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Benjamin Sprague, left, Nolan Howard, center, and Holden Slater conduct a Q&A with community members that came to watch their short documentary films after a filmmaking workshop at the Millerton Moviehouse on Thursday, March 12.

Webutuck students' films hit the silver screen at filmmaking workshop

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MILLERTON — Students from the Webutuck Central School District screened their five-minute documentaries at The Moviehouse Thursday, March 12, showing off their newly acquired skills to an audience of friends, family and community members.

The films — written, directed, shot and edited by the students themselves with guidance from local filmmakers — were the culmination of a two-day student filmmaking bootcamp held earlier this month.

Nolan Howard, Benjamin Sprague and Holden Slater created short documentaries featuring two well-known Main Street

businesses, Candy-O's and Oblong Books, after learning filmmaking fundamentals and conducting interviews with the business owners.

The students worked over the course of a Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., an impressively short amount of time to write, shoot, edit and produce a complete

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Planning Board postpones vote on Cascade Creek environmental review

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AMENIA — Planning Board members postponed a vote that could require developers of the proposed workforce housing subdivision on Route 22 to undergo a full environmental impact review.

Board members convened at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 11, following a visit to the 18-acre grassy lot nestled in the corner of Cascade Road and Route 22/Route 44 that developer Hudson River Housing plans to construct 28 homes on. The board identified the remaining few issues to be ad-

ressed by developers of the Cascade Creek subdivision.

Once those concerns are satisfied, the conservation analysis phase will be completed, allowing the developer to advance to the next phase of presenting site plan drawings for review. Board members sought more water capacity for firefighting and a homebuyer selection system that could prioritize locals. Other concerns over home design and vegetation would be addressed during site plan review, the project's engineers said.

Because the concerns seem close to being addressed, the Planning Board voted unanimously to table

discussion of their resolution for a positive declaration in connection to New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act environmental impact analysis. The positive declaration would have required a full impact analysis study, a process that could delay approval up to an additional year.

Webutuck School District Superintendent Raymond Castellani appeared at the meeting to respond to the Planning Board's interest in measuring the potential impact of the development on the school district's enrollment.

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NECC Director abruptly resigns

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MILLERTON — The North East Community Center announced that Christine Sergent, who has served as the organization's executive director for eight years, left her position as of Friday, March 13. Staff were notified on Friday shortly before a statement was sent to the community.

Board Chair Irene Banning said she and the board accepted

Sergent's resignation, but would not elaborate on the timing or circumstances surrounding the departure. Sergent was removed from the website's staff page as of Friday evening.

"Leadership changes always feel like a loss, and they are," Banning said. "But they are also opportunities."

In a statement, Banning expressed gratitude for Sergent's

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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

A provocative new billboard on Route 22 in the Town of North East appears to bear a political message but is actually an ad for a local paving company.

'STOP ICE' billboard turns heads in North East

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — A billboard located in North East recently received a new advertisement, and the message is catching drivers' attention.

At first glance, the billboard ap-

pears to convey a political message. In large capital letters, it reads, "STOP ICE." But in much smaller type below, the sign clarifies its real pitch: "from filling your driveway potholes next winter — pave it. Call Ben."

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Lakeville Journal earns top honors at New England newspaper awards

By CHRISTIAN MURRAY
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The Lakeville Journal earned several top honors at the New England Newspaper and Press Association's annual spring conference on March 16 for its work

in journalism, community engagement and audience outreach.

Among the awards, the organization received first place in the Community and Audience Engagement category for its high

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Roots rhythms

Local roots music band Bog Hollow performs at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Saturday, March 14. Members of the band are, left to right, Ambrose Verdibello, Tom White, Dave Paton, Mike Prentice, Michael Grey. The group of long-time friends formed the group and began performing across the tri-state area in 2021.

Amenia Town Board approves 470-acre Wassaic trails project

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Town Board members gave unanimous approval to a trail project in Wassaic that would add 12 miles of hiking and biking trails across 470 acres of forested land.

Following months of consideration and approvals obtained from local and county officials, the Northern Red Oak Trail project won unanimous approval for a special permit from the Town Board at its meeting on Monday, March 9.

The meeting had been rescheduled from the Town Board's regular meeting date of Thursday, March 5, due to inclement weather.

First proposed in July 2025, the recreational trail project will include about 470 acres along Old Route 22 to create 12 miles of hiking and biking trails traversing three contiguous parcels of land. Trails will be three feet in width with minimal impact to the land. Boardwalks will be installed only where necessary. A gravel parking area is planned to accommodate 12 to 15 cars.

A public hearing on the project was held on Thursday, Feb. 19, when a few residents voiced concerns over visual impact amid generally positive feedback.

The project is supported by Hollyhock Foundation, a New York City organization that focuses in part on environmental solutions to combat greenhouse gases. The nonprofit entity guiding the project is Northern Red Oak, LLC.

Report on AI

Exploring the use of artificial intelligence as an assist with town business, the Town Board heard a report from technician Matthew Hamm who presented aspects of AI

that can streamline workflow, save time and reduce paperwork for staff.

The Town Hall uses Microsoft 365 systems, making Co-Pilot the logical AI system to explore. Hamm said that the Co-Pilot program is easy to navigate.

"It's a digital multi-tool," Hamm said, noting that AI can help with grant writing and researching available grants the town could apply for. Budget analysis is another strength of the systems. AI can also aid in communication, adept at language translation and simplification of legal terms, Hamm explained. He suggested starting small, as with a single grant.

"AI is not a shortcut," Hamm cautioned, "It's important to know exactly what you're asking. As with any tool, it's only useful if you use it correctly."

Recreation funding

Adequate funding for town recreation programs was of concern to Councilmember Nicole Ahearn who reminded the Town Board of the history of using Cell Tower revenue to support the Recreation Commission's programs.

Ahearn recalled that when the Recreation Commission was formed in 2005, the town passed a resolution stating that the Cell Tower Fund would be used for Recreation. But in 2011, the policy changed so that only \$1,200 would be given to Recreation with the remainder to be placed into the General Fund.

The Recreation Commission is not being awarded grant funding, Ahearn noted, although she acknowledged that the town's operating budget is largely supported only by tax revenue.

Councilmember Vicki Doyle suggested that recreation funding be discussed when budget proposals are

being developed and that the town could decide on an amount for capital funding to assist the Recreation Commission's planning.

"There should be a capital reserve fund for recreation, but it should be a thoughtful process," Doyle said.

Recreation Commission chairman Judy Moran noted that her department had asked for funding to hire the services of a grant writer.

Moran noted that for the current year's budget, recreation was asked to cut its budget, and the budget was cut as much as possible.

"We cut the budget," she said. "But it's hard to constantly beg."

Town Board vacancy

Although a resolution to fill the vacant seat on the Town Board had been prepared to be considered at the meeting, the item was withdrawn from the agenda in the opening minutes of the meeting at Doyle's suggestion. The vote to withdraw the resolution was unanimous. No reason was offered for the action. The vacancy that will expire in December 2027 occurred when Town Board member Rosanna Hamm won election in 2025 to serve as Town Supervisor.

During public comment, resident Jim Wright spoke in support of naming Charlie Miller to fill the vacant seat, citing Miller's years of town service and skill at securing grants to fund capital projects. Resident Judy Moran spoke briefly to oppose the resolution that would have filled the seat.

The Town Board has been operating as a four-member board, rather than five, since the death of councilmember Paul Winters in early 2025.

Pine Plains school district enlists community members to study future of Cold Spring school

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Superintendent Brian Timm explained again why he thinks Cold Spring Early Learning Center should close at a meeting of a newly-formed committee that now has to decide if he's right.

The Building Utilization Advisory Committee met for the first time on Thursday, March 12, after the Pine Plains Board of Education elected to officially organize the advisory committee at a February meeting. Timm walked members of the committee through the facts and figures he had presented to Town Boards within the school district and the Board of Education itself in previous months.

Timm described a school district contending with declining enrollment, increasing employee healthcare costs and a potential loss in up to \$4 million in state funding.

Committee members responded to Timm's presentation by requesting more data on staffing district-wide, budgetary impacts and the district's current and projected building utilization.

The district enrolled 791 students this year, down from a peak of nearly 1,500 students in 2002. Despite those declines, instructional staff counts have remained

flat — dropping by just three positions over the past six years even as enrollment fell by more than 100 students.

Timm said those figures relate directly to the budget, where payroll and benefits comprise 77% of the district's expenses. He told committee members that healthcare costs alone are expected to rise more than 10% every year indefinitely — an added burden of more than \$1 million annually.

And revenue is threatened, too, Timm said. He said more than 400 of the school districts across New York State are grandfathered into receiving more state aid than entitled to. That's due to a provision known as "hold harmless" that Timm said Governor Kathy Hochul has previously sought to eliminate. Under hold harmless, the state is barred from ever reducing a school district's state aid, even if demographic shifts mean the communities no longer qualify for the same level of funding.

Losing hold harmless could cost Pine Plains up to \$4 million in lost revenue, Timm said.

"To lose \$4 million in one year — or even \$2 million in one year — that is extremely, extremely impactful," Timm said.

Committee members asked Timm to bring several additional datasets to subse-

quent meetings. He confirmed that additional information on non-instructional staffing figures — including transportation, custodial and kitchen staff and costs — would be included in the next presentation. Timm said he would present a detailed building analysis that examines whether Cold Spring's population can be absorbed by Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center in Pine Plains.

The committee also touched on the district's longer-term goals for campus buildings, suggesting Seymour Smith may close eventually and all the district's students may be consolidated into Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School in Pine Plains. Timm said he's not opposed to developing a long-term plan, but it would have to be in conjunction with a short-term recommendation for action within the next one to two years.

Timm set a September deadline for the committee to deliver a short-term recommendation to the Board of Education — in time to inform next year's budget process.

"I think we need a short-term plan before we do next year's budget," Timm said. "Otherwise we're going to be in a pretty tough spot."

The committee's next meeting date will be Thursday, March 26.

Pine Plains puppy hospitalized after ingesting marijuana near Stissing Lake

PINE PLAINS — A Pine Plains resident and dog owner is urging fellow pet owners to be vigilant after her puppy was hospitalized last week after ingesting marijuana during a walk near Stissing Lake on Beach Road.

Rachel Greenfield said her dog Skye, a 16-pound miniature Welsh Terrier puppy, began wobbling and couldn't stand up several hours after her routine walk.

"I thought maybe she was just tired and wanted to sleep," Greenfield said. "But then she didn't want dinner and when I took her outside to go to the bathroom she couldn't stand up. That's when I knew something was really wrong."

Greenfield said she brought Skye to the Kingston Animal Hospital, where, she said, staff immediately asked if the dog could have ingested any marijuana.

Skye was drug tested and the results came back positive for THC, the psychoactive compound found in

marijuana.

"I was amazed," Greenfield said. "I never thought marijuana would be something I had to worry about when walking my dog."

Greenfield said she walks Skye along Beach Road every day and recalled seeing the puppy sniff at something during the outing. She said it did not appear unusual at the time, and had no reason to think it could be dangerous.

Around twenty-four hours after ingesting the THC, Skye began to show signs of improvement, though she remained sleepy.

Greenfield said the experience has made her hypervigilant and she hopes to share this information with other dog owners.

