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Ash Baldwin, senior administrative assistant at the North East Community Center, launched the weekly Craft Collective in July 2025.

North East Community Center

'Craft Collective' offers space to create

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — A new low-key crafting group at the North East Community Center (NECC) is giving locals a reason to finally finish those half-started projects, providing a space for craft lovers to

work in community and exchange tips and tricks.

The weekly "Craft Collective," — launched in July 2025 by staff member Ash Baldwin — invites community members to bring their own crafts and work alongside

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Webutuck discipline referrals drop by half after cellphone ban

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — The Webutuck Central School District's cellphone ban has led to a 50% drop in office discipline referrals compared with the same period last year, administrators said.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul required school districts statewide to implement cellphone bans beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Implementation was left to individual districts, with Webutuck requiring students to store their phones in lockers during

the school day. Supporters of the policy argued that cellphones created distractions and contributed to student conflicts.

New York State's action is part of a nationwide movement that now includes 20 states with outright bans in schools. In Connecticut, Gov. Ned Lamont announced in a press conference on Monday, March 2, a similar proposal to Hochul's that would require schools to limit access to cellphones during school hours.

Webutuck Superintendent Ray

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Eddie Collins Memorial Park

Village reveals final design for new pool complex

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — New renderings unveiled at a special Village Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, offered a first look at a nearly finalized redesign of the Eddie Collins Memorial Pool complex, including a modernized poolhouse and several new features planned for the pool itself. The presentation marked a significant step as the village moves closer to bidding and construction.

The updated poolhouse plans, presented by senior landscape

The project is expected to go out to bid in mid-March, with construction targeted to begin after Millerton's 175th celebration in mid-July.

architect Kevin Hasselwander of LaBella Associates, show the project has shifted away from an earlier red, rustic concept toward a cleaner, more modern building. The structure is intended to withstand heavy seasonal use and support year-round community programming. The project is expected to go out to bid in mid-March, with construction targeted to begin af-

ter Millerton's 175th celebration in mid-July, village officials said.

The updated pool design includes several additions aimed at expanding the pool's appeal for a wide range of ages, including a waterslide, diving board and water-play elements for children. Board members also discussed adding

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Federal grant completes financing for Millerton's wastewater project

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Millerton now has the funding to build its long-planned \$13.8 million wastewater system following the award of a \$3.5 million federal grant announced Friday, Feb. 27.

The Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) grant solidifies the project's financing plan and clears the way for the village board to authorize final design at its March 9 meeting. Officials anticipate bidding in 2027, with construction potentially completed by spring 2028. The project is a joint effort between the village and the town.

The project, which would serve the core of the Village of Millerton and a commercial stretch of the Town of North East along U.S. Route 44, represents one of the largest infrastructure investments in the community in decades. Officials say the system will safeguard local waterways while creating a foundation for long-term economic stability.

Village officials say the new funding will keep the project on track to authorize final design at the March 9 village board meeting, with bidding anticipated in 2027 and potential construction completion by spring 2028.

The preliminary engineering



ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED

A map prepared by engineering firm Tighe & Bond shows the parcels within the village included in the wastewater service area.

report from Tighe and Bond describes a wastewater treatment system that would collect liquid waste and return the treated water to the Webutuck Creek. Solid septic waste would still require tanks, but emptying those tanks will become the sewer district's responsibility.

Projected costs

The \$13.8 million project calls for the village to cover about 79% of capital costs, with the town responsible for roughly 21%.

Current projections from engineering firm Tighe and Bond estimate residential users would pay

approximately \$57.89 per month, including capital and operating costs. Commercial properties are projected to pay about \$144.33 per month. Officials say the newly secured grant could reduce those figures slightly once the final financing details are confirmed.

Taxpayers outside of the service area will not be charged for project costs, according to village officials.

Who benefits?

Millerton trustee Matt Soleau, who has been working closely on

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OUR TOWNS



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Webutuck senior James Singleton, center, looks for an opportunity under the basket.

Webutuck's sectionals return ends with 50-45 loss

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Bremmer led the wildcats in scoring, racking up 20 points in the final game of his high school career.

AMENIA — Webutuck's first appearance in the Section IX tournament in more than a decade ended in the preliminary round Saturday, Feb. 28, with a hard-fought 50-45 loss to S.S. Seward Institute.

Webutuck hosted the game, with local spectators and visitors filling the bleachers in the gym for the first round of the Sectional tournament. S.S. Seward opened up scoring in the game, racking up 10 points in the first quarter.

Webutuck quickly adjusted, mounting defensive pressure and picking up the pace offensively to keep S.S. Seward's score within reach.

By the half, Webutuck was only down by two points.

The Wildcats kept up with S.S. Seward through the next half, pulling ahead enough to lead S.S. Seward 39-36 at the end of the third quarter.

But the Spartans made a final push in the last quarter, scoring 14 points and holding Webutuck to just six points to win the game 50-45.

Webutuck senior Evan



Webutuck sophomore Hayden Whiteley, right, passes the ball to senior Evan Bremmer.

Matinee show closes out Webutuck's nostalgic comedy

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AMENIA — Webutuck students returned to the stage for the second time in two years last week to perform nostalgic comedy "Back to the '80s."

The production was the second under the leadership of music and chorus teacher Kaylee Kelsey, who revived the school's drama program after years without a performance. Students performed on Friday, Feb. 27, Saturday, Feb. 28, and Sunday, March 1. A debut performance on Thursday, Feb. 26, was cancelled after heavy snow interfered with last-minute rehearsals.

"Back to the '80s" is a nos-



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talig comedy written by Dean O'Carroll following sixteen-year-old Mary Fitzfry, who gets transported back in time to 1985 when a time machine malfunctions — echoing the plot of 1985 blockbuster "Back to the Future."

Middle schoolers composed most of the cast — freshman Nolan Howard was the lone high schooler to perform this year.

Kelsey said the production's timing causes difficulties for older students that

Millbrook Library kicks off 'Garden Matters' series with soil health

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — An ambitious series of gardening talks under the umbrella title "Garden Matters" kicked off at the Millbrook Library with its first program, "Building Healthy Soil," on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Gardeners of varied experience turned out for the opening session of what organizers describe as a year-long exploration of healthy, sustainable gardening practices.

The library's adult program coordinator, Jen McCreery, introduced the event and said monthly talks are already planned through February 2027. The extended schedule, she noted, reflects strong community interest in topics ranging from soil health to practical techniques for home gardeners.

Among those attending was Denise Bauer, immediate past chair of the library's Friends organization, who said the library's pollinator garden project would not feel complete without a series on healthy gardening. Bauer added that Emma Sweeney, past president of the Millbrook Garden Club, was instrumental in planning the series alongside McCreery.

The program was presented by Stonewood Farm co-managers Alex Kohler and Maggie Thomas. They began with a brief history of the farm that has evolved since its founders Ken Holzberg and Tom Kopfensteiner first purchased the property. Over 13 years, the founders engaged in selective clearing, working carefully with the land's topography and preserving natural features.

Today, a 1.5-acre plot holds the fruit and vegetable gardens.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Alex Kohler, left, and Maggie Thomas of Stonewood Farm in Millbrook lead a talk on soil health at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 21. The talk was the first in a series of lectures sponsored by the Millbrook Garden Club that is set to continue monthly through July.

Operating as a nonprofit since 2021, Stonewood Farm supports local food distribution programs, including the food pantry at Lyall Community Church and Meals on Wheels.

The talk covered a wide range of soil-related topics, including understanding soil health, managing fertility, pest and disease management, tillage, tool care, bed preparation and the importance of "closing the loop" to keep gardening local.

Successful gardening is rooted in science, Thomas explained.

"Farmers are scientists; everyone interested in growing things is a scientist," Thomas said, noting that growing things involves relationship.

"Relationship is probably what matters," Kohler agreed. "Soil, air and water co-exist; they can't exist in isolation."

Proponents of minimal soil disruption, both Thomas and Kohler emphasized that organic matter is the garden-

er's best friend. For example, earthworms exist in a certain stratum within the soil layers, inhabiting and benefitting the top ten inches.

"The deeper you dig, the more disruptive you are," Kohler said, recommending four inches or less.

"Avoid deep tillage," Thomas said.

Compost provides vital nutrients to soil, so much so that it is termed "black gold" by gardeners, Kohler said. A thick layer of compost does wonders, but refrain from adding anything citrus to your compost.

Companion plantings are helpful in warding off insects and disease in plants. For example, Kohler said, team basil with tomatoes, Marigolds with peppers, Nasturtiums with squash and plant a few alliums. Beneficial insects should be encouraged, including green lacewing flies, lady bugs, and all manner of predator bugs.

"Most big bugs you want to encourage," Kohler said, but acknowledged that some big bugs are bad.

"Soil is alive; bring nutrients together for a healthy garden," both advised, while cautioning that the nutrients are finite. "Choose to replenish the soil."

The Garden Matters series is presented by the Millbrook Garden Club in partnership with Stonewood Farm and the Friends of the Millbrook Library. The next library event in the series is "Grocery to Garden," to be taught by Jessica Williams of Odd Duck Farm, Highland, New York, on Saturday, March 14, at 11 a.m. For more information on the Millbrook Library series, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org.



Kathleen Howard, left, cameos in "Back to the '80s" as a strict principal that appears onstage to berate students and send the main cast to Saturday detention in this scene that parodies "The Breakfast Club."

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We had a wonderful meeting of housing providers and Community Land Trusts at the Salisbury Town Hall last Thursday. I wish to thank Emily Egan who helped arrange having the meeting at the Town Hall and the following speakers: Abby Conroy of our Land Use office, Kayla Johnson, our assessor, Jocelyn Ayer of the Housing Collective, Mirna Martinez of the Southeastern CT Community Land Trust, Karmine Aybar of the Naugatuck Valley Project, Janna Siller the director of the Adamah Farm project of Camp Isabella Freedman and Bridget Clark Saylor who will be our new Board member with the Housing Trust. Also Miles Todaro saved the day by presenting the Powerpoints flawlessly and Ryan and Erica Cooper, owners of On The Run, catered all the delicious food to keep us going! It was indeed an honor to be with so many people who work hard to make their communities a better place, so thank you all!



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'We need more daycare' — rural parents say biggest barrier to child care access is availability

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Parents and child care leaders gathered Wednesday, Feb. 25, to discuss concerns about early child care access and affordability in the rural northeast corner of Dutchess County.

