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Ivan Howe, 13, performs as Peter Pan at the Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Connecticut. Howe began his acting career on stage at the Playhouse in "Oliver!" in 2023 and has since performed on stage and even taken a supporting role in the Netflix miniseries "Eric" starring British actor Benedict Cumberbatch.

After conquering Netflix, a local actor tackles high school

By **GRAHAM CORRIGAN**
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MILLBROOK — Ivan Howe's acting career might be growing faster than he is.

In 2023, the Indian Mountain School student and Millbrook native landed his first title role in Sharon Playhouse's production of "Oliver!" Three years later, he's

about to start high school having shared the screen with Marvel superheroes.

In addition to multiple performances on stage, the 13-year-old rising freshman has already logged a credit on a Netflix show — a 2024 miniseries starring Benedict Cumberbatch called "Eric."

It didn't happen by design —

Howe's parents are educators, and his older siblings had other interests. It was a trip to the Playhouse that originally sparked the idea of acting. "I wanted to be an actor because my best friend acted in plays," Howe said. "I thought that was the coolest thing ever."

Ivan's parents Jeni and Jona-

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Village officials expect new Water Department building by summer's end

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MILLERTON — Village officials expect a rebuild of the fire-ravaged Water Department building to begin soon, with the aim of completing it before the end of summer.

Fire project manager Caroline Farr-Killmer has been managing the effort to demolish and rebuild the village's Public Works Department building since a fire destroyed it and all the equipment inside last winter. She said that Dutchess County Department of Health approval is the last hurdle for a new Water Department building before construction can start.

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek said she expects construction to start as soon as the designs get approval from the health department.

Officials described the new Water Department building as an urgent need. Farr-Killmer explained the village's water system has been operating with just one operational well, causing concerns about potential water shortages at that wellhead and its longevity. The village cannot operate the second well until it is enclosed in a structure, Farr-Killmer said.

Najdek doesn't expect Millerton's upcoming 175th anniversary celebration to impact the construction.

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Thai tea shop venture delayed over septic approvals

By **NATHAN MILLER**
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MILLERTON — The opening of a proposed Thai tea shop on Main Street has been delayed while owners await approval from the Dutchess County Department of Health.

John Schildbach, who plans to open the shop with his wife, Kancharis Jiradhanaiphat, in the former Candy-O's space, said plans to include seating have complicated the approval process because of the building's existing septic system.

Candy-O's, a candy shop which

"If I can get everything moving, it'll probably be early July now."

John Schildbach

relocated farther down Main Street earlier this year, did not provide seating for customers, allowing it to operate with a smaller septic system under Department of Health regulations.

Schildbach, who wants to add 20 seats, said an engineer has signed off on plans for the tea shop and sent a recommendation to the Department of Health. Despite

that recommendation, the shop had to push back the original June 6 opening date.

"We haven't even started build-out," Schildbach said. "If I can get everything moving, it'll probably be early July now."

Schildbach said interior renovations to the shop couldn't begin until the business had received permits from the health department. A series of scheduling conflicts meant the engineer couldn't get to the shop until the first week of June, but Schildbach said he was staying patient.

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Jennifer Burgen, right, and Michael Burgen now own Babette's Kitchen on Franklin Avenue in Millbrook. The duo have worked at the shop since 2024.

New owners pledge to keep original mission of Babette's Kitchen

By **GRAHAM CORRIGAN**
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MILLBROOK — A local eatery that has operated on Millbrook's Franklin Avenue for more than 20 years is changing ownership.

The new owners at Babette's Kitchen are two longtime em-

ployees. Jennifer Burgen, who has worked at Babette's for the last three years, and Michael Burgen, who joined the kitchen in December 2024, took over earlier this month. Michael had previously been a general manager at Fern

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LaBonne's unveils expansion plans with new blueprints

By ALEC LINDEN
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SALISBURY, Conn. – Expansion may be on the horizon for LaBonne's Market, Salisbury's only grocery store, as preliminary plans call for a 4,700-square-foot addition that would create more retail space, add employee facilities and reconfigure parking around the downtown property to add more spots.

During a meeting with the Economic Development Committee on May 21, Robert LaBonne Jr., the current president and CEO of the four LaBonne's Markets locations across the state, outlined conceptual plans for an addition on the east side of the building.

According to a blueprint he shared with the group, the registers would be relocated to the new addition, creating room for longer grocery aisles within the existing store. The plans also include an expanded produce section, a café space, a second-floor area for staff facilities and a loading and storage area on the north side of the expansion.

LaBonne Jr. said the store has simply outgrown its current footprint of just over 43,000-square-feet. "It's the smallest sales space of the four," he said, the others being located in Watertown, Woodbury and Prospect, "and in the summer it does the most business."

In order for the expansion to move forward, the Acad-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

LaBonne's Market is considering an expansion that would reorganize the flow of traffic on Academy Street in Salisbury.

emy Street corridor would be overhauled. Currently, Academy Street is a small street that provides access to the grocery store, the used bookstore Johnnycake Books, a guest house, and several private residences.

As presented in the expansion plans, the street would essentially be the center of a parking lot comprised of the current LaBonne's parking on the west side of Academy Street, another plot on the east side and a third area to the north of the building, with auxiliary spaces on another parcel at the end of the street that are currently used as overflow for the store.

The conceptual plans, developed by SLR Consulting of

Cheshire, Connecticut, would create a total of about 90 parking spaces across a series of plots owned by the Market Place of Salisbury, a decades-old private shareholder group that LaBonne's leases the land from. While most of the land is already owned by the Market Place, some of the proposed parking area lies on land currently owned by the town. One parcel currently houses an occupied affordable home rental, which LaBonne noted would have to be replaced elsewhere if it is removed as the plan proposes.

LaBonne Jr. noted that the plans come after years of deliberation with the town on how to proceed, and remain highly preliminary, pending

review from both the town and from the Market Place of Salisbury.

As of early June, LaBonne's leadership did not comment directly on the project when asked, stating that the effort remains in early stages.

During the meeting, though, LaBonne Jr. spoke generally towards the advantages of expanding parking options in town. Referencing other municipalities with vibrant downtowns such as Litchfield and Middletown, he said that ample parking and thoughtful planning can play a big role in vitalizing Main Street activity.

"If you don't provide parking for capacity, you will chase people out of town," he said.

Affordable home project in Sharon could break ground this summer

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON, Conn. – Construction of a new affordable home at 160 Silver Lake Shores Rd. could begin this summer after the Sharon Housing Trust secured up to \$420,000 in financing and grant money to move the project forward.

The funding package, announced May 22, includes a mortgage commitment of up to \$270,000 for construction financing from Capital for Change – a Connecticut Community Development Financial Institution – and an additional \$150,000 grant sponsored by the state Department of Housing.

The home, which was designed by Cornwall architect Christine Gray last year, will be a single-family three-bedroom home in the Mudge Pond-adjacent neighborhood. It is expected to sell between \$250,000 and \$275,000.

"Sharon and the towns around us are in a desperate affordable housing crunch," said Sharon Housing Trust President Richard Baumann. "We want to be able to provide affordable housing in whichever way there's demand for it."

Baumann said the project is ready to move forward once the financing agreement closes. The Trust has already hired Boulder Ridge Construction of Bethlehem and expects to begin construc-

tion this summer. The Trust was gifted the property in late 2024 by an anonymous donor. The lot already has a well and septic system, helping reduce development costs.

Baumann said he hopes to keep the home's price low enough that housing costs would not exceed 30% of income for a household earning 80% of the area median income, the state's standard for affordable housing.

According to numbers released by the state on May 1, the area median income of the Northwest Hills Planning Region for a four-person household is \$122,800, making 80% \$98,240.

Fundraising began last year with a local foundation awarding the Trust with a \$25,000 matching grant, of which \$10,000 has been raised so far.

The Trust is also in the process of renovating the former community center at 99 North Main St. into four two-bedroom rental apartments. The project is adjacent to six existing affordable rental units owned by the Trust.

The organization received \$2 million in state grant money last year for the project, which is currently underway, although repairs to all four buildings are on pause as the state's Historic Preservation Office, commonly called SHPO, reviews plans on the century-old community center and adjacent structures.

Man drowns after kayak overturns in North Canaan pond

By ALY MORRISSEY
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NORTH CANAAN, Conn. – A man drowned Saturday afternoon, June 6, after a kayak overturned in a private pond near 324 Norfolk Rd. behind Freund's Farm Market and Bakery.

Wilian Alexander Campos Vazquez, 25, of the Repub-

lic of Guatemala, was pronounced dead on the scene after he was recovered from the pond and life-saving efforts were unsuccessful. He was the sole occupant of the kayak, officials said. A preliminary investigation revealed he was paddling a kayak on the small farm pond himself when his vessel capsized.

DEEP Environmental Conservation Police (EnCon) responded along with North Canaan emergency responders, Lifestar and Connecticut State Police Troop B.

A Lifestar helicopter was seen landing in the area near the Lone Oak Campsites in East Canaan, though it did not land on the campground property, according to em-

ployee Jean Goodall. She said the helicopter was visible from the campground.

DEEP Environmental Conservation Police are leading the investigation, which is ongoing. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was notified and is assisting.

OBITUARIES

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Anita L. Gochey

CANAAN — Anita L. (King) Gochey, 85, of 77 South Canaan Rd. died June 5, 2026, at Geer Village. She was the wife of the late Lester Gochey. Anita was born July 16, 1940, in Winsted, daughter of the late Ivan and Irene (Dulude) King.

Anita was well known throughout the Northwest Corner. She worked for many local businesses and organi-

zations. Anita worked at the Rexall Drug Store, C.A. Lindell and Sons, Bob's Clothing, Brooks Pharmacy, and the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the cafeteria. She used her skills in calligraphy to complete the record books for the North Canaan Congregational Church. Anita's daughter remembers her as being very creative with cardboard, and a loving mom.

Anita is survived by her son Raymond Gochey and his fiancée' Chris Filkins of Hinsdale, Massachusetts; and her daughter Michele O'Brien of Sharon. She is also survived by her sister Denise Warner of Torrington and her brother Arthur King of Danbury. Her three grandchildren, Kyle Gochey of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Cody O'Brien of Georgia, and Sabrina O'Brien of Falls Village. Anita was predeceased by her brother, Martin King.

A Celebration of Anita's life will be held on Saturday June 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.



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Pine Plains

Community Day returns after three-year absence

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN

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PINE PLAINS — Community Day returns to Pine Plains on June 13, reviving a tradition last celebrated in 2023 during the town's bicentennial celebration.

The event's return has been spearheaded by an ad hoc group of residents led by Lenora Champagne, Jeanne Valentine-Chase, Lisa Agnelli, Joan Taylor, Helene Marsh and others.

