

OUR TOWNS

Lakeville Journal Street Fair brings together nonprofits for day of local fun

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SALISBURY, Conn. — Live music, lobster rolls, face painting and a mix of local nonprofit organizations filled Academy Street in downtown Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 8, for the fifth annual street fair hosted by The Lakeville Journal.

Audrey Cole of the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA) was on site with information on the often-bewildering subject of Medicare.

Cole, who lives in Sharon, said the WCAAA is a nonprofit serving 41 towns in Western Connecticut with Medicare counseling, Alzheimer’s care, caregiver support, meals, transportation, chore assistance and more.

Medicare is always a hot topic, she said, in part because figuring out which program to choose — and when to sign up — can be difficult.

“There are lots of deadlines, lots of programs,” she said.

The advantage in asking WCAAA for help, Cole said, is its independence.

“We work for the taxpayers. We don’t steer anyone in any direction.”

Cole said the two big questions someone new to Medicare needs to answer are “How is your overall health?” and “What is your financial situation?”

Nearby, Danny Tieger was tuning his guitar in anticipation of a crowd of youngsters eager to hear live music. When they appeared, he had them brainstorm about what kind of animal they’d like to hear a song about. As the children pitched ideas, Tieger drew rapidly on a sketchpad propped up on an easel for everyone to see.

The children came up with a combination of a lion, a bird



Luiza, 6; Cecilia, 4; Nathan, 4; and Aria, 6, show off their face paint and balloon animals during the fifth annual Lakeville Journal Street Fair on Aug. 8.

and an alligator.

Some people might find that melange a little daunting, but Tieger immediately launched into a song, made up on the spot.

“What’s our alligator-bird-lion’s name?” he asked.

“Chomps,” said a little boy.

“Chomps it is,” Tieger replied.

In the parking lot of Johnnycake Books, Linda Ciano, director of community engagement for Project SAGE, greeted visitors beneath a large tent.

The Lakeville-based nonprofit domestic violence agency has two fundraisers currently underway. “The Bling’s the Thing” offers jewelry donated by supporters at bargain prices, while a five-dollar bill gets shoppers an extra sturdy, large blue Project SAGE tote bag.

Project SAGE is also sponsoring a community art project and inviting anyone to participate — no artistic skills required. The results will be displayed at an event at the Scoville Memorial Library on Sunday, Sept. 13.

At the Salisbury Association, Lou Bucceri held forth on a range of local history, from Salisbury’s iron industry and the role of its cannons in the

American Revolution to the Holley knife collection and Ethan Allen’s insistence on being inoculated against smallpox by his friend Dr. Thomas Young of Amenia Union.

The idea of deliberately injecting a healthy person with a small amount of a disease was very new and, to many, seemed unwise if not downright evil. So Allen got his smallpox inoculation on the steps on the Congregational Church on a Sunday, for maximum publicity.

“And he was hauled into court on a charge of blasphemy,” Bucceri said.

Allen subsequently beat the charge.

Around 1 p.m. John Keilty of Litchfield took over the live music duties. He set up a Bo Diddley beat on one note, turning it into a repeating motif recorded electronically. He then soloed over it, soaring off in unexpected directions before bringing it back to the riff.

Keilty said his primary job is running a guitar repair business. He plays in a couple of bands, including Shake the Dust out of Litchfield.

“We call ourselves the Farm Band, because we always seem to play events held at farms,” he said.



Members of the Dover Guitar Club prepare for a performance.

Dover High School’s Guitar Club prepares for Community Day performance

By LUCIA IANDOLO
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DOVER PLAINS — Members of Dover High School’s Guitar Club are tuning up for another community performance as they prepare to take the stage at Dover Community Day on Sept. 19.

Since 2019, the club has given students a place to learn guitar, perform live and build confidence while giving back to the community. Led by Dover High School social studies teacher Eric Anderson, students meet after school to learn new music, rehearse and perform at school and community events.

What began as a club where students played guitar and watched music documentaries quickly evolved into a

regular rehearsal group focused on learning songs and performing for audiences. Their first concert, scheduled for March 13, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the students eventually made a name for themselves by performing in the community when many live music events had been canceled.

The club’s mission is rooted in community service, and members have performed at multiple fundraising events for residents and members of the school district

“A lot of our biggest acts and the things that we spend a lot of the year preparing for are these bigger events that support the community,” Anderson said.