County legislator Chris Drago, who represents the towns of North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Milan and Red Hook, hosted the event at the Stissing Center on Church Street to seek community feedback following news about a proposed pilot program that would expand funding for child care, particularly for children under three, in Dutchess County.

The proposal follows Gov. Kathy Hochul's announcement in her State of the State address that she is seeking \$60 million for Dutchess, Monroe and Broome counties to expand child care, with an emphasis on children under three. The funding, pending approval as part of the state budget due April 1, is a component of her broader effort to expand affordable child care statewide, including a push toward universal access for children under five.

Billed as a fact-finding session ahead of the state budget vote, the forum opened with presentations from representatives of Poughkeepsie-based



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Local parents, child care providers and nonprofit representatives outline the challenges they face during a forum at the Stissing Center on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

child care advocacy and training organizations. Parents expressed concerns about access in the far reaches of the county, where services have long lagged behind more densely populated areas.

Kim Yarnell, a parent who lives in Millerton, said she struggled for years to find child care. She was one of the parents left scrambling for care last December when the North East Community Center announced the sudden closure of its Early Learning Program.

"When I first got pregnant in 2019, I was on a waiting list for two years," she said. "So that's the kind of situation we all face every day."

Parents emphasized a lack of providers in the area, say-

ing the biggest barriers in rural communities are cost and availability. Webutuck Elementary School Principal Amanda Coppola said parents regularly tell her they can't afford child care, a struggle she said she can relate to.

"I have a four-month-old at home, and I just finished my first month of paying for daycare, and it's expensive," she said. "Funding, as far as tuitions or lowering tuitions, I feel is one of the biggest needs that I hear. And now that I'm living it, I hear even more."

Representatives of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam presented facts and figures to the group, saying that within Drago's legislative district there are roughly 300 children

under three who need care, but licensed facilities have capacity for only 95.

Outside of Red Hook — the district's most populous town — licensed providers have capacity for just 29 children.

That data underscores parents' anxiety. The governor's proposal emphasizes working within existing child care systems and infrastructure, but those resources are limited in northeast Dutchess County. Parents said there's a significant need for infant care, with some reporting they drive more than 30 minutes one way to Connecticut to access the nearest available care.

"We just need more daycare," Yarnell said. "It's not complicated, like, we need more daycare."

Public hearing on Silo Ridge recreational facility extended amid lighting debate

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — A public hearing on proposed changes to the Siland Recreational Facility — the private tennis and skating complex associated with the Silo Ridge residential development — will continue Wednesday, March 11, after Planning Board members raised concerns about a potential outdoor lighting proposal.

The board extended the public hearing following low public attendance at the Feb. 25 session and the introduction of a proposal to add exterior lighting for the platform tennis courts to allow evening play.

The Siland Recreational Facility sits south of the Silo Ridge neighborhood along Route 22 near the Metro-North Wassaic train station.

The acreage includes tennis and platform tennis facilities and a seasonal ice rink. It functions primarily as a private amenity for Silo Ridge members, though portions have periodically been opened to the broader community through coordination with the Recreation Commission.

Consultant Patrick O'Leary, representing the facility, outlined revisions to the site plan that include reconfiguring the parking area, upgrading drainage and adding landscaping at the site. He said those revisions have been described to the board multiple times at prior meetings.

The discussion centered largely on the possibility of outdoor lighting for the platform tennis courts.

O'Leary presented two options. The first would include no nighttime visual impact.

The second would permit seasonal lighting from November through March, with lights used three evenings per

week. Under that scenario, the courts would be open to Silo Ridge members on Fridays and Saturdays, while Tuesday evenings would be made available to the broader community in coordination with the Recreation Commission. O'Leary said a similar arrangement is currently in place for use of the ice rink.

He emphasized that seasonal lighting is not the present intent of facility officials but described it as a potential opportunity to expand community access.

In recent weeks, the facility rewired the site and temporarily turned on the lights to allow the public to observe their effect, O'Leary said. Several board members suggested conducting a site visit.

Board member Nina Peek noted that zoning regulations do not permit exterior lighting for private facilities, a view supported by board member Ken Topolsky, who said the proposal would be contrary to current code. Topolsky asked

whether shielding or "boxing" the lighting might reduce its impact.

"I did not intend this to be controversial, just a thought to get something for the community," O'Leary said.

Board member Foz Bullcock said she observed the lighting while driving north on Route 22 near the Wassaic station and found it to be quite bright. She said she would like to hear additional public input.

Topolsky also supported continuing the hearing to March 11 to allow for a site visit and further public comment.

If the site plan moves forward without the proposed lighting, the board could take up a resolution for discussion and possible action at its March 11 meeting. If Siland elects to pursue the lighting proposal, the hearing would likely be continued to March 25.

"We'll be back on March 11," O'Leary said.



PHOTO BY T. FEENEY

Flooding along Route 7 in Craryville as seen in May 2021. Similar flooding occurred in May 2025.

Solar farm seeks exemption from Copake's floodplain code

By JOHN COSTON
Special to the Millerton News

COPAKE — Hecate Energy LLC, the Chicago-based solar developer, is seeking an exemption from the town's Floodplain Code, claiming that the 42-megawatt project is not located in a 'floodway.'

The issue now is before an administrative law judge to decide if Hecate will need to seek a floodplain development permit from the town to proceed with its project.

Last month, the town's attorney argued in a filing with the state that Hecate's request should be denied.

In January, the state held four in-person hearings in Copake and two virtual hearings that aired public concern and support for the project, which has been debated since 2017 when it was first raised.

The hearings were attended by approximately 100 people and most of the testimony was opposed to Shepherd's Run, the name of the more than 200-acre proposed solar farm near the intersection of Route 7 and 23 in Craryville.

State legislators and local public officials, as well as 10 town supervisors — includ-

ing Copake Town Supervisor Richard Wolf — and the chair of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, lined up in opposition to the project. Many argued that Home Rule should be followed, allowing Copake to make the decision to build or not, not New York State.

Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a citizen group, issued a statement on Hecate's request to be exempt from the local Floodplain Code: "If granted, not only could flood risks increase, but the Town's participation in the federal Flood Insurance Program would be jeopardized, and the entire town would potentially be unable to get flood insurance," says Sara Traberman of Sensible Solar.

The Town of Copake, in a brief filed with the state, argued that the town Floodplain Code is a federal requirement, and as such cannot be preempted by a state agency.

New York State Public Service Commission Adjudicatory Law Judge Maureen Leary, who conducted the January public hearings, is currently reviewing Hecate's petition to be exempted from the town's code.

New York DOS warns of new scam targeting planning and zoning applicants

Fraudsters are posing as municipalities and sending illegitimate invoices to applicants before planning and zoning boards, according to an announcement from the New York Department of State.

Local Government Training Staff officials issued the statement on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Applicants to planning and zoning boards across the state have received fraudulent invoices that appear to be from a municipality. Those invoices cite increased expenses for project review and direct the applicant to send money.

The statement said municipalities are required by law to publish application materials online. Those ma-

terials often include names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and other contact information that scammers use to target applicants.

Amenia Town Clerk Dawn Klingner said she has not received any reports of applicants receiving fraudulent invoices.

The Department of State recommended municipalities redact contact information and financial details from application. Names and

physical addresses are public information that should not be redacted, according to the statement.

Other recommendations included publishing the fraud notice, informing applicants to reach out with questions about invoices, and to clearly publish fees associated with applications online.

The Local Government Training Staff is available for further questions. Call 518-473-3355 or email localgov@dos.ny.gov for assistance.

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OBITUARIES

Darrel Scott Miller

SHARON — Darrel Scott Miller, 48, of Sharon, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 17, 2026.

Darrel was born in Sharon, on Oct. 28, 1977, the son of Delores (Williams) Drobilics and the late Donnie Miller.

A graduate of Housatonic Valley High School in Falls Village, Darrel was employed as a painter.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. Darrel's greatest happiness was found in the company of his family and friends, and in extending kindness and help to those in need.

In addition to his mother

of North Haven, Darrel is survived by his two sons,

Evan Miller and Aiden Miller, both of Salisbury; his brother, Christopher Miller (Regina Miller) of North Haven; and his sister, Brianna Howard of Fruitland, Maryland. He is also survived by his nieces, Olivia Miller and Khloe Howard; and his three nephews, Christopher T. Miller, Nathaneal Miller, and Bryson Howard.

Funeral arrangements will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the care of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.



Erica Child Prud'homme

WEST CORNWALL — Erica Child Prud'homme died peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 9, 2026, at home in West Cornwall, Connecticut, at 93.

Erica was born on April 27, 1932, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, the eldest of three children of Charles and Fredericka Child.

With her siblings Rachel and Jonathan, Erica was raised in Lumberville, a town in the creative enclave of Bucks County where she began to sketch and paint as a child.

The Child family spent summers on Mount Desert Island, Maine. Starting in 1939, they lived there in tents and hand-built a log cabin on a rugged point of land overlooking Blue Hill Bay. Her father Charlie was a painter and writer who wrote and illustrated "Roots in the Rock", a memoir of building the cabin. Her mother, Freddy, was a founder and costume designer at the Bucks County Playhouse, and a gifted cook, gardener, and book binder.

Erica had a successful career as an artist. Whether painting a rhubarb stalk or carving faces out of wood, creating art was her passion. She was exceptionally skilled in watercolor, oils, pastels, ink, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture. "My work has always been driven by a love of the natural world, its forms, colors and light," she said.

"The order and grace of natural forms, both living and dying, are captivating." Much of her inspiration came from Cornwall, Maine, and travel. She studied at the Art Students League in NYC, was a member of Blue Mountain Gallery, and had many shows in both New York and Cornwall. A sample of her work can be found here: <https://www.ericaprudhomme.com/cgi-local/content.cgi>.

In 1954, Erica graduated from Middlebury College with a BA in American Literature. She spent a year in New Mexico working with archeologists and was inspired by the dramatic desert landscape. After this she worked as a draftsman and secretary at an architectural firm in Philadelphia.

In May of 1958, Erica and Hector Prud'homme, a banker at Brown Brothers & Harriman, were married at the Child house in Lumberville. They honeymooned in Italy, the beginning of a lifetime

of travel together. Settling on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Erica and Hector raised their children, Alex, Merida, and Olivia within a few blocks of a tight circle of friends. This group founded the West Side Montessori School, which their children attended and where Erica taught art. For the kids, it was like being raised in a small village in a big city.

Erica worked as a graphic artist at the American Museum of Natural History, where she helped create numerous exhibits — including one of her own, "Shrimps, Crabs and Lobsters." She was the voice of the Glass Woman (a glass mannequin revealing organs and bones), illustrated invitations, and helped organize parties and auctions. Erica was a supporter and/or board member of Goddard Riverside Community Center, the Town School, and the Wooster School.