Champagne and Valentine-Chase, who are on the town's Beautification Committee, said they recruited volunteers to help organize it, realizing that Community Day is a big undertaking. "It was clearly a bigger project than what that committee could take on," said Champagne. "So we turned to people who'd been involved in previous Community Days."

The community was up to the task. Some of the entertainment will be familiar: live music will fill the air, local businesses and nonprofits will set up booths along Main Street, and the Graham-Brush House will host fiddlers and reenactments.

New additions to Community Day abound, too: a 31-vendor market will set up shop by the Catholic church on Poplar and Church Street. The market will host makers offering sourdough bread, artisanal jewelry, and everything in between. The Pines, a historic Victorian inn on

Maple Street, will open its doors for tours as well.

This year's Community Day is also offering an eye-popping amount of complimentary experiences, for kids and adults alike. First there's a free breakfast hosted by Pine Plains Fire Company. Free raffle tickets are on offer, with the chance to win prizes like gift certificates to local businesses like Chaseholm Farm and Factory Lane Automotive — or fruit trees donated by Full Circus Farm. There's a free scavenger hunt to work up an appetite, and free lunch from local restaurants to sate it — all chased down with a postprandial stroll through the free corn maze.

"There ought to be something of interest for everyone," Champagne said. "We're really curious to see what people enjoy."

Town Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco is the group's liaison to the town. She'll also be the one "collecting garbage and schlepping benches."

"We did Community Day for years," Sisco said. "But sometimes people just didn't step up. We're hoping this will be the start of doing it every year."

The goal, Sisco says, is to bring people in to town. All the people: generational locals and weekenders alike. "We want to bring all those folks into a united venue to get to know what's going on in town, and revitalize the spirit of community."

NECC pilot program places a renewed emphasis on community-building

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — A new pilot program at the North East Community Center aims to bring in community members for chill hangs at the nonprofit's office on South Center Street this summer.

The weekly "Community Porch Party" is an evolution of senior administrative assistant Ash Baldwin's "Craft Collective," which invited community members to enjoy a group crafting session where participants were encouraged to bring individual projects, swap tips and be together. The gathering on Wednesday, June 3, and the preceding "Craft Collective" meetings are part of a broader effort to provide accessible, community-building programming.

The pilot program is set to run every Wednesday through the end of July.

NECC board chair and interim Executive Director Irene Banning joined Baldwin along with Millerton resident Carol Kneeland and Pine Plains resident Cyndhia Valle at the program's opening night. Kneeland brought enough knitting needles and yarn to go around, and taught Valle how to get started making a knitted square.

"She's a total pro of 40 minutes," Kneeland said, knitting needles in hand.

Banning said the community center is working to return to a former status as a community hub. She remembered the COVID-19 pandemic as a turning point for the organization, when it shifted to providing crisis management programs such as its food pantry and housing assistance.

While those programs are still important to NECC's mission, Banning said, community building is equally so. She recalled needing an

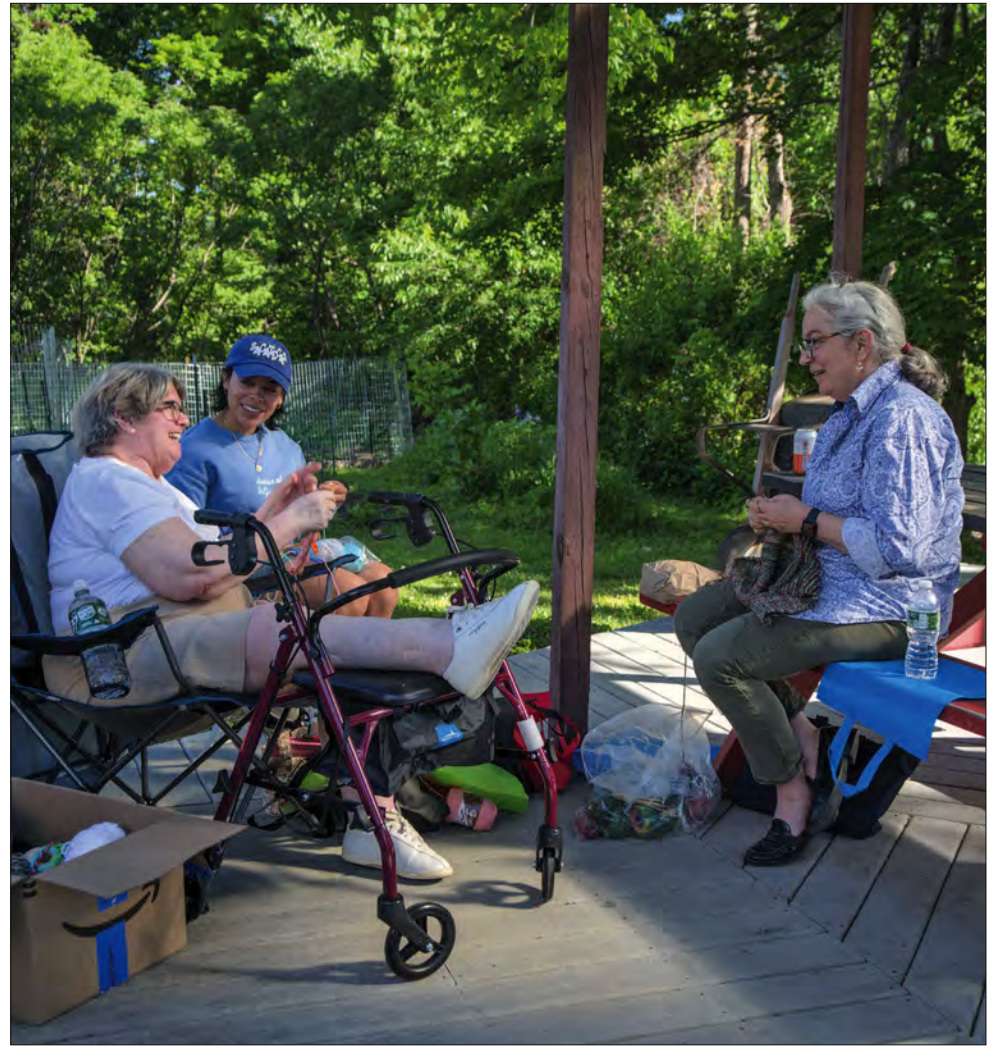


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Carol Kneeland, left, Cyndhia Valle, center, and Irene Banning knit together on North East Community Center's back porch during the first "Community Porch Party" on Wednesday, June 3.

outlet for social interaction when her son moved away from her home, prompting her to find a knitting group based out of Pine Plains.

"One day I just picked up my knitting and I decided to go," Banning said. "It's been a fabulous thing."

The "Community Porch Party" is less focused on the crafting, and instead on just providing an opportunity for people to enjoy a nice yard and a chat with fellow community members. Baldwin and Banning assembled sweet treats and snacks for people to eat, and crafters are encouraged to bring a project but it's not required.

The effort stems from a recognition that social interaction can be difficult to come by in northeast Dutchess County.

"It's so hostile out there, and you always have to be careful about what you say

or what you don't say," Banning said. "Just to have a place where that doesn't matter is really nice."

NECC's "Community Porch Party" is set for Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5:30 through July 29.

Amenia

Water Committee explores online payments

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Water Committee is exploring options to allow municipal water customers to pay their bills online and by credit card.

Responding to customer interest in additional payment options, the committee discussed potential billing software upgrades during its regular meeting Wednesday, June 3.

Town Billing Clerk Nancy Nowak presented information from Muni-Link of Bellwood, Pennsylvania, a cloud-based billing company that serves municipal utilities.

"This software is so much better," Nowak said. "It is similar to what we have now, but it's easier." She added that the company works with four credit card processors.

Initial set-up cost for the system is estimated at \$12,000, Nowak said, with an additional monthly charge of \$650. Current administration

costs for billing stands at \$138 monthly for the town.

"But you would be getting twice as much service," said Water Committee chairman Bill Flood, comparing the proposed streamlined billing system to the present one.

Nowak had explained that the current system provides limited account management capability, leaving much input to be done by hand. She reported also that over the years, customers have asked for the convenience of emailed billing and on-line payment.

For those water district customers who lack computer

capability or who prefer to pay in person, there would still be the option for mailed billing.

The committee agreed to continue to explore the option, gathering additional information, before presenting a proposal to the Town Board.

In other discussion, Flood announced that the prefabricated pump house building is expected to be installed at the Lavelle Road site in the fall. The foundation is ready

to accept the new structure.

A program to replace non-working water meters is progressing with VRI Environmental Services, the town's water operator, having sent out 20 postcard notices. In response so far, 13 meters have been replaced.

In final action, the Water Committee agreed to meet quarterly, rather than the current monthly schedule. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

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Susanne Cecilia Berberoglu

SHARON — Susanne Cecilia Berberoglu, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 14 surrounded by the love of her family.



Born on Fe 13, 1951, in New Milford, Susanne lived a life filled with warmth, adventure, compassion, and dedication to those she loved.

A graduate of Brookfield High School, Susanne went on to work as a travel agent, a career perfectly suited to her adventurous spirit and love of discovering the world. She especially cherished her travels to Australia, London, and Hawaii, creating memories that she carried throughout her life.

Susanne had a lifelong passion for antiques and found joy in collecting and appreciating beautiful pieces filled with history and character. She was also deeply devoted to her beloved Boston

Terriers, whom she lovingly raised and cared for over many years. Her home was always filled with warmth, laughter, and the companionship of the dogs she adored.

Above all else, Susanne treasured her family. She is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, Tayfun Berberoglu Sr.; her loving daughter, Jennifer; her son, Tayfun Berberoglu Jr.; and her cherished granddaughters, Faora and Sybella. Her love, kindness, strength, and gentle spirit will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

Susanne will be remembered for her caring nature, adventurous soul, and unwavering love for her family, friends, and animals. Her memory will continue to inspire all whose lives she touched.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Nicholas Gandolfo Jr.

CANAAN — Nicholas Gandolfo Jr., 94 of East Canaan passed on June 4, 2026, after a courageous battle with kidney cancer and CLL Leukemia.



Nicholas was born and raised in East Canaan to Nicholas Gandolfo Sr. and Marie Zucco Gandolfo both Italian immigrants, a heritage Nicholas embraced with pride.

During his youth Nick had a passion for the outdoors especially hunting and fishing which he enjoyed throughout his lifetime.

Nick served in the Korean war as a Marine. During his heroic service he received many medals and citations, most notably for saving his platoon even while sustaining injury himself during the famed Battle Of The Hook. Nick showed selfless dedication to serving the needs of others. He was involved with the Marine Corps League with whom he established a scholarship fund, the Canaan Couch Pipa VFW, providing durable medical equipment (and Girl scout cookies) to various VA homes and hospitals including Walter Reed in Washington. Nick also aided and assisted in other charitable

causes not just limited to veterans, he served his community, for example, by providing thanksgiving dinners to needy local families.

Nicholas served as a volunteer firefighter for the town of Canaan for 25 years.

