



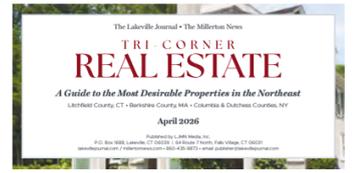
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Kristen Watson, right, speaks with beer distributor Brian Struble in the new grocery and beer store she and her husband, Billy, are opening on April 1.

New beer and grocery store set to open in Millerton

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — A new beer and grocery store is set to open in Millerton on April 1, aiming to help fill a gap in the village's grocery options.

Kristen Watson and her husband, Billy, will open State Line Beer and Grocery, offering farm-fresh eggs, frozen local meats, nonperishable

foods and household essentials.

With no visible movement on the proposed grocery store in the former Millerton Square Plaza, State Line Beer and Grocery is poised to join Tri-Corner F.E.E.D. in serving as a smaller-scale option for local residents seeking basic groceries and everyday necessities.

Watson, who will serve as general manager, said the idea grew out of repeated community requests

and a desire to fill a void.

"I needed rice the other night when my dog got sick, and I couldn't find it easily in town," Watson said, adding that she had to drive to CVS just before closing time. "It will be nice to have something right here."

A longtime local, Watson grew up in Dover and worked as a licensed veterinary technician at

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Local 'No Kings' protests gain momentum ahead of March 28 nationwide day of action

By ALY MORRISSEY
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AMENIA — Kim Travis has been flipped off, honked at, and even received death threats during her weekly "No Kings" protests in Fountain Square since last summer — reactions Travis says she's willing to endure in order to fight for her First Amendment rights.

"I wasn't going to let them stop me," Travis said of an incident she said got so escalated she had to call the police. "I was there the next day,

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Amenia resident Kimberley Travis displays one of her handmade signs used in regular demonstrations at Fountain Square, at the intersection of Routes 22 and 44 in Amenia.

Millbrook Planning Board

Nursery expansion approved despite transparency concerns

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLBROOK — The Village of Millbrook Planning Board on Monday conditionally approved plans for two new buildings at a nursery on Franklin Avenue at the intersection with Route 44, despite a resident's concerns about limited public access to application materials ahead of the hearing.

The property operates as a pre-

existing, nonconforming use — meaning it does not meet current zoning but is allowed to continue.

The proposal calls for two new structures at the former Orangerie Garden and Home site, located at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Route 44. According to the property owners, the buildings will be used for equipment storage and to display garden statuary. An

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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Diana Woolis, right, criticizes Pine Plains Town Supervisor Brian Walsh during a Town Board meeting on Thursday, March 19, as residents voiced concerns during public comment.

Pine Plains residents call for Supervisor's resignation, board seeks to 'move forward'

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Residents called for Town Supervisor Brian Walsh's resignation at a March 19 Town Board meeting after newly released records showed he communicated multiple times with surveillance company Flock Safety about installing cameras in Pine Plains.

Town Board members struck a more measured tone, emphasizing a desire to move forward and focus on next steps. Walsh said he would share information freely with the board but did not offer a detailed response to the allegations.

Board members proposed and approved a resolution formally limiting license plate reading cam-

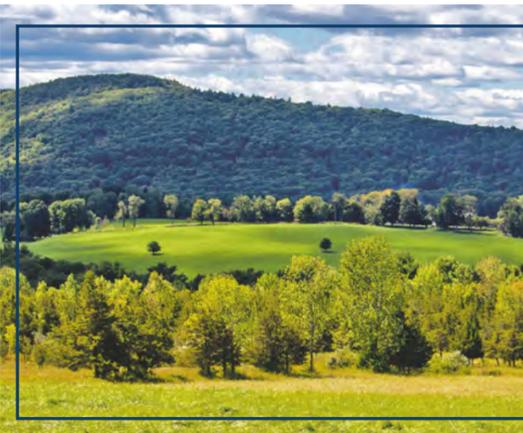
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OUR TOWNS



Webutuck freshman Nolan Howard displays the first-place certificate he won for his flight simulator presentation at the Webutuck STEAM Fair on Saturday, March 21.

Flight simulator project takes first place at Webutuck STEAM Fair

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — Webutuck freshman Nolan Howard took first place at Webutuck's 12th annual STEAM Fair on Saturday, March 21, with his presentation on the science of flight simulators.

Howard brought his flight simulation gear to Webutuck's middle school gymnasium, complete with joysticks and a monitor to demonstrate how the technology can aid in training pilots for real-world situations.

The annual STEAM Fair is a showcase of Webutuck students' scientific experiments, collections or discoveries. Organizers said this year brought more than 70 student participants ranging in age from kindergarten to high school for the annual event.

More than 30 faculty volunteers and seven students helped judge the presentations. First-place participants in middle and high school have a chance to take their presentations to the Dutchess County Science Fair. Webutuck fifth grader Lilliana

Nelson took home first place in the middle school division with her presentation exploring the effects of different types of salt on making ice cream. Nelson and Howard will now have the opportunity to take their presentations to the Dutchess County Science Fair on April 11 at Dutchess Community College.

Presentations at this year's STEAM Fair included demonstrations of hydraulics and pneumatics, such as sixth-grader June Duncan's hydraulic soda can crusher that she constructed out of plastic tubing, syringes and an empty plastic food container; an exploration of plant hydration science with freshman Sabin Kane's test of Gatorade as a substitute for water in germinating radish seeds — which proved once and for all that plants do not crave electrolytes.

"Turns out that Gatorade is not good for the plants," Kane said. "I did not think that would be the case. It's mostly made out of water."

Duncan's hydraulic can crusher used the incompressible power of water to crush soda cans into almost-flat

disks. She said she ran into trouble when cans wouldn't immediately give, causing an important valve in the system to burst and forcing her to find another solution.

"It takes 50 or 60 pounds to crush the can," Duncan said. "With dense cans, we kept blowing our check valve so it kept popping and breaking."

Other presentations included classic chemical reactions such as mixing Coke and Mentos and baking soda volcanoes, explorations of homemade slime and a substance called oobleck — a non-Newtonian fluid that refuses to flow under pressure — and dioramas of different parts of the animal kingdom.



Lois Musgrove, left, and Iris Moore explain the science of mushrooms and fungi to a faculty judge. Their presentation, "The Fungus Among Us," earned an honorable mention.

Hannah Martyniak explains her lemon-based battery demonstration, which uses the fruit's acidity to power a lightbulb. Her project won the Visual Communications Award for outstanding presentation of scientific concepts.



Cassidy Brennan, left, discusses her study of laterality — the division of cognitive tasks between the two halves of the brain — in dogs. Her experiment found strong evidence that the dogs she studied show clear preferences for one side of the body, similar to right- or left-handedness.



Webutuck second-grader Cillian Crow demonstrates how his Tesla coil can light a lightbulb wirelessly.



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OUR TOWNS

North East board blocks Irondale business expansion

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — North East Town Board members on Friday voted to reject a proposed expansion of permitted businesses in the Irondale section of town, a small commercial district comprising just seven parcels along Route 22 north of Millerton.

The board voted 3-2 at its March 20 meeting to abandon the proposal that would have allowed restaurants, liquor stores, microbreweries, banks and bakeries in the district, following sharp criticism from the town's Zoning Review Committee, residents and the Village of Millerton's Board of Trustees.

The Irondale District — currently known as Highway Business District III — is located along Route 22 near the intersection with Irondale Road. Each of the seven parcels has been developed, with two containing residential homes rather than commercial uses.

The Board of Trustees submitted a letter stating the village's opposition to the proposed expansion of use. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog read the letter, which said the village was against commercial planning that would divert attention away from the Route 44 corridor, and that adoption of the changes would hurt the working relationship between the village and the Town of North East.

"Over many years, the Village of Millerton has devoted substantial time, taxpayer resources, and planning efforts to infrastructure improve-

ments in the Village Center," the letter said. "Diverting commercial activity away from the Village and Town center risks undermining the economic foundation for these shared infrastructure investments and could complicate further inter-municipal cooperation."

North East and Millerton residents largely sided with the Village of Millerton during the meeting, with only one North East resident and Town Board members Meg Winkler and Rachele Grieco Cooper advocating for retaining the expanded uses.

North East resident Rob Cooper said he thought the Irondale District is the only other suitable place for business development in the town.

"Every storefront in the village, as far as I know, is occupied," Cooper said. "If you wanted more business to come in, where else would you put it besides in the Irondale District?"

Town Councilwoman Meg Winkler has been one of the strongest supporters of permitting bakeries and other food service businesses in the district since the Town Board began considering the revamped town zoning law earlier this year. She said that just five parcels in the Irondale District are suitable for businesses, saying a few small businesses shouldn't hurt the village.

the table. And the comprehensive plan also says to expand uses in HB-III."

The Town Board also expanded permitted uses in the western Boulevard District — comprising parcels between the Village of Millerton's eastern border and the western bank of the Webatuck Creek. That expansion came after Cooper asked for business types such as accessory shed sales be permitted to bring his property on Route 44 to end his property's nonconforming status. Cooper said at a February meeting that he rents a portion of his historic Mobil gas station property on Route 44 to a shed sale business operated by Millerton resident Stone Scasso, one of the few businesses that could use the property due to deed restrictions on the property dating back to its past as a full service gas station.

Board members voted unanimously to allow automotive mechanics not including body shops, and sales of outdoor play equipment and pre-fabricated sheds.

Following those actions, the Town Board voted to approve a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, meaning the board found the changes to the zoning law will have limited immediate impact on the environment and will not draft an Environmental Impact Statement.

The public hearing on the proposed new zoning law will continue at the Thursday, April 20, regular meeting of the Town Board. Board members expect to wrap up deliberation and approve the law following the public hearing.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Residents listen during a March 16 public hearing in Millbrook on plans to renovate the historic Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue into a community and performing arts center.

Millbrook residents back Thorne Building renovation plans, seek further details

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLBROOK — Community members weighed in during a March 16 public hearing on plans to renovate the Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue into a state-of-the-art event and community center.

Architect Michael Sloan of Millbrook-based Sloan Architects outlined a proposal that includes a rear addition to expand the stage, an enlarged parking lot, new exterior lighting, a front garden and the removal of the portico on the building's east side. Sloan said the building, originally constructed as a K-12 school in the 1890s, would be transformed into a space for the community to gather and create.

Public comment was generally supportive, though several residents sought more details about the lighting plan and disability accessibility. The public hearing was continued to the board's April 20 meeting.

Sloan said the renovations would breathe new life into the century-old building, which has sat vacant in downtown Millbrook for years. The plans call for nearly every space across the building's four floors to be put to use.

"This project is taking the Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue and giving it purpose and life again," Sloan said. "The project entails basically making the Thorne Building an actual community center for the community that's going to be open for the public."

The renovations are being funded by the Millbrook Community Partnership, a nonprofit founded by Millbrook resident Oakleigh Thorne — a descendant of the building's namesake — to support the creation of Bennett Park on the former Bennett College campus and the restoration of the historic Thorne Building.

