community hub.

“Too many people still think of libraries as just places

to get books,” Ruppel said. “We’re really trying to show how much more a library offers.”

Today, the NorthEast-Millerton Library lends far more than books. Members can check out Wi-Fi hotspots, laptops and even snowshoes in winter. Its streaming platforms offer access to movies, music and e-books, though licensing costs are steep for the library. A \$15 retail e-book can cost the library \$60 and expire after just two years, with only one patron able to borrow it at a time.

Between the main library and the Annex, the institution now hosts after-school programs, robotics workshops,

story hours, concerts and craft fairs. The North East Historical Society rents space upstairs, while the Dutchess County Friendship Center operates out of the Annex four days a week, offering meals and social programs for seniors. A food pantry created by the library and placed in Veteran’s Park also serves residents in need. People in the community take it upon themselves to fill the small pantry and it rarely needs to be filled by the library itself, Leo-Jameson said.

Residents can learn more about the proposed budget increase at an information session at the library annex on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Amenia’s inaugural fall festival



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Kids activities included a bouncy castle and face painting.



Poughkeepsie-based rock cover band The Crew took up residence on a stage in front of the Amenia skate park. The band’s classic covers attracted a crowd all day.

OBITUARY

Robin Lee Dowden

BANTAM, Conn. — Robin Lee Dowden (Downey) of Bantam, Connecticut passed away peacefully Oct. 13, 2025, at the age of 83 surrounded by family. She was born Oct. 9, 1942 in Ottumwa, Iowa.

She is survived by her 3 children; Sage Croci and her husband Dan of Litchfield, Erik Tomaino of Salisbury, and Jason Tomaino of Kauai, Hawaii. She also leaves her grandchildren; Aaron (Alina) Lee, Evan (Brittany) Lee, Ellie Barrows, Daniel, Jace and Griffin Tomaino and her 3 great grandchildren, Oakley, Theodore and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Dowden, her parents, Gordon and Aida Downey, siblings GK Downey, Tony Downey, Alex Rogers and Noel Roy.

After graduating high school in Raton, New Mexico, she attended Austin Peay State, Highlands University and Harbor College and was a flight attendant for United Airlines.

Her love of world travel, art, skiing, swimming, bowling, music and Broadway plays filled her time as well as being an active member of the garden club and multiple volunteer organizations.

Robin Lee Dowden will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In the words of longtime dear friend of Robin’s:

“Robin was a spirited soul, a chameleon who could adapt to any circumstance, and a survivor in every sense of the word. Her life was a tapestry of stories, names, and transformations, each one a testa-



ment to her resilience and fire. She lived boldly, loved deeply, and left her mark on everyone who knew her. She was a mother to two sons and a cherished daughter, and through them, her light continues to shine. Robin’s journey was not always easy, but she met each chapter with courage and grace. Nobody cooked a butterfly-cut lamb like Robin. She brought fire and flavor to everything she touched, terrific in the kitchen, and unforgettable in life. And when she hit the slopes, she skied with the same fearless energy that defined her spirit. She could get so mad at me sometimes, but somehow, we always ended up laughing. That was Robin: fierce, funny, and full of heart. Whether she was searing lamb, carving through snow, or calling me out with that sharp wit of hers, she embraced life with passion and joy. Those of us who knew her will remember her laughter, her strength, and the way she could turn even the hardest moments into something fun or beautiful.”

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude for everyone who helped to care for her in her final months and days, especially East Mountain House in Lakeville, Connecticut and Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the above organizations in honor of Robin. A Celebration of Life is being planned for Saturday, November 1. For more information, please reach out to the family.



Walter Dietrich of Amenia dressed up as Abby Cadabby, the doctor from Mel Brooks’s “Young Frankenstein,” to promote the Amenia Historical Society.



The Smithfield Valley Church Choir performed a set of choral music in front of Le Jardin around 1 p.m. Le Jardin’s stoop featured banjo pickers and soloists too.