He will be remembered for his quick wit, and his fiery disposition. He was a shameless flirt who competed with his pals on who would receive the most hugs at any social gathering. With his charm, he always won.

Nicholas is predeceased by five brothers and his longtime partner Marlene Strattman. He is also predeceased by his daughter, Karen Gandolfo.

Nicholas leaves behind his loving daughters and their partners, his grandchildren and their partners and his great grand children. He is also survived by his only remaining brother, Robert Gandolfo, with whom he greatly valued his love and support. Nick also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. In his words, he had a special relationship with nieces Melissa Gandolfo and Lynne Gandolfo.

The family wishes to thank Salisbury Visiting Nurses.

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Memorial Service

Rafael Porro

SALISBURY — Rafael Porro passed away on January 6, 2026.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service in his honor on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church,

Salisbury. The family welcomes all who knew and loved Rafael to join them in remembering and celebrating his life. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Memorial Service

Walter E. DeMelle

LAKEVILLE — Friends are invited to participate in a memorial service for Walter E. DeMelle on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. at The Hotchkiss School Chapel, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Full obituary at: <https://lakevillejournal.com/walter-earle-demelle-jr>

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Francoise Albertine Kelz

SHARON — Our beloved and greatly respected Francoise Albertine Kelz of Sharon passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, at the age of 103. Born on Sept. 10, 1922 in New York City, she was the first and only child to Albertine Durand and Francois Kelz. She grew up in New York City and eventually moved to Scarsdale, New York in 1926 and finally to Sharon in 1967. She grew up during the Depression and upon her graduation from Scarsdale High School in 1940, France had fallen to the Germans during WW II. D-Day coincided with her graduation from Barnard College in 1944. These milestones were often repeated in her love of storytelling over the years. She shared countless and amazing tales as she reminisced about her life.

Her father's family was from Bavaria, Germany and he was one of nine children. He and several of his brothers came to the US by boat and settled in the Bronx in the 1890's. He was Maitre'd at the Old Ritz Carlton where he met mother who worked as a receptionist. Mother was from Normandy, France where her family owned a large farm. Father was also employed at the Rainbow Room and Savoy Plaza as well as the famous 21 Club in NYC. Francoise was a treasure of information and spoke of the days of prohibition and other fascinating tales of history. Mother was an artist and a weaver. She designed and taught weaving and produced many tapestries on her looms passing this talent along to Francoise who was also a skilled weaver and loved to sew, embroider and knit.

Francoise was strong willed and possessed a sharp wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She learned early on the value of an education, especially for girls. Her maternal grandmother had been "cheated" out of an education years ago and so she vowed to get the best education and the best opportunities that she could. And so she did.

She attended Barnard College in NYC where she studied Botany. She was the winner of the Herman Botanical Prize and graduated in 1944. In her later years she referred to the

college as the "Barnyard." She would intone this in a teasing way but with great pride and loving affection. She was deeply devoted to Barnard for over 85 years. In 2004, Francoise received the Award for Service to Barnard at her 60th Reunion. She held nearly every position of class leadership, serving multiple terms as president, vice president and fundraising chair. With her characteristic generosity of time, energy and spirit she spearheaded the creation of the Class of 1944 Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the memory of classmates who had passed away and to continue the link with future generations of Barnard students. She also established the Durand-Kelz Scholarship Fund, recognizing her maternal grandmother, who was not given the opportunity to pursue a college education of her own.

After Barnard, Francoise attended Wellesley College and Columbia College to obtain her Master's degree in Botany. She taught at Columbia Pharmacy College in NYC from 1946-1965, and eventually became chairman of the Scholarship Committee at the college.

Francoise began to teach at Kent School in the Fall of 1965 where she taught Biology until her retirement in 1988. Francoise was considered a pioneer as one of the first full time female faculty members and completing an illustrious career on the Hill Campus in an ever developing science department. She is dearly remembered by her former colleagues and students for her deep love of science and her tremendous energy and enthusiasm. She led a long and distinguished career as a teacher and never slowed down after retirement.

Francoise and her mother were very close and they loved to take long drives off the beaten paths. On one of their many trips, Francoise found and instantly fell in love with the "story book" town of Sharon where she bought her home

in 1963. She was so proud to have purchased her own home and eventually she moved her parents in from Scarsdale. Mother and Francoise were avid flower and vegetable gardeners and loved to cook while Father enjoyed long walks and star gazing.

Once she settled into her home in Sharon, Fran brought the same energy and curiosity into her volunteer work with the Sharon Historical Society. She took on the task of cataloging the Society's textiles, bringing several microscopes retired from the biology lab with her. Her meticulous notes on every item remain a testament to her knowledge and patience. Being an artist, several of her sketches survive in the collection records. Her dedication as a volunteer caught the attention of the SHS Board and she soon became a Board member and later served as President. During Fran's tenure, SHS hired its first Executive Director and together they recognized the historic Gay Hoyt House needed an addition to the properly house the Society's growing collection. Funds were raised and Francoise's vision was matched by her generosity. The addition opened in 2000 complete with a full kitchen that would serve receptions and openings that could be held without any impediment to hospitality. After her presidency, Francoise continued to support the Historical Society by attending openings and fundraisers and making frequent visits.

Francoise was also a member of the Sharon Garden Club and served as President in the 1990's.

Francoise was a devoted member of Christ Church Episcopal and a beloved parishioner. She held countless seats on their Vestry over many decades. She supported all aspects of the church, including Alter Guild and generously backed many projects including the kitchen, the steeple and organ restorations. She served as president of the northwest corner

towns' chapter of Church Women United and worked in outreach for Church World Services. Their women's ministry and children's programs feed, educated and provide community grants around the world.

After retirement, Francoise traveled extensively. "I've seen the world!" She certainly did and she shared many stories of her adventures.

As her best friend Bonnie wrote, Francoise never married or had children but she created a "family" through her generosity, care and kindness over the years. She was also a "mother" to so many of us.

In keeping with her generous nature, Francoise established the C. and F. Kelz Fund through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, which will continue to support her most cherished institutions. Because she has arranged a planned gift to her fund, it will become endowed and her giving will go on after her lifetime.

As Francoise aged she never let go of her tremendous energy. She was never shy about standing behind projects, fighting for a cause and always held strong opinions and determination. She will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory!

Francoise leaves behind her many friends and neighbors as well as her dear friend Bonnie Kerr of Arizona, Audra Lewton from Barnard College and her parish family from Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. Special thanks to Dr. David Kurish for his care over the years and to the SVNA Home Assistance Program, especially to her devoted caregiver and dear friend Betty Maddock also known lovingly as "Mama."

There will be a celebration of Fran's life held on Wed., June 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal and followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage people to send donations in memory of Francoise to The Little Guild Animal Rescue in West Cornwall. (See website: littleguild.org) The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



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Week of June 14, 2026

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LET'S HEAR IT...



THIS WEEK

Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, who represents parts of Dutchess and Columbia counties, is facing a Democratic primary challenge from Sam Hodge. This is a race within one party, but the questions behind it are familiar to voters of any affiliation.

How much does experience matter? What about independence, new ideas or a willingness to challenge the system? What makes someone an effective representative for your community?

Send your responses to publisher@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, June 8 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Where do you shop for groceries? How do price, selection, distance, hours, or transportation shape where you go?

"TriCorner FEED in Millerton. As single mom and head of household they are a life saver with their income based sliding scale memberships. Plus everything is local and fresh and they do a good latte!"
— Ali DeProdocini, Salisbury

"I live in Sharon so I visit Sharon Market 3 times a week for cold cuts, bread, prepared foods or a sandwich. I also shop at Lebonne's in Salisbury twice a month. For major shopping I go to Stop & Shop in either Canaan or Torrington."
— Johnny Martin, Sharon



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At the lake

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Didi Barrett has delivered for district

I write to remind Democratic Party voters of how hard Didi Barrett has worked for us and how much she has accomplished since she entered the Assembly in 2012. I think it is also important to discuss the disingenuous attacks on her by her primary opponent, Sam Hodge. I have received at least 3 or 4 mailers from Hodge saying that Didi refuses to support legislation to tax the rich. Since a refusal to impose higher taxes on wealthy New York State residents seemed at odds with the many progressive positions that Didi has taken and fought for during her 14 years in the Assembly, I did a little research and found out that Didi has NOT refused to "tax the rich."

The fact is that the "tax the rich" bill, A8953, has not come up for a vote yet and is still being discussed in and not yet finalized by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, of which Didi is not a member.

Space limitations prevent me from listing anything near all of the legislation that Didi has worked on, sponsored, or passed. Some of these are: bills to protect reproductive freedom, raise the minimum wage, protect the Hudson River from federal efforts to create anchorages for petroleum-carrying barges, help farmers increase soil resiliency and productivity for their farms, support family leave, provide strong rent regulation, restore benefits to veterans denied honorable discharges due to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and support veterans with PTSD. Didi has also backed legislation to criminalize "ghost" guns and to ban "dis-

guised" guns and "bump stocks." Didi currently is a co-sponsor of the New York for All Act, to better protect New Yorkers from ICE's cruel tactics. And just this past week, the Assembly passed a bill Didi sponsored to impose a one-year moratorium on data centers and create a separate utility rate class for large energy users.

Didi's efforts to bring money into our District – and elsewhere in the State - have also been extensive and impressive. She has delivered millions of dollars to strengthen schools, expand public libraries and day care centers, repair roads, support first responders, house community college students, block tuition increases at SUNY colleges and help create a tuition-free program for low and middle class SUNY and community college students, and support cultural spaces like the Stissing Center.

Didi's work for us has been bold and progressive – qualities that Mr. Hodge claims for himself. However, making false statements about one's opponent – let alone a representative who has been as energetic, hard-working, and effective as Didi – may be, in Mr. Hodge's word, "bold," but not in a good way. And it is definitely not progressive. The absence of honesty and integrity in government officials has a devastating effect on us. Mr. Hodge's repeated dishonest attacks on Didi are shameful and, in my opinion, disqualify him for the job as our Assembly member.

Amy Rothstein
Pine Plains



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"I find his work so derivative, don't you?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misleading headline in The News confuses readers

The Our Towns article (MN date 5/28/26) about the Webutuck school budget vote was lacking in three respects: reporting, editing and headline writing.

The reporter said the vote was approved, but he failed to include the vote count. How is the voter to know if it was a squeaker or a ground swell of approval? The voter is entitled to know.

The editor failed to catch this oversight. That's what they're there for!

The false headline misled the reader: that it was the "first tax increase in five years." Or, in the reporter's words in the lede, "the first property tax increase in over

five years." That is patently false and reflects a complete misunderstanding of property taxation.

The school district's story line was presumably that it was the first property tax LEVY increase in five years. The levy rate is the percentage increase (or decrease) in the school budget, before NYS funds are added. If true (and I don't track school district property tax levy percentages, so let's presume it's true), that is commendable and deserving of driving the narrative that the school district is spinning.