Thorne, who spoke at the hearing, said the building is still several years from opening, but the organization has already outlined potential uses for the interior space.

At the center of the project is the auditorium, which Sloan said will be expanded to better accommodate professional performances.

"It's what we call a high school stage," Sloan said. "It's really for graduation and very shallow."

Sloan said the building would be expanded by about 20 feet, 9 inches at the rear to provide more stage depth and allow for the installation of an accessibility ramp behind the stage. He said the auditorium

would be transformed into a performance hall capable of hosting films, live music, plays, dance productions, community meetings and other events. The first floor would also include co-working space available for community members to rent.

"It's for everybody," Sloan said.

In the basement, Sloan said, plans call for a culinary arts space similar to a catering kitchen. While it would allow for food preparation and serving, he said, it would not function as a full production kitchen. The basement would also include a digital arts lab that Sloan compared to a makerspace.

He said the area would house 3D printers, computers, sewing machines, music-recording equipment, practice rooms and other tools for digital creation.

The arts-focused uses would continue on the upper floors, Sloan said. The second and third floors would be dedicated to gallery and studio space for visual artists. The second floor would also include a dance floor, allowing the space to host both community and private events.

Comments from the public

were largely favorable, though some neighbors raised questions about lighting and accessibility.

Millbrook resident Heather Lavarney, drawing on her experience as a professional municipal planner, praised the proposal while pressing Sloan for more information on lighting details. She asked for clarification about lighting temperatures and suggested alternative fixtures for some lights that could create unwanted glare.

"This project is clearly very well thought out," Lavarney said. "It's sensitive to both the building and the neighborhood."

Other commenters asked for more details about the building's accessibility features, prompting Sloan to explain that the structure would be brought up to current accessibility standards, including New York's updated requirements that took effect Jan. 1.

"This is going to be state-of-the-art for accessibility, this building," Sloan said. He said he has lots of experience designing buildings with high accessibility standards due to a high volume of work with universities. "I do this every single day."



PHOTO BY CHARLIE GREENBERG

Interior view of the Thorne Building in Millbrook.

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Thank you to all the places that opened up their maple sugaring operations to the public yesterday. We visited the sugar house at Great Mountain Forest and their forester Kate Regan-Loomis was excellent in explaining how the sap is collected and then boiled down to maple syrup, which is delicious! For more information on the Great Mountain Forest, please visit: greatmountainforest.org/. Our next stop was to see our friend Shamu Sadeh's sugaring operation at Camp Isabella Freeman in Falls Village where we were treated with pancakes and their own maple syrup. Plus we all sang Pete Seeger's song on Maple Syrup Time around the roaring fire boiling the sap. For more info on the camp and their Community Supported Agriculture program for fresh produce this summer, please see: adamah.org/ isabella-freeman/adamah-farm/ adamah-farm-csa/



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OBITUARIES

Valerie Anne Euvrard

AMENIA — Valerie Anne Euvrard, 75, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home in Amenia, New York, on March 17, 2026. Valerie worked at the Waldorf Restaurant in Sharon as a dishwasher for many years before embarking on a long career in the food service department at the Wassaic Developmental Center in Wassaic. Valerie retired from New York State in 2000.

Born July 6, 1950 in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Walter E. and Leah (Martyn) Euvrard. Valerie attended Webutuck High School in Amenia, and was a longtime member of the Stone Church Grange in Dover Plains. Valerie was also a longtime member of the Sharon United Methodist Church in Sharon, and the North East Baptist Church in Millerton. For many years Valerie enjoyed bowling at the Early Bird League at Cove Lanes in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Valerie was an avid greeting card designer and her family members always looked forward to receiving one of her custom designed cards. She also enjoyed playing games on her tablet and spending time with her loving family. Truly a kind soul, she will be dearly missed by all.

Valerie is survived by her siblings; Wayne Euvrard and his wife Cami of McCormick, South Carolina,



Jeffrey Euvrard and his wife Patty of Derby, Connecticut, Dara Simmons and her husband Bob of Amenia, New York, and David Euvrard and his wife Nora of Sharon, Connecticut; her nephew, Sean Russell and his fiancé Amanda Bezio of Palenville, New York; two nieces, Kayla Renee Kuniegel and her husband Justin of Bath, Pennsylvania, and Ashley Dautrich and her husband Mark of Torrington, Connecticut; her great-niece, Parker Wright and her great-nephew, Dawkins Wright and several cousins. In addition to her parents, Valerie was predeceased by her brother, Glen A. Euvrard in 2019.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse will officiate. Burial will take place privately at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon, CT, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 172, Sharon, CT, 06069 or North East Baptist Church, P.O. Box 531, Millerton, NY 12546 or Wassaic Fire Company, P.O. Box 287, Wassaic, NY 12592. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Valerie's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Beth Harlan

SALISBURY — Beth Harlan, 75, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and Salisbury, Connecticut, passed away on March 2, 2026, in New York City. Her son, Zachariah Harlan Warner, and daughter-in-law, Olivia Baribeau, were by her side.



Born on July 22, 1950, in Dayton, Ohio, Beth brought a wonderful combination of energy, intellect and humor to those around her. She earned her Associate's Degree from Stephens College in Missouri in 1970, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Emerson College in Boston in 1972, and a Master in Social Work from the University of Connecticut in 1993.

After college, her travels and life experiences included time in Ohio, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and New York City before ultimately setting roots in the Salisbury area in 1980.

During these travels, Beth explored her creative side, dabbling as a television personality with on air appearances in Ohio & Atlanta and pursuing stand up comedy in Los Angeles where she took acting classes alongside Robin Williams. While at Emerson College, she was a member of a comedy group that included Jay Leno and her comedic nature stayed with her throughout her life.

Beth ultimately settled professionally as a social worker demonstrating her empathy for others and her ability to

listen but her most treasured and defining role was that of a mother to her beloved son, Zach. Her love for him was constant and unwavering, and she took immense pride in her time as a mother to Zach and all that life brought to them along the way.

As Beth was fighting pancreatic cancer, the dedication and spirit that she demonstrated to ultimately be a part of Zach's wedding this past September was remarkable and demonstrated her grit and spirit. Beth is also survived by Zachariah's wife, Olivia Baribeau of NYC, as well as her brother, Dr. Stephen H. Harlan, DDS of Dayton, Ohio; her nephews, Chad Harlan of NYC and Paula and Seth Harlan of Cleveland, Ohio; her step-children, Silas Warner of West Hartford, Connecticut, Ian and Beth Warner of West Barnstable, Massachusetts, and Eugenie Warner of Lakeville; her ex-husband, Scott Warner of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and other extended family, all of whom she held close to her heart.

Beth will be remembered for her energy, intellect and her sense of humor. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Beth's memory to the Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Health Center who graciously assisted Beth with her cancer treatment this past year. A celebration of life will be held in Salisbury, CT at a later, yet to be determined, date.

CANAAN — Jonathan Clapp Webster, a physicist and resident of Canaan since 1978, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, at the Geer Nursing Home in Canaan. He was 88 years old.

Jonathan designed experiments for industrial, medical and scientific uses, including MRIs, lasers, fiberoptics and telescopes. He began in the 1960s with apparatuses he made in a machine shop and transitioned in the 1970s to designing computer simulations. Most of his career was with Perkin Elmer Corp. and Hughes Danbury Optical Systems.

Born in Boston on Jan. 25, 1938, Jonathan was the only child of Henry Kitchell Webster, Jr., a metallurgist, and Madeleine Clapp Webster, a piano teacher. He grew up in Windsor, Vermont and attended Kimball Union Academy. He earned a B.S. in physics from Boston University in 1962 and did graduate work in physics at the University of Bridgeport.

Jonathan inherited his love of mechanical devices. His

great-grandfather, Towner K. Webster, invented components for grain elevators in Chicago and founded Webster Industries which still manufactures machine parts today. Towner's son, Henry Kitchell Webster, was a popular writer. His novel Calumet "K" describes the challenges his father faced in the manufacturing business, including natural disasters, financial panics, labor disputes and business chicanery.

Henry Kitchell Webster's three sons all worked with machinery of some kind. Jonathan's uncle Stokely interrupted his painting career to design control systems for Grumman F6F fighter planes during World War II. His uncle Roderick curated the astrolabe collection at Chicago's Adler Planetarium.

Jonathan's father worked at Cone Automatic Machine Co. which made machines that operated using only mechanical principles - no computer

technology. He taught Jonathan to build things at a card table in the living room. When their projects got too large, they took over his mother's laundry table in the basement.

In 1963, Jonathan married Jacqueline Beyer, a fellow physics student. They lived in Ridgefield, Connecticut where their two children were born. In 1978 the family moved to Canaan, buying the Charles Pease house on Honey Hill Road where they had a large garden and a workshop where Jonathan made furniture and windows. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1991 he married Caroline Besse, whom he met at a contradance. Their first date was a "dawn dance" in Brattleboro, Vermont, where they danced all night. In 2007, when Caroline wrote a biography of Quaker peace activist Lee Stern, Jonathan typeset the book. His experience moving slugs on a Linotype machine in high school needed considerable upgrading.



He did this by reading LaTeX typesetting software manuals at breakfast every morning at Collin's Diner in Canaan.

Jonathan had many interests besides science. He did extensive climbing in the White Mountains and Adirondacks and volunteered as a guide and trail maintainer for the Appalachian Mountain Club. He played the fiddle, attending the Ashokan Fiddle and Dance Camp in the Catskills every summer for 25 years. He was a Tolkien enthusiast, reading the entire Lord of the Rings aloud to each member of his family and listening to it on audiobooks when he could no longer read.

Jonathan is survived by his wife, Caroline, his children, Ronald and Alice, grandchildren, Rowan, Lily and Pearl, stepchildren, Nancy, Carla and Bill, and step-grandchildren Jules, Amanda, Erik and Charlie. Following the family tradition, Ronald is a computer programmer and Rowan is an engineering student.

The family is extremely grateful to the staff of the Geer Nursing Home for their professional care and for their kindness. Services are private.

George Ernest Phillips

AMENIA — George Ernest Phillips, 100, a lifelong area resident died peacefully on March 16, 2026, at Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation. From 1955 to 1972, Mr. Phillips owned and operated the Edgewood Restaurant in Amenia, with his wife Anne, and he was also a real estate broker for many years as well.



Born Sept. 13, 1925 in Poughkeepsie, New York, he was the son of the late Royal and Elizabeth (Piltz) Phillips. He was a graduate of Amenia High School and attended Cornell University. Mr. Phillips served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 in the Golden Acorn Infantry Division as well as in the 3rd Army of General George S. Patton. He also assumed a variety of roles during his time in the 87th Infantry Division, including platoon messenger and platoon sergeant. On Veterans Day in 2019 he was one of 108 veterans nationally that received a pin and certificate in recognition of 75-years of continuous service to his local legion post, the Millerton American Legion Post 178. Mr. Phillips also documented his experiences in a book, "Stories of My Life", which he presented to the Amenia Historical Society.