Erica and Hector loved to travel — visiting cousins in Italy, Ireland and India, touring the USSR in 1968 and China in 1980, trekking in Nepal, sightseeing in Cuba and Central America, dude ranching in Wyoming, marching for women's rights and against wars in Washington, and sailing with friends.

In 1971, Erica and Hector bought an old farmhouse in West Cornwall, Connecticut, which they renovated over decades. Erica was an inspired cook, and she and Hector took pride in their remarkable vegetable and flower gardens. Welcoming a stream of guests, they hosted parties large and small, weddings, and legendary square dances in their barn. They were actively engaged in town affairs, put much of their property under conservation easement, and donated a sizable portion to the Cornwall Land Trust. They moved to Cornwall permanently in 2014.

Hector died in 2021. Erica is survived by her brother Jon and sister-in-law Julie Winter; her three children, six grandchildren — Rosetta, Asa, Hector, River, Jules and Didi and one great grandson, Silvester.

A private memorial will be held in the spring. In lieu of gifts or flowers, the family invites donations in Erica's memory to the Cornwall Public Library, the Cornwall Chronicle, and the Cornwall Conservation Trust.



REGIONAL

Schools close multiple days amid winter storms

By ALY MORRISSEY
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Winter has made its mark this year in the northeast, with local schools enduring record-long closures as crews have worked to manage cleanup efforts.

In Webutuck Central School District, seven snow days have already been used this academic year as of Tuesday, March 3, including a recent three-day stretch triggered by heavy snowfall, ice and wind. Superintendent Raymond Castellani said this season has been one of the more challenging in recent memory.

"Winter is winter in the northeast," Castellani said. After consulting the Farmer's Almanac and preparing for the unpredictable nature of the season in this region, he said he and his team had a feeling this winter could be "a tough one."

While he said snowfall totals fluctuate year-to-year, the combination of heavy snow, icy conditions and unfortunate timing has made this winter particularly disruptive. Several storms hit just as buses were scheduled to be on the roads, forcing the district to err on the side of caution.

"For us, it's about safety first," Castellani said. "When buses are running and students are driving, that will always be my top priority."

Early-morning decisions
Snow days are rarely simple decisions, Castellani said. In the Webutuck Central School District, the process often begins the night before a storm, followed by a 4 a.m. check-in between town and county highway departments, school transportation



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Schools had three consecutive snow days last week.

staff and neighboring school districts. By 4:30 or 4:45 a.m., a final decision is typically made, and a mass notification is sent via text, email, phone and social media.

Throughout his 18 years serving as a school superintendent, Castellani said he has often been asked about the hardest part of his job. Spoiler alert: snow days are among his top challenges.

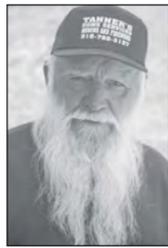
"It's one of the most difficult parts of the job," Castellani said. In a rural district like Webutuck, road conditions can vary dramatically across the region, he said, adding to the complexity of the decision. "You're balancing safety, missed instructional time and the impact of families who may have to miss work."

With Webutuck's most recent closure — three days and two hours, to be exact — elementary school parent Jennifer Tiso-Garvey said she and her family felt the pressure.

"I understand the emphasis on safety," Tiso-Garvey said. "But it's not just the snow days. The pressure parents felt last week is indicative of a broader issue within the United States that forces working parents to make judgment calls when it comes to expensive childcare and crucial income."

Arthur Joseph Tanner, Jr.

MILLERTON — Arthur Joseph "Junior" Tanner, Jr., 87, a lifelong area resident died peacefully on Feb. 26, 2026, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut with his family at his bedside. Mr. Tanner worked as a truck driver and warehouse manager for Arnoff Moving and Storage in Lakeville for 35 years before starting his own business, Tanners Home Services, LLC in Millerton, which is still in operation today.



Born June 13, 1938, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Arthur Joseph and Bertha (McCauley) Tanner, Sr. Mr. Tanner was educated in Millerton schools. On Sept. 24, he married Roberta Gladys Twing. Mrs. Tanner survives at home in Millerton. Mr. Tanner was an avid hunter and fisherman and he enjoyed logging and spending time at his cabin. Mr. Tanner was a life member of the Millerton Gun Club and the North American Hunt Club as well.

In addition to his wife, Roberta, he is also survived by four children; Arthur Tanner III and his wife Dorothy, Sheila Stickle and her husband Thomas, Joanne Sweeney and her husband Donald all of Millerton and Rita Ezer-

sky and her husband Pat of Lakeville; three sisters, Gloria Stickle of Pine Plains, New York, Diane Baker of Dryden, New York, and Virginia Whitbeck of Lakeville; his brother, Charles Tanner of Cambridge, New York, his daughter-in-law Molly of Norfolk, Connecticut,

twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, James A. Tanner, Sr., on July 13, 2020; six sisters, Alice Tweed, Lena Francis, Ceil Ralph, Carol Call, Bev Stickle and Shirley Rivard and one stepbrother, Robert Mayhew.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Jan Brooks will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Gun Club, Inc., P.O. Box 720, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Mr. Tanner's honor, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Worship Services Week of March 8, 2026	
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<p>Congregation Beth David A Reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-375-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brian Walsh and Flock

Based on comments by my neighbors in Pine Plains, including those who spoke at the February 19 Town Board meeting, I am not alone in my frustration over Supervisor Walsh's refusal to answer questions about his interactions with Flock Safety. It seems to me that it is incumbent upon our Town Supervisor to explain his actions in a way that is understandable, and to address questions that his statement provoked.

Among those questions are: By what authority did he agree even to a limited trial of four cameras in our town? What made him tell Flock on February 5 that the camera installations were "going to get done" just days before he instructed them to halt all activity? In his statement at the meeting, Mr. Walsh said that he was referring to the County doing this deal. On what basis did he think that the County would agree to "get[ting it] done"? With whom in County government had he conferred about the cameras? And why did he refer to the population as being a "blue area, right now, unfortunately"? What prompted him, a few days after the conversation about the deal "get[ting] done" to instruct Flock to cease all activity? Did Supervisor Walsh consult with Town Attorney Warren Replansky before authorizing Flock to install the four test cameras? Did he consult with the other

Town Board members? Did he consult with Mr. Replansky or other Board members before he told Flock that it would "get done"? Will he agree to refrain, as Pine Plains resident Matthew Lebaron proposed, from signing or authorizing any such future agreements without "communications made to the public about these agreements, all [of which to] be given to us with good warning over multiple communication streams"?

Pine Plains resident Keary Hanan asked a more fundamental question: "[H]ow does this town board plan on restoring the trust of this community after this egregious breach of honesty and trust with its constituents?"

Michael Cooper, a Pine Plains Volunteer Fire Department colleague of Mr. Walsh, said that Mr. Walsh's "words are being misrepresented, and I would encourage anyone who has problems with what he has to say to examine what he has in fact done." Excellent point, but how on earth can we examine what Supervisor Walsh has done when he refuses to explain it in a way that makes sense or to answer questions?

Pine Plains residents deserve to be treated with more respect from the Town Supervisor than to passively receive a statement that raises more questions than it answers.

Amy Rothstein
Pine Plains

How much spying should the County do?

In light of the recent events regarding the Flock surveillance company, our community needs to have a discussion about how much spying Dutchess County should be carrying out on its residents in the first place. The Advanced Real-Time Crime Intelligence Center, operated by a special office within the Sheriff's Office, collects data from live cameras, license plate readers, officer body cams, and other surveillance tools distributed across the county. Politicians claim that they only use warrantless mass surveillance for legitimate law enforcement purposes, but if we've learned anything from the state of our country right now, we should have learned not to simply trust the things politicians say. We should also know by now that politicians have very little respect for our civil liberties, especially our right to privacy.

The real cause for concern is not that there are license plate readers on public streets, but that we have no idea how much data is being collected on us and who is able to access it. The Sheriff's Office is coy about what makes up the intelligence center, but we do know that Flock is responsible for over 400 license plate readers and cameras just in Dutchess County according to the company's own transparency portal. Outside of our county, Flock operates a network of tens of thousands of cameras across the country and has contracts not only with local governments, but state agencies and private security firms as well. Flock claims that they don't have contracts with ICE and the federal government, but reporting from Jason Koebler and Joseph Fox at 404 Media concluded that data had been unwittingly accessed by third-

party agencies with the stated reason as "ICE," "Immigration," or "ERO" (Enforcement and Removal Operations). This evidence heavily implies that the federal government uses connections with compliant local law enforcement agencies to gain side-door access to data generated by any Flock-connected organization.

The surveillance unit built by the county to spy on its citizens with the help of a vendor of questionable ethics was certainly not free and it makes the taxpayer wonder if they are getting a raw deal. Surely this multi-million dollar panopticon has yielded some results, though, right? No - Flock's own website admits that the nearest major crime solved by their software is in New York City (citation 2) and since installation about a year and a half ago, Dutchess County police departments have only solved 3 hit-and-runs with the data (citation 1). Is it worth it to live under constant, expensive surveillance just to solve one more hit-and-run every six months?

Additional information
404 Media Link: www.404media.co/ice-taps-into-nationwide-ai-enabled-camera-network-data-shows
Transparency Portal (citation 1): transparency.flocksafety.com/dutchess-county-ny-so

This does include a state police hit-and run and a missing persons case from Florida, but it isn't made clear why those are credited to the Dutchess County Sheriff.