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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

FILM: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

An interview with Bestor Cram: filmmaker discusses ‘Tiananmen Tonight’ and the power of the press

On Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., the Nor-folk Library will host a free public screening of “Tiananmen Tonight,” a film by Bestor Cram and Michael Streissguth about the 1989 student uprising in China and the daring coverage by Dan Rather and CBS. Director Cram will introduce the film.

A documentary filmmaker whose life was forged in the fire of Vietnam, where he served as a Marine, Cram earned the Navy Commendation Medal. He returned home to become a conscientious objector and leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. After working in the MIT Film Studies Program, he founded Northern Light Productions in Boston, producing media for museums, and has made more than 30 feature documentary films.

His credits include the 1995 Academy Award-winning documentary “Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision,” as well as “After Innocence and Wrestling with Angels: Playwright Tony Kushner.” His film “Unfinished Symphony,” premiered at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival.

JA: When did you begin telling stories?

BC: I began my filmmaking adventure as an organizer for Vietnam Veterans Against the War. I arranged for a group of filmmakers to document our march, which followed the ride of Paul Revere in reverse, a warning to folks to become patriots and oppose the war.

JA: How does our current political and moral dilemma, with journalism under fire, inform



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Filmmaker Bestor Cram

this film?

BC: The film is about a momentous event that became a defining example of how television journalism lived up to its promise, providing in-depth, ongoing reporting that enabled an audience to understand the evolution of a news story. It provides insight into the decisions journalists face in dealing with management, restrictive budgets, governmental impediments, and the dilemmas that arise when reporters become part of the news.

JA: What drew you to the story of Dan Rather and CBS in China?

BC: Dan Rather and his team were in a ratings fight, but more importantly, they were fighting to reestablish their reputation as the gold standard in TV journalism.

JA: How can we protect our free press?

BC: The bottom line

rules capitalism. When corporations become owners of the press, they no longer view news as a public service but as another commodity on the balance sheet. I believe the best way to protect the free press is to limit who owns it.

JA: What is the role of the press, and of film, in truth-telling?

BC: The role of the press is to inform. The role of film is also to inform, but its format is essentially an editorial perspective. Telling the truth is more a process of what is chosen to be presented and its

sources.

JA: How do you define bravery?

BC: Bravery is the notion of expressing oneself physically and intellectually based on one’s conscience, kind of a Henry David Thoreau ideal. Following the law is part of citizenship, but ensuring the justness of the law is also part of citizenship.

JA: Do you think China is more or less repressive now than in 1989?

BC: Economically, people are better off. But

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PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Artist Vincent Inconiglio’s show “Face Time” opens Oct. 25 at the Hunt Library.

ART: ROBIN RORABACK

Vincent Inconiglio brings ‘Face Time’ to Hunt Library

Abstract artist Vincent Inconiglio’s love and enthusiasm for color and form are evident all around him at his Falls Village studio, where he has worked for 25 years. He is surrounded by paintings large and small, woodcuts, photographs, collages and arrays of found objects.

The objects Inconiglio has found while out walking — in Falls Village, near his studio on Gansevoort Street in New York City, and in other places throughout the world — hold special importance to him. Appreciation of them, he says, comes from “seeing while exploring. I am always finding things.” His particular delight is finding objects that look like faces, many of which will be featured in the ArtWall show at the Hunt Library.

The found objects inspire him, are his “friends,” and serve as muses for his work. He has had some in his collection for more than 50 years. “I’ve always thought of them as parts of me.”

As he shows these objects and tells how he found them, his enthusiasm is contagious. It suggests a new way of looking at the world, even at the most mundane bits of debris.

The sheer volume of paintings and collages displayed in his Falls Village studio attests to his interest in form, color, and composition.