On Feb. 3, 1953, in Cornwall Bridge, he married Fran-

ces Anna "Anne" Sprossel who passed away on May 21, 2024. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many caregivers.

Mr. Phillips is survived by two daughters, Diane Phillips of Wakefield, Rhode Island and Debra Phillips of Pine Plains, New York; four grandchildren; David Fletcher and his wife Amber, Peter Faggella and his wife Megan, Daniel Faggella and Shannon Fierro and her husband Frank; five great grandchildren, Dominic and Leah Fletcher, Charlotte and Joseph Fierro and Hannah Faggella and several niece and nephews. In addition to his parents and his wife, Mr. Phillips was also predeceased by three brothers, Royal Phillips, Webster Phillips and Chester Phillips.

Calling hours will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday March 27, 2026, at Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. The Millerton Legion Post 178 will conduct a service at 1:00 p.m. The United States Army will render Standard Military Honors at 1:15 p.m. A funeral service will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Mr. Phillips' honor, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

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Week of March 29, 2026

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<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
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EDITORIAL PAGE A5 THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ads that made us smile

Thank you, Ben Metcalf, for putting up billboards and placing ads with a sense of humor in local magazines and newspapers. Can any-

one forget the "Make your driveway great again" campaign?

Rowena Fenstermacher
Millerton

Is Cuba Next?

In keeping with the administration's return to its own brand of 16th-century mercantilism, could the next colony they seek be Cuba? It appears to be a strong bet, but for what purpose?

Given the actions and words of our government officials, the next country, or in this case, island nation, it seeks to conquer lies 90 miles from Key West. Cuba sits at the intersection between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Historically, the U.S. considered it a natural barrier controlling vital sea lanes and a dominant landmass that protected or threatened the southern U.S. coast.

It may be that its long-term strategic military and economic value remains viable, but the country's economy is in a mess. The Economist, in a recent article, indicated that the Cuban economy was on the verge of collapse. Aside from rum, cigars, and a little tourism, Cuba suffers from decades of economic mismanagement, a lack of structural reforms, and mass migration.

Inflation is at 15%, the peso is tumbling, tropical diseases are surging, and in cities like Havana, the municipal waste system has ground to a halt. Blackouts are increasingly common. Hospitals are canceling surgeries, and public transportation is scarce. It wasn't always that way.

Originally a Spanish colony, Cuba in the 1800s fell under the Monroe Doctrine after Spain formally renounced its claim to Cuba in the Treaty of Paris in 1898, and was largely occupied by the U.S. By then, massive amounts of American capital had already been invested in the country. Beyond a thriving sugar trade, American interests controlled significant percentages of the island's railroads, public utilities, mining, and tobacco. The country essentially became a U.S. protectorate in 1903.

The Communist takeover of Cuba and the nationalization of American property in 1959 soured U.S./Cuban relations to the present day. Although there have been several false starts and attempts at reconciliation through the decades, the U.S. doctrine of isolation and embargo has continued to the present day. That policy has brought the Cuban economy to its knees today.

Trump's decision to choke off Venezuela's oil to Cuba, which can only meet 40% of its own energy demands, was a body blow. The oil crisis hammered the regime's already doomed economic model. In a rare admission of crisis, President Miguel Diaz-Canel scrambled to implement an urgent economic overhaul. The Castro brothers must have spun in their graves as Diaz-Canel called for loosening the state grip, courting foreign investors, and shrinking government control.

As the mood in this communist nation soured, the state's iron grip on the economy had already begun to

THE RETIRED INVESTOR

Bill Schmick

loosen. In 2021, the government allowed the creation of hundreds of small businesses in the private sector with fewer than 100 employees. As such, there are now 11,000 small and medium-sized independent businesses on the island. Just recently, another series of reforms allowed private ownership of a wide range of industries, from food production to construction and beyond.

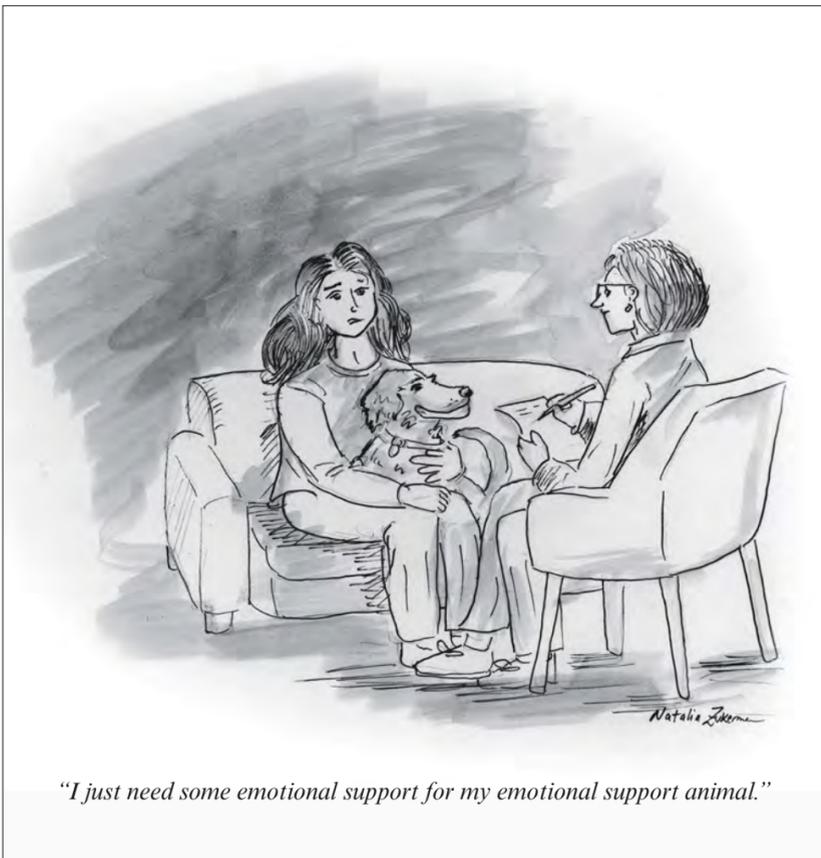
In the case of Cuba, I believe Trump would rather have a deal that would make the island economically dependent on the U.S. Unlike the war in Iran or the late-night raid in Venezuela, I am not looking for an abrupt change nor the sudden overthrow of all state control. Times have changed. Most so-called capitalist economies have evolved into a new model of state capitalism, whether we are talking about China or the U.S. I believe the approach will be different. It would be more of a bailout or bankruptcy reorganization than a regime change.

President Trump has used the term "friendly takeover" more than once in talking about Cuba. His Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, a long-time Cuba hawk, along with a Florida-based Cuban business community, has been reaching out to the private sector. I have noticed that rather than threaten regime change in the name of democracy or an end to communism, the administration is focusing on commercial, economic, and financial engagement.

From the president's point of view, the need for humanitarian assistance is high, and what better way to deliver it than through the private sector? Exactly how a friendly takeover would be accomplished is a question for the market. The island was certainly part of the discussions Trump had with Latin American leaders at a March 7 summit at the Doral Golf Club.

For a successful takeover, Cuba's private sector will need the skills and capital of American business, particularly the banking sector. It appears the present government would be amenable to such an approach. It also helps that they know if a carrot doesn't work, Donald Trump is more than ready to use a Big Stick.

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Deer bill, trains, twisters, affordable housing

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

March 28, 1935 Dutchess County Deer Bill Becomes Law

Governor Lehman signed the now famous Dutchess County deer bill on Monday, making the bill law. The measure provides that deer may be killed with shotguns within the boundaries of the county at fixed seasons by sportsmen having special licenses. The probable season is the first two weeks in November. The exact date will be set by the Conservation Department. Deer are said to be abundant in the county.

New Crossing Device Approved

ALBANY - The Public Service Commission has approved an interesting device for the protection of the grade crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad situated one-half mile north of Millerton in the Town of North East, Dutchess County.

When the interlocking device is installed New York Central trains will be permitted to proceed over the crossing if the signals indicate they may safely do so, and all New Haven trains will make stops.

Bird House Draws Much Attention

COPAKE FALLS, March 28 - The new bird house at the Hoheline residence on Main Street

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is attracting a great deal of attention by its size and beauty. It was built by Mr. Hoheline's son-in-law and weight [sic] 70 pounds. The last word in a modern two-story house, it is divided into four apartments. The house is well lighted on all sides by many glazed windows and it has a spacious porch enclosed by a picket railing. The house is painted yellow with white trim.

March 25, 1976 Miraculously No One Was Hurt: Twister Rips Through Town

A wicked twister ripped through the Town of North East on Sunday, tearing up 100-foot trees, bursting sheds, bombarding houses, and knocking cars clear off the road, miraculously no one was hurt.

The winds picked up around 3 p.m. Florence Scasso was sitting on her porch at her house on a hilltop overlooking Route 22 south of Millerton. Suddenly she saw a "great big cloud just like a funnel" come down out of the sky and whip through a field on the east side of Route 22.

"Dust and stuff was flying through the air," she said. She saw the tornado ("it was the oddest-looking thing") head toward Downey Road at North East Center when torrents of rain hit and "we could see nothing."

March 29, 2001 County Tells North East About Lack Of Affordable Housing

NORTH EAST — Just by glancing through the classified advertisements in a local newspaper, one can discern that affordable housing is difficult to come by in this area.

That is the concern the North East Town Board addressed at a special meeting March 22.

The board met with Pat Sasseraman, executive director of the Rural Preservation Company (RPC) of Dutchess County, and Anne Saylor, housing coordinator for the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Developing (DPD), and discussed the local housing shortage and possible solutions to the problem.

As a result of this discourse, the board decided to invite community members to help in developing a housing survey for residents. The goal of the survey is to pinpoint the specific housing needs of the community. Once known, fund-raising efforts can be focused to fulfill these needs.

Ms. Sasseraman said the RPC's mission is to help communities develop an array of housing.

"There is a need for many kinds of housing here in North East, including senior citizens and family residences," said Ms. Sasseraman.

MTA Promises To Stifle Idling Engines

WASSAIC - It may be a small consolation to the noses and ears of those who live near its new station here, but Metro-North said this week within 60 days it intends to reduce the number of trains that idle overnight at its Wassaic yard.

"We have been idling more trains than we expected we would," Metro-North spokesman Marjorie Anders acknowledged this week.

Residents Peeved

The railroad's need to idle more trains has irked nearby residents who have complained since last summer of a continuous rumble and a persistent smell of diesel exhaust, especially overnight and on weekends.

"The noise is the worst," said Wassaic resident Carl Renna, whose Old Route 22 home sits directly behind the station. "And we get the fumes when the wind blows the wrong way."

Brad and Jean Rebillard, who live across the street from Mr. Renna, say they have been frustrated at their inability to get answers from Metro-North.