Some of the students in

Guitar Club have even started their own band and written original music. The band, Due Date, consists of Guitar Club members who now write and produce their own music. Due Date has performed as a group through Guitar Club, but additionally put on performances in the community at quinceañeras and the Dover Legacy Racing Cars & Guitars show.

Aiden Austin is a rising senior at Dover High School and a member of Due Date. He said Guitar Club had an impact on the group’s overall confidence and aided in preparation efforts for shows.

“The ability for me to even play at a show when I was a freshman is insane,” Austin said, “That’s why I am super grateful for Guitar Club.”

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Developers plan to convert a 1920s farmhouse on the former Green Briar Nursing Home campus in Millbrook into apartment buildings.

Developers plan apartments at former Green Briar nursing home

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — A developer has submitted plans to renovate the old Green Briar Adult Home into residences.

Developers Kingston Investors tentatively plan to build 16 rental units, utilizing the existing farmhouse and rebuilding an addition for the apartments. Currently there are no plans for affordable housing units, but the new owners say they're open to discussions. The existing building footprint is about 15,000 square feet, and the new developments will be about the same size.

Green Briar's closure concluded a 40 year run as a nursing home and assisted living facility. Prior to closing, Green Briar had been marred by disputes between the home's residents and their neighbors.

Accusations of lawbreaking, drunken behavior, and frequent police activity led to calls for a stricter vetting process. In 2018, a Green Briar resident was arrested for theft from a neighboring property. A member of the nursing home's staff member was arrested that same

year for sexually assaulting a Green Briar resident.

In 2019, police and rescue squads frequented the property to break up fights and conduct psychiatric evaluations.

The property was closed by the Department of Health in 2023.

After the closure, the property fell into disrepair. The 4-acre property, located at 26 Old Route 82, consists of two adjoining structures: a farmhouse dating back to the 1920s and a 1970s addition.

Kingston Investors acquired the former nursing home for \$400,000 in January 2026. "We saw a neglected property in need of transformation that could provide much needed housing to the local community," said the company's vice president David Krulewitch. "We do not plan to run a healthcare facility at the site."

Kingston Investors hired Millbrook's Sloan Architects to reimagine the space for residential apartments. "Our current thinking is to rehabilitate the 1920s farmhouse into rental apartments, demolish the 1970s structure, and build additional rental apartments in its place,"

Krulewitch said. "Our design intends to blend in with the country aesthetic of the surrounding community." The two northern acres abutting neighboring properties will remain as open space.

In July, Kingston and Sloan Architects presented their proposal to the Town of Washington Planning Board in a pre-application meeting. The application emphasized that the plan "preserves open space, reduces the existing lot coverage by 3% compared to existing conditions, and enables a transformation of a blighted property."

Having received positive feedback, the developers are now working with land use counsel to further refine the plans. Krulewitch said they hope to reappear before the Planning Board in the fall with revised designs.

Town Board awards construction contracts for new town garage

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Construction plans for a new town garage complex, including a salt shed, moved ahead as the Town Board awarded construction contracts to a number of companies at their regular meeting on Thursday, August 6. The vote was unanimous.

Construction Manager for the project Palumbo Group recommended that contracts totaling \$8 million be awarded to three companies. Mid-Hudson Construction Management is contracted for \$6,353,470. Successful bidders for specialty contracts were S&O Construction Services for both HVAC installation and plumbing at a total of \$1,077,207 and LBS 2020 for electrical work at a cost of \$750,000.

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.

Westerly Ridge property
Discussion continued about a proposed gift to the town of property at 108 Westerly Ridge. The question posed by Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm was whether

the Town Board was willing to entertain the idea of the gift and all councilmembers indicated that willingness.

Two questions that had been raised were whether the homeowners' association at Westerly Ridge had approved the idea and whether the Dutchess County Land Conservancy had ruled on it.

Town Board attorney Ian Lindars said that he had recently received the conservation easement paperwork and planned to review it and report to the board at its next meeting.

During the Town Board meeting of July 23 Sharon resident Carol Flaton had introduced her planned donation of a 27-acre parcel that would be designated for conservation. Flaton has owned the parcel for more than a month and she seeks to complete the property transfer before the end of the year.

The property is the final piece of the ridgeline. Accepting the gift would ensure that the entire ridge would forever be protected from development.