Inconiglio will bring his sense of play and love of discovery to his show, “Face Time,” opening at the Hunt Library in Falls Village on Oct. 25, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. It

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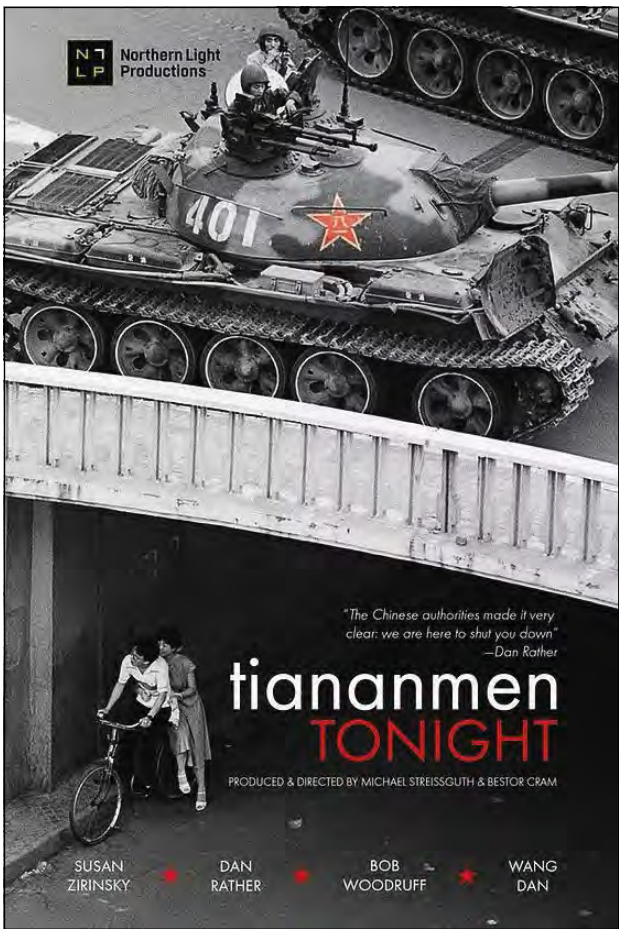


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the price paid for not contesting the Chinese totalitarian regime is one of accepting the repression of free speech and the rewriting of history.

JA: What do you want people to take away from this film?

BC: Appreciation for the quality and courage of the journalists who reported Tiananmen, and a consideration of what is being done in TV journalism today. And a reexamination of the stand the Chinese took then as an inspiration for how movements today can shape change, knowing that there are consequences to be considered when dealing with governments.

JA: What is your current project?

BC: A feature documentary called “Not Your Average Citizen,” the story of Boris Nemtsov, leader of the Russian opposition and critic of Vladimir Putin, who was gunned down outside the Kremlin in February 2015. As Nemtsov often said, “Freedom comes at a high price.”

More at notyouraveragecitizen.com.

Register at norfolklibrary.org

...Vincent Inconiglio

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features faces in collages, photos, and found objects. The works will be on display until Nov. 21.

Inconiglio explained a little about his process. “If I am stuck,” he said, “I’ll cut something and put it down. One thing leads to another and forces me to focus.” Next month, in a workshop with children, he will share techniques like this that have guided him in his work.

The children, students at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, will create their own face collages. Inconiglio enjoys the spontaneity children bring to their creations and is eager to work with them.

On Nov. 13, Inconiglio will give an artist’s talk at 5:30 p.m. at Hunt Library.

He looks forward to feedback about “Face Time,” commenting, “I’d rather get bad feedback than no feedback.”

For more information, visit: huntlibrary.org/art-wall/.

LIFESTYLE: SALLY HAVER

The Thyme in Sheffield blends nature, wellness and community

The Thyme, on Route 41 in Sheffield, is a retreat center offering a variety of residential and non-residential programs and services to the local community and Berkshire-area visitors. A new incarnation of what for many years was the Option Institute, The Thyme is the dream project of James Davies and Andrew Murray, business partners who left the pressures of international banking and moved with their families to this Berkshires campus in September 2024. They bought the 85-acre property from Barry and Susan Kaufman for \$5.35 million and, together with five other business partners, have been renovating the property’s many buildings ever since.