Adele Craven, a receptionist at Pine Plains Veterinary

Hospital, said the office sees cases like this about every other month and that dogs — especially small dogs like Skye — can become very sick after ingesting marijuana.

"Sometimes they can just sleep it off," Craven said. "But other times it can lower their heart rate and affect their liver and kidney functions, and they need hospitalization."

Craven added that there isn't much treatment other than supportive care. She also urged dog walkers to be vigilant.

"If you're in a public space, especially with a puppy, you have to be really cautious," Craven said.

The most important thing, according to local veterinary offices, is to have the dog evaluated right away and to encourage as many fluids as possible.

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Hillsdale jam maker aims to expand local business

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HILLSDALE — When life gave Gian Marco Heilmann lemons, he made Meyer lemon rosemary jam.

The Swiss filmmaker said an unexpected divorce forced him to look inward. Guided by what he describes as a “gut feeling,” he ultimately purchased the small-batch jam company Les Collines and set out on an entirely new career path.

Now Heilmann is working to rebrand and expand the business while preserving its local roots and commitment to organic, minimally processed ingredients.

“When I walked in here for the first time, I knew this would be my next thing,” Heilmann said of HGS Home and Chef in Hillsdale, a teaching kitchen located in a historic 1870s house where Les Collines products are produced.

With virtually no experience in food preparation, the opportunity to purchase a well-established jam and jelly company didn’t make sense on paper. But he went with his instinct.

“I took the courage and went against the stream,” he said.

Born and raised in Zurich, Heilmann spent years working in media production, a career that took him to Munich, Stockholm, Budapest and Kazakhstan. At one point, Heilmann logged 120 travel days in a single year – an experience he described as both exciting and tiring.

The creative side of filmmaking drew him in, eventually leading him to pursue a master’s degree in fine arts and directing in Los Angeles.

“My goal was to learn the Hollywood way of filmmaking and bring that back to Swit-

zerland because that would make me a rather unique player in the market,” Heilmann said.

He eventually returned to the United States after meeting and falling in love with his now ex-wife, helping open an upscale retail business in Millerton. When the marriage later ended, he said the experience forced him to reassess his life.

“It was really tough for me, but I got on my own journey of cleaning up my mental and emotional world, and that has been fantastic,” Heilmann said.

Looking for a new direction, he explored several possible ventures before stumbling upon the opportunity to purchase Les Collines from previous owner Brigid Dorsey.

Once he committed, Heilmann didn’t waste any time. He worked closely with Dorsey in the kitchen for around four months, learning the art and science of making jam, jelly and marmalade. He hired a business coach with experience in packaged goods and began refining the production process through trial and error.

One of his most memorable lessons came early on. “I forgot to taste the batch,” Heilmann said, smiling as he remembered an entire batch of Meyer lemon rosemary jam.

He woke up at 3 a.m. with the realization and rushed to check the batch the next

day. It wasn’t sweet enough. Nearly fifty jars of jam had to be thrown away.

The mistake, however, became an important turning point.

For Heilmann, premium quality is nonnegotiable. Today, every batch is carefully measured using pH and Brix testing to ensure consistent flavor and sugar levels.

“If we don’t hit the target,

it’s garbage,” he said.

Authenticity is equally important to him.

“I want to educate customers that organic, unprocessed food can taste great too,” Heilmann said.

As the company grows, Heilmann said maintaining that philosophy will remain central to the brand.

His first employee shares a similar story of unexpected change.

Emily Redmond joined Les Collines as a production manager after losing her job at the North East Community Center’s Early Learning Program (ELP) in November 2025, just prior to its abrupt, permanent closure.

In her role as Director of the ELP, Redmond had earned

a commercial kitchen handling certification – a credential she never expected to use again.

Now she oversees jam production and has quickly mastered the process.

The connection between the two came through Heilmann’s children, who attended the ELP. When he needed someone to help manage production, Redmond immediately came to mind.

“My criteria for hiring are very simple,” Heilmann said. “I need someone with a good attitude who is willing to learn.” Redmond, he said, ticks both those boxes and then some.

Just like Heilmann, Redmond said she never imagined working for a jam company.

“I was throwing it out into the universe that something

was going to come up and be the thing I needed when I needed it,” she said. “Life brings you where you need to be sometimes.”

Looking ahead, Heilmann hopes to first establish Les Collines as a strong stand-alone brand, then eventually grow an overarching premium food company centered on leadership, innovation and authenticity.

“Back in the day, preserving was a necessity,” Heilmann said. “Now we want to make it into an art form.”

Les Collines products are available online at lescollines.shop, at local general stores and at farmers markets throughout the region, with hopes to soon expand into grocery stores.



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Gian Marco Heilmann

Pine Plains building expansion could add six apartments, three storefronts

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PINE PLAINS — More apartments could be coming to Pine Plains after Planning Board members gave a positive reception to plans to expand a commercial building on Pilch Drive.

Representatives of Poughkeepsie-based contractors Evolution Energy described at a Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, plans to add three additional commercial spaces at ground level and six residential apartments above the existing and proposed commercial spaces. Board members responded warmly to the plans, citing a need for more housing.

The building currently

hosts a bakery and a physical therapist’s office. A self-service car wash also sits on the property.

Board members said they supported the new apartments, but questioned whether the town could support three more commercial spaces.

“There’s already a lot of empty storefronts in town,” Planning Board Chair Michael Stabile said. Stabile, along with the support of other board members, suggested the new units at ground level should be additional apartments rather than more storefronts.

Construction company representatives said they would explore adapting the plans with the owner of the

property, Fakhouri Enterprises Inc.

Discussion of the proposal focused on the projected rent rates for the apartments and septic requirements.

Board members asked what the apartments would cost renters, prompting construction company representatives to describe the apartments. Plans call for one bedroom apartments with a second room to serve as an office or den.

Company representatives said market rates for similar apartments are between \$1,800 and \$2,100 per month, but in Pine Plains the apartments may fetch about \$1,500 per month.

Board member Kate Osofsky bristled at those figures,

citing the town’s need for affordable housing.

Septic requirements prompted Evolution Energy Chief Operating Officer John Pagano to push back on board members’ suggestion to change the planned new commercial units into additional apartments.

Pagano said residential units require greater daily capacity than commercial units, and the property may not be able to accommodate the necessary septic system for nine residential units.

“The only issue that we see when we’re dealing with the Department of Health is the gallons per day,” Pagano said. “I know we were able to hit it with the three commercials in the bottom.”



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Officials divided on allowing restaurants along Route 22

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MILLERTON — Though the Irondale District lies just outside of the Village of Millerton, it has become the center of a divisive conversation as the Town of North East continues to review a significant overhaul of its commercial zoning code.

Irondale, officially known as the Highway Business district under current town code, is a small stretch along Route 22 south of the village that some officials and residents believe could support additional businesses, while others argue development there could undermine efforts to boost Millerton's existing downtown.

The issue emerged during the public hearing on the commercial zoning code overhaul, which has remained open since Jan. 8.

During the Jan. 8 public comment period, Kathy Chow, a North East resident and chair of the Millerton Climate Smart Task Force, urged the town to encourage artisan workshops and food-based businesses in the Irondale area, suggesting it could become a hub for small industry and capture Route 22 traffic.

Since then, board members from the town and the village have weighed in, discussing possible types of permitted businesses in Irondale and the potential impacts.

Irondale is currently zoned for highway-oriented commercial uses rather than village-style retail or restaurants. Permitted businesses include auto body shops, building materials sales such as lumberyards, construction equipment sales and rentals, mobile home and farm machinery sales, transportation terminals, warehouses and wholesale operations.

Councilwoman Meg Winkler has advocated expanding those uses to include restaurants, bakeries and small retail businesses, arguing the area already functions as a natural extension of the village, citing the existing Agway and Napa Auto Parts along the Route 22 corridor north of Millerton's downtown.

Winkler said the town's 2019 Comprehensive Plan encourages expanding commercial opportunities and believes allowing small-scale businesses there could strengthen the local economy.

"I stand firm on my decision and it's not out of disrespect to the ZRC, and it's not personal," Winkler said. "It's rooted in my belief as a businesswoman — and after talking to residents and business owners who want the flexibility in this district — that it would boost the economic vitality to the village and town."

Others on the board, however, said expanding retail uses outside the village could weaken Main Street by diverting customers away from Main Street.

Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said the ZRC intentionally designed the district to support larger highway-oriented businesses while concentrating retail and restaurant activity in the village center.

"The goal of the ZRC was to support the village as in Main Street and not to provide shopping opportunities on Route 22 where people

could just keep driving down 22 and not turn into the village," Kennan said.

He added that protecting the village's commercial core is part of what makes Millerton distinct from other communities.

Deputy Supervisor Chris Mayville said he has mixed feelings about the proposal and wants to better understand its long-term implications for planning and development in Irondale.

"If we're working to expand the boulevard in the village," Mayville asked, "why would we think mirroring development in the other direction would help that?"

Edie Greenwood, who chaired the ZRC throughout the process, said the group intentionally left the Irondale district unchanged in order to keep the process manageable.

"My approach was to simplify and not get into boundary changes," Greenwood said, noting that broader conversations about commercial development along Route 22 will likely occur during the next phase of zoning work.

Councilwoman Rachele Grieco Cole said the debate seems like a chicken and egg dilemma.

"There's tension between wanting the downtown to look and function a certain way and attract enough customers," Cole said, adding that there is a risk of being too restrictive rather than drawing in as much business as possible.

Kennan ultimately attempted to pass a resolution to maintain the existing ZRC language, which would keep the current limitations in Irondale. The board did not adopt the resolution and will instead pick up the conversation during a regular meeting of the Town Board on Friday, March 20.

Village board members weigh in

Village officials also raised concerns about the proposal during a March 9 village board meeting, where Mayor Jenn Najdek warned that expanding retail and restaurant uses in the nearby Irondale district could create what she referred to as a "fly-by" scenario, diverting traffic and customers away from Main Street.

Trustees agreed the change could undermine long-standing efforts to concentrate commercial activity in the village center, particularly as plans move forward for the expensive wastewater infrastructure project intended to support future development in the Boulevard District.

The board said it plans to collectively draft a formal letter to the Town of North East board outlining their concerns.

NEWTOWN — George Laurence "Larry" McGowan, 82, died on Feb. 28, 2026. A man of integrity and long-standing friendships, Larry leaves behind a legacy of professional achievement and a family who loved him dearly.

Born on Nov. 27, 1943, in Brooklyn, New York, George Laurence and Grace Harding McGowan, Larry grew up with a foundation of faith and education.

He attended St. John's Preparatory School (Brooklyn, New York) and Garden City (New York) High School before graduating from Niagara University.

After graduation, Larry completed his ROTC training and became a first lieutenant in the United States Army.

Following additional specialized training, he was stationed in Vilseck, Germany, on the Czech border, where he led a missile unit for most of his military service. He was immensely proud of his time spent in the military and spoke of it often.