"That piece of property is close to my heart," Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm had commented at the July 23 meeting, recalling that her grandfather had farmed it and her father had been raised on the farm.

The property faced controversy in recent years over proposed construction. In 2023, Amenia's Planning

Board approved plans for a home on the property that were then challenged in Dutchess County Supreme Court and embroiled in years of litigation.

Carol Flaton purchased the property in July from Cameron and Liza Smith, according to public deeds available on the Dutchess County Clerk's website. The Smiths intended to build a house on the property but plans stalled after neighboring property owner Barbara Meili sued to halt construction in 2023.

The court rejected Meili's complaint in 2025, triggering an appeal from Meili. That appeal was rescinded in April.

New billing system for Water District

In response to a need for an automated meter reading, billing and payment system for Water District customers, the Town Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Muni-Link for those services.

The new system will allow for on-line payment of water bills, a convenience that has frequently been requested.

To implement the new system, Muni-Link will charge a one-time fee of \$12,000, including three years of historical customer usage data and all training. Going forward, the town water district will pay a \$650 monthly fee for up to 300 customer accounts, although the number of users will be unlimited under the fee schedule.

Dutchess County Fair set for Aug. 25-30

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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The Dutchess County Fair returns Aug. 25 to 30 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. It's an event that has run for over 180 years, and has become the premiere celebration of agriculture in the region.

The fair was first held in Pleasant Valley before moving to its current site on Route 9 in Rhinebeck. The fair has become one of the county's largest annual events, and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

The 2026 program includes the fair's mix of agricultural competitions, livestock judging, and horticultural exhibits, along with a one-room schoolhouse and an Antique Village Museum. The schoolhouse, which dates back to 1881, was originally

located in Pine Plains. It was abandoned in the 1940s before being purchased and transported to the fairgrounds in 2004.

Other attractions include Livestock Hill — 12 acres dedicated to showcasing the finest in local livestock. It includes barns housing dairy cows, cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, and more, along with milking demonstrations, a wool workroom, and sheep shearing.

Family activities include petting zoos with domestic and exotic animals, racing pigs, and dock diving dogs. The AgriVenture activity area includes a mock farm where children ages 3-10 can see how food is grown and sold. The kids can dig up potatoes from a sandbox, shear a wooden sheep, pick apples from a plywood tree, and milk "Dutchess" the cow.

Over 50 carnival rides will run throughout the fair. More than 100 food vendors are expected, and vendor rows will include artisans selling goods such as leather items, soaps, jewelry, and meat raised on local farms.

There's also an emphasis on historical agriculture. A working sugar house, cider mill, and blacksmith shop are available to tour. Other artifacts include a turn-of-the-century printing press, firefighter's museum, and a historic train station transported from Pleasant Valley.

The Grandstand lineup has musical acts lined up for the fair's first five nights. Country star Chase Matthews will kick things off at 7:30 on August 25. He'll be followed on subsequent nights by southern rockers 38 Special, Nashville's Journey From the Heart, cover band

Almost Queen, and troubadour Tyler Braden.

The last day's festivities will trade music for cowpokes: the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo will take place at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The fair's annual livestock auction is scheduled for Saturday, August 29. The auction is organized in part through 4-H and FFA programs and draws farm families from across the county.

Gates open at 10 a.m. daily, and close at 10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Sunday ends slightly earlier at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, or \$18 at the gate. Admission is free for children under 11. Ride-all-day wristbands are \$33 in advance and \$40 at the gate. Parking is free, and a shuttle offers service from the Poughkeepsie MTA station.

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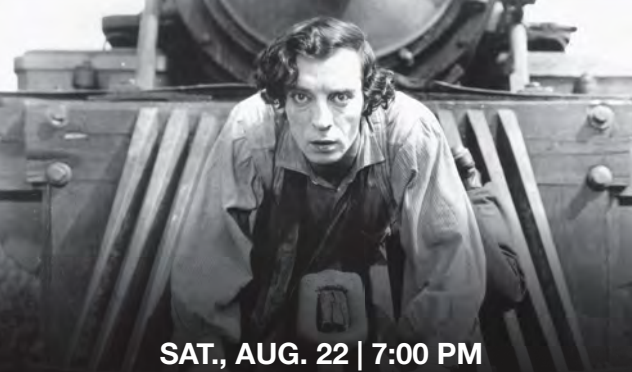
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Samuel Marshall Busselle

MILLERTON — Sam Busselle, Millerton resident for 50 years who dedicated himself to connecting people and improving life in his community, died peacefully July 31, 2026, at Woodland Pond, New Paltz, New York. Born in 1940, he was the son of architect



Alfred Busselle and educator Martha Knapp Busselle. He grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, where he graduated from the Lawrenceville School and then Yale University, which he attended on a swimming scholarship, followed by a master's degree from the Yale School of Architecture. He then taught high school for several years in the Boston area, where he met his wife, Rebecca.