But, the reader should expect a truthful, more sophisticated and balanced

presentation of the news. With no modifications to my property (except depreciation), my school district taxes did not increase in 2022, but they did increase in 2023, 2024 and 2025 and they will most assuredly increase again in 2026.

The reason my school district taxes have or will increase in four of the last five years is that property assessments throughout the town of Amenia – with the notable exception of SILO RIDGE – have increased substantially over the last five years. My assessment has increased by 11% in 2022, 11% in 2023, 4% in 2024, 10% in 2025 and 4.5% in 2026. Total increase 46.5%

in 5 years!

I understand and can accept the need for some equalization and rebalancing of the town's total assessment, but...1) the school district shouldn't be allowed to get away with spinning their message without some accountability and 2) the town's assessor and the town board need to feel a little pushback from Amenia homeowners to the pressure they feel from the Silo Ridge homeowner litigants over their property tax assessments.

I'm sure I am not alone on both these points of grievance.

Dan Brown
Amenia

Experience matters and Barrett has it

As we officially start the primary election season in June, I write to urge voters in New York's Assembly District 106 to vote for our good friend and Assembly member, Didi Barrett, who faces a primary challenge before the general election this Fall. Early vot-

ing begins on June 13 through June 21, 2026. Election Day is June 23, 2026.

Didi continues to work hard to deliver for her Hudson Valley community every day. As a skillful legislator and relationship builder, she is responsible for a number

of "firsts" in legislative accomplishments. Her bill to restore benefits for veterans discharged under Don't Ask Don't Tell and for PTSD became the first in the country and a role model for other state legislatures. As Chair of the Assembly's Energy Committee, she has fought to lower utility costs and make energy bills more transparent. She recently passed legislation to create the first statewide moratorium on data centers in the country. Didi also wrote and advocated for the passage of

legislation that creates a pilot project for regenerative agriculture that allows farmers to sequester carbon in the soil, reducing greenhouse gases while promoting resiliency and productivity. This is a mere sampling of Didi's many notable accomplishments over the years.

New Yorkers need experienced leaders now more than ever. Please remember to VOTE this month for a proven leader in this race, Didi Barrett.

Adelaide Camillo
Dutchess County

Barrett's performance needs scrutiny

I've been receiving a lot of postcards and emails from Didi Barrett heading into the primary election on June 23rd. Each of them proudly assert Didi's credentials on climate.

Here's a line from a recent email: "Didi is a lifelong environmentalist and was one of the few legislators who just voted against rolling back our landmark climate law. She's been leading the charge to lower utility costs — and the fossil fuel companies have been fighting her tooth and nail!" I'm supposed to read this and think That's great, I want to see action on climate and I hate that Gov. Hochul just trashed that law Didi's talking about, I guess I'll vote for her!

But Didi's email uses carefully crafted language to mislead. As chair of the powerful Assembly Energy Committee, Didi has tremendous influence over State energy policy. The amendments gutting our climate law could not have passed without the coopera-

tion of the Committee she chairs. In fact, one of the key elements of that gutting was introduced by Didi in 2023 as Assembly Bill A6039. A gift to the oil and gas industry that discounts the disastrous effects of methane on climate. Didi knows that she's vulnerable on these issues and as is often the case she was able to vote no after Hochul rounded up sufficient votes to ensure the amendment would pass.

Didi's claim about her vicious battle with fossil fuel interests doesn't stand up either. Why would the utilities, companies that stand to make millions from Didi's climate rollback work, pour tens of thousands into her campaigns if they didn't see her as an ally?

Didi Barrett has held office for 14 years. Voters don't need to rely on campaign mailers to judge her performance; they can examine her record for themselves. That's exactly what I hope they'll do before heading to the polls.

Bill Kish
North East

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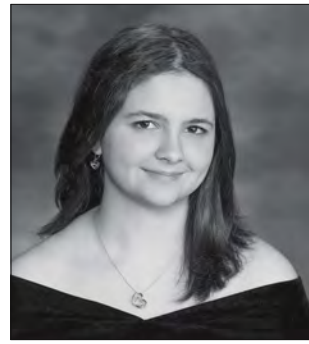
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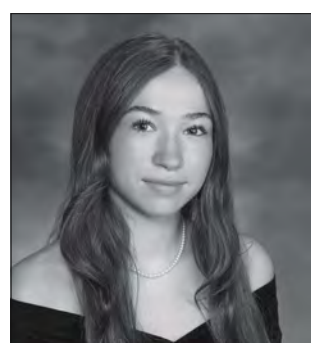
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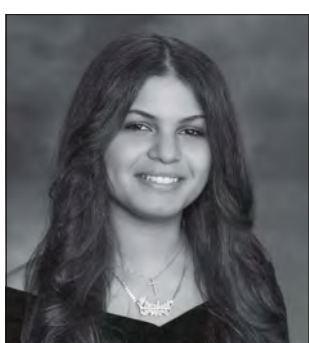
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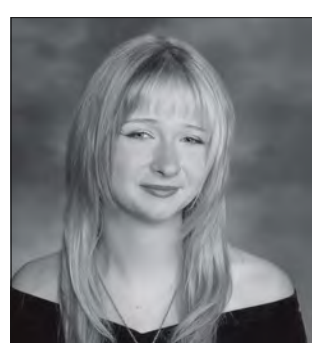
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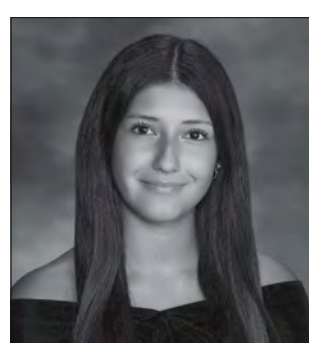
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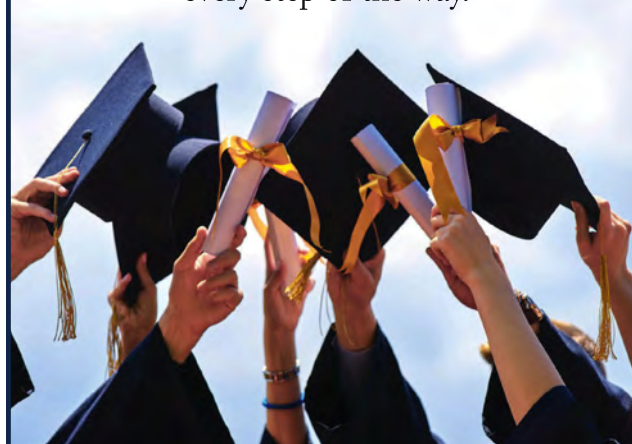
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Over the border

Falls Village rejects folk dancers, considers natural burials

By CHRISTIAN MURRAY
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FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — The Board of Selectmen voted June 8 to deny a request to allow a group of folk dancers to perform in Falls Village in August. Historically as many as two dozen dancers participated.

Cockerline wrote that the visiting group would be smaller than in years past and had assured organizers that previous problems would not be repeated.

First Selectman David Barger said he had spoken with several residents who live in the center of town and found strong opposition to allowing the dancers back.

“Based on what happened in the past, they are not happy with it, and they do have a real legitimate fear that it will happen again,” Barger said.

Selectman Judy Jacobs agreed, saying there had been issues on more than one occasion. The board unanimously denied the request.

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John Dexter and what she described as rowdy behavior at a previous performance.

In the letter, Cockerline asked the town to permit a small group of dancers to perform in Falls Village in August. Historically as many as two dozen dancers participated.

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said that participants at past Morris events had been seen urinating and defecating on private property, leaving trash behind and disrupting residents.

“There was one family having a cookout with friends, and there was screaming and yelling [in the street],” Barger said, noting one of many disruptions.

Wilson said Falls Village could operate as a hybrid cemetery system, allowing traditional burials, cremation burials and natural burials within the same cemetery. Such an arrangement would allow family members who choose different burial methods to remain buried together while also giving residents another burial option.

Town reviews natural burial policy

In other business, the board discussed whether to allow natural burials in Falls Village’s cemeteries. They are currently not permitted.

The discussion was prompted by a recent inquiry from a resident interested in purchasing a cemetery plot for a natural burial, according to Town Sexton Tracey Wilson.

Wilson told the board that Connecticut law allows municipalities to decide whether natural, or “green,” burials may take place in cemeteries they own. Unlike traditional burials, natural burials do not use embalming fluids or buri-

al vaults and instead rely on biodegradable caskets, such as pine or cardboard, or burial shrouds.

“They’re becoming more and more common, and people are seeking cemeteries that allow natural burials,” Wilson said.

The board initially considered approving such burials but instead voted to have Wilson develop guidelines outlining how the practice would be implemented before taking formal action.

The policy would establish what qualifies as a natural burial and set standards for burials conducted in town cemeteries.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Calligraphy lessons

Student members of the Olivet Academy calligraphy club prepare to demonstrate their skills and teach youngsters at the Amenia Free Library on Friday, June 5. Left to right are Ruby Yoon, 17; Sophia Tran, 16; Joel Wu, 16; and Ezra Yu, 18, who founded the club in January 2025. Yu continues to build on his five years of calligraphy experience and love for the art. The club has been creating Appreciation Cards as a school activity. Yu plans to enroll at the University of Chicago in the fall, pursuing Economics and Mathematics.

Town Board approves plan for Wassaic road closure for classic car show

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Officials approved the closure of Main Street in Wassaic ahead of a car show and flower event.

Anticipating the classic car show and flower event to be held on Saturday, June 13, the Town Board unanimously approved a resolution to close Wassaic’s Main Street to accommodate the event and

visitors. Hours of the closure will be from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. This will be the second year of the popular event that combines classic cars and floral displays in profusion.

The board also looked ahead to another upcoming road closure. Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm announced that the town has secured state permission for the closure of Route 343 in Amenia for the Harvest Fes-

tival on Saturday, Oct. 17.

In other business, the board considered maintenance needs at one of the town’s historic cemeteries. Concerns about the condition of the Old Burying Ground on Old North Road brought George Bistransin before the board to request funding for tree work at the cemetery. Bistransin said overhanging shade trees are encouraging lichen growth on historic

gravestones and preventing grass from growing in some areas. The lichen is damaging the stones and obscuring their inscriptions, he said.

One full day of tree work by Lee’s Trees, tree experts, would cost \$2,700, and get a lot done, Bistransin said.

The Town Board voted unanimously to proceed with the tree work.

“It needs to be done,” said councilmember Walter Di-

etrich. “It’s only going to get worse.”

The discussion then turned to planning and personnel matters.

Councilman Dietrich spoke in favor of awaiting completion of the review and update of the town’s Comprehensive Plan, which is nearing its final draft. Once approved, the plan is likely to lead to clarification of the town’s zoning regulations. He felt

that a short delay in consideration of applications would benefit the town’s residents.