Upon returning to civilian life, Larry dedicated his professional career to Real

Estate Development and Construction. His work left a tangible mark across the Northeast, and he remained committed to it, actively engaging in projects until his courageous battle with pulmonary disease led him to retire two years ago. He was known by colleagues for his expertise and his commitment to the projects that shaped the local landscape.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Larry was a husband, loyal friend, and cherished family member. He is survived by his wife, Brigid Mary Hutchinson McGowan; his sister, Kathleen McGowan Metz of Longboat Key, Florida and Sharon, Connecticut; his nephews, James Thornton Metz (Victoria) and Robert Harding Metz (Robin); and his nieces, Alicia Hard-

ing Metz, Lauren Harding Simons, Kathryn Metz Helm (Lloyd), and Margaret Thornton Metz.

Larry was a proud great-uncle to nine grand-nieces and nephews, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

Larry also shared a close and affectionate bond with Aldina Vazão Kennedy and Ana Monica Vazão. He valued lifelong friendships, particularly those formed during his years at Garden City High School and found immense joy in nurturing those connections, especially through their annual golf outings he so enjoyed organizing and attending.

A Mass of Christian Burial with military honors will be celebrated at 11 a.m. June 6, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. The interment at Calvary Cemetery will be at a later date.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

George Laurence McGowan



Ralph Henry Stanton Jr.

CANAAN — Ralph Henry Stanton Jr. of Canaan, passed away on March 7, 2026, after a prolonged battle with his heart. He leaves behind his wife Patricia, twin sons Thomas and Wyatt and grandson Gunner Stanton.

Visiting hours are 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT. Ample parking is available in the town parking lot behind the library. Burial will be private

at Mountainview Cemetery in Canaan when weather permits.

A more complete obituary will be forthcoming. A celebration of life is being planned for June. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ralph's memory to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc., 15 Main Street, P.O. Box 178, Canaan, CT 06018 and/or the Canaan Fire Company, 4 East Main Street, P.O. Box 642, Canaan, CT 06018.

Mary "Molly" Hinchman

WEST CORNWALL — Dr. Mary "Molly" Hinchman, 78, passed away on March 12, 2026, at Noble Horizons following a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Russell E. Guerin for 33 years.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts on May 4, 1947, she was the daughter of the late John and Catharine (Sellew) Hinchman.

Molly was a devoted and compassionate psychologist for over 40 years. She received her MSW and her Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She went on to complete her postdoctoral internship in Family Therapy and received her license for independent practice in 1981.

Throughout the years, Dr. Hinchman was dedicated to and worked with many people including children and families in residential treatment and partial hospital programs, adults and couples through her private practice and specialized in the treatment of substance abuse and addiction.

Molly enjoyed teaching at St. Joseph College and Northwestern Connecticut Community College where the focus was centered on families

and their cultures. For the last 30 years, Molly has been a student and presenter at the Jean Baker Miller Advanced Training Institute where she worked with her colleagues to incorporate Cultural/Relational Theory into her clinical work.

In addition to her husband, Russell, Molly is survived by her siblings, Betsey Polglase and Joan Hinchman; two nieces and three stepchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the United Church of Christ in Cornwall, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, CT 06753. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at Thurston Rowe Funeral Home, 283 Torrington Road, Litchfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to United Church of Christ in Cornwall, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, CT 06753 or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County, 32 Union Street, Winsted, CT 06098

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from Fire Co.

On Sunday, March 15, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a nice crowd of 202 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the

support of the community. We thank everyone who attends our events and hope you will join us at our final breakfast of the year on April 19 at the firehouse.

Andy Murphy,
on behalf of the
Breakfast Committee,
Amenia Fire Co. & Auxiliary

Don't weaken climate law in budget talks

At a time when we see more clearly than ever the global dangers of our dependency on fossil fuels for reasons even beyond the existential damages of climate change, we should not support a movement in Albany to weaken Climate Law as part of the budget negotiation.

CLCPA is not causing the energy cost crisis. It is clearer than ever that costs are out of control due to the cost of oil and tariffs, not the Climate Law. Since the start of the Iran war we can see them rise every day. Contrary

to the actions of the Trump administration, we should have continued to invest in the research and manufacturing of wind and solar energy and worked to free the U.S. from our dependency on foreign oil and all carbon burning fuels. Our high prices are the result of the high price of oil, having nothing to do with CLCPA. We should all work to protect the Climate Law and the slow but steady progress we have made over many years.

Louise Meryman
Pine Plains

Harlem Valley Rail Trail accident is horrifying

I was horrified to read about the bicycle accident on the Rail Trail, resulting in a fractured vertebra and a long healing process for someone who was enjoying a ride on a path specifically built for that purpose.

I am an active cyclist who rides 150+ miles per week in warm weather. I occasionally ride parts of the Rail Trail, almost always during the week when there is little activity, and only to connect to a road.

The Rail Trail is NOT for serious cyclists. Whenever I approach walkers I call out well in advance and coast my bike past them at a slow speed. If they don't turn around, I stop. I would never pass another cyclist, especially a casual rider, on any of the elevated wooden walkways. It is infuriating that an accident

like this is completely foreseeable, yet happened anyway.

I don't walk the Rail Trail but if I did I would be very vocal (but friendly) in telling cyclists to slow down and, if on a walkway, to dismount. It is for their safety as well. The woman who was injured could have just as easily turned into the cyclist, which could have put them both in the hospital.

I was strongly tempted to suggest litigation here, but I am sure friends long ago offered that advice. As warm weather approaches you might consider an article about local bike safety, perhaps focused on the Rail Trail. The tiny silver lining here is that the article is not about a small child being hit by cyclist.

Terry Vance
Sharon

We were once ugly Americans

In the 60s and 70s all across Europe, American largesse and bravado, borne of the success of WWII, coupled with a deserved prosperity but sometimes paraded ostentatiously, gave us a derisive nickname; Ugly American. What many saw as showing off with our ability to have jet travel to tour Europe, camera dangling from neck straps, dollars and travelers' checks aplenty, incapability to speak foreign languages yet raising our voices while issuing loud requests to be-mused foreigners... it was perhaps a time of innocence and, yes definitely, a cultural mistake. It is, however, a time Europe now misses. Gone are trustworthy but awkward Americans, replaced by untrustworthy partners, out-of-control ultra-right-wing politics, and frightening prospects for world peace.

All across Europe and NATO as well as much of Asia and Africa, our previous staunch allies and friends are looking at a future where America and Americans may no longer be relied on, where American capability and morality that once supported values in common have van-

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

ished. Under this Administration such commonality has been destroyed. Not dented, not frayed, as many in the media would desperately wish to think, but destroyed. Ursula von der Leyen, EU Chief, has urgently claimed that Europe must now hold fast to a "rules-based order" to counterme America's new deviation from international law, "...for a world that has gone and will not return."

Headlines in American professional industrial publications also lament the changes; "Switzerland eyes European Air Defenses, Settles for Fewer F-35s." The new American political elite have made decisions that work to quickly destroy any concept of a rules-based-order partnership in defense. And American industry defense giants are quietly expressing grave concern over their future foreign order books' thin prospects. Raytheon was



"I love that time of year when all the city kids decide to get chickens!"

A wedding, school bus flips, Najdek wins

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

March 21, 1934 Ethel S. Kimball To Become Bride

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kimball of Millerton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ethel S. Kimball, to H. Scott Lind, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lind, also of Millerton. Miss Kimball was graduated from Millerton High School with the class of 1930 and attended Albany Business College. She is employed at the Millerton National Bank. Mr. Lind, also a graduate of Millerton High School, is employed at the local Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store. No date has been set for the wedding.

About Millerton

Joseph Lee is seriously ill at his home on Simmons Street. A nurse from Pittsfield is in attendance.

Charles Barton of Ancramdale was a business caller in town on Saturday.

June Ganung is ill at her home with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward McArthur and daughter, Bess, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Townsend in Beacon.

Mrs. Helen Liner is quite ill

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at her home.

Tom McCullough, Jr., recently became ill with measles.

March 18, 1976 IGA Market To Open In Vacant A&P

The vacant A&P building on Main Street in Millerton is scheduled to become the site of a Millerton IGA Supermarket.

Arthur Fried of Staatsburg, co-owner of the building, said this week a lease has been signed with Herbert Hey Associates of Fishkill, N.Y., to open a food market in the building. Fried, however, declined to offer further information on the business deal.

Herbert W. Hey verified the fact that a lease has been arranged with Fried but also declined to offer further information about the proposed operations.

School Bus Flips Over On Icy Road

Twenty-seven children and a bus driver escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon, March 16, when a Webutuck School bus skidded off Silver Mountain Road in North East,

careened into a wooden shed and came to rest on its side in the snow of Storm Matt.

Six children were rushed to Sharon Hospital by the Millerton Rescue Squad and a hospital spokesman said the kids were treated for minor injuries and released the same afternoon. They were: Caroline Vosburgh, 11, treated for a bruised face; Betsy Vosburgh, 12, strained neck muscles; Derrick Reimer, 10, bruised left eyebrow; Tammy McCauley, 8, neck contusion; Nancy Lawrence, 11, rib cage contusion; and Paul Mahoney, 10, small bruise on the forehead.

Once the initial shock of the accident had subsided, school officials spoke of how the kids on the bus had reacted. Rindsberg said Kreiling told him the kids "had a bus safety drill 2 days ago and were remarkable."

March 22, 2001 Cawley Write-In Bid Fails, Najdek Wins Mayoral Race

MILLERTON — It's official. The village will have a new mayor and trustee, and a proposal for a pension plan for village firefighters has been killed.

Though incumbent Mayor Michael Cawley was not actually running for re-election, he still received more than one-third of the mayoral votes cast March 20.

No write-in campaign was actively run by the mayor, and yet 52 out of 145 village voters made the effort to pen "Michael Cawley" rather than pull the lever for Deputy Mayor (now mayor-elect) Mariley

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Najdek. She received 93 votes and was the only mayoral candidate on the ballot.

Town of North East Councilwoman and village Planning Board Chairwoman Cathy Fenn, who publicly backed the Cawley write-in effort before the election, said the large number of write-ins "made a statement."

Ms. Fenn, a village resident, concluded, "The voters have spoken," referring not only to the mayoral race, but also to the fire pension plan proposal, which was defeated in the booth.

The referendum went down by a margin of 71-41.

Speaking to Guy DeMarco, a registered Republican who ran on the Peace Party line for a trustee position, Mr. Carter said, "As much as I would have liked [the race] to be uncontested, [having more people run] makes you talk about the issues."

Wanted: For Bank Robbery

AMENIA - State police and other law enforcement agencies are still looking for a man who robbed the M&T bank in Amenia last Wednesday, March 14.

A heavily built, white male who is about 40 years old and 5 foot, 9 inches, is wanted in connection with a robbery of the bank at about 9:15 a.m.

Police are also looking into the possibility the suspect was also involved in the Feb. 14 robbery of the NewMil Bank in Sharon. Surveillance cameras show a striking resemblance between the two suspects.

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Children were encouraged to design their ideal town parks using Legos during a municipal planning event that brought residents together on Saturday, March 14, for a consultant-guided chance to engage in planning current and future recreation programs and park improvements. Recreation leader Cassidy Howard, left, oversaw the Lego work of Natalie Ahearn, 10, while Jennifer Nitzky of Nexus Creative Design had found just the right Lego piece to be added.

Recreation front and center at community engagement session

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Residents offered a wide range of ideas for parks, recreation programs and community events during an Engaging Amenia session at Town Hall on Saturday, March 14, as town officials continued work on a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The plan is intended to guide future improvements to parks, recreational spaces and programming across the town. The March 14 outreach session built on feedback gathered in June 2025 during the town's Comprehensive Plan update process.