Sam, Rebecca, and her 7-year-old son Wynne moved to Manhattan, quickly expanding their family with the birth of Katrina and Max, all the while gut-renovating a floor of an abandoned SRO on St. Mark's Place. Weekdays Sam left the lively East Village neighborhood by bicycle to work uptown on Fifth Avenue for the General Learning Corporation in the environmental services division. On weekends he tore down plaster walls, laid flooring, built bookcases, plumbed a kitchen and bathroom, and cut a door to a sizable outdoor rooftop where the family grew tomatoes, and the kids splashed in a plastic swimming pool. Strapped into kiddie seats on their parents' bikes, with Wynne in the lead, the family explored New York City and picnicked in its parks.

After a few years, time came for a change. The family moved to Bo, Sierra Leone, West Africa, where they spent three extraordinary years as Peace Corps volunteers. As Architect for the Southern Province, Sam taught drafting to young men desperate for skills that might lead to jobs. He oversaw simple construction projects fashioning blocks on site, and built a factory and the first ever morgue for the Bo Government Hospital. The Peace Corps experience permanently shaped his worldview and commitment to making a difference.

Dependent on a small Peace Corps readjustment allowance, with no jobs and no place to live, Sam and family returned to the United States during a recession in 1975. After a year renting in Stan-fordville, they turned to Millerton and found a tumbledown house that had been a two-room farmstead built around 1790 and expanded a century later. A weed field with clumps of burdock surrounded the dirt driveway. Dark cement stucco covered the house. Inside were greasy kitchen walls, and a cabinet door dangled by its hinges. A family with 10 children had vacated after two second floor ceilings collapsed. But always forward thinking, Sam noted hand-hewn beams and, under bright red paint, an original brick chimney wall and Dutch oven. Worn lino-

leum gave him little hope for good floors beneath, but the attic held wide oak boards. Sam knew the house bones were venerable and solid. He had found a lifelong renovation, re-renovation, and maintenance project. He set to work making a home and finding a role in his new community.

He took a job with the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities as an architect/planner for the Wassaic Developmental Center campus, which had been mandated to upgrade or close. Twenty years later he retired after working tirelessly to move residents out of an isolating institution into community homes. He followed that with a planning role at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center, while giving much time and thought to problems in the Dutchess County criminal justice system.

Sam's volunteer roles began with a seat on the North East Town Board, followed by years on the Planning Board. But his deepest satisfaction came from co-founding, with Wendy Curtis, the North East Community Council, a group dedicated to improving local access to County agencies in this rural area. That group secured funding, acquired a building and became the thriving North East Community Center.

Sam loved the rural life. He enjoyed splitting logs for the wood stoves, tended a vegetable garden, and got a kick out of briefly owning an aged tractor and a rickety pickup truck. He swam in any body of water he could find, rowed a scull on twin lakes, rollerbladed and biked on the Rail Trail, and hiked the nearby mountains. He loved Tanglewood, Music Mountain, Norfolk chamber music, and opera in Manhattan. He and Rebecca traveled in Europe, Africa, Japan, and Indonesia. He took never ending pleasure in his children and grandchildren. And just as he loved uniting people in a common cause, he loved a good party.

Admired and beloved by many, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rebecca, of Millerton, New York; his son Wynne Morris and wife Suzanne of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; daughter Katrina Busselle and husband Ney Marks da Silva of Cold Spring, New York; and son Max Busselle and wife Juliet of Los Angeles, California; his twin sister Harriet Barrow of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, and sister Polly Bishop of Brooksville, Maine. He was predeceased by sister Lucy Myers. He will be dearly missed by his five adored grandchildren, Nick, Julia, Olivia, William and Alexandra, and nieces and nephews, Whit, Steve, Rob, Samantha, and Scott and their families.