The center opened in January of this year and is a work in progress as the team continues to refine its offerings. Since opening, the venue has hosted events across 22 weekends, with most bookings for residential retreats with some spiritual element. Upcoming events include a women’s retreat (The Wild Rest), a family Halloween event called Curious-er, and a Thanksgiving weekend for those who have already visited the property. The year will culminate with a weekend retreat around the winter solstice facilitated by renowned astrologer Rebecca Gordon.

The center is also available to rent for local businesses and has hosted several dinners organized by the local community. The Thyme is open year-round, welcoming visitors for all four seasons of Berkshire beauty. Programming at The Thyme is very much centered on allowing visitors to enjoy the majestic nature, including the famous Sage’s Ravine. With a 2,000-square-foot dining hall, it can accommodate up to 110 people for meals in a variety of configurations.



The central communal space, featuring an A for Ara audio system, gong and Tibetan bowls, hosts up to 80 guests for sound meditations and healing music experiences.

There are 11 other buildings on the property. Two are the homes of Davies, Murray and their families. The central communal space (separate from the dining room) has been equipped with a cutting-edge audio system designed by local business A for Ara. Together with one of the largest gongs in the Northeast and Tibetan singing bowls, this space can host groups up to 80 for sound meditations and other curated musical experiences that facilitate healing, relaxation and personal growth.

There are accommodations for 60 people in four buildings, with plans to add more. The beautifully renovated guest rooms are decorated in earth tones in a peaceful, minimalist style, with large windows that showcase the spectacular natural surroundings.

Visitors to The Thyme — whether for day trips or longer stays — will have spectacular views of mountains, rolling hills, a pond, streams and a beautiful walking trail. The Appalachian Trail awaits just down the road from the campus for more serious hikers.

To prepare the property and buildings, the team at The Thyme has



James Davies in front of the Manor House. PHOTOS PROVIDED

hired a number of local workers — landscapers, carpenters, designers. As The Thyme sets up its programs, it’s also hiring specialists such as masseuses. In addition, the center has welcomed core staff members as full-time residents to head up kitchen operations, music programs and other guest offerings.

Davies and Murray have already been welcoming a mix of generations to The Thyme and have put multigenerational programming at the heart of their offerings, focusing on research showing that strong community connection boosts well-being. A recent family weekend was attended by guests ranging from newborns to people in their eighth decade.

For more on its programs or to inquire about using the space, visit thethyme.co or email hello@thethyme.co

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 23

Trivia Night

Panacea, 6 Autumn Lane, Amenia, N.Y.

Join in on a night of trivia benefiting the Webutuck Little League from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission costs \$10 per player and over \$500 in prizes will be given away to winners. Enjoy 25% off bottles of wine during play.

OCTOBER 24

The Afterlife of Trees: A Science Conversation with Amy Zanne - In-person (Lovejoy Auditorium at the Cary Institute) + Livestream

2801 Sharon Tpk., Millbrook, N.Y. at 7 p.m.

What happens after a tree dies? Join Cary Institute scientist Dr. Amy Zanne and Cary President Josh Ginsberg for a fascinating look at the hidden life of deadwood. Learn how fallen trees shape ecosystems, store carbon, and support a host of creatures—from glowing mushrooms to wood-loving termites.

Free and open to the public. Registration required for in-person or virtual attendance.

Register: norfolklibrary.org/events

Witkowski Piano Duo: Four Hands, One Amazing Performance

Hotchkiss School, Salisbury, Conn.

Join The Hotchkiss School for a special recital by the internationally acclaimed Witkowski Piano Duo on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Katherine M. Elfers Hall. This concert celebrates the 20th anniversary of the hall and features works by Gershwin, Rachmaninov, and Villa-Lobos. Free and open to the public.