Consultant Jaclyn Tyler, co-founder of Westchester County-based Nexus Creative Design, led the session with her team. Tyler said the goal is to develop a recreation plan shaped by community input, with a focus on improving existing parks, expanding accessibility, strengthening programming and setting priorities for the future.

"We want to learn from you," she said.

Tyler said the consulting team has identified 15 recreational properties in Amenia and is seeking public feedback on each, including parks, trails, the Town Hall grounds and the basketball court. Participants were asked how they currently use town spaces, what they would like to see added and what needs improvement.

"How do you play?" was a question posed to both adults and children. "What do you want to see in town? What works? What needs improvement?"

The discussion also touched on how the town can attract greater participation in local recreation. Tyler said effective communication will be key to building successful programs and encouraging

residents to take part.

Planning Board member Ken Topolsky agreed, emphasizing that engagement must start within the community itself.

"Engagement begins from the inside out," Topolsky said.

During the discussion, residents offered a variety of suggestions — some new and others that they said could be revived. Ideas included organizing trips to shows or sporting events, hosting community dinners and restaurant events, and introducing dog-related activities such as dog shows, training classes or a dog park. Flea markets and swap meets were also mentioned as potential gatherings.

Participants also explored interactive displays of potential park layouts, rearranging features such as tennis and pickleball courts, parking areas, baseball diamonds and

fishing spots to visualize how future recreational spaces might be designed.

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner said future programming should take residents' work schedules into account and include options outside traditional working hours.

She also noted that younger families — a key demographic for recreation programs — were largely absent from the engagement session, raising concerns about participation.

Tyler said additional outreach sessions will be held as the planning process continues. Feedback from the meetings will be compiled into a summary report expected in the coming weeks.

For more information about recreation planning and to offer comments, go to www.engagingamenia.com.



Planning for current and future recreation programs and park improvements brought residents together on Saturday, March 14, for a consultant-guided engagement session at the Town Hall. Town Councilmember Vicki Doyle spoke with Dutchess County legislator Eric Alexander, D-25, before making use of the sheet of red sticky dots she would use to identify her choices of recreational planning topics to be explored further.

Planning Board grants 12-month extension for Stissing Center renovations

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Planning Board members approved a second renewal for ongoing renovations to the Stissing Center, an arts venue in downtown Pine Plains.

Board members granted a 12-month renewal of the Stissing Center's site plan, allowing the project to continue while construction moves forward. Planning board approvals typically expire after a set period if projects are not completed, requiring applicants to request extensions while work continues.

Patrick Trettenero, Executive Director of the Stissing Center, explained the 200-year-old building is undergoing significant renovations to solidify the building's structure, replace the roof, and enhance the center's ability to show films in addition to its regular roster of performances and musical acts.

Trettenero described the renovations as extensive. He said the current phase of the project, which involved replacing much of the building's structural supports, is within six weeks of completion. Phase four will see a large addition to the building's rear. Trettenero said that work may take longer than a year, and board members may have to grant another extension next March.

Earlier steps in the renovation included enhancing the



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Patrick Trettenero, Stissing Center Executive Director, displays a photo of the current state of the music and performing arts venue's renovations at a regular meeting of the Pine Plains Planning Board on Wednesday, March 11.

building's parking space and improvements to the basement that allowed the Stissing Center to open Grace Note — an intimate music venue space and bar below the center's main event hall.

Board members unanimously approved the renewal. Planning Board attorney Warren Replansky said forward progress on the project was heartening. Board Chair Michael Stabile agreed and said the board would reconsider another renewal next year if necessary.

"They're making progress," Replansky said. "That's what matters."

The Stissing Center's reno-

novations were first heard and approved by the Planning Board in 2024. Board members granted a 12-month extension for the project last March. The most recent renewal is the second extension the center has received for major renovations to the building's structure.

Trettenero said the Stissing Center still has to secure additional funding for the final phase of the project.

"We have to raise some money this year to unlock some matching funds from the State of New York to finish that phase," Trettenero said. "We are confident we'll get there."

Webutuck STEAM fair returns for 12th year

AMENIA — Webutuck's annual STEAM Fair is set for Saturday, March 21.

The event, now in its 12th year, provides Webutuck students from kindergarten to 12th grade an opportunity to showcase their skills in science, technology, engineer-

ing, art and mathematics by displaying science experiments, collections or discoveries.

Students in fifth grade and up can join in a juried competition at the STEAM fair, with winners receiving a chance to compete in the Dutchess

County Science Fair later this spring.

The STEAM Fair is set for 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School cafeteria on Saturday, March 21. More than 70 students are registered to participate.



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A decaying landmark's storied past

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — From the outside, the old yellow house across from Four Brothers looks like nothing more than a ruin waiting to finish collapsing. But local historians say the peeling paint and caving roof conceal a history that stretches from the Revolutionary War to the naming of Millerton itself — and to a world-renowned musician of the 20th century.

The building, known as the Wakeman house due to its association with Walter Wakeman and his descendants, dates back to before the 1770s, making it a contender for the oldest houses in Millerton. The building was at once a stately colonial farm house that housed some of Millerton's founding community members and eventually famed Nigerian drummer Olatunji, but has fallen into disrepair in recent decades, prompting calls to have the building demolished.

Historical reports by local historian Chet Eisenhuth dating to the 1970s assert Wakeman hosted the earliest civic meetings in the community, crediting him for suggesting Millerton's name shortly after the arrival of the railroad and for providing a critical piece of land to the construction effort.

But the house was already nearly 40 years old when Wakeman arrived in Millerton, local genealogical researcher Betsy Strauss said, referencing other historical reports from Eisenhuth. Evidence suggests the house predates the revolutionary war, making it one of the oldest buildings in the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East, though local researchers have struggled to pin down exact details.

Strauss said it's unclear from surviving documents who built the house, but it came under the possession of the prominent Winchell family soon after they moved to the area from Hartford in the



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

A dilapidated old house sits with a caved-in roof along Route 22 in the Village of Millerton across from Four Brothers. The building is currently owned by the wife of famed Nigerian drummer Olatunji. The house is believed to be the site of civic meetings where the name of the village was decided.

late 1700s.

Philo Winchell moved his family to what is now called Winchell Mountain from Hartford, Connecticut, before the Revolutionary War, Strauss said. Philo, his brother Martin, and his sons spent the following decades raising livestock and speculating on land around the regions of Irondale and what would later become the Village of Millerton.

The family quickly rose to prominence in local society, Strauss said.

She described the Winchells as a large family — Philo had more than five children — that led the local Baptist community despite no apparent ties to the church before their move to Millerton.

The center of their property encompassed Winchell Mountain, with other branches of the family spreading throughout the Millerton area to build additional farms as the generations continued to prosper in the area. One branch of the family constructed and operated a grist mill, while others held prominent positions in the local Baptist church.

The Winchell farms provided opportunity to local

laborers, including Walter Wakeman after he arrived in Millerton in 1810.

The North East Historical Society possesses copies of handwritten notes attributed to Orrin Wakeman, Walter's son, that describe many of the local families. Orrin wrote much less about his own father than he did others, but he did record some information about his history.

According to the document, Walter Wakeman traveled "on foot" to Millerton from Sherman, Connecticut, in 1810.

Shortly after arriving in the area, Walter began working for the Winchells as a laborer on their farms. Walter worked closely with the family, and later married Almira Winchell in 1817.

Orrin's account states Walter and Almira had nine children — of which only Orrin, the oldest, and his sister, the youngest of the nine, survived to adulthood. Almira died in 1847, leaving Walter to live as a widower until his death in 1868.

It's unclear how or why Walter came to possess the house that now sits along Route 22, but Strauss believes his working relationship with the Winchells and

his relationship with Almira played a part.

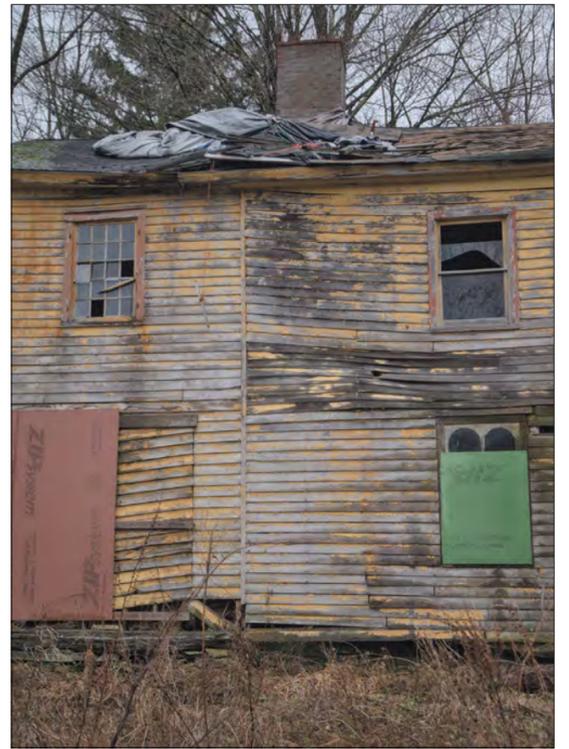
Walter earned a living as a farmer, living and raising his family in the house that's now falling in on itself on Route 22.

In 1851, Wakeman's house was located on a significant tract of land that contained a crucial strip for the New York and Harlem railroad's proposed expansion north toward Chatham, New York. The half-mile long strip was 66 feet wide across its length, and provided the land that would host Millerton's first train stations, one of which still stands today.

Eisenhuth theorized in his writings that Wakeman's house — likely due to its location nearby the new center of activity and Walter's own prominence in the community — served as an early civic meeting place. Strauss echoed that sentiment, citing research that indicates Wakeman hosted the meeting where the village was named.

Records show that Walter, his relatives in the Winchell family, and a small number of other local landowners had acquired much of the land through Millerton and North East that would be needed for the railroad. Strauss and Downey each said this indicates the group was involved in land speculation, and likely purchased much of that land in the years or months immediately leading up to the railroad's arrival, but records dating back to the time are difficult to locate and verify.

In 1850, the Village of Millerton was nothing more than just a few houses near Webatuck Creek in a low-lying area, Strauss said. Millerton is located in what's known as the "Oblong," a tract of land along New York State's modern-day eastern border with Connecticut that was the subject of a dispute between the two colonies prior to the revolution. The Oblong is a series of valleys with gen-



The crumbling facade features peeling yellow paint, broken and boarded windows and a hole in the roof of the structure that was built in the 1700s.