A gathering will be held to celebrate Sam's life at 1 PM on Sunday, August 30, 4511 Route 199, Millerton. Kindly respond to Rebecca, beccabuss@gmail.com. Donations in his memory may be made to the North East Community Center, www.neccmillerton.org.

Edith May Haskell Gorat

WEST CORNWALL — Edith (Edie) May Haskell Gorat passed away July 7, 2026, after a short illness. She had attended Sharon Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She enjoyed flower gardening and baking.

She is survived by her daughter, Edith May (Chicky) Gorat of Idaho and a son Peter Gorat Jr. of West Cornwall, three grandchildren, Nicole, Danielle and Peter Gorat, a sister, Olive Haskell Goddard of Cape Cod, and a brother John Haskell of Kent and several

MILLERTON — Our precious Olly Josiah Rea, beloved son, cherished brother, treasured grandson, and dearly loved by so many, went home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 25, 2026, at just two years old.

Though his time on earth was far too brief, Olly's life overflowed with joy, laughter, and unconditional love. He filled every room with his contagious smile, infectious giggle, and endless curiosity. His joyful spirit had a way of drawing people to him, and it was impossible not to smile in his presence.

Born on July 17, 2024, to Johnathan and Darryl Sue (Lasko) Rea, Olly was happiest simply being with the people he loved. Whether enjoying family vacations, running through church hallways with an ear-to-ear grin, or making everyone around him laugh with his playful personality, he embraced childhood with a joy that was unmistakably his own.

Olly delighted in the simple things that make childhood so special. He loved Mickey Mouse, Lightning McQueen and his friends from Cars, dinosaurs, and every opportunity to be surrounded by family and friends. Whether excitedly saying, "Ready, go", curiously asking, "Ooh, what's that?", pointing off into the middle distance, making "vroom-vroom" sounds as he raced



his toy trucks across the floor, or doing his happy twist, Olly embraced each day with wonder and excitement. He loved watching airplanes soar overhead, eagerly searching the sky whenever he heard one. He found endless joy splashing in the water, pulling his favorite wagon, and never wanted his carousel rides to end.

He never shied away from a camera, saying, "Cheese!", leaving behind countless photographs that beautifully tell the story of a little boy whose radiant smile could brighten anyone's day. Olly was the epitome of a daddy's boy, and loved to be in his father's arms, always reaching for him with a beckoning wave to be picked up. He also had a particular talent for finding the frosting on a cupcake—often preferring generous handfuls of icing while leaving the cake behind—a memory that will forever bring both smiles and tears to those who loved him.

One of Olly's favorite places was his church. From his earliest days, he was raised in a home where Christ was known, loved, and faithfully served. He grew up surrounded by parents who taught him about the love of Jesus and by a church family that treasured him as one of their own. He especially loved the attention of the older girls at church, who

Astrid Daphne Satre

SALISBURY — Astrid Daphne Satre passed away peacefully on July 25, 2026, in Sarasota, Florida, after spending the last year and a half at a rehabilitation center. She was 87 years old.

Born on April 11, 1939, in Salisbury, Connecticut, Astrid was the only daughter of Astri and Magnus Satre. Her parents emigrated from Norway in the early 1900s and settled in Twin Lakes, Connecticut, where she spent her childhood surrounded by the beauty of the Berkshire foothills and the rich Norwegian heritage that remained an important part of her identity throughout her life.

Gifted with artistic talent from an early age, Astrid attended the University of Denver, where she earned a degree in Art. She began her professional career in New York City as a commercial artist, but her adventurous spirit soon led her in a different direction.

In 1963, Astrid joined Norwegian Cruise Line, embarking on an extraordinary chapter of her life. She sailed around the world six times, visiting countless countries and experiencing cultures across the globe. Along the way, she formed lifelong friendships with people who remained dear to her throughout her life.

In 1969, Astrid married and later became the proud mother of two children, Vibeke and Vidar. After her

marriage ended, she devoted herself to raising her children on her own in Norway. Her strength, determination, and unwavering love provided them with a secure and caring home, and her example of resilience left a lasting impression on both of them.

In 2005, Astrid returned to the United States to reconnect with her roots. She divided her time between Connecticut and Florida, enjoying the changing seasons of New England and the warmth of the Florida sunshine. It truly gave her the best of both worlds.