Dietrich also favored implementing of town employee performance reviews. He emphasized that reviews are not opportunities to criticize employees, but rather to praise their accomplishments and the talents they bring to their work. Such reviews can also give employees a chance to express concerns or ideas.

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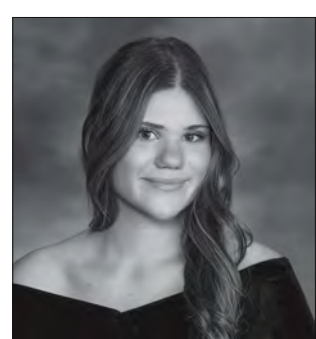
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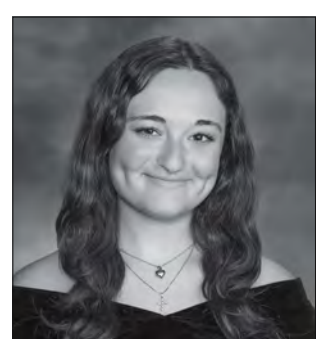
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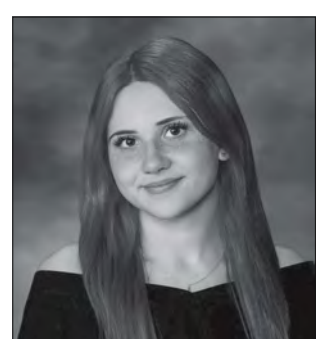
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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Millerton volunteer firefighter Shane Watson sprays water and firefighting foam on brush at 375 Schultz Hill Road after a brush fire broke out on Friday afternoon, June 5.

Brush fire triggers mutual aid response in Pine Plains

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — A brush fire tore through about a half acre of grass at 375 Schultz Hill Road on Friday, June 5.

Fire crews from Pine Plains, Millerton and Milan, New York, responded to the scene. Pine Plains Fire Chief Brian Walsh said crews were dispatched at 1:11 p.m.

The fire was largely doused by 2:15 p.m., with crews continuing to spray water and firefighting foam on the brush to suppress any latent flames.

No injuries were reported.

Trevor Slater, who rents the house on the property, said he didn't notice the flames until a neighbor drove by on the road and alerted him and emergency responders.

"I was on the back side of the house and the smoke was all going the other way," Slater said.

Walsh said the exact cause of the fire was unknown at the scene, but he said the blaze was not intentionally set.

Slater said he believed the fire was a reignition from em-

bers. He said his landlords had informed him several days before that they would be burning brush. A similar incident had happened before, Slater said, causing a brush fire that spread to within feet of his home.

"It burned all the way up to the side of my house," Slater said. "That took a couple days to reignite as well."

Walsh confirmed Pine Plains firefighters have responded to blazes at the property before.

"We've been here multiple times," Walsh said.

Millerton's 175th committee seeks volunteers for three-day fair

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — Plans for Millerton's 175th anniversary celebration are taking shape, and organizers are seeking volunteers to help staff the community fair scheduled for July 17-19 at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The three-day fair will follow a week of anniversary events held throughout the village and at the park. Planned attractions for the fair include live music each day, inflatable rides and games, food and beer ven-

dors, commemorative merchandise, a petting zoo and giveaways.

Anna Clune, a member of the Millerton 175th Committee, is leading the volunteer recruitment effort.

Clune said volunteers for the fair are needed in four primary areas: directing parking, staffing the merchandise booth, chaperoning the children's zone and assisting at an information booth.

Friday and Saturday will be divided into two shifts, Clune said, with volunteers having their choice of working the first half, the second

half or both.

The fair is set to operate on Friday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

Sunday will have only one shift, with fair activities scheduled to run from noon to 6 p.m. in Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

Interested volunteers can sign up under the "Volunteer" section of the celebration's webpage, villageofmillerton-ny.gov/175th.

Clune is also available to provide more information by email at annaclune1023@gmail.com.

Officials open bidding for Amenia's new highway garage and salt shed

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The town's new Highway Department garage and salt shed is one step closer to construction after officials opened bidding for the project.

Since approving a \$6.33 million bond issuance in late 2024, the town has continued preparation for the construction phase for a new highway garage and salt shed to be built in Wassaic to the east of Route 22.

The Town Board voted unanimously at its meeting on Thursday, June 4, to open the bidding process.

Notice was officially posted last week inviting bids for the project's general construction, plumbing, mechanical and electrical work, specifying that the project plans will be available on Wednesday, June 11.

The Amenia Town Clerk must receive bids by Thursday, July 9, at 1 p.m. when bids will be opened.

A pre-bid informational meeting with representatives from CPL Engineering, the



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

planning team, will be held at the construction site on Monday, June 22, at 9 a.m.

The entire project for the 5-acre site involves construction of a 12,620 square foot building housing 6 double-bays and an office/breakroom, mechanical bay with lift and washing bay. Also to be constructed will be a 60 by 80-foot salt shed and attached storage building of four closed bays and two open

bays, and a fueling station for diesel and gasoline.

A state Water Quality Improvement Project grant in the amount of \$600,000, applied for early in the project's planning stages, will assist with construction of the salt shed portion.

Site preparation work has been ongoing for the past year and a half, in anticipation of the current construction bidding process.

Washington Planning officials say no permit required for local CSA

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLBROOK — A private community-supported agriculture operation can continue after garnering support from Washington Planning Board members.

Mindy Yang and William Harris, the married duo behind Silverbrook Manor on Route 44 west of Millbrook, appeared before the board on Tuesday, June 2, after they received a letter from the town's zoning enforcement officer noting complaints that the property's use was noncompliant.

Harris explained that the letter from ZEO Jonathan Lalongo advised the couple to seek a special use permit for their farm, requiring an application to the Planning Board.

Yang and Harris founded a membership-based CSA on a farm property near the intersection of Route 44 and Route 82 in Washington after purchasing the property in 2021. The pair described the venture as an education-focused CSA, where members may join or lead educational hikes, harvesting fruits and vegetables or foraging for wild food.

"We really advocate on human experience and connection," Yang said. "Especially now with AI, it's about IRL."

Following Lalongo's advice, Harris and Yang applied for a special use permit to run an educational club at their farm property.

But Planning Board members said such a permit was unnecessary. Planning Board Chair Doug Giles argued that Silverbrook Manor doesn't fit within the definition of an educational institution or a private club under town zoning code.

Giles said that Silverbrook Manor's operation was actually permitted by right under sections of the town's zoning code that address agricultural production and under New York State's Agriculture and Markets law.

"The agricultural part of it, the CSA, the nature walks — all of those are pretty much permitted by right," Giles said.

Board members determined — with the advice of the board's attorneys — that a special use permit was not necessary. They advised Harris and Yang that they may continue operations but should seek an official determination letter from the zoning enforcement officer.

Glamping, bed and breakfast applications also cause confusion

Two other discussions — one a pre-application for a "glamping" business and the other for a bed and breakfast — also caused some confusion among board members.

Engineer Jim Teed presented plans for a glamping setup comprising two seasonal, impermanent yurts and a permanent a-frame house on the Millbrook Beef & Dairy farm property at the intersection of Shunpike and Route 44.

On behalf of property owner David Baldwin, Teed is preparing plans to eventually pursue a special use permit to operate a private camp. He said the yurts will consist of a permanent concrete pad that will hold impermanent tents during the summer months. The a-frame will serve a dual purpose as a check-in location and an additional rental unit for campers, Teed said.

The confusion stemmed from the appropriate definition under the town's zoning code. Planning Board consultant Aaron Werner found a provision during the meeting relating to "glamping" that he said seemed to apply and regulate yurts, but not the permanent a-frame.

Werner continued, explaining the applicant would likely need permits for accessory dwellings in addition to the campground, and that wetlands on the property increase the complexity of the designs and what information would need to be included.

"I don't think this board

has seen an application like this in recent years," Werner said. "We're going to be looking at potentially many different approvals that will need to take place."

The bed and breakfast application came at the end of the meeting, prompting yet another debate over definitions in the town's zoning code.

James Meagher applied to convert his parents' former home on Welwyn Road into a bed and breakfast, seeking to generate revenue from the home to offset the cost of property taxes.

Meagher explained he did not primarily live at the residence, spending weekdays in New York City and weekends in Millbrook. That revelation, along with the fact that Meagher's anticipated business partner and chosen innkeeper at the proposed B&B, Emily Hay, was the person who submitted the application, prompted Planning Board members to inform Meagher that his application did not fit within the town's B&B regulations.

Washington zoning code requires a bed and breakfast to be the owner's primary residence, and requires applicants for a bed and breakfast special use permit to be the owner of the property. Because Meagher does not live at the home and the application was actually submitted under Hay's name, board members suggested Meagher should instead seek a short-term rental permit from Town Hall instead.

Under the town's short-term rental law, property owners must reside in the primary structure for at least 100 days per year to qualify for a permit.

"I don't mind doing the short-term rental," Meagher said. "We were under the impression this might be more straightforward."

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IVAN HOWE *Continued from Page A1*

than were supportive of the idea. Jonathan had acted in college, and Sharon Playhouse provided a great place to learn. A role in "Elf Jr." was Ivan's first role, and "Oliver!" happened soon after. "The Sharon Playhouse is where I found my feet as an actor," Howe said. "I did my first show there, and I've met so many friends and mentors there."

Ivan's optimistic perspective may have landed him big roles, but onscreen, he's become known for something quite different. With dark curly hair and a quiet, commanding presence, he's often been cast as the brooding, troubled character.

That's especially true in "Eric," the 2024 Netflix series that introduced Howe to a much larger audience. He plays Edgar, the son of troubled parents who disappears mysteriously in the streets of New York City. "Edgar wasn't necessarily a bright and cheerful character," Howe said, "and I really like characters like that. It would be fun to be in a comedy, but I like the characters who have more depth."

The series was filmed in Budapest and co-stars Gabby Hoffman and Benedict Cumberbatch, who Ivan idolized from his role as Dr. Strange in the Marvel movies. "I'm obsessed with all things Marvel," he says, and relished the op-



Ivan Howe as Josh Baskin in "Big" at Sheldrake's Stagedoor Manor.

portunity to talk shop with one of its tentpole characters. Cumberbatch is a professed fan of the original comic books, too, and by the end of shooting "Eric," the two actors were sharing meals at a local Hungarian restaurant near the set.

"It was amazing to see all these professional actors, like Gabby and Benedict, in their environment," he said. "It was a big inspiration for me."

The cameras represented a big change for Howe, whose previous acting experience had mostly been onstage. The scale of a major Netflix production required him to

adapt quickly.

"I was the only kid on set," Howe said. "It taught me that it's really a professional workplace, and I learned how to tune out everything except for the scene."

Easier said than done — especially compared to the live energy of a stage. "In theater, you just have to go with it...but with screen, you have the chance to adjust things."