Dutchess County Referral Portal (citation 2): flocksafety.com/community/dutchess-county-community-connect

Robert Holmes
Beacon



"Just in case we run out of road salt, I yanked this from the diner..."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Déjà Vu — all over again: Miller should fill seat

In January 2024, Amenia's Town Board needed to decide what to do about a seat made vacant by the election of one of its members to the job of Supervisor. In the past, the Board would vote for a citizen to take the seat until the next election. Many in the community thought it made sense to vote for Vicki Doyle. She had lost the election by just 10 votes and was a long serving, effective Councilwoman. She was the runner up and therefore the logical choice in terms of the voters' preference. That selection was blocked by two members of the Board. Eventually, Nicole Ahearn was voted on to fill the seat. Very sadly, in February 2025, Paul Winters - who had joined the Board in

2024 - died of a heart attack. The fifth seat on the Board was again vacant. The members decided not to fill the position to avoid the contentious debate about how to fill the seat a year earlier. Now, Amenia again has a vacant seat. Rosanna Hamm was elected supervisor in November which leaves her seat as a Councilperson available. In the 2/26/26 edition of the News it was reported "Board divided on filling vacant seat". We are back where we were in 2024, except this time it's Charlie Miller who lost by one vote. It makes absolutely no sense to me why the Board cannot come together and ask him to take the open seat until the Nov 2026 election winner is seated in Jan 2027. His ser-

vice to the town is outstanding. He was instrumental in finally getting the construction of the highway garage started. Ask Megan Chamberlin. He also helped to untangle and fund the water district after years of mismanagement. He's secured new revenue: \$368,000+ in grants, \$190,000+ in investment returns, \$1.6 million for workforce housing, 2 NYS grants: \$600,000 for the new Highway Garage Salt Shed and \$2,731,995 for Water District Capital Improvements. He accomplished all this largely as a volunteer. I need to return to Vicki's not being asked to take the vacant seat when she lost by just ten votes. That made no sense then and not selecting Charlie makes no

sense now. There are certainly Amenia voters who were angered by Charlie's placing a signed, stamped front sheet on an already approved budget proposal instead of having the town clerk do that herself. It is my understanding that he wasn't trying to sneak something by the Board. The document had been approved. He recognized and apologized for what was in my mind a clerical mistake. The bigger mistake would be not to be mindful of his vote count and ALL that he's done and will do for the community we all love.

Jim Wright
Warden, St Thomas
Interim Executive Director,
Food of Life Pantry
Amenia

Rail Trail care, signage needed on bridges

July 23, 2025, was a beautiful summer morning. I loaded my bicycle and headed for Harlem Valley Rail Trail. I was on one of the narrower wooden bridges when I heard someone say "On your left."

I had never had a cyclist pass me from behind on the bridges before. I pulled my bike closer to the side of the bridge. I was out for a leisurely ride, but the gentleman that came up behind me was all business.

There were vines growing over the side of the bridge so I rode back toward the center of the bridge after he passed. Another cyclist, who did not announce himself, came up on me quickly. I pulled back to the right, and when I did my handlebar caught the fence.

I fell down.
The cyclists came back as

I lay on the bridge, with the bike wrapped around my legs. They got the bike off me. I grabbed the fence and pulled myself up. My helmet still sat on my head. In shock, I stumbled around the bridge. My right arm was bleeding and my left leg was badly bruised. My neck hurt - like a really bad stiff neck. I called my husband and told him where to meet me.

Unable to walk, I rode my bike the last mile as the two cyclists followed me. My husband took me directly to the hospital. A CT scan showed I had broken my neck at C2, called the "Hangman's Fracture." I was transported to Hartford Hospital. The break appeared stable so I was put in a neck brace, told I was very lucky not to be dead or paralyzed, and that I needed

to follow up with an orthopedic surgeon.

That began the longest six and a half months of my life. The neck brace was a 24/7 fixture. If I didn't heal I'd need surgery to put rods and screws in my neck. The whole experience was traumatic and grueling.

By the grace of God, my 66 year old neck decided to heal eventually. My body will never be as it was before, and I lost over six months of life. I tell this story because my life was forever altered in a second by the behavior of others.

Many people use and enjoy the Rail Trail. If you see an

elderly person on a leisurely ride, or a family with children, please take a moment to respect their right to do so without being placed in life-changing danger. I know that the cyclists who passed me did not want to harm me, but a moment's impatience and disregard for me nearly cost me my life. I hope Dutchess County Parks will at least put signs up at the bridge approaches asking cyclists NOT to pass from behind. Sometimes we just need a little reminder to be considerate of others. Is it really so much to ask?

Rachel Lamb
Lakeville

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Just a few more weeks until Spring ...

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

All smiles after a May game in 2024, as Webutuck's Crown Energy players exchange game-over handshakes with the Taconic Brewers.

Webutuck Little League registration closes March 13

By JOHN COSTON
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The 2026 Webutuck Little League season registration is underway for games that will be played starting in the spring.

Players are still needed to fill out teams — from T-ball and coach-pitch minors, to majors and minors baseball and softball. This year, once again, there will be a girls' softball schedule, according to Scott Russo, league president.

Volunteers also are needed. Opening day is scheduled for April 11.

Most games likely will be played at Beekman Park in Amenia, and the league hopes to schedule at least one game under the newly installed lights at Eddie Collins Field in Millerton.

Fees for players have been reduced this year to \$25 and

\$40 due to support from community sponsors.

The league's Facebook page includes a link to online registration: leagues.bluesombrero.com/webutucklittleleague under the "Sign Up Now" tab. To email the league, write to: webutucklittleleague@gmail.com

The Webutuck Little League is formally affiliated with Little League Baseball and Softball, the global program. Its season is bookended by an Opening Day celebration that amounts to a party for players and parents, and by a year-end celebration when play wraps up and players receive trophies, hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

Historical quiz reveals Millerton's local lore

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — The North East Historical Society kicked off its annual Dine Out for History series on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Millerton Inn.

The historical society preceded the dinner with a local history quiz. Ed Downey, who serves as the president of the North East Historical Society, provided a copy of the questions so readers can test their knowledge at home.

How many men served in the Revolutionary War?

The quiz started with questions about the American Revolution, prompting Downey to explain that the New York chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has confirmed that nine local men served in the war. Downey cited an article from The Millerton News that claimed as many as 97 men from the region served in the war, but clarified that confirmed documentation was not included in that publication.

Were there loyalists in North East?

The quiz then steered toward the issue of loyalties to the British Crown. Downey's notes explain that in 1775, a band of revolutionary patriots circulated "articles of association" that forced men

throughout the colonies to make their loyalties public. Downey said 67% of North East's men signed the articles of association, while just under one-third refused.

Why is 2026 significant for Millerton?

This year marks the 175th anniversary of the formation of the hamlet of Millerton in 1851, when the New York & Harlem Railroad reached the community.

Where was the center of town prior to the railroad's arrival?

The center of North East's commercial and residential activity was Spencer's Corners, a small hamlet located about a mile north of the current village. The area is now marked by a burying ground with headstones dating back to the early 1700s.

Who is Millerton's namesake?

Sidney Green Miller, the village's namesake, was one of the civil engineers responsible for designing the railroad that passed through the community on its way north to Chatham, New York, from Harlem in New York City. Miller was one of four engineers who worked on the town, but Downey said he was "Mr. Congeniality," impressing local community members and business leaders with his enthusiasm for the project.

How many other railroads operated in the Town of North East?

Three other railroads operated in the Town of North East. The Poughkeepsie and

Eastern Railroad connected Poughkeepsie, Pine Plains and Boston Corners in the town of North East. It ceased operation in 1938.

The Rhinebeck and Connecticut Railroad began in 1871 and connected Rhinecliff along the Hudson River to Boston Corners and points further east in Connecticut. It was abandoned in 1938 with the rest of the Central New England rail system.

The Dutchess and Columbia Railroad linked rural villages from what is now Beacon in southern Dutchess County to the state border with Connecticut near Millerton. It provided transit for dairy products and iron ore in the region.

How did Century Boulevard get its name, and what was it called in the past?

Century Boulevard used to be called Parking Street. Its name was changed in 1975 to mark the 100th anniversary of the village's founding in 1875. The name was chosen through a public contest that Violet Dean won with her suggestion, Century Avenue. Village trustees at the time decided boulevard was a better fit, and

decided on Century Boulevard.

Where did the name for "Skunks Misery Road" come from?

The road began as an unnamed cart path, and was paved in the early 1920s to accommodate cars. At the time of paving, Downey said, crews encountered a large number of skunks that interfered with construction. The interference was so great that crews had to exterminate large numbers of the animals, leading to the unique name.

That story comes from a long oral tradition on the road. Downey said there is no formal public record verifying the story, but offers that the local lore is probably close to the truth.

According to former Marist professor Kevin T. McEneaney of Mithfield, three other roads in the United States share the name Skunks Misery road — in Templeton, Massachusetts, Franklin, Vermont, and Locust Valley, New York.

Curious locals can submit questions to the historical society for consideration for next year's quiz. Contact Ed Downey at eddowney12@gmail.com

Amenia Fire Company steak bake postponed to April 25

AMENIA — The Amenia Fire Company is postponing their Steak Bake to Saturday, April 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the firehouse.

The meal includes mashed potatoes, corn, salad, dinner roll and a dessert. Diners can

pre-order a meal by calling Shawn at 845-418-8633. The meal is eat-in or take-out. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available from any fire company member.

The firehouse is located at 36 Mechanic St., Amenia.

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lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Rosie Rosenthal, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on 2/21/2026. Office location: 108 Salisbury

Turnpike, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 108 Salisbury Turnpike, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Legal Notice

On-Center Contracting LLC filed an Application for Authority with the Secretary of State of NY on 11/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County.

SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 183 Lake Rd, Warren, CT 06777.

The purpose of the LLC is contracting/carpentry. On-Center Contracting LLC can be reached at (860)-

806-4934.

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Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax law, notice is hereby given that the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessments of each parcel that will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Amenia. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or before May 1, 2026.

The information may be reviewed online at gis.dutchessny.gov/parcelaccess/ on May 1, 2026.

Alternatively, data can be viewed at the Assessor's office, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY. Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Appointments will be necessary. For an appointment, please contact the office at 845-373-8860 x 104

Donna DiPippo
Assessor
Town of Amenia
03-05-26
03-12-26

Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, Assessment Inventory

and Valuation Data for the Town of Pine Plains is now available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear in the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2026.

To set up an appointment to review this information, please call 518-398-7193 ext 7.

Sara Foglia
Assessor
03-05-26
03-12-26

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Town of Amenia Code, the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing on the application by SILAND Recreational Facility (the "Applicant") for site plan amendment to add lighting to a preexisting stie plan (the "Application") on the property located at Parcel # 132000-7066-00-910219 situated at 4391 NYS Route 22 in the Town of Amenia (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district and the Resort Development and Scenic Protection overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hold the public hearing on the Application on March 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 NYS Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a

copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Planning Department Office for public viewing and inspection by appointment only. 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 by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judith Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Dated: February 26, 2026
Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman
Town of Amenia
Planning Board
03-05-26

TOWN OF NORTHEAST ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of North East which will be filed on May 1, 2026.

The information may be reviewed with the Assessor. For an appointment, please call 518-789-3300 ext.605.