Creativity remained a constant throughout Astrid's life. Whether through drawing, quilting, or sewing, she found joy in making beautiful things with her hands. Her artistic eye, patience, and attention to detail were evident in everything she created, and many family members and friends will cherish the quilts and handmade gifts she lovingly shared.

Astrid will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, her creativity, her quiet strength, and her deep love for her family and friends. From a small town in Connecticut to voyages across the world's oceans, she lived a life filled with curiosity, courage, and meaningful connections.

She is survived by her daughter, Vibeke; her son, Vidar; and many dear friends in both the United States and Norway whose lives were enriched by her kindness, warmth, and enduring friendship.

Her family finds comfort in knowing that her remarkable journey came full circle—from the Norwegian heritage that shaped her family, to a life that crossed oceans, and finally back to the country where her story began.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Olly Josiah Rea

eagerly played with him, loved on him, and delighted in every hug, laugh, and mischievous smile. To them, he was much more than a little boy—he was their little buddy.

Although his time with us lasted only two short years, Olly's life was rich in laughter, hugs, adventures, faith, and unconditional love. His joyful spirit, radiant smile, and precious life will forever remain woven into the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved brothers, Cory and Levi; his loving parents, Johnathan and Darryl Sue (Lasko) Rea; maternal grandmother, Susan (Cahill) Lasko; paternal grandmother, Brenda (Senter) Stewart; paternal grandparents, Jimmy and Frances (Tapia) Rea; paternal great-grandparents, Stanley and Margaret (Brennan) Senter; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and countless friends who loved him dearly.

Among those welcoming him into Heaven were his maternal grandfather, Darryl Lasko; maternal great-grandfather, William J. Lasko Sr; maternal great-grandmother, Doris (Hanaburgh) Lasko;

maternal great-grandfather, Joseph T. Cahill Jr; maternal great-grandmother, Vivian (Deats) Cahill; paternal great-grandmother, Sally Garcia; maternal great-uncle, Daniel; paternal great-uncle, Robert, and great-aunt, Patsy.

Family and friends were warmly invited to celebrate Olly's beautiful life on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York, for a celebration of his life party at 10:30 a.m. done by Pastor William Mayhew.

All were invited to fellowship with us as we continue celebrating Olly's life with cake, balloons, and the joyful sharing of memories. Just as Olly delighted in life's simple joys, we invite everyone to celebrate this beautiful little boy who brought so much happiness to all who knew him.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Copake, New York.

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EDITORIAL

Growing the next generation of local journalists

Every summer, our newsroom becomes more than a place where stories are written—it becomes a classroom, a workshop, and, we hope, the starting point for future careers in local journalism.

This year, eight interns joined The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News for an intensive six-week experience that immersed them in community reporting. Three were high school students attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School, The Hotchkiss School and Loomis Chaffee School. The remaining five were college students from Ithaca College, Marist University, the University of Connecticut, Loyola University and Northwestern University. Although they arrived with different backgrounds and varying levels of journalism experience, they all shared a connection to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut or neighboring Dutchess County and a curiosity about the communities most call home.

Rather than watching from the sidelines, the interns became part of the newsroom. They covered local events, interviewed residents, wrote feature stories, attended meetings, and worked alongside our editors and reporters as they learned how local journalism comes together—from the first interview to the final edit. Along the way, they discovered that reporting is equal parts preparation, persistence, curiosity and listening.

Their education extended well beyond reporting assignments. Throughout the summer, community leaders and media professionals volunteered their time to lead weekly workshops on subjects that every journalist should understand.

Attorney and LJMN Media Inc. board member Devereaux Chatillon explored media law and intellectual property. Veteran photographer Anne Day shared practical techniques for creating stronger images, even using a smartphone. Francesca Donner, former gender editor at The New York Times and founder of The Persistent, challenged the interns to think critically about representation in journalism. Compass editor Natalia Zukerman discussed the art of interviewing, while our news editors Christian Murray, Aly Morrissey and Nathan Miller offered practical lessons in reporting, feature writing and the newsroom process.

Perhaps the greatest lessons, however, came from simply being out in the community.

Several interns told us they now pay far more attention to what’s happening around them than they did before the program. Others said the experience pushed them beyond their comfort zones, whether that meant approaching strangers for interviews or covering busy public events. One intern joked about discovering “there can be a lot of drama over a tennis court,” a reminder that every community has stories waiting to be uncovered. Another described the experience as “breaking the bubble”—seeing familiar towns through fresh eyes and recognizing the people and issues that shape everyday life.