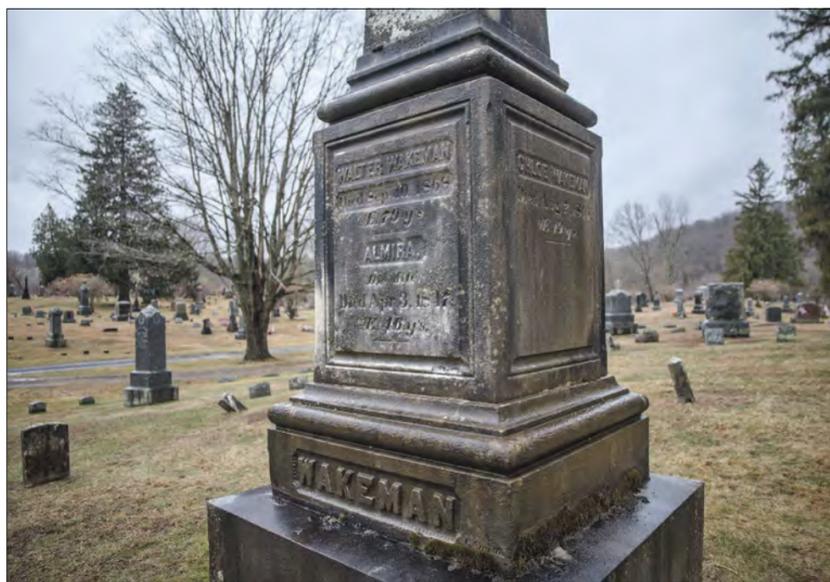
erally poor conditions for growing crops, Strauss said, but livestock herders enjoyed the rolling hills and abundant fresh water from the area's creeks, rivers and wetlands.

The Wakeman house eventually came to be owned by famed Nigerian drummer Olatunji in 1965. Olatunji's

wife still owns the home today, more than 20 years after the death of her husband in 2003. Although the home has been condemned and left vacant for years, village officials said there's no clear timeline for the building's demolition, leaving the future of Millerton's oldest home uncertain.



Orrin Wakeman's headstone sits in Irondale Cemetery off of Route 44 in the Village of Millerton. Orrin was the son of Walter Wakeman, who owned the yellow house that sits along what is now Route 22 and is credited with assembling Millerton's local leaders to name the new community after the New York and Harlem Railroad brought prosperity to the community.



Walter Wakeman and his wife's headstone in Irondale cemetery near Route 44 in the Village of Millerton sits nearby prominent Winchell family members. Wakeman married Almira Winchell in 1817 and the pair had nine children before her death at the age of 46 in 1847. Wakeman was a farmer and speculator who made a living raising sheep and other livestock in the area before buying and selling land to the railroad company and interested developers in the years following the expansion of the New York and Harlem Railroad.

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five-minute documentary.

Local filmmakers Alex Diaconis — a freelance video editor, videographer and photographer based in Millerton — and Brian Gersten, an award-winning documentary filmmaker and editor, guided the students through the filmmaking process.

"We had a clear game plan," she said, adding that students and faculty spent around an hour on pre-production, then an hour shooting. "Everything was mapped out ahead of time."

Diaconis said she was largely hands off with her student.

"He edited the entire film himself."

Jeremy Boviard, the general manager of The Moviehouse, put into context how impressive the student work was.

"What these students accomplished is really difficult, especially considering they did it in just a handful of hours," Boviard said. "It speaks not only to their filmmaking potential, but also to the value of putting in the hard work and seeing the rewards of it."

Ninth grader Nolan Howard, who loved his previous filmmaking bootcamp so

much that he returned again, said he was inspired by the direction to create real stories people can relate to. Taking the storytelling element to heart, he decided to infuse a Jurassic Park theme into his documentary.

"It inspired me to create a very interesting storyline from an actual movie and put it into a documentary," Nolan said.

The students edited on iPads using iMovie.

"It showed me how to be a better filmmaker and learn through trials and tribulations," he added.

Darrin Butland, who teaches arts and media in Webutuck's EBIS, said he announces the opportunity to students each year.

"Over the years, quite a few students have stepped up, which is great," Butland said. "Hopefully this will give our students a spark — that creativity piece — and future projects will come from it."

Butland said it was a gratifying experience as a teacher.

"Nolan has really come out of his shell over the past two years," he said. "Seeing him speak tonight was huge for him. The other boys were the same way. Watching that kind

of confidence grow through this program means everything."

Aaron Howard, father of student filmmaker Nolan Howard, said he didn't get a sneak peek of his son's film, but he knew it was a five-minute documentary about Oblong Books.

"I thought the film was great," Howard said. "I loved that Nolan put his own creativity and sense of humor into it, but he still covered the important details of the business."

Howard said he believes the offering at The Moviehouse is a great opportunity for local students.

"To really open up students' eyes to what it takes and to gain an appreciation for the entertainment industry — and how much time it takes to make a film — is really excellent," he said.

Boviard said the event was part of The Moviehouse's ongoing efforts to expand educational community programming.

"Having students involved in this kind of environment is really exciting," Boviard said. He added that he enjoyed hearing a Webutuck teacher comment during the Q&A

session about the students' public speaking and her excitement to bring that confidence back into the classroom.

"It's a great benefit because public speaking is something you might not immediately associate with making a film, but it's such an important skill," he said.

Diaconis' work includes HBO and Magnolia Network's Beach Cottage Chronicles, projects for ESPN and Vox Media, and award-winning films including the Brooklyn Film Festival Audience Award-winning Are You Glad I'm Here.

Gersten's work has screened at major festivals and appears on platforms including Netflix, HBO, PBS, Amazon Prime, and Peacock. His editing credits include the acclaimed documentary Searching for Mr. Rugoff and Enter the Slipstream.

"I never had an opportunity like this growing up," Gersten said. "It's pretty rare for an area like this to offer something like this, especially a free program for middle schoolers. It's amazing that the Moviehouse is providing this opportunity, and we're hoping to spread the word."

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"The word 'impact' is important," Castellani said. "We could 'accommodate' the students generated by the 28 planned homes." He noted that the present total school enrollment of 630 has been holding steady over the past few years.

"We could accommodate, but there could be an impact if the new students require services," Castellani said, noting that about 30% of current students need some kind of services that can include transportation and involve

additional cost.

"We welcome all kids," Castellani emphasized. While the additional students can be accommodated, the budget impact is unknown.

The developer detailed changes incorporated into the plans, including enhanced landscape design, adding one tree to each house lot, along with supplemental evergreen plantings to provide vegetative screening.

Fire suppression continued to be of deep concern for Planning Board chairman Robert Boyles, debating adequate supply with the developers who offered two buried 20,000 gallon fiberglass tanks to total 40,000 gallons of firefighting capacity.

"We asked for 180,000 gallons," Boyles countered. Speaking on behalf of the fire department, Boyles agreed to work with the developers and the department to arrive at an agreeable amount.

"They've gone above and beyond to agree to use fire-retardant building materials," Boyles conceded.

Boyles asked about maintenance of the water supply systems. Project Engineer Richard Renna responded that the Homeowners Association would be responsible, along with a professional water operator.

Water availability came under discussion. Planning board engineer John Andrews noted that health authorities have es-

tablished a projection of 110 gallons of usage per bedroom.

"You will get a hard look at it during the site plan approval process," Renna assured the board.

Quoting the town's Comprehensive Plan of Development, Planning Board member Ken Topolsky saw potential for a point system that could favor the selection of local homebuyers who contribute to the community in various ways, also suggesting a greater variety of home model styles to enhance the visuals.

Mary Linge, Hudson River Housing's Director of Real Estate Development, indicated that her office would prepare a point system proposal to be submitted to the state Fair Housing officials.

Siland recreational facility

A public hearing on Siland's request for a site plan change to revise parking configurations and adjust terrain for drainage drew no public comment. Siland Consultant Patrick O'Leary reported that the request no longer suggests lighting. At the Feb. 25 Planning Board meeting O'Leary had floated an idea to include lighting for after-dark platform tennis at the recreational facility.

New Meeting Time

By unanimous agreement, the Planning Board set its 2026 meeting start time one hour earlier. Accordingly, the next meeting on Wednesday, March 25, will begin at 6 p.m.

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eight years of service, highlighting her work expanding the Food Pantry and championing the Transportation Program.

"While we are losing a skilled manager with Christine, change is an opportunity for reevaluation and the infusion of energy into the future of NECC."

Banning said she and NECC's Vice Chair Julie Berkun Fajgenbaum will step into Sergeant's role temporarily — serving as a "backstop" rather than taking charge — while the board organizes a search process for the next executive director. Banning said she hopes the process will be efficient and move quickly enough that an interim director will not be necessary.

The search process has yet to be formalized, Banning said, adding that it would likely include a committee consisting of board members and staff. A first step would be gathering information from employees and community members to help the committee draft a job description.

"We hope to collect lots of applications from very qualified candidates," Banning said. The current NECC organization is filled with capable program directors and senior staff, she added.

"The organization is on solid ground and our programs are working well and are funded," she added. "We have good relationships with donors and funders and show them on an ongoing basis that

we perform up to and beyond expectations."

As for what NECC is looking for in a new executive director, Banning said she can't "jump the gun." Conversations with current staff and board members will inform a job description, and Banning is confident that the right candidates will emerge.

Sergeant and the board faced criticism following the unexpected closure of the organization's Early Learning Program last November, citing financial difficulties, which left families and staff scrambling.

Although parents said they understood the financial realities, they were frustrated by the way the closure was communicated, describing it as abrupt and lacking transparency.

"The way the announcement was made was disappointing and feels antithetical to the fabric and character of NECC," said Finegan Ferreboeuf last fall, whose toddler was enrolled at the ELP prior to its closure.

Former ELP Director Emily Redmond, who was fired last November following the program's closure, was also vocal in her criticism of the process.

However, Redmond also sees the change as an opportunity.

"I hope NECC finds someone wonderful who will fill that role with grace and courtesy and respect for the community they represent," Redmond said.

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The advertisement is for B. Metcalf Asphalt, a local paving company.

Ben Metcalf, the business owner, declined to comment on the billboard or his advertising approach.

However, after a photo of a new billboard was posted on Facebook, people started to weigh in, with some expressing alarm.

The sign — visible to drivers travelling south on Route 22 — is located on property owned by the McEnroe organic farm operation across the road from a New York State road salt shed.

One Facebook user called the billboard a "low-tech version of clickbait."

Some residents said the billboard caused them to hit the brakes. "It startled me," said Facebook user Karen Knudson. "Going past the sign at 50mph STOP ICE is all I saw!"

"Putting anything politically incitive on a sign advertising your business is probably a bad idea," Dennis Williams commented. "You're likely to cut your potential market right in half."

While some made claims of self-promotion, an overwhelming number of Facebook comments indicated that the sign was mostly effective advertising, not intended to lean toward any side of the political issue.

"It got everyone talking," one user wrote.

"They often have somewhat edgy outdoor advertising," another user commented.

Pine Plains documentary filmmaker Stan Hirson, 88, posted the photo to Facebook, where it drew nearly 63 comments as of press time.

"My goal in all my work is to build community by bridging different types of people and getting them to interact with each other," Hirson said. He said he doesn't often take a stand on issues but likes to get people talking.

"Sometimes it's messy, okay? If you look through some of the replies on this very innocent billboard post, you'll see hostility," he added. "People get very snarky and they need to show off. That's ok, but we really need to do it face to face."

AWARDS *Continued from Page A1*

PHOTO BY MELISSA FERRICK

Left to right, Christian Murray, Executive Editor; Nathan Miller, Managing Editor of The Millerton News; Natalia Zukerman, Arts & Lifestyle Editor; Thomas K. Carley, Chief Operating Officer; and James H. Clark, CEO/Publisher receive awards at the New England Newspaper and Press Association spring conference in Portsmouth, NH.

school journalism program. The program, launched in April 2025 with funding support from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 21st Century Fund and individual donors, teaches professional journalism to students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and launched the student newspaper HVRHS Today.