Katherine Johnson
Assessor
03-05-26
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MILLERTON AT 175

From founding to incorporation: Millerton's early years

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Much of what we know about Millerton's founding years survives in the musty, timeworn pages of documents compiled by local historians. Now historical artifacts themselves, some of these volumes were written for their own time — not with a future readership in mind. Nevertheless, a clear picture remains of how and why Millerton was formed, and of the people and businesses that fueled its early growth.

Millerton was founded in 1851 — a full decade before the Civil War — at a moment when railroads were transforming rural economies, the nation was expanding westward and tensions over slavery were mounting. The first 25 years of Millerton were characterized by speed, with an almost overnight transformation from farmland to railroad hub.

According to A Beckon Call to a Village, a 2001 history compiled by former North East Historical Society president Diane Thompson, leaders in the Town of North East — which was founded in 1788 — understood the opportunity a rail line could bring.

A meeting was held at the Wakeman House, home of local farmer Walter Wakeman, where a small group of men began laying out plans for a village that did not yet exist. Among them were Alexander W. Trowbridge, Col. John Winchell, Walter Wakeman, Platt A. Paine and Gov. Alexander Holley.

Wakeman himself played a crucial role, selling a 66-foot strip of his farm — nearly half a mile long — to the railroad. Additional acreage followed to accommodate a depot, en-



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Two unidentified men stand near the mile marker that displayed Millerton's distance from New York City.

gine house, sheds and extra track.

Civil engineer Sidney Miller is credited with bringing the railroad to Millerton in 1851. According to historical documents, he was so well regarded that the village was named in his honor.

On September 1, 1851, the first train rolled into Millerton.

"Silence gave way to harsh noise as the path of the track was dug," reads a passage in Railroads Dutchess County, NY 1848-1907 by William P. McDermott, written from the perspective of resident Eliza Lawrence who witnessed the transformation of Millerton. "The loud din of rail spokes

hammered into wooden ties."

Iron feeds industry

Iron production played a key role in Millerton's early growth. In 1854, the Millerton Iron Company established a major foundry — a factory where metal is melted and poured into molds — in the area known as Iroindale.

By 1882, the plant employed about 150 workers and by 1890 it was producing up to 12,000 tons of pig iron annually. The raw iron was used to manufacture cast-iron products, including railroad car wheels.

Iroindale grew into a small industrial hamlet with a general store, grist mill and post office.



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The original passenger rail station in Millerton.



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A photograph from 1910 taken by Millerton native Lorin Eggleston shows the original Millerton Hotel on North Center Street.

A village takes shape

With the railroad established, Millerton quickly expanded.

In 1852, just one year after the first train arrived, the Millerton Hotel was erected on North Center Street behind what is now the Oakhurst Diner. Built by Alexander Hawley, Alexander Trowbridge and James Winchell,

the two-story building catered to rail passengers and visitors.

Under later owner A.J. Pulver, the hotel was modernized with steam heat, hot and cold running water, baths and even a billiard room — luxuries more often associated with city hotels. For roughly 50 years, it stood as a symbol of Millerton's growth before

being dismantled in 1936, its materials salvaged during the Great Depression.

Other hotels followed, including George Greathead's Central Hotel in 1865 and the Brick Block Hotel, erected by James Conlan in 1872.

That early period saw the construction of a Greek Revival-style commercial building that housed E.W. Simmons & Co., Millerton's first general store. Opened in partnership with Harvey Roe of Spencer's Corners, the store sold groceries, lumber and building supplies.

When Roe relocated, Simmons continued to operate it alongside his clerk, James Finch, who later took over the building and sold furniture and general items for four decades.

As Millerton grew, so did its civic and spiritual life. Before their church was built in 1859, members of the Methodist Episcopal congregation gathered for services inside the Simmons building. Over time, the structure also housed a post office and a private school. That building was renovated in the 1980s and today serves as offices and commercial space at the intersection of John Street and North Center Street.

By the mid-1860s, Millerton's commercial district continued to expand. In 1865, prominent builder Ambrose Beers constructed an Italianate-style carpenter shop that would later become home to Dewitt "Dewey" Husted and his wife, Etta. For 18 years, it operated as a confectionery and bakery. The building evolved, later serving as a sporting goods store and furniture annex, and after a 2008 renovation is now home to Elyse Harney Real Estate.

In the 1870s, what began as a single rail stop had matured into a full-blown commercial center with hotels, merchants, churches, tradesmen and more. In 1875, R. L. Valentine established an undertaking and funeral business that continues to operate today, one of the longest-running businesses in the village.

Millerton is incorporated and elects its first mayor

By 1875, Millerton was formally incorporated and recognized as a municipality. Kneeland J. Munson became the village's first mayor.

One of 12 children, Munson was educated in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. After spending time in Kentucky, Iowa and Indiana, he returned home where he lived in a property known as "Sunnyside," a residence on the corner of Main and Maple in Millerton. A North East Historical Society yearbook produced in 1975 to celebrate the village's centennial said the house was demolished in 1964 to make way for an A&P.

In just 24 years, Millerton had transformed from farmland to railroad outpost to incorporated village, with even greater expansion waiting in the decades to come.

The village's oldest building faces demolition

The Wakeman Home — believed to have been built around 1770 — remains one of Millerton's oldest surviving homes, though its future is uncertain.

Located at 5953 N. Elm Ave., opposite the Four Brothers Pizza Inn on Route 22, the home is now unrecognizable from its original days. It was within these walls that local leaders are said to have met in 1851 to lay plans for the new village and chose the name "Millerton," honoring engineer Sidney Miller.

In August 2024, Village Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer Ken McLaughlin said demolition proceedings had begun in coordination with the building's current owner. Nearly two years later, however, the building still stands.

Millerton's namesake made an impact while never living here

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — The arrival of the railroad in the Town of North East in 1851 is heralded as the moment Millerton became a place — ushering in a boom period for the area that transformed it from a sparsely populated farming community into a hub of commerce.

That moment was brought about by Sidney Greene Miller along with his associate civil engineers in their work as contractors for the New York and Harlem Railroad. After his work, Millerton quickly grew from an insignificant hamlet in North East to the center of the town's activity within just 25 years.

The railroad's contribution to the village's growth, along with Miller's reported congeniality according to a 2001 history of the village produced by the North East Historical Society, led village founders Alexander Trowbridge, Col. John Winchell, Walter Wakeman, Platt Paine and Connecticut Governor Alexander Holley to name Millerton after the civil engineer when it was officially formed in 1875.

But other than that claim from the North East Historical Society, not much else is known about Miller. Sarah Hermans, an amateur historian who grew up in Millerton, said public documents on him are sparse, but she found enough to roughly map out his life from records available online.

Miller was born in New York City in 1817 where he was raised by Sylvanus Miller. An obituary for Miller when

he died in 1900 said his father, Sylvanus, was a judge and census records list his profession as "lawyer."

Miller became a civil engineer, serving as a partner of Morris, Miller and Schuyler when that company was contracted to expand the New York and Harlem railroad north from New York City to Albany. Records show Miller lived in New York City in the early 1850s when the Millerton stop was built, but he didn't stay there long.

Census records indicate Miller left New York State within the decade. He, his wife and three children moved to Westport, Connecticut, in 1854 and then to Virginia in 1856. There, Miller and his wife, Sarah Williamson, had three more children.

Miller and his family were forced out of their home in Alexandria, Virginia, when the United States Army seized the house to use as a hospital during the Civil War.

By 1870 the family had moved to Savannah, Georgia. Documents from Miller's life are sparse, but records indicate that building railroads caused him to move his family frequently. Within just ten years, Miller and his family, now including a grandson, were recorded as living in Chatham Township in New Jersey in 1880.

Digitized New York City directories from 1882 available at familysearch.org list a Sidney Miller, engineer, living at 205 S. 5th Ave., though it's unclear if that's the same Sidney Miller that helped build railroads across the country. Miller did move back to New York City at some point before his death in 1900, as

shown by death records and an obituary published in the New York Times.

Miller was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Hermans' research on Miller started by accident, she said, while researching a friend's family history. She said she thought Miller would have been a local before she started researching, but soon found out he never even lived in Millerton.

"I was delighted and shocked to find out that he was actually a 'city person,'" Hermans said.

But there wasn't much more that could be gleaned from online documents, Hermans said.

"If you want to find somebody, you better find somebody who the descendants have done work on," she said.

Hermans said the biggest hurdle in her amateur historical pursuits is accessing primary documents. She relies on the internet to access digitized documents because she works almost exclusively from home. And not every historical record has been scanned.

Sidney Miller's death certificate is one of decades worth of death certificates from Manhattan that have yet to be digitized. New York City has been working to scan birth certificates, death certificates and marriage licenses and publish them online, but large collections of the documents have yet to be processed.

"If you're just doing it from your armchair, you're limited to what has been scanned," Hermans said. "What has been made accessible to you."



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Sidney Greene Miller stands for a portrait. The civil engineer, for whom Millerton was named, helped bring the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Town of North East in 1851, a development that spurred the village's growth.



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Ash Baldwin displays a crocheted blanket.

others in a casual, social setting. The free program is part of NECC's broader effort to offer accessible, community-building programming.

"I'm the type of person who struggles to stay focused on projects," said Ash Baldwin, NECC's senior administrative assistant, who came up with the idea last summer. "I realized I work better when I'm with other people and when I have a dedicated time and space."

The idea took shape after Baldwin found herself racing to finish a crocheted baby blanket for her sister's baby shower.

Participants have already brought a range of projects to the group, from sewing and mending to creative repurposing – including one crafter who transformed an old shower curtain into kitchen valance curtains.

"The goal is really community and connection," Baldwin said. "People can meet other crafters, swap tips, give feedback on projects – maybe even make a friend."

Crafting, Baldwin said, offers a kind of mental reset. "It's peaceful," she said. "It quiets my mind and lets me focus on

one thing at a time."

Like many crafters, Baldwin admits to having yarn and unfinished projects scattered around her home, and says she tends to make gifts for others more than items for herself.

Though Baldwin has been crocheting since 2022, creativity has always been part of her life. Her mother sews, her grandmother crocheted, and she grew up surrounded by creative projects. Baldwin joked that her grandmother once "fully kidnapped" her American Girl doll to make custom clothes for it. She also describes herself as a longtime "band kid," saying creative arts were woven into her childhood.

When she's not organizing the Craft Collective, Baldwin works behind the scenes at NECC, handling administrative and fiscal operations, including service tracking for programs such as the food pantry.

The Craft Collective is held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at 51 S Center St., Millerton. There is no cost to participate. For questions or to donate crafting supplies, contact Ash Baldwin at ash@neccmillerton.org or (518) 789-4259 ext. 132.