Haunted Mill and Monsters Ball

Wassaic Project, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Oct. 24 & 25, 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 26, 2 to 5 p.m.

Immersive haunted art installations in a multi-level mill, featuring works by over a dozen artists. Tickets: \$8–\$10 individuals, \$15–\$20 families.

Monsters Ball Oct. 25, 7 p.m. to late.

Costume-required dance party with live music at The Lantern’s garden. Advance tickets only; no door sales.

OCTOBER 25

Rob Zombie Art Exhibition: What Lurks on Channel X?

Morrison Gallery, 60 North Main St., Kent, Conn.

Opening Reception: Oct. 25, 5 to 7 p.m.

Runs through November 16

Rock icon and filmmaker Rob Zombie debuts his artwork in a bold, pop culture-infused exhibition featuring large-scale paintings. This is the first public showing of his visual art.

Stitch the Salisbury Cannons & Learn Some History

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

Open to all ages, this is an opportunity to help stitch the famous Salisbury cannons into the Connecticut panel of a giant tapestry that will represent the original 13 colonies of the United States. We’ll also learn about the cannons: why they were made here and how they helped win the Revolutionary War. Come anytime between 2 to 5 p.m. Registration requested at: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15175374

Confused by the News? Three Journalists Sort Through the Noise

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall

Journlists Kurt Andersen, Charlotte Howard and Joel Simon discuss the current state of the news industry, media trust and how to stay informed in a confusing information landscape. Presentation at 5 p.m. followed by Q&A. Registration required: cornwalllibrary.org/events

FREE Life Design Workshop: “You Are Here”

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Feeling stuck or in transition? Join us for a free, interactive Life Design workshop to explore where you are in life and take small, meaningful steps forward. Facilitated by Mary B. O’Neill, Ph.D., this session includes guided reflection, conversation, and practical tools to help you clarify your values and direction. Register: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/613ee300-a32c-49da-a69b-4ff9551d1a8e

Music of 1776

Winchester Center Congregational Church, 1 West Road, Winchester, Conn.

4 p.m.

From the time of the Stamp Act to the British surrender at Yorktown, Connecticut’s seditious colonists used these works to foment rebellion, commemorate victory and give thanks for preservation. Join us as we step back to 1776. This is a FREE event.

Last week’s WotW

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Word of the Week

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

1. A wide seat, often at parks
2. Border around a painting
3. Quick to notice, on guard
4. What a peeled onion reveals
5. _____ voting began Oct. 20

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Film Screening: Another Body

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Project SAGE partners with The Moviehouse (48 Main St., Millerton) for a screening of *Another Body*, a documentary about a college student’s fight for justice after discovering deepfake pornography of herself online. A talkback will follow with Project SAGE staff. Tickets \$18 at themoviehouse.net. Viewer discretion advised.

Apples 'n Things Community Fair

Falls Village Congregational Church, 16 Beebe Hill Rad, Falls Village, Conn..

The Falls Village Congregational Church will hold their Apples 'n Things Community Fair at at 16 Beebe Hill Rd. between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.on Saturday, Oct. 25. Chili, cornbread and apple crisp will be served for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be apple pies and baked goods for sale, hand-crafted items, hay-ride and entertainment for the kids.

Address your calendar entry to calendar@lakevillejournal.com by Friday at noon.