The paper also earned first place in the Human Interest category for Natalia Zukerman's story, "Bearing Witness at Auschwitz," a personal account examining the legacy of the Holocaust and the importance of remembrance.

Additional honors included second place for Fundraising Strategy, second place for Outstanding Newsletter for the paper's "What To Do" newsletter, and second place for Newspaper Event for the community Street Fair.

Publisher James H. Clark said the awards reflect the organization's belief that strong local news is the foundation of a strong community.

"These honors recognize the strength of our local reporting, our commitment to meaningful engagement and the deep connection we have to the communities we serve," Clark said. "I'm proud of the work our team does every day to serve our readers and keep our communities connected."

The high school journalism initiative was designed

as a bottom-up program that gives students broad latitude to shape the publication's voice, design and coverage. A team of five to six students plan each issue, pitching story ideas and reporting the articles independently.

Nathan Miller, managing editor of The Millerton News and program lead, said the recognition is shared with the students.

"The program's success would not be possible without the amazing students who worked for the past year to create HVRHS Today," Miller said.

Zukerman said she was grateful to see her work recognized. "I'm honored that this piece was recognized," Zukerman said. "It documents not only a historic commemoration, but a deeply personal reckoning. For me, remembrance is not passive. In this time of rising authoritarianism and multiple ongoing genocides, I feel an unyielding responsibility to remember and to speak."

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Melissa Gamwell, hand lettering with precision and care.

Melissa Gamwell's handmade touch

By D.H. Callahan

In an age of automation, Melissa Gamwell is keeping the human hand alive.

The Cornwall, Connecticut-based calligrapher is practicing an art form that's been under attack by machines for nearly 400 years, and people are noticing. For proof, look no further than the line leading to her candle-lit table at the Stissing House Craft Feast each winter. In her first year there, she scribed around 1,200 gift tags, cards, and hand drawn ornaments.

Each piece makes a gift, a note or even a Christmas tree seem more personal, more considered, and more connected to humanity. Since then, demand

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ART

'Quilts of Many Colors' opens at Hunt Library

By Robin Roraback

In honor of National Quilt Day, a tradition established in 1991, Hunt Library's second annual quilt show, "Quilts of Many Colors," will open Saturday, March 21, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The quilts, made by members of the Hunt Library Quilters, will be displayed through April 17. All quilts will be for sale, and a portion of each sale goes to the library.

At the center of the exhibit is a quilt the Hunt Library Quilters collaborated on called the "Quilt of Many Colors," inspired by Dolly Parton's song "Coat of Many Colors." Each member of the Hunt Library Quilters made two to four 10-inch squares for the twin-size quilt, with Gail Allyn embroidering "The Green Man" for the center square. The Green Man, a symbol of rebirth, is also a symbol of the library, seen carved in stone

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NATURE

Robin Wall Kimmerer urges gratitude, reciprocity in talk at Cary Institute

By Aly Morrissey

Robin Wall Kimmerer, the bestselling author of "Braiding Sweetgrass" and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, urged a sold-out audience at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies on Friday, March 13, to rethink humanity's relationship with the natural world through gratitude, reciprocity and responsibility.

Introduced by Cary Institute President Joshua Ginsberg, Kimmerer opened the evening by greeting the audience in Potawatomi, the native language of her ancestors, and grounding the talk in a practice of gratitude.

"Gratitude is the doorway to reciprocity," Kimmerer said.

Kimmerer, also a mother, botanist and professor, said that Indigenous wisdom does not have to be at odds with Western science, but rather it can help humans reframe the way they understand the Earth.

She also reflected on the personal journey that led to her lifelong commitment to promoting a lens of Indigenous wisdom in Western science. As a young woman entering the field of botany — then largely dominated by men — she said her path in academia was not always welcoming as a female Native scientist.

"It has been a lifelong journey," she said. "I was born a botanist."

Throughout the lecture, Kimmerer described how Indigenous ecological knowledge — rooted in observation, experience and ethical responsibility — can complement scientific inquiry and help solve today's



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Robin Wall Kimmerer inspired the audience with her grassroots initiative "Plant, Baby, Plant," encouraging restoration, native planting and care for ecosystems.

environmental crises.

She pointed to global data showing that about 80 percent of the planet's remaining biodiversity is found on lands stewarded by Indigenous peoples, many of whom remain under threat from continued colonization and development.

A central theme of the evening was the concept of the "Honorable Harvest," a code of practical ethics that governs what humans take from the natural world. Its principles include never taking the first one, always asking permission, taking only what is needed, min-

imizing harm and giving something back.

"Science is a great way to listen for the answer," Kimmerer said, referring to the practice of asking permission of the natural world and paying attention to ecological limits.

By the end of the talk, Kimmerer turned to the question she said she hears most often: "What can I do?"

Her answer included a call to reciprocity and action. She urged audience members to consider their own "human gifts" and how those gifts might be used in service of the Earth.

For example, Kimmerer said she uses her own gift of storytelling to distill complex information and inspire people to think differently about the living world.

"The Earth asks us to change," she said.

Kimmerer left the audience with a call to action through her latest initiative. In contrast to the slogan "drill, baby, drill," she said she has helped launch "plant, baby, plant," a grassroots initiative that encourages people to support the living world through restoration, native planting and care for ecosystems.

THEATER

Regional 7 students bring 'The Addams Family' to the stage

By Natalia Zukerman

Nearly 50 students from across the region are helping bring the delightfully macabre world of "The Addams Family" to life in Northwestern Regional School District No. 7's upcoming production. The student cast and crew, representing the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Norfolk, will stage the musical March 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 29 in the school's auditorium in Winsted.

Based on the iconic characters created by Charles Addams, the musical follows Wednesday Addams, who shocks her famously eccentric family by falling in love with a perfectly "normal" young man. When his parents come to dinner at the Addams' mansion, two very different families collide, leading to an evening of secrets, surprises and unexpected revelations about love and belonging.

For director Ann DeCerbo, the show's mix of humor, spectacle and heart made it an ideal choice for a high school production.

"It's funny and a little spooky, but underneath that it's really about family, acceptance and learning to embrace what makes us unique," she said.

The large cast and crew also made the musical a good fit for the school's thriving theater program.

"What's impressed me most is the level of commitment," DeCerbo said. "These students are balancing school, sports, work, family, lessons, driver's ed. The list goes on and on. But they show up ready to work and to support each other."

Senior Gustavo Zurita stars as Gomez Addams opposite Ivy Wallace as Morticia. The cast also includes Kaileigh Grant as Wednesday and Domonic Salz as her love interest Lucas Beineke,

along with Maribelle Roach as Uncle Fester, Violet Swanson as Alice Beineke, Levi Swanson as Mal Beineke, Krystal Janak as Grandma Addams, Lorelai DeCerbo as Pugsley Addams and Juan Pablo Urbina Labarrere as Lurch.

Behind the scenes, students are also responsible for set construction, lighting, sound, costumes and stage management,

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... Melissa Gamwell

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for her personalized, hand-lettered tags, ornaments and cards has only grown, appearing in mailboxes across the region and at shops like the Cornwall Whale and Marton & Davis in Chatham, New York. Her precision is remarkable, and to watch her create these one-of-a-kind pieces is an art all unto itself.

In recent months, we've seen a deluge of stories on digital replacement. Data managers, bankers and even therapists are being replaced by computer programs in mass waves of layoffs. But what many still find surprising about the proliferation of nonhuman competitors in the job market is how it's affecting the arts. Illustrators, animators, photographers, musicians and even on-screen actors are being supplanted by bots touted as "artificial intelligence agents."

But calligraphy — and handwriting in general — has been in the crosshairs of mechanical progress for centuries. There was a time, if you can believe it, when writing anything required ink, paper and sometimes even a living, breathing human scribe. No typewriters, no word processors, no voice-to-text programs.

Then came Gutenberg's printing press. Sure, it changed the world for the better, ensuring a greater distribution of ideas, and helping spark some of the most important political movements in history. But it also marked one of the first moments when technology replaced the artistic work of the human hand. Over the centuries, printers, designers and technologists have continued to innovate. Today, with Photoshop or Illustrator, an entire universe



PHOTO BY KEVIN GREENBERG

Melissa Gamwell, crafting custom Valentine's Day cards in her office in Cornwall.

“There is no better feeling than working through something with your own brain and your own hands

MELISSA GAMWELL

of alphabets exists, from ornate and embellished to precise and futuristic — all designed to replace the human hand.

Yet, despite this centuries-long assault from technology, Gamwell has found her own way to thrive. Largely self-taught, she combines her drawing and industrial design background with an old-school New England childhood in

Maine that involved “very tangible, hands-on, creative problem-solving using many materials.” Raised by “parents who loved antiquarian books, often filled with hand-written dedications,” hers was the kind of upbringing in which “traditional practices were cherished and flaunted” — a time and place with “hand-painted lettering on churches, street signage, the stones in beautiful churchyard cemeteries, and log books.”

Those early impressions have stayed with her, heightening her appreciation of sometimes overlooked details.

“There’s so much ephemera floating around with traces of beautiful handwriting to see everywhere, even now in Con-

necticut,” she said.

Even in a digital age, she keeps technology at a distance.

“You will not find ChatGPT on my phone, and you will usually not find my phone on me,” she said. Instead, she opts for a notebook, a scrap of paper or the back of a receipt. Sometimes, she goes even further, gathering black walnuts from trees on her property to make the specialized ink for her practice.

Gamwell’s approach to her craft is also philosophical. “There is no better feeling than working through something with your own brain and your own hands, even if you find it less exemplary than you would hope. And it only uses the water you’re already consuming. Do you need to convey an idea? Draw it, however horrific or childish. Write it, even if you never learned proper grammar — because you’ve always had programs do it,” she said.

“Sometimes I think that everything I like is ‘historic’ but it’s really that I just find more value in the traditional methods, which are still alive and well, and desperately in need of stewards for the future.”

After nearly 400 years of pressure, it’s encouraging to see handwriting — an art form that once seemed destined for obsolescence — still thriving, one careful stroke at a time. And thanks to Gamwell, perhaps there’s a new generation of observers, collectors and future calligraphers ready to carry it forward.

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



PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

Detail of “Specimen 42” by Catherine Latson at KBFA

ART

New in at Kenise Barnes Fine Art

By D.H. Callahan

Since 2018, Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent has been displaying an impressive rotation of works across a range of artists and mediums. On Saturday, March 14, art enthusiasts arrived to see a new exhibition at the gallery featuring a wide variety of new pieces.

Large-scale paintings by David Collins and Melanie Parke alongside small 3-by-3 inch oil-on-panel works by Sally Maca.

An intricate woodcut print by Eve Stockton and the organized chaos of Margaret Neill’s abstract drawings dazzled the eye. But much of the show’s distinctive texture came from its sculptural works.

Catherine Latson’s wire structures, tightly wrapped in hand-dyed threads, bring to mind pastel-hued sea anemones and become more impressive upon closer inspection. Translucent, hanging cast-resin vampire bats by Tristan Fitch blend into the ceiling until viewed up close, when they become an inescapable presence.

An intriguing sculpture by Julie Marren features acorn caps affixed to the wall, filled with vibrant, shimmering colors.