"In reviewing the EIS [environmental impact statement], it looks to me like Metro-North is misleading the public by not following the plan," Mr. Rebillard said earlier this week before the railroad told The Millerton News of its new plan.

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Spring Snowflakes

OBITUARIES

Patricia Benedict Blakey

CORNWALL — A woman of great faith has passed. Patricia, "Pat" Benedict Blakey of Cornwall, passed quietly at her home on March 12, 2026. She was predeceased by her husband, Jerry Blakey; their daughter, Karen B. Fisher; her sister, Nancy B. Lawrence; and her parents, Lester and Jean Benedict.

She is survived by her son David Blakey of Cornwall Bridge, daughter Lori B. Welles and her husband David G. Welles of West Cornwall, granddaughter Melissa Root and great-granddaughter Devyn Root of Terryville, and niece, Pam B. Hart and husband Doug of Belencia, California.

Pat was born in 1934 and spent her life in Cornwall with her family in the community she loved. Pat graduated from HVRHS in 1952 and began working at Torrington Savings Bank as a teller and secretarial assistant. In 1955, she married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Blakey. As a young couple, Pat and Jerry became members of the First Church of Christ, Cornwall, now UCC Cornwall, and quickly became active members in the church and community. Pat was a Sunday school teacher, superintendent, and then, for thirty years, the church secretary. As a young mom, Pat worked as an assistant and teacher at a private day care in Lakeville and then in the Special Education Dept. at Kent Center School.

From 1977 to 1997, Pat worked at Marvelwood School in Cornwall and Kent; she became the head librarian in 1987. Pat loved to be around books, kids, and young adults, and they knew she would listen with a compassionate ear or offer a shoulder to cry on. Pat felt it was important to expose Cornwall's young adults to the world outside the town. Trips to the Cloisters in NYC became an annual outing. She helped create a youth group in the 70s and organized many get-togethers and events. Pat was one of the creators and organizers of the UCC's Memorial Day Carnival.

She and Jerry would always volunteer for the famous Cornwall Rummage sale and ran the men's department into her eighties. After the tornado of '89, Pat and Jerry opened their garage, and she organized meals for the workers and volunteers during the clean-up. If there was a need in the community, Pat wanted to fill it or figure out a way to get things done.

During the late 1970s, Pat and Jerry began the medical equipment loan program in Cornwall out of their house. The program continues to this day, now housed at the UCC in Cornwall. Fielding phone calls, getting directions, and then organizing inventory as the program grew, Pat made it happen. Pat, with Jerry, also volunteered for Operation Overflow in Torrington and spent many years volunteering at the Torrington soup kitchen.

In her free time, she traveled with Jerry, was an avid reader, loved flowers, and spending

time with her family.

Pat received the Citizenship Award in Cornwall for community service. The UCC Living Waters Award, honoree of the HVRHS Alumni Hall of Honors, the Public Service award from the State of Connecticut, and many more recognitions and awards. She was a Girl Scout Leader, served on the Cornwall Library Building Committee, a member of the Cornwall Housing Corporation, and a member of the Cornwall School Board.

In Pat's words, "We're just a volunteering couple of fools!" She will be missed, but her good work will live on.

A Celebration of Life will be on April 18th at 2:00, at the UCC Bolton Hill Rd. Cornwall CT.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, UCC CT, or to the Cornwall Food and Fuel fund.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

David Munro Vickers

LAKEVILLE — David Munro Vickers, 80, passed away on Feb. 22, 2026, after a brief illness. He was the loving partner of Diane Landucci, with whom he shared more than 20 years in Lakeville, Connecticut.

David was born on Oct. 15, 1945, in Queens, New York, the son of John Marter Vickers and Ethlyn Marie Munro Vickers. He served in the United States Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

David later moved with his family to Lakeville, where he went on to hold positions at LeBonnes Market, Noble Horizons, Hotchkiss and Lime Rock Park.

One of David's great passions was baking cookies and cakes for his many friends in the community. He also had a

lifelong tenderness for wildlife and quietly enjoyed caring for the many creatures around him. With birdseed and other treats left outside for squirrels, birds, chipmunks, and the occasional turkey or deer, no visitor ever left his yard hungry.

He was also an enthusiastic supporter of the UConn Huskies.

In addition to Ms. Landucci, he is survived by his son, Grant Vickers of Lakeville; his nephews, Damon Vickers of Martha's Vineyard and Jeremiah Brimlow Vickers of New York City.

David will be remembered for his quiet kindness, his generosity toward both people and animals, and the warmth he brought to those around him.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



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THE SALISBURY FORUM

Where Ideas Matter

EXPLORING AMERICA'S FOUNDING

Author Russell Shorto in conversation with Peter Vermilyea and Rhonan Mokriski



Historian and best-selling author Russell Shorto is joined by award-winning history educators Peter Vermilyea from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and Rhonan Mokriski from Salisbury School and Troutbeck Symposium, to discuss Shorto's *Revolution Song: The Story of America's Founding in Six Remarkable Lives*.

This program is presented by the Salisbury Forum in partnership with the Salisbury Association, Troutbeck Symposium, and Scoville Memorial Library in connection with Salisbury Commemoration 250 and CT 250.

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton adopts tree law, awards Veterans Park contract

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON – The Village of Millerton Board of Trustees adopted a local law establishing a tree commission, a move officials said is intended to protect mature trees and strengthen the village's eligibility for tree-related grants.

The board approved the law following a continued public hearing and a final round of discussion centered largely on enforcement language, including which officials would have the authority to issue penalties for violations.

During public comment, some attendees expressed approval of the commission and asked if the law would help unlock funding to address the pruning of overgrown trees in the village. Officials responded that the law is intended in part to do just that, noting that establishing a formal committee is a prerequisite for some grant opportunities.

After closing the public hearing, trustees voted to

adopt the measure as Local Law No. 2 of 2026.

In other business, village officials voted to schedule a special meeting for April 6, which will include a public hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

Trustees also finalized a decision on the years-long planning for Veterans Park improvements, voting unanimously to award the contract to Scape Tech Landscape Technology for \$240,548. The board agreed to include repairs to the park's existing stone walls as part of the job, while dropping other add-ons such as a stone veneer planter.

Board members said repairing the walls – which Trustee David Sherman said were built in the 1950s – would help prevent more costly repairs later. With the project supported by a \$150,000 Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant, the village will

cover the remaining roughly \$98,500 from unappropriated fund balance rather than take on additional debt. Mayor Jenn Najdek said the village has more than \$400,000 in the fund balance and would still have close to \$350,000 remaining after the expenditure.

During the mayor's report, village officials also discussed a new Dutchess County Municipal Investment Grant program, which they said would offer between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for infrastructure and public safety projects but requires a full local funding match. Officials said potential uses could include safety projects for Eddie Collins Memorial Park, but agreed to review the opportunity further before deciding whether to apply.

The meeting concluded with public comment largely in support of the tree committee and an executive session regarding a personnel matter.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town of Amenia is now accepting bids for Lawn Mowing in the Amenia/Wassaic Area. Season is April 6, 2026 to November 6, 2026. All bids must be received by noon on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Specifications may be requested by emailing the Town Clerk at dmklingner@ameniany.gov or calling 845-373-8860 x125. 3/20/2026.

Dawn Marie Klingner
 Town Clerk
 03-26-26

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March

2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during

regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Millerton, New York, March 20, 2026.

Elizabeth Strauss
 Town Clerk
 BOND RESOLUTION
 DATED MARCH 20, 2026.

A RESOLUTION to AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY WITH FUEL DEPOT ON A TOWN OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ON ROUTE 22 IN MILLERTON, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK. AT A REVISED MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,325,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 ADDITIONAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:

Construction of highway garage facility and fuel depot on Route 22 in Millerton, New York (Phase 3), additional costs (constituting Phase 4)

Period of probable usefulness: Thirty (30) years, limited to five (5) years
 New maximum estimated cost: \$4,325,000

Previously authorized: \$2,929,000 bonds; \$1,051,000 bonds

Amount of obligations to be issued: Additional \$50,000 bonds

SEQRA status: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours upon appointment.

03-26-26

OUR TOWNS

Webutuck High School Diversity Club marks Women's History Month

BY LEILA HAWKEN
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In observance of Women's History Month, members of the Diversity Club at Webutuck High School presented a program honoring the contributions of women throughout history and those making a difference today.

The 11-member club gathered Friday, March 20, for the program, which featured speakers from the community sharing personal histories and highlighting women prominent in local history. Common themes throughout the presentation were volunteerism, purposeful living and selflessness.

Joining the students were Brooklyn Talarico, a candidate for the 105th Assembly District; Danielle Mollica-Whiteley, executive director

of Angels of Light; Amenia Town Clerk and Court Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner; social worker and Webutuck staff member Raquel Singleton; and Amenia Historical Society representative Betsy Strauss.

Each speaker shared stories of women who looked beyond themselves and found purpose in helping others through public service, non-profit work, volunteerism, government and education.

The Diversity Club was formed in 2023, according to 10th-grade student Lyla Kern, who said its mission is to celebrate diversity and highlight the range of cultural experiences that make up the student body.

"It's amazing to highlight what modern women have gone through and to demonstrate for younger genera-

tions the importance of these women to the human experience," said Elisa Silverio, co-adviser for the Diversity Club.

Club adviser Nicole Charriez said the Women's History Month program had been in the works for two months. She added that past Diversity Club events have focused on Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in California in 1978. The idea spread across the country, and in 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation establishing the week of March 8 as Women's History Week. Congress expanded the observance in 1987, designating the entire month of March as Women's History Month.



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Women's History Month was celebrated by the Diversity Club at Webutuck High School on Friday, March 20. Club members and featured speakers at the event were, left to right, Nicole Charriez, co-advisor of the Diversity Club, Betsy Strauss, Anabel Cordova, Marcus Burton, Emely Cordova, Dawn Marie Klingner, Lyla Kern, Brooklyn Talarico, Danielle Mollica-Whiteley, Jaimielee Confesor, and Raquel Singleton.

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April 6, 6:00 p.m., Bridegroom Matins
April 7, 6:00 p.m., Bridegroom Matins
April 8, 6:00 p.m., Holy Unction
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6:00 p.m., Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels
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existing greenhouse on the property will also be renovated, though its footprint will remain unchanged.

The approval is contingent on review by Dutchess County Planning & Development, as well as variances from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Applicants must also address comments from Planning Board consultant Pete Sander of Rennia Engineering, including providing additional site plan detail and clarifying parking requirement calculations.

Before the vote, Millbrook resident Elizabeth Logan-Baravalle raised concerns about the Planning Board's procedures, saying the public notice for Monday night's meeting did not clearly indicate that two public hearings would be held. She also said application materials were not publicly available in advance and that the Village Clerk had not received them when she visited Village Hall on Merritt Avenue earlier that afternoon.

"The only information I could find on the project before this afternoon was in the 12/8/25 board meeting minutes, which were difficult to decipher," Logan-Baravalle said. "And there was no site plan attached that could be referenced."