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low-cost recreational features such as basketball hoops in the mid-depth areas of the pool.

The proposed layout includes a sloped, shallow entry area with young children and accessibility in mind, a mid-depth section and a deep end designed to accommodate a diving board, officials said.

The new poolhouse design features a community room intended to serve multiple purposes beyond the swim season, including potential off-season programming and use. The plans also include a kitchen area that can support concessions and special events with outside vendors – a revenue stream village officials hope will offset ongoing operational costs.

Locker rooms, showers, restrooms and offices are also part of the layout and will fully comply with accessibility standards.

LaBella's designers emphasized an indoor-outdoor connection between the community room and the pool deck, with multiple doors intended to allow people to move easily between indoor and outdoor activities.

Mayor Jenn Najdek signed off on the final design concept, and the project is expected to go out to bid later this month.



ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED

A rendering provided by engineering firm LaBella Associates shows updated plans for the poolhouse at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

Following the presentation, the village board also held a brief, unattended public hearing to advance a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for ongoing sidewalk improvements. Trustees discussed bundling the new re-

quest with last year's smaller award into one larger, more "shovel-ready" project, with an estimated total cost of about \$420,000 and a funding request of up to \$200,000.

In other business, the Board kept open a public hearing on a proposed local

law that would formally recognize a Village Tree Commission, with a finalized draft from the village attorney expected soon. Trustees voted to continue the hearing to the March 9 meeting, leaving the window open for public comment.

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the wastewater project and also operates a local full-service custom building firm, said both residents and businesses are constrained by outdated septic systems, particularly on smaller lots where upgrades cannot meet modern health standards.

The proposed wastewater district would serve the core of the village, including its business district, as well as the commercial section of the town along Route 44 extending from Cumberland Farms to the New York-Connecticut border. Properties within the proposed service area currently rely on individual septic systems, including tanks with leach fields, and outdated systems like seepage pits, cesspools and holding tanks.

Village officials said many properties are limited not by zoning alone, but by septic constraints.

"As a result, many homes cannot legally add bedrooms, create accessory dwelling units or convert existing structures," Soleau said.

Under the proposed system, most properties would retain their existing septic tanks if they are code-compliant and in good working condition. If a tank does not meet current standards, a new one would be installed as part of the project.

Existing leach fields would be taken out of service and left in place, allowing property

owners to reclaim that land for landscaping, driveways or ADUs.

For businesses, many commercial properties rely on old septic systems that are already maxed out, which makes it difficult or impossible to open water-heavy businesses like restaurants, cafes, salons or fitness studios. With the new wastewater system, village officials say a path will be open for those types of businesses moving forward.

Environmental impact

Officials also emphasize the environmental benefits of a new wastewater system. A modern, up-to-date system will protect the natural environment, including the Webatuck Creek that flows right through the village.

Discharge from the treatment plant into Webatuck Creek will be regulated under a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by New York State, which sets strict treatment, monitoring and reporting standards. The facility would be operated by a state-licensed wastewater professional, with required testing and monthly reports submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and made publicly available.

In addition to state oversight, Soleau said, the village will maintain its own logistics to ensure the facility is performing as designed.



ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED

Parcels in North East's commercial "Boulevard District" will also be included in the new wastewater system.

"Together, this regulatory framework, professional operation, and transparency in reporting provide multiple layers of accountability for protecting Webatuck Creek," Soleau said.

Future impacts

Village officials say the construction phase will aim to limit disruption throughout the village and town, proceeding in targeted segments, with defined areas opened for installation, restored, and then closed before crews move on. The goal, Soleau said, is to allow normal activity to continue as much as possible throughout the process.

"Protecting the safety of our residents and visitors, preserving continuity of local businesses, maintaining access, and retaining residents' quality of life throughout construction are non-negotiable priorities," Soleau added.

The mayor's office and village board will take an active

oversight role as phasing and logistics plans are developed to ensure disruption is minimized and the project is executed in a manner consistent with the community's expectations.

Officials praise federal support

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek called the award a transformative step forward for the community, crediting U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan and the town leaders for their collaboration.

"This funding moves us significantly closer to a transformative investment in Millerton's future," Najdek said.

Town Supervisor Chris Kennan emphasized the importance of federal backing for rural communities like Millerton.

"I have long advocated for Federal funding for this project, as it is almost impossible to imagine it being successful without it," Kennan said.

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Castellani said he initially doubted the ban would work.

"I would be the first to say that I thought it was going to be a complete nightmare," Castellani said.

Instead, he said, he was proven wrong, and the school has seen measurable improvements in student behavior.

Lauren Marquis, the district's Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, provides reports on the school's status to the board of education. She said early disciplinary data show office referrals – when teachers formally send students to administrators for discipline – fell by roughly 50% during the first half of the school year compared with the same period in 2024-25.

"That's across everything, but it's very telling," Marquis said.

Castellani and Marquis said only a small number of students have faced discipline specifically for carrying a phone. Many students self-report or comply when reminded by teachers, they said.

Castellani acknowledged that a few students – a number, he said, he could count on one hand – have had phones confiscated for repeat violations. In those cases, he said, both students and parents were cooperative.

"I think having New York

State do it as a whole helped," Castellani said.

Castellani attributed the success to the strong relationships Webatuck administrators and staff have with students. He said there's a trust within the school that's unique.

"There has always been a trust of them with us, I believe, more so than any other school district I've worked in," Castellani said. "Once in a while, you're going to make a mistake. We'll deal with it – we're not going to throw the book at you."

Marquis said the benefits extend beyond the drop in office referrals.

"They're interacting," Marquis said. "We're like 'there's noise in the cafeteria, it's loud again,' which is a good sign."

She also described the district's digital hall pass system, which tracks students' movements outside class during instructional time. Students are leaving classrooms less frequently and spending less time in hallways, she said.

Students offered a more measured view of the policy. Seniors Evan Bremmer, James Singleton and Evan Hood said they understood the reasoning behind the ban but felt its impact varied.

"It didn't really change much for me," Bremmer said. "I feel like it's the same."

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Francesca Donner

Persistently amplifying women's voices

By Aly Morrissey

Francesca Donner pours a cup of tea in the cozy library of Troutbeck's Manor House in Amenia, likely a habit she picked up during her formative years in the United Kingdom. Flanked by old books and a roaring fire, Donner feels at home in the quiet room, where she spends much of her time working as founder, editor and CEO of The Persistent, a journalism platform created to amplify women's voices.

Although her parents are American and she spent her earliest years in New York City and Litchfield County — even attending Washington Montessori School as a preschooler — Donner moved to England at around five years old and completed most of her education

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MUSIC

A grand finale for Crescendo's 22nd season

By Sally Haver

Crescendo, the Lakeville-based nonprofit specializing in early and rarely performed classical music, will close its 22nd season with a slate of spring concerts featuring international performers, local musicians and works by pioneering composers from the Baroque era to the 20th century.

Christine Gevert, the organization's artistic director, has gathered international vocal and instrumental talent, blending it with local voices to provide Berkshire audiences with rare musical treats.

"The biggest event of this part of our season is our April 25 and 26 concerts, with the US premiere of 'A Jewish Cantata' and the iconic 'Misa a Buenos Aires,'" said Gevert. "The composer, an internationally renowned musician, will come and share the podium with me."

Among the other season highlights are concerts showcasing the works of two trailblazing female musical innovators, Francesca Caccini, the early Baroque composer, poet and singer;

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WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

Living art takes center stage in the Berkshires

By D.H. Callahan

Northwestern Massachusetts may sometimes feel remote, but last weekend it felt like the center of the contemporary art world.

Within 15 miles of each other, MASS MoCA in North Adams and the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown showcased not only their renowned historic collections, but an impressive range of living artists pushing boundaries in technology, identity and sound.

MASS MoCA is known for its 20th-century holdings spread throughout a sprawling complex of industrial brick buildings. Installations by Sol LeWitt and James Turrell have permanent homes there. Just down the road in Williamstown, the Clark features masterworks by Winslow Homer, Frederic Remington, John Singer Sargent and Claude Monet.

But what visitors might not immediately associate with those established names is how deeply both institutions invest in art happening right now.

On Saturday afternoon, a panel of young artists discussed their relationships with art, identity and technology as part of MASS MoCA's "Technologies of Relation" exhibition, which opened that evening. The artists represented a broad range of cultural backgrounds, drawing on ancestry while exploring the future of art and technology.

The work itself ran the gamut: wax relief paintings, stained glass, interactive video and sculptural installations. One



PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

Contemporary chamber musicians, HUB, performing at The Clark.

immersive piece automated the traditional Armenian practice of reading fortunes from coffee grounds. Particularly striking were Roopa Vasudevan's hand-drawn QR codes and Taeyoon Choi's large-scale weavings of binary code.

Opening the same night was Zora J. Murff's "RACE/HUSTLE." Through photographs, paintings and installations, Murff explores the wide-ranging and sometimes violent implications of being Black in America today. Each piece — whether confronting the rise of

white supremacy or examining stereotypes imposed on Black communities — carries razor-sharp visual commentary designed to unsettle.

On Sunday, the Clark continued the contemporary thread. A small exhibition of work by Raffaella della Olga, titled "Typescript," features intricate patterns created using a typewriter on varied paper surfaces. The effect seems almost impossible until viewers watch a video of della Olga loading her typewriter with 140-grit sandpaper and typing in a hypnotic

rhythm. Though the typewriter is considered obsolete technology, she continues to find new applications for it, completing some of the works in recent months.

Next door in the Clark auditorium, HUB New Music performed works written specifically for its unusual instrumentation: violin, cello, clarinet and flute. While that combination may not stand out to casual listeners, relatively little classical repertoire ex-

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MUSIC

Jarrett Porter on the enduring power of Schubert's 'Winterreise'

By Natalia Zukerman

On March 7, Berkshire Opera Festival will bring "Winterreise" to Studio E at Tanglewood's Linde Center for Music and Learning, with baritone Jarrett Porter and BOF Artistic Director and pianist Brian Garman performing Franz Schubert's haunting 24-song setting of poems by Wilhelm Müller.

A rejected lover. A frozen landscape. A mind unraveling in real time. Nearly 200 years after its premiere, "Winterreise" remains unnervingly current in its psychological portrait of isolation, heartbreak and existential drift.

Porter, praised by Opera News for his "imposing baritone" and "manifest honesty," has built his career on major European opera stages, including Oper Frankfurt. But recital work, he says, is closest to his heart.