After the success of "Eric," Howe returned to the stage. He played two lead roles: Josh Baskin in "Big" at Sheldrake's Stagedoor Manor, then returned to the Sharon Playhouse stage as Peter Pan. He'll

be performing in "The Saviors" at the Atlantic Theater Company before starting high school in the fall. In between rehearsals, Howe likes to volunteer at the Trevor Zoo.

As for advice for other aspiring actors — Howe said that feeling uncomfortable is a sign you're headed in the right direction.

"The hardest part of acting, to me, can be feeling self-conscious," he said. "Sometimes I can feel myself not acting to the fullest because of that barrier. But when I finally do, it's so much easier. Fight your way into whatever you want to do."

BABETTE'S KITCHEN *Continued from Page A1*

in Lakeville.

The couple has long dreamed of running their own restaurant, so when Babette's co-founders Buffy Arbogast and Beth Daidone expressed a desire to find new owners, the Burgens jumped at the chance.

"We're excited to continue the legacy that Beth and Buffy started," said Jennifer Burgen. "We like to say that they kept it in the family."

For 22 years, Babette's Kitchen has been a Millbrook staple for coffee, breakfast, lunch and catering. With an emphasis on local produce and a menu sourced from nearby farms, Babette's has gained regional acclaim for its inventive menu and extensive pastry offerings. Their buttermilk biscuits, fritta-

tas, and seasonal rotations have made the 20-seat café a weekend favorite for locals and weekenders alike.

Like Babette's founders, the Burgens graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, a culinary school based in Hyde Park. When Babette's founder Arbogast attended in 2004, she was at the forefront of a gastronomic migration.

The Burgens are part of the second wave, and are committed to keeping Babette's core menu intact. "We're not doing any changes for the first couple of years, but in the long term, we'd love to bring some family recipes out," Burgen said. "My grandmother was a great cook, and Mike's grandmother was an amazing baker."

Michael Burgen was raised in the Buffalo area, and he's looking forward to bringing some of the flavors of Western New York to Babette's. "There's a great little food scene up there," Michael Burgen said. "But a lot of the items are very regional. You don't really see them in other parts of the state. It'll be fun to see people experience that." That will eventually include Buffalo wings during football season, and Beef on Weck, a Buffalo classic that features thinly sliced roast beef on a kummelweck roll with horseradish and caraway seeds.

In the meantime, however, the Burgens are running the kitchen Beth and Buffy have perfected over two decades with little change.

"They've built such a great

place," says Michael Burgen, "and it has such a loyal following." Michael has spent much of the last 18 months learning the ins and outs at Beth's elbow: her flavors, her systems, and her kitchen space. "Every kitchen is different," he said. "So her showing me her ways of operating with the equipment was a big part of the production. It takes a lot of the guesswork out."

For their part, the now-previous owners of Babette's feel like they've found the right team to continue their legacy. In a message posted earlier this week, Arbogast said the Burgens "are the perfect pair to keep Babette's true to its roots, but to move it forward with fresh bright ideas."

New Sharon Land Use Director to begin July 1

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON, Conn. — Nichole "Nikki" Blass of Sharon will take over as Land Use Administrator on July 1, following the retirement of longtime employee Jamie Casey. Blass is a seven-year veteran of the Land Use Office and currently serves as the second lieutenant and secretary for Sharon Ambulance.

Casey said Blass' experience working as the Office's assistant has set her up well to succeed in the role.

The Land Use Administrator is the town's zoning enforcement officer, responsible for handling all applications related to construction, development and landscape alterations and issuing citations when zoning code is broken. It is a paid role that is hired by the First Selectman.

"To me, she was the only choice for the job," Casey said. "She knows the town inside and out, and she grew up here. That's important, too."

Blass' appointment was announced during the Board of Selectmen's May 26 meeting. In previous weeks, selectmen interviewed Blass and another candidate for

the position.

Blass said she was first introduced to Casey and the Land Use Office through her involvement with Sharon Ambulance. She was initially hired to handle filing duties but quickly took on additional responsibilities as the workload increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When Covid hit, we were so inundated with projects and work that I just jumped in," Blass said, saying that she and Casey worked naturally together. "It was sink or swim."

Blass said when she takes office in July, she plans to focus on organization to support several large-scale projects that are ongoing or pending review. Those include the development of an office facility for Jasper Johns-affiliated nonprofit Low Road Foundation and a controversial housing development on Hospital Hill Road which is currently facing litigation from neighbors.

She said replacing Casey will be a challenge. Still, she said her time working in the office with Casey has prepared her well for the flexibility and depth of knowledge the position requires.



In July, Nikki Blass, right, will take over as Sharon's Land Use Administrator when Jamie Casey retires after more than three decades in Town Hall.

"Every situation that comes through the door is not the same as the one that was before it," Blass said. "Being able to handle that kind of thing is the most valuable lesson she could have taught me."

Blass is stepping into a complex role, Casey said, "but I know she's more than capable of doing it."

Plus, "she's a Sharon girl," Casey said.

Meanwhile the Selectmen

have been conducting interviews to replace Stanley MacMillan Jr., the town's building inspector and fire marshal of three decades, who is also retiring at the end of the month. No hire had been announced as of June 4. Town Hall is also seeking to hire a replacement for Blass' current position to assist both the Land Use Administrator and Building Inspector, and will be soliciting candidates this month.

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Caroline Farr-Killmer has been leading the effort to rebuild Millerton's fire-ravaged Water Department building since last February.

tion. She said health department approval should be arriving within the week, and the 400-square-foot building likely wouldn't take long to construct. She clarified that there is no clear timeline at this moment, but expects to get work started as soon as approvals come in.

Millerton's Water and Highway building caught fire last February, destroying the structure and all of the village's road maintenance and police equipment. Since then,

property restoration firm BELFOR has been working to clear and prep the site for a brand new set of buildings.

Farr-Killmer explained the Water Department building, which will house one of Millerton's municipal wells, must now be a separate structure from the Highway Department building due to environmental and health regulations. Municipal wells require up to a 200-foot buffer from other structures to prevent drinking water contamination.

TEA SHOP *Continued from Page A1*

PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Kanchisar Jiradhanaiphath, left, and John Schildbach plan to open Muanjai Tea on Main Street in Millerton in early July.

"You're always waiting on the people who are in charge," Schildbach said.

Schildbach said he hopes to receive approval for 20 seats in the shop, but expects to reduce indoor seating slightly.

If that happens, Schildbach said it will only hamper the space's indoor capacity until Millerton's municipal wastewater system is installed, which is expected to be complete in 2028. He expects to receive approval for 12 to 14

seats inside the café for the time being.

Department of Health approvals are the last hurdle holding things back, Schildbach said. Once that approval has been obtained, Schildbach said village building officials are prepared to issue permits for the interior renovations and he is ready to get to work.

The shop is targeting an early July opening date, with a goal of opening before Millerton's 175th celebration set for July 11 to 19.

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Millerton foregoes July 4 plans for week-long Millerton 175 events

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton is foregoing celebrations on the 4th of July this year, opting instead to focus on plans for the 175th anniversary celebration.

The week-long celebration — set for July 11 to 19 — is packed with events at Eddie Collins Memorial Park and along Millerton's Main Street.

Opening day on Saturday, July 11, will kick off with a craft vendor fair at Eddie Collins Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park will also serve as a central hub for a community-wide flea market sponsored by environmental advocacy group North East/Millerton Climate Smart set for the same time.

The Millerton Moviehouse is set to show a free screening of the 1992 film "A League of their Own" at 10:30 a.m.

Kids are invited to "Touch a truck" at the Millerton firehouse on Century Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Shortly after those early-day events will be a parade down Millerton's Main Street at 3:30 p.m., followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for Millerton's new pool and



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Eddie Collins Memorial Park will serve as a central hub for Millerton's 175th anniversary celebration.

poolhouse at Eddie Collins Memorial Park at 4:30 p.m.

The groundbreaking ceremony will feature live music from Dutchess County-based band 5 Day Knights.

Sunday, July 12, in the park will feature a basketball tournament and a cornhole tournament.

The Millerton Inn is planning a special dinner on Monday, July 13, and a party on the front lawn on Wednesday, July 15.

The "Summer Stroll,"

which invites businesses along Main Street to participate in a block party, is set for Thursday, July 16. The annual event is sponsored by the Millerton Business Alliance.

The week culminates with the Millerton 175 Fair at Eddie Collins Memorial Park, beginning Friday, July 17, and running through Sunday, July 19.

Festivities at the park run from 2 p.m. to 10 on Friday, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. to 6 on Sunday.

Included at the fair will be

inflatable rides and games; a petting zoo; vendors selling goods, food and beer; commemorative merchandise and giveaways. Foregoing fireworks, the village is planning a drone light show where remote-controlled drones will perform a synchronized aerial display of images relating to Millerton's history.

All three days of the fair will feature live music, with performances running throughout the afternoons and evenings at the park.

Amenia Fire Co. plans parade, live music and fireworks for America 250

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Amenia Fire Company has taken on planning for a 4th of July Celebration at the firehouse on Mechanic Street this year.

An evening of food, games, live music and historical presentations is set for Saturday, July 4, at the Amenia firehouse on Mechanic Street. A parade is planned for 5:30 p.m., with lineup beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Old Route 22.

The highlight of the evening will be a fireworks display put on by the Amenia Fire Co. at 9 p.m.

Marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, foundational to the nation, the Amenia Historical Society has been actively planning, guided by Society President Judy Westfall.

Restoration of gravestones at the Old Amenia Burying Ground (1740) on North Road is ongoing, along with planned tree work to slow

deterioration due to weather and lichen growth.

Watch for the Amenia Historical Society float in the parade with prominent members to be seen sewing a flag or engaged in writing with a plumed pen. Amenia's first fire truck, a 1937 Sanford, now under restoration, may be feeling energetic enough to participate in the parade. Work continues on that feature.

There will also be music, the huge draw of the Amenia Fire Company's cook-out, and a large helping of community

and national spirit to bring neighbors together for patriotic family fun.

The Amenia Fire Co. is still accepting donations to help fund the event. Contact Scott Boardman at 845-518-6742 for more information about donating.

Community members are encouraged to sign up to drive a float in the parade. Those who are interested can sign up by following a QR code on a flyer posted to the Amenia Fire Co.'s Facebook page.

Stanford plans chicken dinner, fireworks and history for July 4 celebrations

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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STANFORD — Stanford will light up the skies for July 4th. The celebration is the tentpole event of the town's REV 250 programming, and took the combined efforts of the Stanford Fire Company, the Town of Stanford, Stanford Historical Society, and Stanford Grange #808.

At 8 p.m., attendees can watch the fireworks from Stanford Recreation Park or Town Hall. But before the fuse is lit, a barbecue chicken dinner will be hosted by the Stanford Fire Company. Grange Secretary Ryan Orton will read the Declaration of Independence at 5 p.m.,

followed by remarks from Town Councilmember Eric Haims.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids ages 6-16 if purchased in advance. Children under 5 eat free.