Paintings and a sculpture crafted from reclaimed wood by Maine-based artist Matt Barter demonstrated the range of mediums represented by a single artist.

While some of the works are already spoken for, all are on view through late April.

For more information, visit kbfa.com

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PHOTO BY MONIQUE JARAMILLO

The cast of “The Addams Family” from Northwest Regional School District No. 7 with Principal Kelly Carroll from Ann Antolini Elementary School in New Hartford at Botelle Elementary in Norfolk.

essential elements in creating the Addams family’s famously eerie home.

“We started by really embracing the color palette for the show,” said DeCerbo. “Black and white with very purposeful pops of color. This is the biggest set we’ve had on the NWR7 stage in as long as I can remember.”

While the story is packed with humor and gothic charm, DeCerbo said its message res-

onates strongly with teenagers.

“High school can be a time when people feel pressure to fit in and meet external expectations,” she said. “This show does a great job of showcasing how much we all have in common while also celebrating individuality.”

That spirit, she added, is part of what makes theater such an important space for students.

“One of the things I appreci-

ate most about theater is that it offers a really welcoming environment where students feel comfortable being exactly who they are,” she said.

Ultimately, DeCerbo hopes audiences come ready to laugh and leave with a reminder that every family has its quirks.

“First and foremost, I hope they have fun,” she said. “But beyond that, I hope audiences leave with a reminder that fam-

ilies and communities don’t have to look the same to work. There’s a lot of joy in celebrating what makes people unique.”

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BOOKS

Trailblazing divorce attorney Harriet Newman Cohen to speak at Norfolk Library

By Jennifer Almquist

Harriet Newman Cohen weathered many storms in her five-decade-long journey to become one of the nation's most celebrated divorce attorneys. Voted one of the top 100 attorneys in New York for many years, Cohen served as president of the New York Women's Bar Association and has been a champion of divorce reform. She and her co-author, journalist David Feinberg, will give a book talk about her memoir, "Passion and Power: A Life in Three Worlds," at the Norfolk Library on Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

What began as a personal record of her life, intended for her family, grew into a memoir that journalist Carl Bernstein describes in his endorsement as "wise and riveting." Born in 1932 in Providence, Rhode Island, to parents who immigrated in 1920 from Ukraine and Poland, Cohen traces the arc of her life and the challenges she faced entering a legal profession that was overwhelmingly male at the time, leading to her success as a maverick divorce attorney fighting for women's



Harriet Newman Cohen

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rights and equity in the law. She received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Brooklyn Law School in 1974, one year after Roe v. Wade was decided. She is a founding partner of Cohen Stine Kapoor LLP in New York City, a family and matrimonial law firm she formed in 2021, at

age 88, with her daughter Martha Cohen Stine and Ankit Kapoor.

Cohen writes fearlessly, with a good dose of wry humor, about her own struggles balancing marriage and divorce, raising four daughters, entering Brooklyn Law School in 1971 at age

38, and her ensuing legal career. According to Bernstein, "Passion and Power" is as much about the reshaping of American cultural norms as it is about one remarkable woman's role at the forefront of legal and social transformation.

Cohen's work in the legal profession has been pivotal to social change. A 2021 HBO documentary, "Nuclear Family," directed by Ry Russo-Young, chronicles the landmark custody struggle of Russo-Young's parents, a queer couple who hired Cohen as their lawyer.

Cohen is an honest storyteller, unflinching in admitting her mistakes and rightly

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Garth Kobel, Art Wall Chair, Mary Randolph, Frank Halden, Ruth Giumarro, Project Chair, Maria Bulson, Barbara Lobdell, Sherry Newman, Elizabeth Frey-Thomas, Donna Heinz around "The Green Man."

at the library's entrance. One hundred percent of the sale of this quilt benefits the library.

Ruth Giumarro, who led the Hunt Library Quilters in this project, explained that the quilting group started last year with the theme "Playing With Art," which was inspired by children's book illustrator Eric Carle. Giumarro said, "We had so much fun last year that everyone said, 'Let's do it again!'"

"This has been exciting," said Giumarro. "We started off small with seven people. This year more people came, and there are more who want to come." The range of experience varies from none

to years of sewing and quilting. All are welcome; be a resident of Falls Village is not required.

"It's all practice," explained Giumarro, who has been sewing since she was in seventh grade. "Getting a straight line is hardest."

On March 6, the quilters gathered at Hunt Library to bring their own creations for the show and admire the finished "Quilt of Many Colors." After looking at each other's quilts and pricing them, they celebrated with cake.

The Hunt Library is located at 63 Main St. in Falls Village. More information is available at huntlibrary.org

MUSIC

Harlem Line Band concert to benefit Jane Lloyd Fund

by Aly Morrissey

Donna Lloyd Stoetzner and Ram Miles have been friends since kindergarten. With decades of shared memories stretching from grade school through high school, the two have spent a lifetime in each other's orbit. Today, they both work at Indian Mountain School, just a short distance from where they grew up.

On Saturday, March 28, Miles and his band, The Harlem Line Band, will perform their seventh semi-annual concert at the White Hart Inn in support of the Jane Lloyd Fund, a grassroots organization that helps local families facing cancer-related financial hardship. The night promises live music, dancing and friends gathering for a cause deeply personal to Stoetzner.

Miles and Stoetzner grew up attending the same local schools. Their families knew one another, and music was always in the background.

"We've known each other since kindergarten," Miles said. "I knew the whole Lloyd clan."

In high school in the late 1970s, Miles was already playing rock and roll in local bands, performing at house parties across the tri-state region. "We'd show up and there'd be 100 kids at a house party," he recalled. "Once the homeowner came out with a shotgun and everybody ran for the cars. The drums were rolling down the hill."

Stoetzner remembers those days well, especially the dancing. Her sister, Jane Lloyd, whose memory now inspires the fund, was a regular at Miles' shows. "Jane was always up for something — moonlight walks up the mountain, skating on a pond, music festivals. She loved it all," Stoetzner said.

When Jane was diagnosed with breast cancer at 34, the community rallied around her. One of the



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Ram Miles and Donna Lloyd Stoetzner.

first fundraisers was held at the White Hart Inn, with Miles' band performing for a packed crowd. More than 300 people attended, raising roughly \$6,000 to help cover Jane's medical bills. After her death, the community's support inspired Stoetzner and others to create the Jane Lloyd Fund, formally established in 2006.

Since then, the organization has quietly helped hundreds of local families, providing financial assistance for medical bills, utilities, gas and other basic needs during treatment. Stoetzner estimates the fund has distributed more than \$1.3 million in grants. "It's bittersweet," she said. "It's so gratifying that we have it — but you wish people didn't need it." Applications are submitted anonymously through social workers and reviewed by a volunteer advisory board.

That same spirit keeps the Harlem Line Band concerts going. The band formed 16 years ago when Miles assembled a group

of Indian Mountain School parents for a school auction and stuck together long after their children graduated.

"Every one of the band members has been touched by cancer in some way," Stoetzner said. "They could be making big money playing somewhere else, but they do this for us for free."

For Miles, the night is more than music. "It's like a reunion," he said. "Everyone's there because they want to be — to dance, listen to great music and support a great cause."

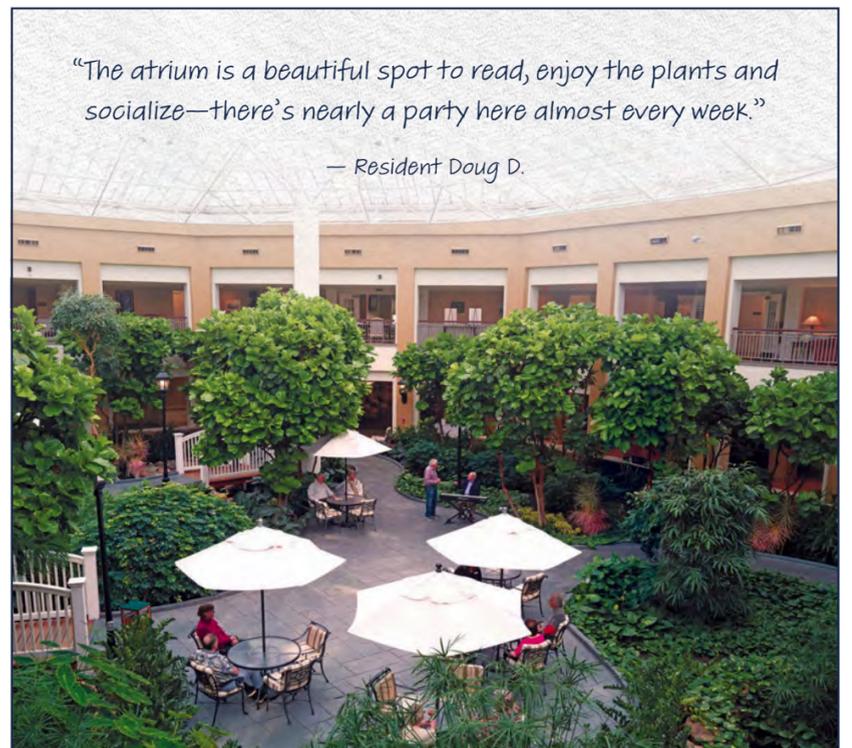
During the set, the band always performs "Sweet Jane," a tribute that brings the crowd together on the dance floor.

The event will take place Saturday, March 28, at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury. Music begins at 8 p.m., with \$20 donations accepted at the door benefiting the Jane Lloyd Fund.

"It's just a beautiful night," Stoetzner said. "Great music, great people, and a lot of love in the room."

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Rebecca Serle (right) and novelist Jessica Anya Blau shared laughs and literary secrets during a lively conversation about Serle's new novel "Once and Again" at the The White Hart Inn in Salisbury on Wednesday, March 11. Serle is the bestselling author of "In Five Years," "One Italian Summer" and several other novels beloved for their emotional twists and reflections on fate and second chances. The talk was part of the White Hart Speaker Series presented with Oblong Books and the Scoville Memorial Library.

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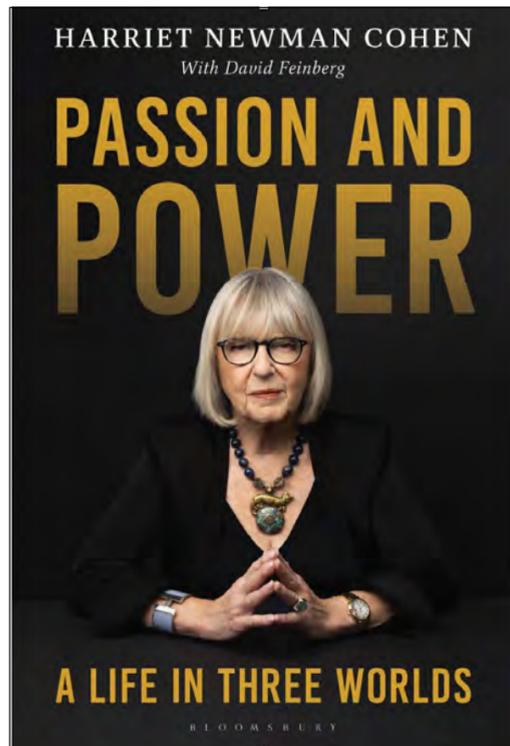


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proud of her accomplishments. Her story ranges from tales of her father's fortune made producing the Hula-Hoop to her memory of schoolmate Kiki Bader — Ruth Bader Ginsburg — as a cheerleader waving pom-poms in Brooklyn. She also writes of her deep love of family, the stultifying suburban life of her first marriage, mentorship by legal icon Louis Nizer and riding the wave of social revolution that buoyed her

career. Norfolk author Gillian Linden writes of her step-grandmother, "Harriet Newman Cohen is a funny, edifying guide — precise, curious, warm. Entirely unsentimental. Marriage and its many paths is rich territory. This book is filled with the strange, glamorous, desperate and sadistic characters you hope to meet in the very best novels." For details, visit norfolklibrary.org

Tri-Corner Calendar

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

MARCH 19

Policy Potluck: Why Are Tick-Transmitted Infections Spreading?
Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn.
James Shepherd explores how land use, invasive plants and biodiversity loss are fueling Lyme disease and other zoonoses, and shares habitat strategies to reduce risk. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Ages 16+. Registration required at act.audubon.org.