Logan-Baravalle also pointed to earlier discussions referenced in those minutes about a proposed food service component at the nursery — a use she said would not be permitted in the Residential Low-Density zoning district.

"If a willful disregard for Millbrook zoning occurs, then what meaning does our zoning have?" she said.

Nursery representatives said the food service proposal had been removed from the plans due to zoning restric-

tions. They added that the proposed structures would bring the site's total building footprint to just under the allowable limit, meaning the expansion would likely mark the end of new construction on the property.

Logan-Baravalle asked the board to keep the public hearing open to allow residents more time to review the plans and provide comment. Planning Board Chair Frank Redl acknowledged the concern.

"You're absolutely right," Redl said. "And there's something we have to look into. Your comment is well taken."

However, the board declined to extend the hearing and proceeded with the conditional approval.

In other business, the Planning Board accepted an application to convert an existing home at 4 Merritt Ave. into a duplex-style multifamily residence. The application will now begin the formal Planning Board process, with site plan approval expected in the coming months.

The existing building — located behind and on the same parcel as Reardon-Briggs hardware store — would be demolished and replaced with a 39-by-36-foot two-story structure positioned closer to the street to create additional parking behind it.

The proposed duplex would sit approximately seven feet from a neighboring home to the east. Planning Board members cautioned the applicant to expect potential opposition from adjacent property owners.

Under Millbrook's zoning code, properties in the high-density village business district are not subject to side yard setback requirements, allowing structures to be built up to the property line.

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Millerton Veterinary Practice for 19 years before stepping away last year to focus on family. Now, she said, the business has quickly become a family effort.

"This is now my baby," Watson joked. "Everyone's helped — my kids, my parents, my husband."

Watson said her kids helped paint floors and stock shelves, which were built by her brother.

The store will emphasize local sourcing whenever possible, with Watson already in conversations with nearby farms and producers. She said she hopes to carry items such as local meats and her own farm-fresh eggs.

"Happy chickens equals a happy wife, so I call it the Happy Blended Homestead,"



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

State Line Beer and Grocery will offer farm-fresh eggs, frozen local meats and household essentials.

she said of her 53 chickens and home garden.

Watson also said she plans to remain flexible based on customer demand and suggestions. She will manage a Facebook page and keep a suggestion box in the store.

"We're listening to people," she said. "If people want something, we'll try to carry it. If

it's not working, we'll adjust."

Much of the meat will be sold frozen, supplemented by refrigerated items and pantry staples. The store will also stock household goods such as paper products, cleaning supplies and everyday necessities — items Watson said are often difficult to find locally without traveling outside the

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and I've been there ever since."

Travis, a 68-year-old Amenia resident, began protesting alone several days a week at the busy intersection and has since helped build a small but growing local movement. Fountain Square will be one of several area gathering points as part of this weekend's nationwide day of protest.

"It's just so nice to have company now, because I was alone for so long," Travis said, noting that she has spent a lifetime protesting since the Vietnam War.

Local organizers are preparing to participate in a coordinated "No Kings" demonstration on Saturday, March 28 — part of a national effort that organizers say could become the largest single-day peaceful protest in U.S. history. A previous demonstration in October drew an estimated 7 million participants, and organizers say the March rally

could bring that number up to 12 million people.

The movement, which began in June 2025, has drawn millions across multiple national days of action and continues to take shape at the local level. In Dutchess County and northwest Connecticut, small but steady groups have kept up weekly demonstrations, gathering in Amenia's Fountain Square and at the White Hart lawn in Salisbury, Connecticut. Organizers say those efforts have helped build momentum for the March rally, where they expect larger than usual crowds.

Organizers with the national No Kings Coalition say the phrase "No Kings" is more than a slogan and that more than 3,000 events are planned nationwide for March 28.

"Born in the streets, shouted by millions, carried on posters and chants, it echoes from city blocks to rural town

squares, uniting people across this country to fight dictatorship together," the coalition states on its website.

Inside Travis's garage, dozens of brightly colored protest signs — some carefully lettered, others layered with glue and found materials — line the walls and lean in stacks. She has been making them steadily since last June, refining her process over time.

"It's truly an art form," she said, "You learn as you go, making signs." Travis described the process as both a creative outlet and a coping mechanism.

Gregory Swinehart, a Millerton resident, said he joined the "No Kings" movement after driving by the gatherings in Amenia and Salisbury, despite having no prior history of protesting.

"Everything changed when President Trump was elected for a second term, and I became very concerned," Swinehart said. "I was always empathetic toward protesters, but I never felt a personal reason to join — until now."

Swinehart said he made signs, attended his first protest and kept showing up. He has since taken on a more active role, working to recruit friends and family and helping to promote the March 28 rally.

At any given demonstration, a mix of colorful signs reflects a wide range of concerns among participants.

"It's like a kaleidoscope," Swinehart said. "Different people see different things going wrong, and they each bring their own reason to protest."

While Swinehart has realistic expectations about the outcome, he hopes the demonstrations will resonate over time.

"If people see us out there week after week — in the cold, in the rain — it might make them stop and ask questions,"

he said.

Travis echoed that sentiment, noting the shift she has seen over time.

"Now I'd say 90 to 95 percent of the reactions are positive," she said. "People honk, give a thumbs up, yell encouragement," she said. "People say thank you and tell us to keep going."

With a data-driven mindset, Swinehart pointed to the "3.5 percent rule," a theory developed by Harvard political scientist Erica Chenoweth, which suggests that sustained participation by 3.5 percent of a population can lead to meaningful societal change.

"I keep that as my North Star," Swinehart said.

Based on RSVP data from the "No Kings" website, organizers estimate that up to 12 million people could participate in demonstrations nationwide — a figure that would approach 3.5% of the U.S. population.

Regardless of the turnout, Swinehart said the sense of community is palpable at the protests.

"People who are concerned come together," he said, adding that many participants see the demonstrations as a way to exercise their First Amendment rights and stand up for others in their communities.

For Travis, that sense of connection is what keeps her coming back.

"We're out there together, expressing our rights," she said. "We've got music playing, we're blowing whistles, we're dancing, we're holding our signs. And we're not going anywhere."

Local demonstrations will be held at the White Hart lawn in Salisbury, Connecticut from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; at Fountain Square in Amenia from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; in Kent, Connecticut from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and at Lions Mini-park in Rhinebeck from 10 a.m. to noon.

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eras and other "public safety" cameras from being installed or used without prior Town Board approval in response to the controversy. Town attorney Warren Replansky prepared the resolution prior to the meeting at the request of board members.

Critics said during public comment that Walsh's actions and statements in light of the recent revelations have eroded trust in his leadership. Walsh has faced scrutiny since Feb. 3 when Flock Safety representatives began marking locations for license-plate reading cameras at three locations across town. Those markings revealed the existence of an \$80,000 contract with the Atlanta-based company signed by former Pine Plains Police Sergeant Michael Beliveau and Walsh's multiple emails and phone calls with representatives of the company.

Walsh said in statements to the New Pine Plains Herald after the markers for new cameras went up this February that he had not spoken with Flock Safety since June 2025. He said he was aware of a six-month trial that Beliveau had arranged with Flock Safety, and that the town was not engaged in a contract. However, records showed Walsh had communicated with Flock Safety as recently as November 2025, and that the trial agreement that Beliveau signed would automatically convert into an \$80,000, two-year contract with the surveillance company.

Public comment drew numerous calls for Walsh's resignation, alleging he lied about his involvement and awareness of the proposed trial and contract. Conservation

Advisory Council Chair Gail Mellow issued a sharp rebuke of Walsh's actions.

She said Walsh repeatedly lied about his role in procuring the cameras and accused him of deflecting blame to Beliveau.

"Walsh lied to our community," Mellow said. "And I think, in doing so, smeared dirt on the honor of serving the town."

Commenters also praised the Town Board amid criticism of Walsh, often drawing a contrast between the councilmembers' accomplishments and Walsh's leadership. Alice Hanback-Nuccio said Walsh's leadership had set the town back since he was first elected in 2021.

"We have lost so much ground in four years," Hanback-Nuccio said. She recalled working as a secretary for Walsh's predecessor, Darrah Cloud, saying the town government accomplished more under Cloud's leadership. "We were doing things in a progressive way."

Some called for sympathy for Walsh, describing his actions as a mistake that the community should move on from. Supporters included law enforcement personnel who described the benefits of license plate reading cameras in solving crimes and avoiding dangerous situations.

Town Board members gave their own statements prior to residents' public comments, focusing on accountability and next steps. Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco addressed the controversy first.

Sisco said the board found it difficult to get answers from Walsh and Flock Safety during the recent controversy, but said it was clear that proper procedures were

not followed. She said board members received emails and recorded telephone conversations between Walsh and Flock Safety on March 9 — over a month after the stakes brought the agreement to light.

"Information was withheld," she said. "There were serious missteps."

The councilwoman then clarified that the Town Board is prohibited from disciplining or dismissing an elected official under New York law. She said board members plan to move forward and work with Walsh to follow proper protocol.

"I hope you can appreciate how much time and energy has been spent trying to understand what has occurred," Sisco said. "Now it's time to move forward."

Councilman Kevin Walsh

took a harder stance, calling out a lack of written confirmation from Flock Safety that all agreements had been cancelled and what he described as obfuscation from the Supervisor.

He said Brian Walsh misled the board and documents showed that the supervisor communicated with Flock Safety representatives on multiple occasions between November 2024 and July 2025 and again this February after the cameras came to light.

Kevin Walsh nonetheless acknowledged the board has no power to remove Brian Walsh from office.

"Some are calling for us to do things we are not in power to do," Kevin Walsh said. "We will continue to do our best to bring the situation which has caused much consternation to a conclusion."

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Kathy Reisfeld

Where the mat meets the market

By Elena Spellman

In a barn on Maple Avenue in Great Barrington, Kathy Reisfeld merges two unlikely worlds: wealth management and yoga, teaching clients and students alike how stability — financial and emotional — comes from practice.

Her life sits at an intersection many assume can't exist: high finance and yoga. One world is often reduced to greed, the other to "woo-woo" stretching. Yet in conversation, she makes both feel grounded, less like opposites and more like two languages describing the same human need for stability.

On one floor of her barn are yoga mats and the steady rhythm of breath. On the other are computer screens, market charts and conversations about retirement plans and portfolio diversification. For Reisfeld, founder

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FILM

Hunt Library launches VideoWall for filmmakers

By Robin Roraback

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, known for promoting local artists with its ArtWall, is debuting a new feature showcasing filmmakers. The VideoWall will premiere Saturday, March 28, at 6 p.m. with a screening of two short films by Brooklyn-based documentary filmmaker and animator Imogen Pranger.

The VideoWall is the idea of Falls Village filmmaker Yonah Sadeh, who also serves as curator. "I would love the VideoWall to become a place that showcases the work of local filmmakers, and I hope that other creatives in the area will submit their work to be shown," he said.