Stanford's REV 250 programming continues on July 18 with a lecture at the Stanford Library. A discussion on "Everyday Governance in Revolutionary Dutchess" will be led by Dillon Streifeneder from 7 p.m. to 8. Then, on Sept. 19, Streifeneder will return to the library with "Looking Backward, Looking Forward: Change and Continuity in Stanford, NY from the Revolution to the Era of Good Feelings." Both events are presented by the Stanford Historical Society.

No plans for America's 250th in Pine Plains

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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PINE PLAINS — Pine Plains has no fireworks planned for the nation's anniversary.

July 3 is another story — Mashomack Fish & Game will be ringing in America's 250th with pyrotechnics launched from their pre-serve off Route 82.

The Fourth itself will be marked by a different kind of celebration: it's the opening of Pine

Plains' new adult swim lane at Stissing Lake. This first phase will create a dedicated space, adjacent to the public beach, for swimmers to enter the water.

It's swim at your own risk — meaning there are no life guards on duty, and you must be 21 to enter. There are future plans for a permanent platform, but for now the entryway will be marked by a gap in the fence and a benthic barrier to tamp down aquatic vegetation.

Big Band Sound to take over Millbrook Bandshell for free concert July 4

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — Millbrook's July Fourth will be a group effort.

Fireworks will be set off by the Golf & Tennis Club at night. It's a members-only event — if you want to watch from inside. There will also be free live music from The Big Band Sound during the day, part of the summer concert programming organized by the Millbrook Arts Group.

The Big Band Sound is a 20-piece jazz orchestra specializing in classic swing and the big band era. The group consists of six saxophones,

four trombones, four trumpets, guitar, bass, piano, drums, and vocalists. The concert on July Fourth will feature music from the Great American Songbook, as well as a variety of big band classics. The band kicks off at 6 P.M., and admission is free.

The Millbrook Fire Department Carnival will return the following week. The carnival will bring food, games, and music to Franklin Avenue all weekend, starting at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, July 15 and staying open until midnight. Heavy Gauge will perform on Wednesday, with sets from DJ Johnny Mac and Rhythm and Brews on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

It all culminates with the Dutchess County Fireman's Convention Parade on Saturday, July 18.

The Millbrook Quaker Meeting House will also be offering free monthly tours throughout the summer and fall. On Sundays from 1 p.m.

to 4 starting July 12, the historic Nine Partners Meeting House on Church Street will open its doors to the public. The building was completed in 1780 and has a capacity of 1,000. Subsequent tours will take place on Aug. 9, Sept. 13, and Oct. 11.



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The Nine Partners meeting house on Church Street in Millbrook will host educational tours this summer.

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Sharon's forgotten animal pounds draw new attention

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON, Conn. — While many think of the “pound” as a place for stray dogs, a century and a half ago town pounds were a fixture of life in rural Connecticut, used to temporarily contain wandering livestock. Today, a Sharon resident is working to restore one of those long-forgotten stone enclosures.

Lynn Kearcher, a town selectman pursuing the project independently, has spent months restoring an old-fashioned pound on Sharon Mountain Road in an effort to preserve a little-known piece of the town's agrarian history.

“It's a structure that links us to our past in what was a very important period,” she said June 4, while pulling brush from the pound's low stone walls. The site, near the intersection of Sharon Mountain and Jackson Hill roads, is owned by three private landowners, all of whom have given permission for the effort.

The now-tidy plot looked very different just several months ago, Kearcher said. Since then, she, her husband, Carl Chalet, and other volunteers have spent many hours clearing weeds and brush, while several community members donated money to hire Applewood Tree Care to remove several dead trees from the site.

Kearcher is continuing to raise money to restore the pound to an appearance she believes reflects the dignity such a vestige of town history deserves.

In pre-barbed wire days, when farms were more nu-



Lynn Kearcher and her husband Carl Chalet pull brush from within the pound's walls just off Sharon Mountain Road. Kearcher said the boulder embedded in the slope at the back of the pound is a unique architectural feature.

merous and often smaller with limited means of monitoring livestock, New England towns built special corrals for animals on the loose. A resident known as the pound keeper rounded up rogue animals in a common pen. Farmers could either pay a fee to collect them or surrender them to the town, which could then auction the animals and keep the earnings.

Town pounds emerged in New England from the earliest days of livestock husbandry up until the late 19th century, and their importance in that era is hard to overstate, said history writer Matthew E. Thomas, author of a 2023 book on New England's remaining animal pounds.

“You had to have a pound to be able to prevent all of these different livestock animals from escaping from their farms and wreaking havoc in neighbors' prop-

erty, which did not make for good neighborly dealing sometimes,” Thomas said.

“These are wonderful monuments to the past,” he added, noting that a runaway cow could wreck someone's food stores for the hard winter ahead.

Thomas's research identified approximately 170 known pounds intact today in New England, but he said he's grateful to residents like Kearcher who show that there are likely many more lost to time in yards and woods across the region.

“It just makes it so much more meaningful to know that there are people out there that genuinely care about preserving our early American history,” he said.

Kearcher has identified two more suspected pounds nearby, with one hidden in the woods farther south on Sharon Road and the other sitting in a thicket next to

Fairchild Road. Both are located on land owned by the Sharon Land Trust, which has given permission for future restoration.

The goal, Kearcher said, is to protect these sites with an ordinance that would herald them as artifacts of Sharon's history, potentially dating back to the early 18th century. Kearcher has been communicating with the state archeologist to organize a visit that may shed some light on the specific stories of the structures.

For his part, Thomas said the pounds, while forgotten by many, are a strong reminder of a different way of living in the countryside: “A time,” he wrote, “when nearly all social, economic, religious and political issues were handled primarily at the local level.” In that bygone era, sometimes locking up a cow or pig for a few days was another means to keep the peace.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Puppet time

Puppet storytime at the Amenia Library on Saturday, June 6, attracted the interest of little Penh Tyree, 2, of Amenia. He was intrigued by the tale, “Friends in the Garden,” a story illustrated by hand-crafted puppets, thanks to the artistry and narration of Michelle Boynton, children's programming assistant. Concluding the event, Boynton read Robert Frost's poem, “Blue Butterfly Day.” Puppet storytime is offered monthly to a growing audience at the library.

Amenia recreation survey presentation set for June 13

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Consultants for the town are preparing for a public forum to present findings from a community-wide survey on recreation opportunities in Amenia.

After months of information gathering, the team of consultants from Nexus Creative Design will announce their findings and recommendations for the future scope of Amenia's recreation to be held on Saturday, June

13 at Webutuck High School. The program will begin at 10 a.m.

The research that has included a town-wide survey has been key to preparation of a Recreation Master Plan that will shape the future of parks and recreation in the town.

A 30-minute presentation will be followed by 30 minutes of questions and comments. Nexus Creative Design is a consulting firm based in Mt. Kisco, specializing in architectural design and planning services.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Kaits Kleaning LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 05-22-2026. Office Location: Dutchess county. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 24 Attlebury Hill Road, Standfordville NY 12581.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

A resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 21, 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 Pine Plains, in the County of Dutchess, 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 publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the

Constitution. MADELIN DAFOE, Town Clerk
Town of Pine Plains
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 21, 2026, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HIGHWAY MOWER AND ATTACHMENTS AND ISSUANCE OF A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND TO FINANCE SAID PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$159,953.14, AND THE TRANSFER OF \$42,100 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND \$10,000 FROM THE MACHINERY CAPITAL LINE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$212,053.14, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$159,953.14 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION. Object or purpose: Purchase of a highway mower and issuance of a statutory installment bond to finance said purchase in the amount not to exceed \$159,953.14

Period of probable usefulness: Eleven years
Amount of obligations to be issued: \$159,953.14
A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business

hours at the office of the Town Clerk, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. Dated: May 21, 2026
Town of Pine Plains, New York

06-11-26

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public hearing on the adoption of a for the Adoption a Local Law No. A of 2026 Entitled " A Local Law Amending Article XVIII, Section 275-116 of Chapter 275 of the Town Code" on June 18, at 7:05 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's official website and at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Any person desiring to be heard on the adoption of said Resolution shall be given an opportunity to do so. Dated: May 22, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS THE TOWN BOARD.

MADELIN DAFOE,
Town Clerk
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SECTION 001112
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THE TOWN OF AMENIA
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CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, and ELECTRICAL Work for New Highway Garage & Salt Shed located at 3754-3756 NYS RTE 22, Wassaic, New York, 12569. Separate sealed bids will be received by Town of Amenia at 4988 NY-22, Amenia, NY 12501, until 1:00 p.m. local time on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received at the designated location prior to the designated time that bids are due. Complete sets of the drawings, specifications, and bid forms, becoming available to the public on **Thursday, June 11, 2026** and may be viewed and downloaded at www.cplteamplanroom.com under the 'New York' section. A Pre-Bid Meeting for the Project will be conducted by the Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 9:00 am, local time, at 3754-3756 NYS RTE 22, Wassaic, NY 12592. Bidders shall promptly notify the architect if any errors, omissions, conflicts, ambiguity, etc. within the contract documents. The above item and/or questions shall be submitted in writing via email to JDirocco@cplteam.com.

Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary will be issued via Addenda posted to the CPL planroom website at www.cplteamplanroom.com. Questions must be received on or before 12:00 p.m., EST, **Friday, June 26, 2026**. Questions received after this date may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Where state and local requirements differ from federal, the federal requirements shall be followed. Final addenda will be issued by end of day on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**. The Town of Amenia hereby reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all Bids or to accept the one that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Town of Amenia. A Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bid is required and must accompany proposal. Performance Bond and Labor Material Payment Bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of Contract Sum are required to be delivered at time Contract is signed with Owner. Attention of the Bidder is particularly called to the following:

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 5. Lists of lawsuits, arbitrations or other proceedings in which the Bidder has been named as a party.
 6. A statement of Surety's intent to issue Performance and Payment Bonds.
 7. A description of other projects of similar size and scope completed by the Bidder.
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REGIONAL

Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show draws record crowd

By JENNIFER ALMQUIST
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. – Sunshine, laughter and hundreds of wagging tails filled Lime Rock Park Sunday, June 7, for The Great Country Mutt Show, an annual fundraiser for the Little Guild animal shelter located in West Cornwall. Attendance more than doubled from last year, with approximately 1,500 people turning out for the free event alongside their four-legged companions.

"This year's Great Country Mutt Show was the most successful in the event's history," said Jenny Langendoerfer, executive director of The Little Guild. She said the record attendance "speaks volumes about the love of animals in our community and the tremendous support shown for the Little Guild and its mission."