OCTOBER 26

Author Peter Godwin and NYT Travel Editor Amy Virshup

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

Peter Godwin will talk with New York Times Travel editor, Amy Virshup about Godwin's new book, *Exit Wounds: A Story of Love, Loss, and Occasional Wars*. Critics call it “an exceptional memoir,” “Eloquent... beautiful.” Join us on Sunday, Oct. 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Reception and book signing to follow. Registration requested at: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15431785

OCTOBER 28

Free Medicare One-on-One Counseling: Review Your Plan for 2026

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

Get expert help navigating Medicare Open Enrollment. Connecticut’s State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) CHOICES provides free, unbiased insurance counseling and education to Medicare-eligible individuals. By appointment at the Scoville Library on Tuesday, October 28. Registration is required. Visit scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15457401

OCTOBER 29

Halloween Paint & Sip

Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Costumes welcome or come as you are. Whichever is scarier... \$45 per person. Supplies and wine included. Rsvp: info@madrosegallery.com

NOVEMBER 4

Turning 65: Thinking Ahead About Medicare with Sheri Wright

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

Plan ahead for when you turn 65! This educational event is designed to help individuals approaching Medicare eligibility make informed decisions and avoid common enrollment pitfalls. Sheri Wright will provide clear, easy-to-understand guidance. Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14962097.

NOVEMBER 5

Liberty and the American Experience

Torrington Historical Society, 192 Main St., Torrington, Conn.

Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. Professor Hamish Lutris will explore the evolving meaning of liberty in American history and key controversies surrounding it. The event is free. Register at torringtonhistorical society.org.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Remark
5. Upper body part
8. Expression of dismissiveness
12. Alternate name
14. Popular beverage
15. Swiss river
16. Step-shaped recess
18. Rocker Stewart
19. Bright shade of color
20. Popular “street”
21. Wrath
22. Heat units
23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
26. Fall back into
30. Remove from the record
31. Sound a splash made
32. Popular Dodge pickup model
33. Jamaican river
34. Notable event in Texas history
39. Cool!
42. Subset of Judaism
44. Newly entered cadet
46. Duct in urinary system
47. Exterminator
49. Snatch quickly
50. Have already done
51. Less healthy
56. Therefore
57. What couples say on the altar
58. Mysteriously
59. Look angry or sullen
60. Bird’s beak
61. Taco ingredient
62. Square measures
63. Google certification (abbr.)
64. Singer Hansard

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25. Tibetan monasteries
26. Revolutions per minute
27. NY Giants great Manning
28. Local area network
29. Residue from burning
35. Illuminated
36. Vasopressin
37. Notable space station
38. Wood sorrel
40. Adhering to laws
41. Chose
42. Hovel
43. Stood up
44. European city
45. Works ceaselessly
47. Mistake
48. Sun-dried brick

49. Sicilian city
52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
53. Murder
54. Other
55. “Deadpool” actor Reynolds

October 16 Solution

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Level: Intermediate

October 16 Solution

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Known as the Hitchcock House, 36 Leedsville Road at the intersection of Amenia Union Road was built in 1783 on 1.64 acres and sold for \$575,000 on Sept. 3.

Median price hits \$375,000 in Amenia

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Amenia’s eight transfers in September continue typical monthly sales results with six transfers under \$400,000 and one at Silo Ridge over \$5 million. The \$375,000 median price for single family homes closed in September shows an uptick compared to \$350,000 in 2023 and 2024 but is still below the historic high of \$430,000 in September of 2022. There are opportunities to buy commercial properties in Amenia as well as 12 parcels of vacant land. Listings for sale include 16 single family homes with five over \$1 million and nine under \$500,000. 53 Glen Ave. — 3 bedroom/1 bath ranch on .5 acres sold to Jose Garcia Ramirez for \$375,000. 20 Snowy Owl Court — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on .33 acres assessed at \$3,676,800 in the Silo Ridge Field Club sold to Megan M. O’Block Trustee for \$5.3 million. 4971 Route 22 — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on .46 acres assessed at \$445,800

transferred to Llewelyn Wixom for \$33,025. 9 Depot Hill Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1900 sold to Glenroy Adams for \$250,000. 399 Bog Hollow Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home on 4.5 acres sold to Nicholas Woytuk for \$360,000. 36 Leedsville Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 antique house on 1.64 acres sold to Jill Baumeister for \$575,000. 703 Butts Hollow Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath two family home built in 1865 sold to Canis Centauri LLC for \$165,000. 782 Old Route 22 — 4 bedroom/2 bath two family home sold to 782 Old Route 22 LLC for \$325,000. **Town of Amenia property transfers in September are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on parcels from Dutchess Parcel Access. Only arm’s length transactions with compensation are included. Recorded transfers typically lag closed sales. Market data from Smart MLS Info Sparks does not include private transactions or Silo Ridge sales. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