After the screening of the two films, "Mail Myself to You" and "Circle, Circle Square," Pranger and Sadeh will discuss filmmaking and answer questions.

Of Pranger, Sadeh said, "She has a strong visual voice as a director, and both of these films are great examples of a blend of documentary and experi-

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To mow or not to mow?

Love it or hate it, there is no denying the several blankets of snow this winter were beautiful, especially as they visually muffled some of the damage they caused in the first place. There appears to be tree damage — some minor and some major — in many places, and now that we can move around, the pre-spring cleanup begins. Here, a heavy snow buildup on our sun porch roof crashed onto the shrubs below, snapping off branches and cleaving a boxwood in half, flattening it.

The other area that has been flattened by the snow is the meadow, now heading into its fourth year of post-lawn alterations. A short recap on its genesis: I simply stopped mowing a half-acre of lawn, planted some flowering plants, spread little bluestem seeds and, far less simply, obsessively pluck out invasive plants such as sheep sorrel and stilt grass. And while it's not exactly enchanting, it is flourishing, so much so that I cannot bring myself to mow.

I have doubts: If I mow in the spring, would I kill all the overwintering insects? If I mow after the first frost, as suggested in a 2017 paper by the esteemed Kim Stoner, Ph.D., on the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station website, would I lose the seed heads of yarrow, rattlesnake master and black-eyed Susan that birds are supposed to feed on in the winter? Paralyzed by indecision, I have not been able to bring myself to do even a partial cut.

I took a poll at a recent party attended by horticulturalists, environmentalists and garden experts. There was a consensus that early spring is indeed the best time to mow — early, before the ground-nesting birds like woodcock start



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

A partially mowed meadow in early spring provides habitat for wildlife while helping to keep invasive plants in check.



nesting. I then called Mike Nadeau, whom I consider a meadow master of the Northwest Corner, and he concurred, following the Xerces Society meadow-mowing guidelines: mow in early spring when dandelions are in bloom. "Xerces Society says this is the time most insects have

hatched out of hollow stems and is between bird migrations."

Nadeau's experience has borne this out.

"I stress not to mow in fall because a dormant meadow is a haven for winter critters of all ilk. Birds use dormant plants for nesting materials, eat seeds, refuge — not to mention the other mammalian life that benefits from a meadow. An argument that has worked for me to discourage fall mowing is to describe a dormant meadow, with its

myriad seed heads and foliage, as kinetic sculpture, especially with snowfall. It's a beauty all its own."

Nadeau mows a third to a half of a meadow each year, ideally using a flail mower, which chops vegetation into small pieces, helping foliage to resprout. The unmowed portion is left as a refuge for the animals that get evicted from their homes in the mowed area.

Stoner agrees with Mike to divide up the meadow and mowing different sections at different times. And she validates my mowing trepidation.

"There's no perfect time. Any time you mow, you will be disturbing the habitat of some creature. If you don't mow, you will have invasive plants creeping in, and eventually you will have trees," she said.

"Best thing is to think about what your goals are — what creatures do want to encourage in your meadow? Then set the time of mowing to protect and enhance the habitat for those creatures."

Additionally, Nadeau suggests that mown paths should be rerouted at least every two years to prevent rhizomatous grasses from establishing, which can grow into meadow edges and look unsightly. And the window is short:

"It's too late to mow when spring birds arrive in earnest and new meadow growth is taller than 6 inches."

Lights Out!

One of my favorite meadow benefits are the hundreds of fireflies that emerge in June. I am grateful for the lack of artificial light from neighbors (save for one house across the river with a persistent outside night light), so these creatures

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THEATER

Capitol hosts first-ever staging of Civil War love story

By Jack Sheedy

Litchfield County playwright Cinzi Lavin's "A Goodnight Kiss," based on letters exchanged between a Civil War soldier and the woman who became his wife, premiered in 2025 to sold-out audiences in Goshen, where the couple once lived. Now the original cast, directed by Goshen resident Kathleen Kelly, will present the play beneath the gold dome of Connecticut's Capitol in Hartford as part of the state's America250 commemoration — marking what organizers believe may be the first such performance at the Capitol.

"I don't believe any live performances of an actual play (at the Capitol) have happened," said Elizabeth Conroy, administrative assistant at the Office of Legislative Management, who coordinates Capitol events.

When Lavin inquired about staging the production there, "they were very excited about it," she said.

The performance, to take place April 1, is being sponsored

by the Connecticut League of Women Voters. Organizers said the Capitol setting offers a fitting backdrop for a story rooted in American history and civic life.

"A Goodnight Kiss" is a dramatic reading drawn from letters exchanged between Sgt. Maj. Frederick Lucas (David Maccharelli) and Sarah Jane "Jennie" Wadhams (Olivia Wadsworth). Fred wrote from battlefields, while Jennie wrote

from the peaceful confines of Goshen. Together, their letters trace a gradually deepening romance and how the couple overcame objections by Jennie's father, John Marsh Wadhams, and finally married in 1867.

"I just found it adorable that (Jennie's father) was going to make sure she got the right kind of husband, which is why Fred had such a hard time," Kelly said.

BroadwayWorld reviewer

Sean Fallon called the play "the most romantic love story I have ever seen acted out on stage."

The letters were first brought to light in the 2002 book "Fred and Jennie: A Civil War Love Story" by the late Ernest B. Barker, a Goshen resident and descendant of both the Lucas and Wadhams families. The Barker family discovered Fred's letters in the Wadhams

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of Berkshire Wealth Group in Great Barrington, these are two sides of a single practice.

“At the end of the day, you’re just dealing with people,” she said. “Whether we’re talking about financial stability or mental stability, it’s kind of all the same thing.”

Reisfeld has spent nearly 30 years in finance, building a client-centered advisory practice that eventually led her to go independent. But her relationship with money began long before her career.

When her mother became ill during Reisfeld’s childhood, finances tightened. It wasn’t poverty, she said, but it was constrained enough to teach her how money — or its lack — can dictate the terms of one’s life. That lesson took on a deeper meaning as she watched her mother remain in a difficult marriage without full financial independence. “Money represented autonomy,” she said. “Freedom.”

In college, Reisfeld initially majored in physics, drawn to systems and structure. But an economics class shifted her direction. Markets, she realized, were systems too — not only mathematical, but deeply human.

After graduating, she landed an internship with a financial adviser and gradually discovered a profession that combined curiosity, problem-solving and



PHOTO BY ELENA SPELLMAN

Kathy Reisfeld practicing yoga.

“Whether we’re talking about financial stability or mental stability, it’s kind of all the same thing.”

KATHY REISFELD

relationship-building.

“The more I learned, the more I kind of wanted to get involved,” she said.

Over time, she realized she wasn’t interested in chasing predictions; she was interested in guiding people through uncertainty.

Over nearly three decades,

she has watched the industry evolve. It has moved, she believes, from selling products to offering advice — a shift toward aligning compensation with clients’ best interests.

She’s candid about the stereotypes that cling to finance: that it’s driven by greed and full of money-hungry people. Those people exist, she said, but they aren’t the majority.

“It’s kind of like the few bad apples ruining it for everyone.”

At its best, she believes, the work is quieter and more meaningful than its reputation suggests.

Yoga entered her life in 2001,

when she was living in New York City and training as a marathon runner.

“I was, like, very anti-yoga,” she admitted with a laugh.

But once she tried it, something shifted. A workshop with Nancy Gilgoff, the first American woman to travel to India to study Ashtanga yoga, “blew my mind open,” she said, revealing yoga as something far larger than poses or stretching.

What began as a physical complement to her running became a doorway into something deeper.

“Ashtanga means eight limbs,” Reisfeld explained. “The physical practice is just the entry point.”

The overlap she sees between yoga and investing is patience. Both practices demand discipline through fluctuation — the ups and downs, the good days and bad days, and the willingness to keep showing up.

In yoga philosophy, she points to the stilling of the mind. In investing, that becomes tuning out the noise — the headlines that spike fear or euphoria, the endless predictions that feel authoritative and rarely land cleanly.

After almost three decades in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Reisfeld has learned to move comfortably in rooms where she was often one of the few women present.

Asked what it was like starting out as a woman in finance, she smiled.

“The lines for the restroom were shorter.”

The humor reflects her temperament. She began her career at 21, and mentorship was not always easy to find. But finance, like yoga, rewards consistency. Ultimately, she built her business through steady growth.

For Reisfeld, yoga is fundamentally about integration. Money is no exception. It shapes how we live, the choices we make and the freedoms we have. Ignoring it doesn’t make it disappear. It only makes it harder.

Now rooted in the Berkshires, advising clients and teaching yoga classes from the same barn, Reisfeld’s work feels less like two careers and more like one philosophy.

When asked what she hopes people feel after spending time with her — whether reviewing a portfolio or finishing a yoga session — her answer is immediate.

“More confident,” she said. “Less stressed. More optimistic about their future.”

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PHOTO BY JACK SHEEDY

Playwright Cinzi Lavin, left, poses with Kathleen Kelly, director of ‘A Goodnight Kiss.’

homestead and Jennie’s letters in a house once owned by a Lucas family member. The correspondence is now housed at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History in Hartford.

Kelly said presenting the story through letters poses a challenge because the actors rarely interact onstage. During rehearsals, she had the performers face one another while reading their letters aloud. “It was just like magic happened,” she said.

Lavin said the play “tells the story of what truly makes America great, what made America great then, and what still makes it great, which is devotion to duty, service to others, integrity and treasuring freedom.”

David Maccharelli, who portrays Fred, said, “Charting (Fred’s) course from enthusiastic young recruit gushing with admiration for the new technology of 19th-century warfare to a man crashing into the reality of war is a reminder that even the noblest of causes demand sacrifice, and that sacrifice is often borne by innocents.”

Olivia Wadsworth said of portraying Jennie, “It’s actually a little dizzying to think about. Two people, more than a hundred years ago, sent private letters to one another, and now their love story is being shared in a performance at the state Capitol.”

The performance will take place April 1 at 2 p.m. in Room 310 of the Capitol at 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford. The event is free and open to the public with advance registration at <https://bit.ly/Ausa9b7>. Arrangements for guests with special requirements may be made by emailing Lisa Del Sesto at admin@hwct.org or calling 203-288-7996. Parking on Capitol grounds is limited, but additional parking is available nearby at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave.



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Capitol atrium

PERFORMANCE

Buddy and Holly: poetry and song at Troutbeck

By Natalia Zukerman

On Saturday, March 28, Troutbeck in Amenia will host “An Acoustic Evening with Buddy Wakefield and Holly Miranda,” bringing together two artists who carefully employ language — to tell stories, to shape songs and to search for truth.

The two artists met last August at the memorial service for their dear friend, poet Andrea Gibson.

“We kept bumping into each other in those really funny, awkward, weird moments that can happen at a funeral,” said Miranda. “We knew we really liked each other and wanted to spend some more time together.”