This week, each intern shares what they learned during the summer on pages B1 and B2.

Programs like this depend on people who know that local journalism matters. We are deeply grateful to the William and Mary Greve Foundation and individual donors for their generous support of this year’s summer internship program. We also welcomed one intern through our partnership with Marist University, another investment in developing future journalists.

That investment couldn’t be more important.

Strong communities need strong, reliable local reporting and coverage of town halls, school boards, housing, healthcare, environmental issues, local businesses, sports, and the countless stories that rarely make national headlines but shape daily life here.

The newsroom will feel a little quieter when they head back to school, but we have every reason to believe we’ll be hearing from many of them again.

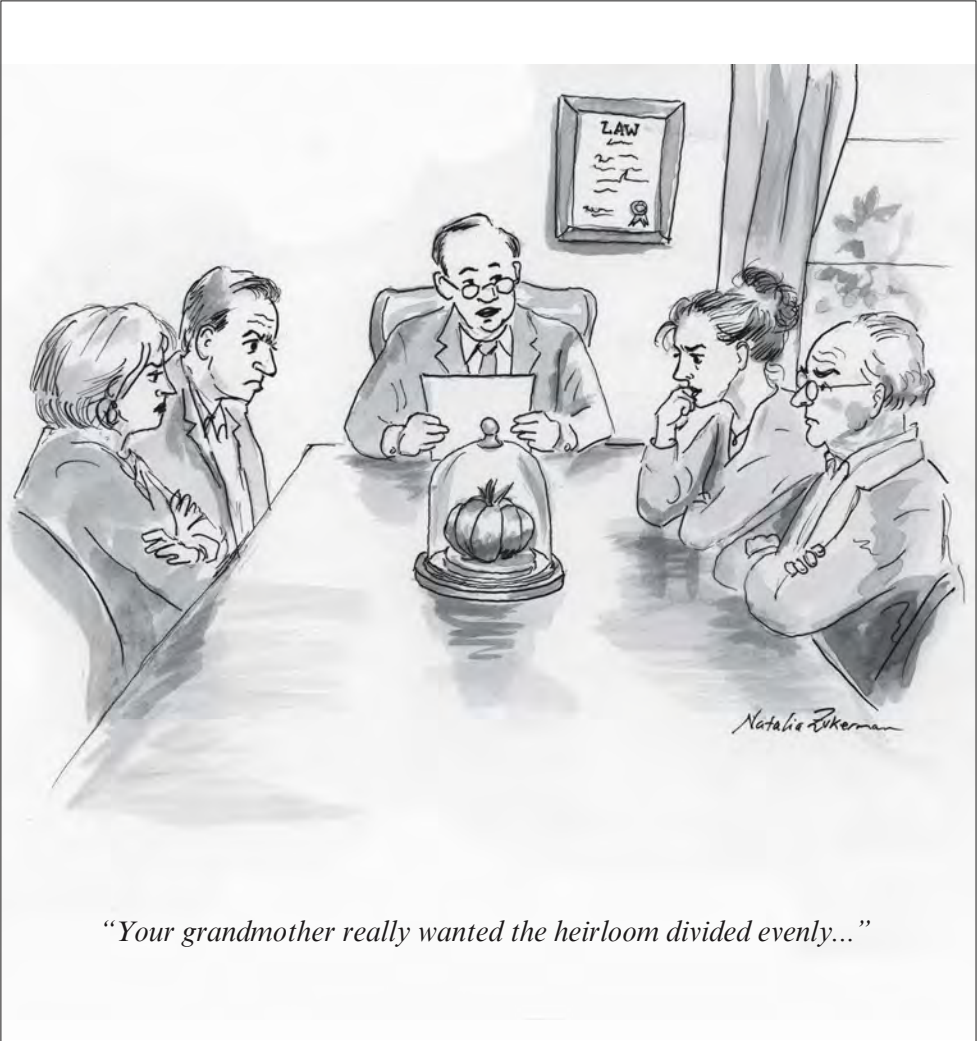
LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

As cannabis becomes legal and more widely accepted in communities across the region, the debate over how cannabis businesses should operate continues. New cannabis shops have faced challenges obtaining the licenses and approvals required to open, raising questions about local regulations and the role of cannabis businesses in the community.