"I love to recital. If I were to pick my career, I would be doing some opera and mostly

recital," he said. "I think there can be difficulty with grabbing an audience in a recital, but this is one of the greatest pieces to do so because it is so psychological, so powerful, so universally moving."

Unlike opera, there are no sets in a recital, no costumes or lighting cues to lean on. "The singer with no sets or costumes is left to create a kind of one-man show," Porter said. His

solution is internal. "The way that I process learning something like this and having the responsibility to hold an audience without set or costumes or lights or props is to stage it in my mind. Each song has an identity."

Schubert's writing, Porter insists, needs no adornment. "Schubert does an amazing job at setting the scene, and for me, you don't need anything else. I

feel like anything added to it would be almost subtracting. I'd rather just see the singer and the pianist the way that Schubert intended it to be."

At the center of "Winterreise" is the wanderer, an unnamed figure moving through snow and memory after a failed love affair. For Porter, the character is both specific and uni-

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... Francesca Donner

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there. Her accent still bears the imprint of what she describes as a traditional English schooling.

Today, she and her family call Sharon, Connecticut, home. While she still travels frequently to Manhattan, she embraces the contrast between city and countryside.

“For me, it’s all about the contrast,” she said, adding that she is friendly and curious about people here in a way that doesn’t feel natural in the city. “I want to know who you are, what you do, and why you’re here. You end up meeting these really interesting people.”

As a longtime editor in newsrooms like The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and Forbes, Donner said she began to notice something unsettling about how stories were framed, and whose voices were missing.

“It’s just the way news is done,” she said. “It’s the DNA of what we deem newsworthy and important in mainstream media.”

The problem, she explained, isn’t that women aren’t covered at all. It’s that when women are covered, it’s often in a stereotyped way. Women are frequently framed through familiar narratives – the gender pay gap, unpaid labor, caregiving – important issues that persist, she said, but are often treated as repetitive or secondary. Meanwhile, the stories deemed front-page worthy tend to revolve around power, economics, war and politics — and men.

“If we don’t make a deliberate effort to cover women, women won’t be covered,” Donner said.

The issue isn’t unique to any outlet, she stressed. “It’s just the way news is done.”

But that DNA — who gets quoted and whose experiences are centered — has consequences.

And for Donner, that realization demanded a response.

Enter The Persistent.



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Francesca Donner, founder and editor of The Persistent. Subscribe at thepersistent.com.

“If we don’t make a deliberate effort to cover women, women won’t be covered.”

FRANCESCA DONNER

Founded in 2024, The Persistent was built around what Donner calls a simple but deliberate premise.

“Women don’t get covered in the same way men get covered,” she said.

The goal isn’t to exclude men or create a siloed “women’s section.” Instead, Donner said, it’s about correcting an imbalance by putting women at the center of the story.

Describing the approach as a reframe, this means expanding who is quoted as an expert. It means spotlighting women in business, politics, culture and global affairs. It also means examining major news stories through a lens that mainstream outlets often overlook.

“What we can add,” she said of The Persistent, “is perspec-

tive.”

Now approaching its second year — a milestone that will be celebrated next month — the publication operates with an all-women team of writers, editors and illustrators based across the world. The team meets regularly over Google Meet.

“They’re awesome,” Donner said of the editorial meetings. Some of her staff are mothers, some are not. All bring lived experiences to the table. Donner has intentionally created a newsroom culture that balances rigor with support.

“If your writing doesn’t measure up, I’m going to tell you,” she said plainly. “But it’s not a battle. It’s a partnership.”

Beyond publishing stories that matter, Donner wants contributors to be seen.

“I don’t just want people to read the story and forget who wrote it,” she said. “We can do a lot better if we amplify each other.”

As a woman, Donner rejects the idea that success is finite. She wants everyone to have a slice of the pie.

“Just make the pie bigger,” she

said. “Bring more seats to the table. Make it richer.”

Donner credits her “mum” for articulating what would become her professional identity.

“You are what you can’t help doing,” her mother used to say.

Today, without hesitation, Donner said she can’t help being an editor. “My identity as an editor is very strong,” she said. Editing, she explained, is less about correcting typos and more about building and shaping ideas.

“Sometimes I imagine this physical movement of cracking something open,” she gestured.

That instinct traces back to childhood. She recalls sitting in a classroom around age 10, listening to a classmate read a short story aloud. For Donner, that moment crystallized something fundamental.

“Someone else’s words made me just sit up straight in my chair and think, wow, that is so good.”

Today, whether she’s in a historic manor house in Amenia or on a Google Meet with her team across the globe, that instinct remains the same: crack the story open, elevate the unheard voice and reframe the narrative.

... Jarrett Porter

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PHOTO BY TIM GERSTEN

Baritone Jarrett Porter to perform Schubert’s “Winterreise”

versal. “There’s so much ambiguity in the piece,” he said. “We don’t know all of the answers in the first song. We don’t really know who this person is. There are tidbits of information dropped throughout each song. And I think the tendency is to put a narrative on that and to try to connect the dots rather than embracing what it is. The ambiguity is actually where the beauty is.”

That ambiguity extends to the cycle’s ending and the encounter with the eerie hurdy-gurdy player in “Der Leiermann.” Does the protagonist die? “I think one could make that argument,” Porter said. But he resists a neat conclusion. “Death is right in front of him. Death is actually the most peaceful answer to his problem and it’s not given to him. There’s something more, a deeper level.”

Rather than a literal death scene, Porter sees a reckoning. “For me, he’s not granted the easy way out. He has to sort of come to terms with being nothing and having no real skill as a songster or a poet or a wanderer.” The winter landscape, he suggests, mirrors the psyche: “The winter is sort of the mirror of his heart.”

In shaping the emotional arc across all 24 songs, Porter leans into uncertainty rather than resolution. “What I relate to in this piece is that in life, you don’t know what’s going to happen. And you don’t know the next day. Even in tragedy—especially in tragedy—there’s so much question.”

Porter performed Gounod’s “Faust” at BOF in 2024 with Garman conducting but this will be the first time the two will be collaborating with Garman at his instrument. “I love making music with Brian,” said Porter. “I’m a huge fan of his musicianship. I think we’re sort of bitten by the same bug that Schubert is, and so I was super honored that he asked me to do this with him.”

For tickets, visit berkshireoperafestival.org

COMMUNITY

Millbrook dance party draws nearly 80 to Village Hall

By Leila Hawken

Nearly 80 residents filled Village Hall on Friday, Feb. 27, for a two-hour community dance party organizers hope will become a recurring event.

The gathering, dubbed “Club Friendly,” transformed Village Hall into a lively dance space with colorful décor, upbeat lighting and a steady mix of tracks spun by local DJ Christopher James. Serving as emcee, James kept the energy high and encouraged dancers of all ages to take to the floor.

Young children also got into the spirit, tossing countless balloons that were scattered throughout the hall.

Pizza and light refreshments were served in the Village Hall meeting room, offering a place for attendees to recharge between songs.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Impressive dance moves were displayed by Village Trustee Shannon Mawson who added a visual flair of fabric in motion at Club Friendly, a community dance at Village Hall on Friday, Feb. 27.

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BOOKS

Leopold Week honors land and legacy

By Jennifer Almquist

In his 1949 seminal work, “A Sand County Almanac,” Aldo Leopold, regarded by many conservationists as the father of wildlife ecology and modern conservation, wrote, “There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot.” Leopold was a forester, philosopher, conservationist, educator, writer and outdoor enthusiast.

Originally published by Oxford University Press, “A Sand County Almanac” has sold 2 million copies and been translated into 15 languages. On Sunday, March 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Norfolk Library, the public is invited to a community reading of selections from the book followed by a moderated discussion with Steve Dunsky, director of “Green Fire,” an Emmy Award-winning documentary film exploring the origins of Leopold’s “land ethic.” Similar reading events take place each year across the country during “Leopold Week” in early March. Planning for this Litchfield County reading began when the Norfolk Library received a grant from the Aldo Leopold Foundation, which provided copies of “A Sand County Almanac” to distribute during the event.

Aldo Leopold, born in 1887 in Iowa, was educated



Aldo Leopold in 1942, seated at his desk examining a gray partridge specimen.

PHOTO BY ROBERT C. OETKING

at Yale University, where he studied in the newly formed forestry school, graduating in the class of 1909. His then-radical concept of a “land ethic” states that land as a whole — soils, water,

plants, animals and humans — should be understood as one community. Leopold explained, “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community.

It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

For a small town of roughly 2,000 people, Norfolk has an abundance of conservation land, including the 6,000-acre Great Mountain Forest and Aton Forest, a 1,300-acre research forest. It is a community where many share a sense of responsibility to live sustainably on the land. Sharing Leopold’s essays at the Norfolk Library honors his legacy.

... living art

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PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

Pelenakeke Brown’s “Reverb” (detail) at Mass MoCA.

ists for it. The ensemble regularly commissions composers to expand the possibilities.

The results were striking. From the opening notes of Francisco del Pino’s “Passacaglia,” the quartet’s command and layered repetition pulled unexpected emotion from the audience.

After three pieces came the world premiere of Daniel Wohl’s “Mirage,” a roughly 25-minute work accompanied by digital blips, static and electronic textures evoking radio transmissions and UFO lore. Hearing four virtuoso musicians extract entirely new sounds from traditional instruments echoed the weekend’s

larger theme: old tools made new again.

Like della Olga’s typewriter, Vasudevan’s QR codes or Murff’s charged imagery, the performances demonstrated that contemporary art often grows from familiar materials — reimagined.

The old masters will always draw visitors to these institutions. But when living artists command equal attention, this quiet corner of the Berkshires feels less like the middle of nowhere and more like a creative epicenter.

D.H. Callahan is a voice actor, creative director and trail steward. He lives with his artist wife in West Cornwall, Connecticut.

... Crescendo

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and Wanda Landowska, the 20th-century virtuoso who single-handedly brought the harpsichord back from obscurity. Also not to be missed is the May

30 concert, Bach’s Motets in Concert, featuring all six of Johann Sebastian Bach’s surviving motets, sung by four eight-part double choruses and accompanied by

period instruments, widely considered the pinnacle of Baroque choral music.

For a schedule of concerts and tickets, visit crescendomusic.org



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Isle of Klezbos brings its high-energy, all-women klezmer to the Stissing Center in Pine Plains on Saturday, March 7. Touring internationally since 1998, the ensemble blends neo-folkloric originals and reimagined Yiddish classics in a style dubbed "cutting-edge klezmer" by New York Magazine.

Tri-Corner Calendar

Items appear as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com.