New Cary Institute scientist to discuss the afterlife of trees

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MILLBROOK — Nature lovers can explore the eerie yet essential world of decomposition in an upcoming lecture at the Cary Institute of Ecological Studies, just in time for Halloween. Dr. Amy Zanne will speak in conversation with Cary President Dr. Joshua Ginsberg about the hidden world of dead trees. Topics will include the fungi that drive decomposition — like dead man’s fingers and glowing Jack-O’-Lantern mushrooms — and the termites that quietly shape the forest. The lecture will take place in person and online Friday, Oct. 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. With a Ph.D. from the University of Florida, and having traveled and studied on every continent, Dr. Zanne has accumulated an extensive network of colleagues and a vast wealth of knowledge about the interactions among plants, microbes and insects that influence carbon cycling and climate change. And yet, she manages to distill very complex information and make it understandable — and exciting — to the masses. Her enthusiasm for ecology and biology is contagious. Known for her collaborative approach, Zanne often

brings together scientists who study different scales of decomposition, from enzymes to ecosystems. “Only a small fraction of termites cause problems for people,” she said excitedly, mythbusting common misconceptions, “but most play a vital role in recycling carbon. I love connecting people who study these overlooked organisms to see the bigger picture.” After studying at field sites in Australia, Brazil, Chile and Antarctica, her current home is the Cary Institute, where she studies how species’ traits affect carbon release and storage. Today, Zanne focuses on how carbon moves through nature in areas like forests, grasslands and deserts. She examines what happens to carbon in plants and dead wood as they break down, and how factors like heat, moisture, fungi and termites affect that process. Her love for science began in childhood when Zanne grew up on a farm in New Hampshire and developed a love of the outdoors. The bucolic upbringing allowed her to run through the hills, pick blueberries in the summertime and enjoy the surrounding landscape. “I had a real comfort in being outside,” she said. “As kids, we had a big garden and were constantly digging in the rocky, granite soils of New Hampshire, always pulling out rocks and examining them.” She also enjoyed learning how the environment cycled on the farm. Later, inspired in high school and college by a number of teachers and professors, Zanne knew she wanted to make science her profession. It was when she enrolled in

biology and genetics classes that a spark was ignited. Zanne reflected, “What makes that magic click in your brain? I don’t know — but whatever it was, I loved my biology classes in high school. That really set me on the path to studying biology in college.” She attended Dartmouth College where she took a variety of courses, including ecology. Asked if she had a favorite place among her travels, Zanne joked that the question was like choosing a favorite child. “When you travel, you leave little pieces of your heart all over the world,” she said. “You’re never just one person anymore — you have many homes wherever you go. I’ve been so lucky to meet incredible people and see such beautiful places.” Zanne’s upcoming talk at the Cary Institute will explore what happens after trees die — the “afterlife” of wood and the creatures that inhabit it. Drawing on her research in places as far as Antarctica, Brazil and Chile, she studies how carbon moves through ecosystems, and how it happens on a smaller scale with individual fallen logs, or in entire landscapes. Her work connects the smallest processes to the global carbon cycle. “I’m interested in how the tiny things happening inside a log affect what’s happening in the atmosphere,” she explained. “It’s about connecting the micro to the global.” Fittingly timed for Halloween, her lecture promises a “spooky” dive into death, decay and the hidden world inside and around dead trees. For more information or to register for the lecture, visit caryinstitute.org/events.

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