The giant tent, silhouetted against a wide blue sky, began filling just before the 11 a.m. opening. The "tongue-in-cheek, Westminster-style" dog show was originally conceived by renowned designer and animal advocate Bunny Williams.

WFSB meteorologist Scot Haney returned as host, joined by judges Richard Schlesinger, an Emmy-Award winning journalist with CBS News, and Bill Berloni, the well-known animal trainer who trained the first Sandy for the Broadway show "Annie," proving that rescue animals can become stars.

People of all ages lined up with their dogs, which were leashed and eager to strut their stuff in contests throughout the day. Children held pets in their arms, some owners sported matching outfits with their canine companions, and despite the crowd, there was not a growl or skirmish amongst the dogs. Dogs of every size and breed filled the grounds, including towering Bernese Mountain dogs, tiny chihuahuas tucked into shoulder carriers, whiskery terriers, long-haired dachshunds, happy retrievers, bulldogs, one Bassett hound and countless mixed breeds.

Co-Chairs Robin Chandler and Chet Krayewski said

they were pleased with the event's success. Members of the board filled different roles, along with many volunteers, plus the staff of the Little Guild.

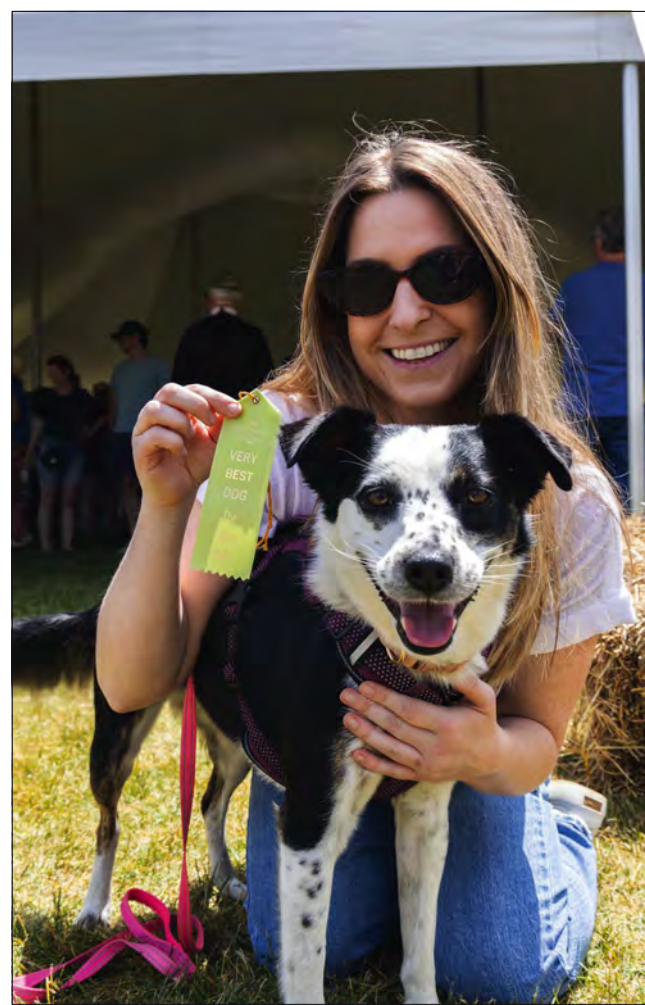
Langendoerfer also expressed special thanks to Tracy Tucker and Joel Howard for their support of a gala held the night before at Norfolk Country Club.

New this year was a hospitality tent, suggested by Bunny Williams, where dogs could cool off at their own water station while visitors enjoyed food trucks, a mobile pizza oven and live music by The Joint Chiefs. Vendors offered dog-themed merchandise.

Awards were presented to the Most Unidentifiable Mix, Sweetest Pair of Dogs, Best Ears, Best Trick, Best Companion/Family Member, Best Lap Dog Over 40 Pounds, Best Kisser, Waggiest Tail, and Best in Show. While the winners received blue ribbons, each registered dog received a commemorative ribbon.



Deacon Geremino and dog Rigby, a doberman competing in the "Best Trick" category.



PHOTOS BY MADI LONG

Riley and owner, Lexi Warzecho, show off their ribbon earned in the "Most Unidentifiable Breed" category.



Competitors show off their "Best Trick" in front of Judge and Channel 3 Meteorologist, Scot Haney.



Deacon and his best buddy, Rigby.

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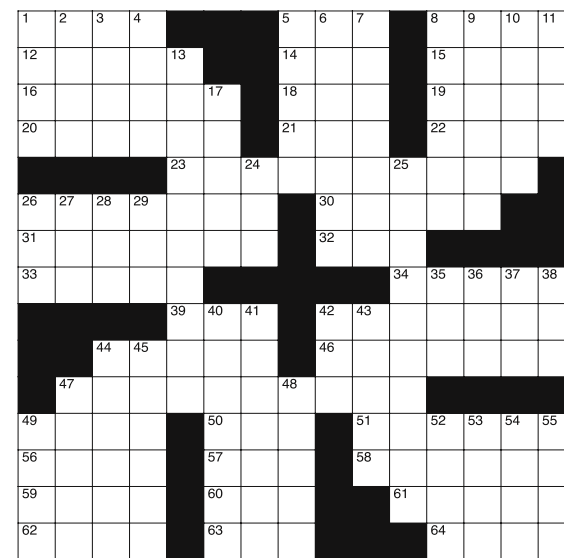
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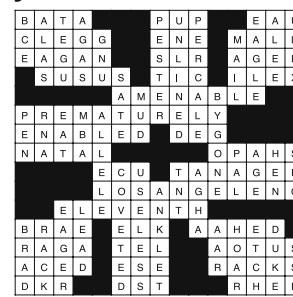
CLUES ACROSS

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5. Large sandwich
8. Swiss city
12. Japanese persimmons
14. When you hope to get somewhere
15. Wings
16. A name of God
18. Elected official (informal)
19. Abnormal breathing
20. "Seinfeld" character
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Something for sale
23. Gets rid of
26. One who touts
30. Blemished
31. Less than exciting
32. Born of
33. N. German town
34. Notes
39. Move away from land
42. Vulcanite
44. More ignoble
46. Child actor Kirk
47. Written works
49. Sea vessel
50. Residue
51. Engraved
56. Having sufficient skill
57. One and only
58. Erase
59. Broad inlets
60. Nightmarish street
61. Play again
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Add a color to change the color
64. Move swiftly and lightly



17. Greek mythological beauty
24. Wrath
25. Instrument to measure wind speed
26. Luxury carmaker
27. Bitterly regret
28. Not or
29. Google certification
35. Midway between northeast and east
36. Space station
37. Relating to the ears
38. Congressman
40. Yelled at
41. Rudely assertive
42. Defunct European money
43. Shared one's soul
44. Onion rolls
45. A way to state clearly
47. Relating to a lobe
48. Underlying message
49. Hollywood pig
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55. Diminish

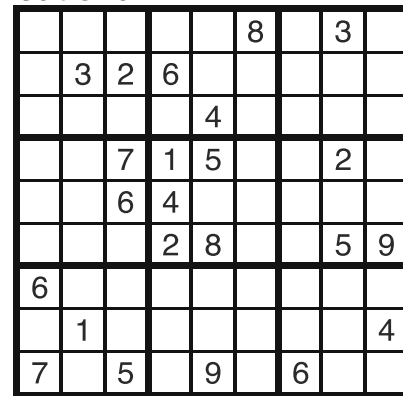
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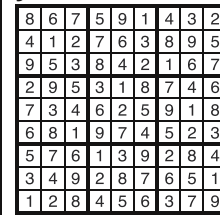
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2. River in the Netherlands
3. Asian people
4. Fuzzy fruit
5. Ninth month (abbr.)
6. An idealistic social reformer
7. What you owe
8. Colorless mineral
9. Overjoyed
10. Rattling breaths
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. A citizen of Senegal

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June 4 Solution



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OUR TOWNS

Stanford home prices stay level on lower volume

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in the Town of Stanford was \$675,000 for the period ending May 31, 2026, a figure that includes everything from modest homes on small lots to large estates on significant acreage.

That median is 13% higher than the \$600,000 recorded for the 12 months ending May 31, 2025, and 31% above the \$515,000 median reported for the 2023-24 period. Stanford's highest 12-month trailing median price over the past decade was \$712,500, reached in November 2025.

Sales volume remained near the low end of its three-year range of 30 to 45 annual sales and well below the 80 sales recorded during the first six months of 2021. A total of 32



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This multi-family investment property on 216 Hobbs Lane sold for \$357,840 and the adjoining property on 4.8 acres sold for \$494,160 on May 21, 2026, in separate transactions.

single-family homes sold in the 12 months ending May 31, 2026, down from 43 during the prior 12-month period but above the 27 sales recorded for the 12 months ending May 31, 2024.

Inventory has risen slightly this year. As of early June, 10 single-family homes were listed for sale, seven of them priced above \$1 million and

three below that mark. Land inventory remained especially limited, with only two parcels listed on the MLS, priced at \$250,000 and \$300,000.

March, April, May 2026 sales

310 Carpenter Hill Road — 5 bedroom/5.5 bath home on 24+ acres built in 1993 sold on March 9, 2026, for \$4.97

million.
6099 Route 82 — Live/work space plus a 1,755 square foot body shop on 0.34 acres sold on April 10 for \$300,000.

1665 Bulls Head Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath sold on 5.75 acres sold on May 8, 2026 for \$558,000.

220-224 Hobbs Lane — single family home plus a rental unit on 4.8 acres sold on May 21, 2026, for \$494,160.

216 and 216B Hobbs Lane — 4 bedroom/2 bath two family on 4.4 acres sold on May 21, 2026 for \$357,840.

* Town of Stanford property sales for March, April and May 2026 are sourced from First Key MLS. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Current market data from One Key MLS and Infosparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report May 28 to June 3

May 28 — Deputies responded to Lakeview Drive in the Town of Pawling for a fraud complaint. The caller reported being the victim of an on-line bank fraud scheme. Investigation on-going.

May 28 — Deputies charged John Able, age 30, with operating a motor vehicle without a license following a traffic stop on Route 22 in the Town of Dover. Able is to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

May 30 — Deputy Sherrer reports the arrest of Robert E. Gover, age 62, for driving without a license, and Operating a Motor Vehicle without an Ignition Interlock Device subsequent to a traffic stop on

Route 22 in Amenia. Gover to appear in the Town of Amenia court at a later date.

May 31 — Deputies responded to Willow Ln in the Town of Amenia to investigate a disturbance. Situation mediated by patrol.

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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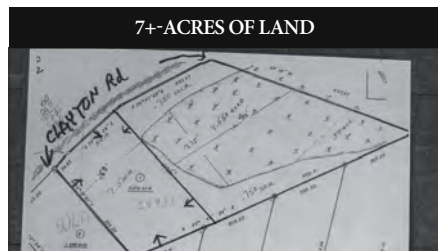
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