16th Annual Empty Bowls Event
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 837 Charles St., Torrington, Conn.
5 to 7 p.m.

Cost: Meal only: \$10; Meal with bowl: \$20

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots initiative focused on addressing food insecurity. The Community Kitchen of Torrington is having its 16th Annual Empty Bowls event to raise awareness and support to combat hunger in our greater Litchfield Community. All proceeds benefit the Community Kitchen of Torrington. For any questions, please contact Marilyn at (860) 482-0356.

MARCH 20

Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Write poetry from 2 to 4 p.m. in an immersive workshop of writing, reading and listening led by Sally Van Doren. Inspiring poems and guided prompts help unlock imagination and generate new work. No previous experience required. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org.

Lasagna Dinner
Falls Village Fire Department, 188 Route 7 S. Falls Village, Conn.
Support LHK Schools 8th grade trip to Washington DC. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$15 per adult, \$10 per children aged 5-10. Children under 4 are free. Meat or veggie options. Salad, bread and dessert included.

Laura Zarougian and Little Tree Band
The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Laura Zarougian and the Little Tree Band present an evening of folk and Americana, woven with stories from Zarougian's songwriting life and her experience as an

Armenian cowgirl in the Hudson Valley. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

MARCH 21

Artist Talk: Alan Prazniak and Kati Gegenheimer
Geary Gallery, 14 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
Artist Alan Prazniak will discuss his solo exhibition "Earth Tones" in conversation with artist Kati Gegenheimer at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. RSVP encouraged info@geary.nyc

Quilts of Many Colors
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Celebrate National Quilt Day with a reception and exhibit featuring more than a dozen quilts by local makers, including a community quilt inspired by Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors." Meet the artists; quilts available for purchase to benefit the library. Reception 5-7 p.m.; exhibit on view through April 17 during library hours. Free. 860-824-7424 or huntlibrary.org/art-wall.

AMERICA250: Get to Work - Telling Your Story Workshop
American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.
As part of its AMERICA250 initiative, American Mural Project hosts a daylong personal storytelling workshop led by master storyteller Terry Wolfisch Cole, exploring stories of work and labor through writing, feedback, and practice performance.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration required; fee includes workshop and museum admission. Details at americanmuralproject.org/america-250.

MARCH 22

Learn How to Make Ricotta
Tri Corner FEED Market, 56 S. Center St., Millerton, N.Y.
Join Peter Berely from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn more about how to make fresh ricotta and how it can be transformed into a delicious dish — ricotta gnocchii! RSVP in store or email blake@tricornfeed.org

Darrah Carr Dance
Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Championship Irish step dancers of Darrah Carr Dance take the stage with live fiddle and accordion for a high-energy celebration of traditional and contemporary

Irish dance. Audience volunteers may join the fun. 3 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

Introduction to Natural Dyes at Shop BES
BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
11 a.m.

Dye cotton handkerchiefs and napkins using logwood chips, osage sawdust, ground madder root and cochineal to create a range of yellows, pinks, oranges and purples. Pre-registration required at www.shop-bes.com/classes

MARCH 25

Death Cafe
Tri Corner FEED Market 56 S. Center St., Millerton, N.Y.
6 p.m.

Join a volunteer-led Death Cafe at 6 p.m. for an open, peer-to-peer conversation about death over tea, coffee and cake. This is a discussion group — not grief counseling or therapy — with no set agenda, themes or objectives. Limited to 20 participants; cake provided by Mudgetown Chocolate. Advance registration required at eventbrite.com.

MARCH 26

Russell Shorto in Conversation with Rhonan Mokriski
Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.
Historian and author Russell Shorto joins Troutbeck Symposium co-founder and educator Rhonan Mokriski for a conversation on narrative history and how storytelling can transform the way students learn about the past. Drawing on Shorto's "Revolution Song" and other works, the discussion explores how history comes alive through the lives of real people. Free with RSVP. 5 to 6 p.m.

Tarot for Beginners
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Sonya Reeve leads an introduction to tarot, exploring the major and minor arcana, the

Last week's WoTW

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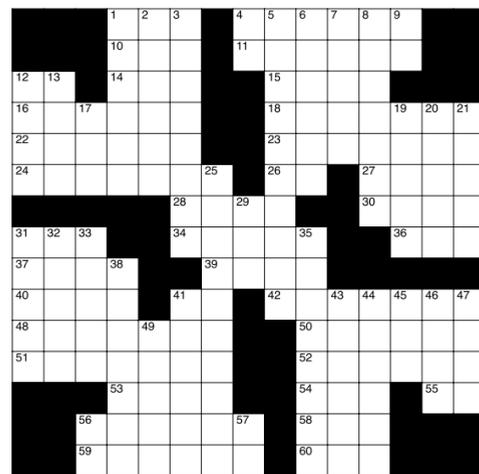
Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WoTW.

1. Quivered projectile for a bow
2. Glide on ice
3. Low-cost; frugal
4. A joust's spear
5. Take steps in the right direction

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Inclined to do
4. Sketches
10. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
11. Atomic #58
12. Dorm official
14. Small Eurasian deer
15. Southern constellation
16. Workers' groups
18. Former
22. Excellent
23. Romance language related to Spanish
24. Reference
26. Equally
27. Dirty towels
28. A cargo (abbr.)
30. Ammunition
31. You get one in summer
34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Swiss river
37. Exchange rate
39. British School
40. College teacher
41. Foreign Service
42. Horse gear
48. Cost to fly
50. A salt or ester of boric acid
51. Mocking
52. One who bird-watches
53. Concluding passage
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. A way to produce
58. Soak
59. Laughed loudly and harshly
60. Affirmative



9. Atomic #62
12. Genus of evergreen shrubs
13. Flowering plant of the legume family
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Tropical fruit
20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
21. James __, painter
25. Popular dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Cuisine style
32. Genus of true flies
33. City in western France
35. Arrogance
38. One holding a position of command
41. Weekday
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. East German town
49. Olfactory property
56. Atomic #37
57. "Pollock" actor Harris

March 12 Solution

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March 12 Solution

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3	5	9	4	2	6	7	8	1
6	2	4	8	1	7	9	3	5
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Level: Intermediate

CLUES DOWN

1. Moth species phalonia
2. Quantum of energy
3. Break the law
4. Location of White House
5. Official cancellation of a decision
6. Where rockers work
7. Cut of beef: __ mignon
8. Nocturnal burrowing reptile



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Stanford home prices remain at record highs in early new year

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

STANFORD — The town's median price for a single-family home remained at an all-time high at the end of January as the real estate market continues an upward march.

The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home, excluding condos, in the Town of Stanford reached \$662,500 for the period ending Jan. 31, 2026, the same as December.

The figure marks a 14% increase from the \$581,000 median recorded for the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2025, and 37% from \$425,000 for the comparable period ending Jan. 31, 2024.

Unit sales of single-family homes in Stanford are highly variable on a 12-month rolling basis, perhaps due to limited inventory. A total of 30 single-family homes were sold in the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2026, compared with 47 sales in the period ending Jan. 31, 2025, and 29 sales for the 12 months a year prior.

The busiest year in recent times was in 2020 at the height of COVID-19. For the 12 months ending January 2021, 80 single family homes were sold.

Inventory of single family remains limited. As of mid-March, there were six single-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The home at 49 Ernest Road was one of only two single family homes sold for less than \$300,000 in Stanford in the last year.

family homes on the market and three multi-family buildings. Three were listed above \$1 million with five residential properties including multi-family listed below the current \$662,500 median price. Two parcels of land are listed on the MLS for \$295,000 and \$300,000.

January transfers

5654 Route 82 — 2 bedroom/2.5 bath home in Clinton Corners on 8.16 acres

sold to Jonathan Blass for \$675,000.

49 Ernest Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1992 on 2.2 acres sold to Patrick Shanley for \$250,000.

30 Meadowview Way — 19.01 acres with a view sold to Gary Herman for \$350,000.

* Town of Stanford real estate transfers recorded between Jan. 1, 2026 and Jan. 31, 2026, provided by Dutchess County Office of Real Prop-

erty. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from First Key MLS and market statistics from Infosparks. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag sales by a number of days and include properties sold privately. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Amenia's final open mic night set for April 1 at Town Hall

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — For those seeking exposure and an enthusiastic audience for their talents, the final Town Hall Open Mic Night is coming up on Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 6 p.m. This year's successful series has been a program of the

Recreation Department. To participate, sign up upon arrival to share your talent with a live audience. Bring friends along to enjoy your own performance and applaud the talents of others. All types are welcome, whether music, song, poetry, storytelling or any other. Refreshments will be provided.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report March 5 to March 12

March 7 — Deputies responded to 160 Holsapple Road in Dover to investigate a reported disturbance. Incident determined to be a domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

March 10 — Deputies responded to the area of 44 Route 22 in the Town of Pawling to assist the Pawling Fire Department with a fire involving the car carrier portion of a tractor trailer. Investigation revealed that 5 out of 8 vehicles being carried were a complete loss due to the fire.

March 11 — Deputies re-

sponded to John Street in the Village of Millerton to investigate a reported disturbance. Incident determined to be a domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

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

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Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
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The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A question and answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

The project involves replacing the bridge with a new structure to address the structural and hydraulic deficiencies of the existing bridge. The proposed work includes realigning the East Street to Route 4 to accommodate the new bridge and improve the intersection site lines.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed East Street realignment include partial takes, slope easements, and possibly other rights or construction easements that will be determined during subsequent design phases.

Construction is expected to start in 2029, depending on funding, right-of-way acquisition, and permits. The estimated cost is \$8 million, with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

The public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Direct your comments and questions by Wednesday, April 8, 2026, to DOTProject0125-0131@ct.gov, (860) 594-2020, or to Francisco Fadul at Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov or (860) 594-2078. Please reference State Project No. 0125-0131 in the email or voicemail.

ACCESSIBILITY

Non-English language closed captioning will be available on Zoom. The recording will also be posted following the meeting in CTDOT's public meeting playlist at portal.ct.gov/ctdot/VPIArchive.

For limited internet access, call (877) 853-5257 with Meeting ID 823 7732 0648. Project information can be mailed within one week by contacting Francisco Fadul at Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov or (860) 594-2078.

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