MARCH 5

Come See Me In The Good Light

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. 6 p.m.

A complimentary community screening of 2026 Oscar-nominated documentary that follows poets Andrea Gibson and Megan Falley. Presented with East Mountain House, followed by a Q&A with co-founders Craig Davis and Keavy Bedell. Seat reservations required at themoviehouse.net

MARCH 6

Galen Pittman Jazz Quartet

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. An evening of jazz standards and contemporary selections. 7:30 p.m.

Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

Banned Book Club

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org Discuss "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult with the Falls Village Equity Project; copies available. Open to high school age and up. 4 p.m.

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's performance will be four-hand piano music. Works from Paul Hindemith, Amy Beach, Leonard Bernstein and George Bizet will be performed by David Baranoski and Jesse Goldberg.

MARCH 7

Twelve Moons Coffee House featuring The Red Dirt Girls

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. 6 to 9 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m., open mic begins at 6:30 p.m., and featured act The Red Dirt Girls performs from 8 to 9 p.m. The Americana trio blends country and folk with original songs and eclectic covers. At-will door donations appreciated. Guests may bring their own dinner and beverages or enjoy light refreshments.

Points of View Landscapes by Donald Bracken

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org An exhibition of process-oriented landscape works

by Cornwall artist Donald Bracken, featuring paintings and mixed-media pieces created with soil, clay, sand and other natural materials drawn from the land itself. Artist's reception 4 to 6 p.m.; registration requested at cornwalllibrary.org/events.

Hoodies and Woodies: Two Dynamic Ducks You'll Want to Know

Miles Wildlife Sanctuary, 99 West Cornwall Road, Sharon, Conn. Join a Sharon Audubon Center naturalist to learn about hooded mergansers and wood ducks—Connecticut's most colorful cavity-nesting ducks—and observe spring mating displays at the pond. 10 to 11 a.m. Registration required at act.audubon.org.

Isle of Klezbos

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. All-women ensemble performs traditional and contemporary works rooted in Eastern European Jewish musical traditions. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

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BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. March 7, 14 and 21 @ 3 p.m.

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Crescendo Presents Solo Recital: "La Cecchina—The Songbird" at Trinity Lime Rock

Trinity Lime Rock, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Conn. 4 p.m.

Discover the groundbreaking work of 17th-century Italian composer Francesca Caccini, the first woman to compose opera, in a program of her vocal works performed by Salomé Sandoval (soprano, lute) and Christine Gevert (virginal, organ). Tickets: www.crescendomusic.org

Lakeville Journal Executive Editor Christian Murray in Conversation with Publisher James Clark

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Join Christian Murray and James Clark for a dialogue

about local journalism and coverage of our community's news and issues. Ask questions, suggest stories, and stay on for refreshments and a chance to meet and greet after the program. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org

Berkshire Opera Festival Presents "Winterreise"

Tanglewood's Linde Center, Studio E, Lenox, Mass. Baritone Jarrett Porter with pianist Brian Garman perform Schubert's "Winterreise." Sung in German with English translations. 2 p.m. Approx. 75 minutes. Tickets: bit.ly/49TeQ5P

MARCH 8

Clarion Concerts Presents Amir ElSaffar

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. Amir ElSaffar returns to Clarion Concerts with his New Quartet, performing music rooted in Iraqi maqam. Rich in nuance, color and emotional depth, this masterful performance offers a rare chance to experience a powerful musical tradition beyond the Western classical canon. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

Les Misérables, Live Broadcast from London

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Join us for a live broadcast at 3 p.m. of the musical phenomenon "Les Misérables" filmed from London's Gielgud Theatre in celebration of 35 years on the West End. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org

Crescendo Presents Solo Recital: "La Cecchina—The Songbird" at Saint James Place

Saint James Place (Great Hall—limited seating), 352 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass. 4 p.m.

Discover the groundbreaking work of 17th-century Italian composer Francesca Caccini, the first woman to

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. Wall timepiece
2. Basketball's shape
3. To feel anxious, uneasy
4. Rising above the rest
5. Strength in physics or politics

... dance party

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Young dancers surveyed the scene at Club Friendly, a community dance at Village Hall on Friday, Feb. 27.

The event was organized by the Millbrook Library and the Millbrook Arts Group, and was used as a pilot program to gauge interest in hosting future community dance nights.

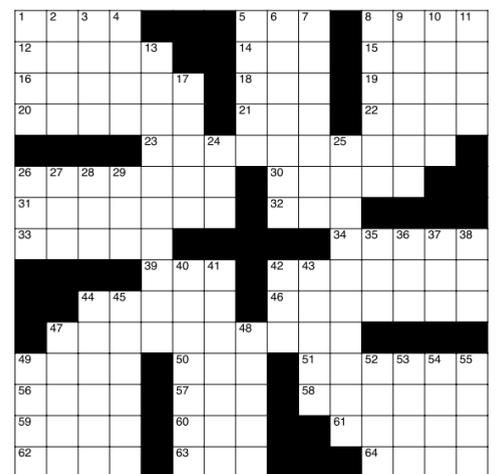
"It could continue with different themes," said library director Courtney Tsahalis, adding that participation by other sponsoring organizations would be welcome.

Tsahalis said the turnout shows there's interest in holding more dances.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Unit of dry measure
5. One who defies authority
8. Social media giant
12. Render holy
14. "Much ___ about nothing"
15. Computer manufacturer
16. Creed
18. Immoral act
19. Mountain pass
20. Winged nut
21. Don't know when yet
22. Elected officials
23. Corrupt tendencies
26. Popular adult beverage
30. Made a mistake
31. Morally correct
32. Type of whale
33. Portable conical tent
34. Native people of the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells
47. Free from bondage
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two adjacent nitrogen atoms
51. Removed from the record
56. Legendary singer Turner
57. Broke up the earth
58. Hunting expedition
59. Contributors
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. Scrape (Archaic)



11. Humanities
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Labor (Spanish)
24. Zero
25. Shared by involving three parties
26. Queens ballplayer
27. Consumed
28. Rest here please
29. Men's fashion accessory
35. American time
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. A sudden attack of illness
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Charges
44. Actress Seyfried
45. A tributary of the Ohio River
47. Omit when speaking
48. Armored fish
49. Remain
52. From a distance
53. Adventure story
54. Geological times
55. Eat dinner

February 26 Solution

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February 26 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

North East home prices edge higher while sales slow

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The median price for a residential property in the Town of North East, including the Village of Millerton, rose to \$465,000 for the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2026 — a modest 7% increase over the past two years.

Two years ago, the median stood at \$435,000. It fell to \$400,000 for the year ending Jan. 31, 2025, before rebounding to its current level.

While prices have edged upward, sales activity has slowed. A total of 26 residential properties sold in the town and village combined during the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2026, down from 37 sales in the prior year and 29 sales in the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2024.

The Village of Millerton alone showed stronger price appreciation than the broader town. The median residential sale price in the village climbed to \$410,000 for the year ending Jan. 31, 2026, up from \$385,000 a year earlier and \$315,000 for the 12-month period ending Jan. 31, 2024 — a 30% increase over that period.

Despite the price gains, transaction volume within the village declined over that period. Only six residential properties sold in the past 12 months, compared with 11 sales in each of the prior two years.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The home at 5878 South Elm was sold privately off market in January for \$280,000, well below its assessed value of \$311,600.

Inventory remains tight. As of late February, only six homes were listed for sale in the Town of North East, along with nine parcels of vacant land. Within the village, just one house was on the market, along with two commercial properties on Main Street.

Village of Millerton December and January property transfers
5842 Elm Ave. — 3 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1913 sold to Jose Efrain Sanches for \$337,500.

5878 Elm Ave. — 4 bedroom/2 bath house on 0.4 acres sold to 5878 South Elm LLC for \$280,000.

4 Park St. — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house sold to Amy Butowicz for \$365,000.

27 Meadow Lane — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch built in

1982 sold to Lisa Cappelli for \$410,000.

Town of North East December and January property transfers

1388 Route 83 — 4 bedroom/4.5 bath house built in 1880 sold to Thomas William Taylor for \$820,000.

17 Forest Lane — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 10.24 acres sold to Anna Tuong Vy Dinh for \$1.25 million.

Deer Run Road (#324134) — 4.61 acres of vacant land with views sold to Sion Boney IV for \$230,000.

Route 44 (#552232) — 1.48 acres of vacant commercial land next to Bank of Millbrook sold to RWE Investments LLC for \$400,000.

437 Mcghee Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1820 on 31.6 acres sold to Alexa

Sara Irish for \$1.13 million.

* Town of North East and Village of Millerton property transfers for December 2025 and January 2026 are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Actual parcel numbers indicated by (#____) are included for properties without specific street address. Current market data from One Key MLS. Twelve month median values and sales activity from New York State Sales Web of all residential properties transferred which includes single family, multi-family, estates and mobile homes. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Jeff Kennedy visits the 20-foot-high snowman located in the Golden Falcon lot in Kent that was created in honor of his late brother Robbie Kennedy.

Kent's towering snowman honors Robbie Kennedy

By **RUTH EPSTEIN**
Special to the Millerton News

KENT, Conn. — Snowman Robbie stands prominently in the center of town, just as its namesake — longtime Kent resident Robbie Kennedy — did for so many years.

The 20-foot-high frozen sculpture pays tribute to Kennedy, who died Feb. 9 at the age of 71. A beloved member of the community, he was a familiar sight riding his bicycle along town roads waving to all he passed.

Many people knew him from his days working at Davis IGA, the local supermarket. He was embraced by the Kent Fire Department, where he was named an active emergency member and whose members chipped in to buy him a new bike, and by the Kent School football team where coach Ben Martin made him his assistant.

Last week Gary Kidd, Dan Greenbaum and Loghan Bennett decided to build a snow-

man on the Golden Falcon lot to honor Kennedy. The site is across the street from where his brother Jeff and family live and from where they operate their business, Foreign Cargo. Leaning against the creation is Kennedy's bicycle.

"Robbie was a cheerleader for the town, and we thought the flags were a way to show that," Kidd said, who acknowledged that the trio didn't start to make it that big — it just grew.

The creature has become an attraction in town. It was featured on a WFSB-TV segment, throngs of people have stopped to snap photos, and Kidd has met Kent Center School classes on field trips.

Among those who like to visit is Jeff Kennedy. "The outpouring for Robbie from townspeople has been amazing," he said. "At one time there was talk of maybe having him move closer to other family members, but I said Robbie has to stay here. He belonged in Kent."

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