That connection continued over the winter when Miranda enrolled in one of Wakefield’s online poetry courses.

“I just thought maybe I should do something totally out of my comfort zone to kick-start some creative flow,” she explained. The class introduced her to a structured prompt and feedback process which, in the end, sparked new material. “I’m not a poet,” said Miranda. “And I’m definitely not a student,” she continued, laughing, making reference to herself as a high school dropout. “So, this was a new process for me. And I really liked it.”

Born in Detroit, Miranda burst onto the Brooklyn music scene in the late ‘90s and has since collaborated with a wide constellation of artists from Lou Reed to Karen O, Leslie Gore and Tegan and Sara. In 2021, she co-founded Eye Knee Records with Elissa Young and Ambrosia Parsley to support independent artists. She is currently part of a team developing a 250-capacity music venue in Woodstock, Calliope, named for the Greek muse who presides over eloquence and epic poetry.

“There’s a lot of small-town bureaucracy we’re still wading through,” said Miranda, estimating it’ll be another 18 months or so before the venue opens its doors.

Wakefield, a three-time Individual World Poetry Slam champion now based in Portugal, said this event came together after an invitation from Troutbeck’s director of culture and commerce, Sascha Lewis.

“Everything he’s invited me to in the past has been awesome, so I knew this would be too. And then, of course, there’s Holly.”

The performance will take place in the ballroom, the perfect setting to foster intimacy and a close connection to the audience. Wakefield, whose performances blend theater, poetry, humor and personal narrative, said he adjusts each set to fit the space he’s in.

“I definitely adapt in a choose your own adventure way,” he said.

Over more than two decades of relentless touring — from grand urban stages to unexpected corners of the world — Wakefield has helped expand spoken word beyond readings into emotionally dynamic live performance.

It’s fitting as well that this pairing unfolds at a place steeped in creative history. The evening, which begins at 5 p.m., will be a continuation of that tradition: art not as spectacle, but as exchange.

In a time when so much competes for our dwindling attention, this performance will offer something rare: the chance to sit quietly in a beautiful room while two singular artists remind us how powerful unamplified truth can be.

Guests are invited to stay for dinner. Reservations are encouraged. Tickets at troutbeck.com

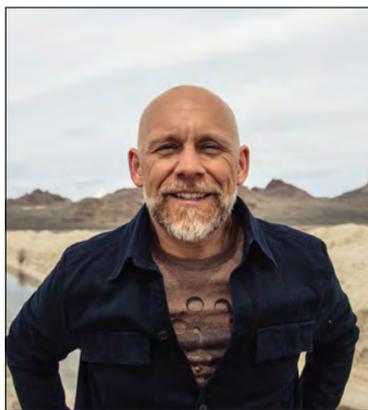


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Buddy Wakefield



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Holly Miranda

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WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

A bowl full of stars

By Cheryl Heller

There's a bowl in my studio where pieces of the planet reside. I bring them home from travels, picking them up not for their beauty or distinction but for their provenance. I choose the ones that speak to me — the ones next to pyramids, along hiking trails, on city sidewalks or volcanic slopes.

I like how stones feel in my hand: weighty, grounding. I don't mind them making my pockets and suitcase heavier. The bowl is about the size of an average carry-on. It has been years since it was light enough for me to lift.

They're not specimens. I'm not a scientist comparing igneous with sedimentary, or metamorphic with minerals or meteorites. I don't know slate from quartzite, or schist from basalt or gabbro. They aren't memories either, because I can't tell by looking at them where they're from. They sit quietly beside me in whatever moment I'm occupying.

They're not souvenirs from places, like coffee mugs or snow globes. They are the places themselves.

The planet has reorganized itself in my bowl. Melbourne nestles next to the Hebrides. The streets of Roma in Mexico City rub elbows with Vatican City, Rome. Eastern Tibet sits on

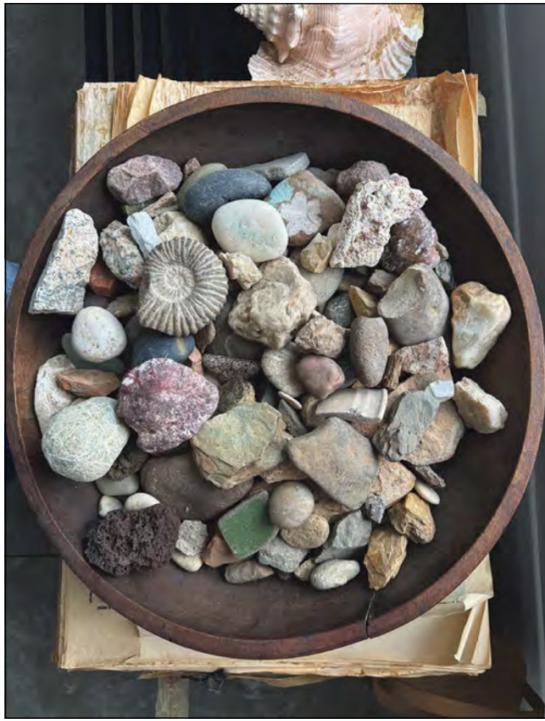


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A bowl full of stones.

top of Machu Picchu; New Delhi is now close to Detroit. Cappadocia has finally met Capri. Mustique knows Morocco, and they both lie on the beaches of southern France.

These stones have witnessed the fall of civilizations, the birth and death of infinite beings, tectonic upheavals and the creative destruction of fire and ice.

Who touched them be-

fore me? Inca, Maya, Trojans? Warriors, slaves or yaks? Blue-footed boobies in the Galápagos or a slithering Costa Rican fer-de-lance? Was one of them used to stone a blasphemer in ancient Greece?

It's not as if the place where I live needs more stones. In New England we've been blessed with an imposing population of glacial erratics — characters

dragged here by the last Ice Age and left to sit silently in the woods for the past 16,000 years. The stones themselves, I've learned, are more than a billion years old.

The most ancient rocks known to us are more than four billion years old. Others are practically new, formed continually as tectonic plates shift along seabeds or lava cools along volcanic slopes. And while individual rocks vary wildly in age, the substance of rocks — atoms of silicon, oxygen and iron — is far older than the Earth itself, forged in ancient stars before our Milky Way existed.

Perhaps my bowl is filled with stars.

I recently stood before an exhibit of Aboriginal art called "The Stars We Do Not See." The artists are descendants of the oldest continuous civilization on Earth, at 350,000 years. Their past is not distant or inaccessible to them; they understand time as a cycle and live in relationship with everything on earth and sky, including stones.

The title of the show was inspired by the late Yol u artist Gulumbu Yunupingu, who painted the night sky on bark. She spoke about the "stars behind the stars" — all there is to learn and appreciate beyond what we

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can shine brightly — and securely.

The organization DarkSky International relays the effect outdoor lights can have on fireflies: an almost 50% decrease in flashes per minute, which affects courtship behavior and mating success, according to two studies they cite on its website, darksky.org.

There, you can also get

the lowdown on the devastating effects even one outdoor light can have on birds, amphibians, insects and mammals. The organization provides educational materials that explain the issue, making it easier to bring it up to neighbors and friends — which I will soon try with the house across the river.

Dee Salomon ungardens in Litchfield County.

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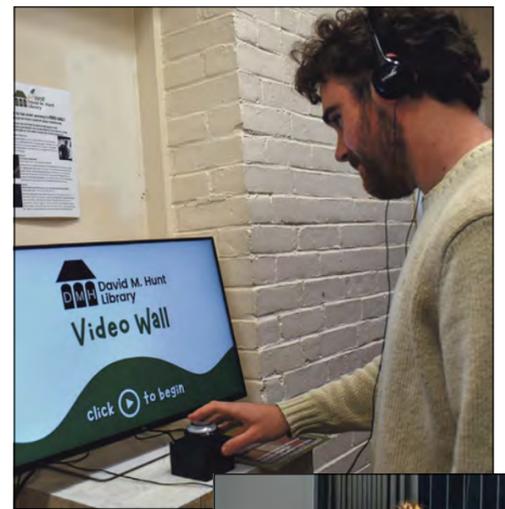


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Yonah Sadeh, Falls Village filmmaker and curator of David M. Hunt Library's new VideoWall.



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Imogen Pranger, first filmmaker of the new VideoWall.

mental filmmaking"

Pranger described her approach to filmmaking. "I have always approached the visual arts from an interdisciplinary, multimedia perspective." This approach was a reason why animation was particularly appealing to Pranger as she began exploring the possibilities of filmmaking.

"I particularly fell in love with the tactility of hand-drawn and painted animation and the ways in which it can be used in tandem with analog 16-millimeter film. Stop-motion animation holds the unique power to bring inanimate objects to life, something that became crucial to my practice of archival documentary filmmaking. I appreciate the sense of play that is encouraged in the medium of animation and find great joy in exploring new avenues and possibilities within the medium,"

she continued.

At the core of Pranger's films, she hopes to capture the joy and intimacy of human connection that blossoms through engagement with material and creative process.

After the opening event, the films will remain available to view at any time on the VideoWall screen in the library stacks. "The screen will always be on and ready for anyone to use," Sadeh said. The installations will last three to four months.

Sadeh added, "Each installation will begin with a public screening at the library, followed by a talk-back with the filmmaker."

Filmmakers can contact Sadeh at huntartwall@gmail.com for information about submitting films for consideration. Visit huntlibrary.org/art-wall for a schedule of ArtWall and VideoWall events, which are free and open to the public.

THEATER

One-woman show brings Mumbet's fight for freedom to Scoville Library

By Natalia Zukerman

On March 29, writer, producer and director Tammy Denease will embody the life and story of Elizabeth Freeman, widely known as Mumbet, in two performances at the Scoville Library in Salisbury. Presented by Scoville Library and the Salisbury Association Historical Society, the performance is part of Salisbury READS, a community-wide engagement with literature and civic dialogue.

Mumbet was the first enslaved woman in Massachusetts to sue successfully for her freedom in 1781. Her victory helped lay the legal groundwork for the abolition of slavery in the state just two years later. In bringing Mumbet's story to life, Denease does more than reenact history.

"I have been performing Mumbet for over 15 years now," she said. What continues to resonate is "her self-awareness and self-worth even though she was enslaved. Her legacy of self-care and the ability to take care of others. That has not changed over time."

Denease's one-woman performance, "One Minute a Free Woman," is part of her "Hidden Women" series, which centers figures too often pushed to the margins of historical memory. Drawing upon her own lineage and storytelling traditions passed down from her great-grandmother, a formerly enslaved woman, Denease creates work that bridges personal inheritance and collective history. Her background as a museum educator and interpretive guide shapes this approach.

"Being an interpretive

educator helps me put the humanity back into history that has been removed when telling the stories," she said.

The 2 p.m. program welcomes school-age audiences and families, while a 4 p.m. performance invites adults into a deeper and more intense exploration of Mumbet's life.

"The format of the show will only change in the way I deliver the story," Denease explained. "It will be more intense and in detail for the adults, less intense for the kids. However, it will not be watered down."

For young people, Denease hopes the performance ignites curiosity and critical thought. "I hope school-age audiences' imaginations are activated to want to know more and to never stop asking questions." Adults, she said, are invited into a deeper investigation. "I hope for my adult audience that they will question what they were taught and see history through a different lens."

That spirit of inquiry lies at the heart of Salisbury READS. "Literature and live performances go hand in hand," Denease said. "Reading activates the imagination; living history helps that activated mind to make historical connections and keep the humanity and dignity in place where it was never given or taken away."

Ultimately, the performance asks audiences to treat history not as distant fact but as shared responsibility. "I hope the audience will continue to question why knowing accurate and complete history is so important," Denease said. "To understand that not knowing the whole story hurts everyone."

To register for the event, visit scovillelibrary.org



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Tammy Denease portrays Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman in two performances at the Scoville Memorial Library on March 29.

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Historian Russell Shorto joins local educators Peter Vermilyea and Rhonan Mokriski for a conversation about Shorto's "Revolution Song" on March 27 at the Salisbury Forum, marking Salisbury's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Register at salisburyforum.org

Tri-Corner Calendar

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. Free with RSVP. Presented in partnership with The Salisbury Association, The Salisbury Forum, The Troutbeck Symposium, and Scoville Memorial Library, in connection with Salisbury Commemoration 250 and CT 250. 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 hero's journey, and the symbolism within the 78-card deck. Participants will pull cards together; no experience necessary. A selection of tarot decks will be available for purchase. 6 p.m.

MARCH 27

Author Russell Shorto at the Salisbury Forum
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 246 Warren Turnpike Rd., Falls Village, Conn.
Historian and author Russell Shorto joins award-winning local educators Peter Vermilyea and Rhonan Mokriski for a conversation on history and the American Revolution. Free. Registration required at salisburyforum.org. 7:30 p.m.

"In the Deep Heart's Core"
Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Joseph Sobol's musical theater work inspired by the life and poetry of W. B. Yeats blends Celtic-inflected folk music and storytelling in an intimate exploration of Irish identity and imagination. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

The Addams Family
Northwestern Regional 7 High School, 100 Battistoni Drive, Winsted, Conn.
March 27 to 29
Northwestern Regional 7 presents "The Addams Family," a spooky, funny musical based on the cartoons by Charles Addams. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the NWR7 Auditorium. The show follows Wednesday Addams as she falls for a "normal" young man, bringing two very different families together for one unforgettable dinner. Tickets available at the door or at ticketleap.events.

Author Russell Shorto in Conversation
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
At 6 p.m., acclaimed author Russell Shorto discusses his book "Revolution Song" and the craft of narrative history in conversation with Peter Vermilyea and Rhonan Mokriski. Details at salisburyforum.org.

Better Habitat for Birds: Volunteer Workday
Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn.
Help remove invasive plants and restore habitat near Ford Pond. Tools provided; volunteers ages 10+ welcome. 1 to 3 p.m. Register at act.audubon.org.

MARCH 28

Sheffield Contra Dance
Dewey Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.
Lesson at 6:30 and dance at 7 p.m. Live music from Cross-over and caller Jon Greene. No partner necessary. More info at sheffieldcontra.com

Author Talk: James Traub on "The Cradle of Citizenship"
Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.
Author, journalist and historian James Traub will discuss his new book on civic education and democracy at 4 p.m., in conversation with educator Maud Abeel. In-person only. Registration required at cornwalllibrary.org

Children's Author Visit & Book Signing
Whistle Pig Books, 62 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.
Join us at Whistle Pig Books for a special book signing with children's author Katie Melko on Saturday, March 28, from 12 to 3 p.m. Copies of her book "Luna Plants a Garden" will be available for purchase during the event. whistlepigbooks.com.

The Harlem Line Band at The White Hart Inn
The White Hart Inn, 15 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.
The show starts at 8:30, and tickets will be available to purchase the day of the event. The fund was created in 2005 to help families in the Northwest Corner who need financial support due to cancer treatments.

Free Chocolate Tasting
Tri Corner FEED Market 56 S. Center St., Millerton, N.Y. 12 p.m.

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Enjoy a free tasting extravaganza at noon featuring sweets from Mudgetown Chocolate. Stop by to sample handcrafted treats and celebrate local flavor.

An Acoustic Evening with Buddy Wakefield and Holly Miranda
Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, N.Y.
Acclaimed poet Buddy Wakefield and singer/songwriter Holly Miranda team up for an evening of music and raw storytelling at 5 p.m. Tickets at troutbeck.com.

Heroes in Your Backyard: Native Plants for Healthier Landscapes
Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.
Michael Nadeau discusses how to choose, source and support native plants, including the pros and cons of "nativars," in this final workshop of a three-part series. 9:30 to 11 a.m. Contact the Sharon Land Trust at 860-364-5137 or info@sharonlandtrust.org.

Out of the Mist...A Dragon
The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Live Japanese Bunraku-style puppet theater for family audiences. 5 p.m.
Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

MARCH 29
Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman Portrayal by Tammy Denease
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Tammy Denease portrays Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman of Sheffield, the first

enlarged woman to win her freedom in a Massachusetts court in 1781, setting a precedent for the abolition of slavery in the state. Performances: 2 to 3 p.m. for school-age children and families; 4 to 5 p.m. for adults. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org.

There was an error in last week's WoTW

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Word of the Week

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

- Part of a car, or a tree
- Game points total
- Seat for one
- Dip for carrots, wings
- Month of Madness

... bowl full of stars

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PHOTO BY CHERYL HELLER

A rock with a ladder.

Deep in the woods on the hill above our house in Norfolk sits a giant marshmallow-shaped rock, one of the billion-year-old ones. At some point, someone leaned a ladder against it — a standing invitation to a new perspective.

How can we know the things that are invisible, the stars behind the stars? How can we feel connected to what came before us and sits silently around us, too slow for our impatient eyes to see?

Every once in a while, someone leans a ladder against a rock so we can't miss it. Most of the time, we're on our own.

I sometimes joke with my younger sister that

when I die, she and our nieces can divide up what ever I leave behind, including the handbag she has had her eye on for years. But who will see and care about a bowl of rocks too heavy to lift and too silent about their value to be appreciated?

This is for you, Lynn, Stacey, Katie and Rose.

I hope you keep the planet in my bowl together.

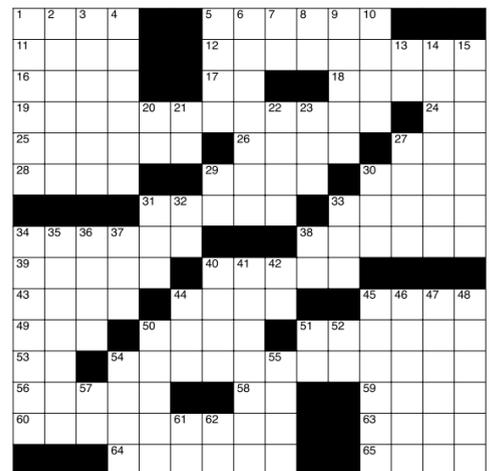
It might be, after all, my small and only lasting intervention in the world.

Cheryl Heller is a designer, educator and business strategist who pioneered the field of social design and founded the first social design MFA program at the School of Visual Arts. She lives in Norfolk.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- "Bird of Paradise" constellation
- Red Sox WS winner Bronson
- Whirl
- The State Dept. has a notable one
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Part of the mind
- Mountainous country
- Type of beverage
- Atomic #109
- Opposite of falsities
- Female sheep
- Rocky peak
- Sensitive information sharing environment
- Ethnic group of Thailand
- Patron saint of Rome Philip
- Psychedelics
- Japanese pine
- Have an impact on
- Violent disorder
- A French river
- Early Mesoamerican civilization
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Musician Clapton
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Valley
- A way to unwind
- Atomic #93
- Recommending
- Indigo bush
- Larry and Curly's pal
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Relating to songbirds
- A way to assign



- Luteinizing hormone
- Atomic #55
- Carries a debt
- Albanian monetary unit
- Semitic abjad letter
- Yes
- Negative
- Earn a perfect score
- Connecticut
- Partner to cheese
- Snack nuts
- Quadruped's body part
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- "_, myself and I"
- Utah city northwest of Provo
- Football players in the trenches
- One who runs the show
- Wood
- Performing artists
- Slang for a cut
- More breathable

March 19 Solution

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March 19 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Pine Plains median home price jumps to nearly \$550,000

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

PINE PLAINS — The 12-month trailing median sale price for a single-family home in the Town of Pine Plains climbed to \$548,250 for the period ending Jan. 31, 2026.

That figure marks a 55% increase from the \$353,750 median recorded for the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2025, and a 58% jump from \$347,500 for the comparable period ending Jan. 31, 2024.

The annual number of home sales, measured on a 12-month rolling basis, remained within Pine Plains' three-year range of 12 to 18 sales per year. A total of 18 single-family homes sold in the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2026, compared with 14 sales in the period ending Jan. 31, 2025, and 18 sales in the 12 months ending one year prior.

The market's busiest stretch in recent years was during the pandemic-era boom. In June 2021, Pine Plains recorded 40 home sales on a 12-month rolling basis.

Inventory remains limited. As of March 21, there were 10 single-family homes on the market. Of those, four were listed for more than \$1 million.

There were also six parcels of land listed on the MLS, along with four rental listings ranging from \$2,610 to \$6,500 per month.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1880, this historic home at 80 North Main St., featuring original details, recently sold "as is" for \$520,000 as part of an estate sale.

January transfers
30 North Main St. — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath house built in 1880 on .73 acres sold to 30 North Main PP LLC for \$520,000

34 Myrtle Ave. — 5 bedroom/2.5 bath home built in 1900 on .25 acres sold to Travis Angelo for \$270,000

Lake Shore Drive (Parcel # 080203) — .24 vacant acres on Stissing Lake sold to Friends of Stissing Landmarks for \$5,000

* Town of Pine Plains real estate transfers recorded be-

tween Jan. 1, 2026 and Jan. 31, 2026, provided by Dutchess County Office of Real Property. 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 CT and NY.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report March 13 to March 18.

March 13 — Deputies responded to 7 John St. in Millerton to investigate a domestic dispute occurring at that location. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

March 14 — Deputies responded to Ingersoll Chevrolet in the Town of Pawling for a report of a stolen vehicle at that location. Management reported a Gray 2018 Camaro was taken from the lot overnight. Investigation on-going

March 16 — Deputies responded to Route 3192 in the Town of Dover for a report of a suspicious person on the property. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Courtney D. Chappell, age 44, who was charged with burglary in the third degree as well as petit

larceny. Chappell was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Dover court at a later date.

March 18 — Deputies responded to Irving Farm Coffee in the Village of Millerton for a reported female causing a disturbance. The female was gone upon patrol arrival. Investigation on-going.

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

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

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