Do you support the expansion of cannabis businesses in the area? Should licenses be easier to obtain, or should there be stricter limits on where and how these businesses can operate?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.



Building Trump’s legacy

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER
Mac Gordon

he was telling people that he needed to “take” Greenland! But even devoted subordinates realized that his assertion was politically ill-considered, his tactless aggression causing a furor over much of the world and a rift between the US and the rest of NATO.

While the takeover of Venezuela kept alive Trump’s international attempts at becoming historically significant, his unsuccessful war in Iran has caused him to turn his mind to more local accomplishments, specifically several in the nation’s capital.

This started with redecorating most of the White House complex and its surrounding landscape and has grown to tearing down the entire East Wing and replacing it with a giant future ballroom way out of scale with the White House. The demolished remains of the former East Wing Trump had dumped in a huge pile in the middle of a popular public

park that he intends to convert into a championship golf course for professional play.

Several new and renovated monuments are in the works, most recently the repaired Reflecting Pool extending from the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument. A massive “triumphal” arch at least twice the size of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris is anticipated between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. A National Garden of American Heroes featuring statues of 250 individuals chosen by Trump for special memorialization is to be located in West Pontiac Park.

He took over the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, replaced most of the board and made himself Chairman.

Every one of President Trump’s vanity projects has proceeded without legal authorization, a requirement in nearly every case. Despite several pending lawsuits, it seems doubtful that any of these projects will be stopped by the courts.

All of Trump’s attempts to increase his legacy have been very self-centered, not the sort of efforts that might bring him greater popularity or admiration. He is not likely to be remembered fondly for his war against Iran that has cost American taxpayers to date well over \$200 billion dollars.

Historians will continue to look disdainfully at Trump’s Ballroom and Triumphal Arch

as aesthetic eyesores pathologically obsessed with size.

And then there’s the money. The original estimate of \$1.5 million for the Reflecting Pool is currently expected to cost at least \$16 million; the Ballroom budget, originally \$200 million (of private money) is now estimated at more than \$600 million now and likely much more (mostly taxpayer funding). All told, it would not be unreasonable to assume that the final bill for all the vanity projects will total at least \$3 billion.

Judging by his continuing low poll numbers Trump’s efforts to improve his standing for posterity have not been at all successful.

President Trump might look at how several of the late 19th century Robber barons became more public spirited in their later years. John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt and even Henry Ford gave enormous amounts to charitable foundations to do work in the public interest. This definitely put them in a much more favorable place in history. Perhaps were Trump to start making some moves in the public interest, his legacy might change for the better. A substantial, no strings gift to Washington, DC might be a good beginning in view of the damage his vanity projects have already caused the city.

Architect G. Mackenzie Gordon, A.I.A., lives in Lakeville.

Grange, wages

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

Exhibit Of Grangers To Be Fair Feature Tent Housing Display Will Cover 8,000 Square Feet

The Dutchess County Fair opens its gates at Rhinebeck on Monday evening. Aug. 26, this year and continues night and day through-out the entire week with auto races on Saturday, Aug. 31. An outstanding feature as usual will be the Grange exhibit which is shown under a tent covering 8,000 square feet. Each year \$1,000 is paid in prizes for this exhibit, and already eleven subordinate granges and four juvenile granges have entered the annual competition.

Prevailing Rates Govern PWA Wages
ALBANY - The State Department of Labor will not take into consideration “security wages” to be paid on WPA projects in setting the prevailing rate of wages for public works projects in the state, Industrial Commissioner Elmer F. Andrews announced

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today in answer to inquiries by labor representatives.

“The ‘security wages’ to be paid on WPA projects are primarily for relief, not for standard employment and therefore are not in competition as employment wages,” Commissioner. Andrews declared. “The ‘security wage’ is paid by the month and is to be the same amount whether a worker actually works 120 hours or fewer hours per month. Were we permitted by law to consider the ‘security wage’ rates, these wages would not offer any hourly rates on which to make an estimate.

“The Department has, in the past, disregarded CWA and TERA wage rates in making surveys and setting prevailing rates of wages. The WPA security wages are in the same category.

“Any other decision would be unfair to the employees, to the contractors and to the taxpayer.”

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One of the resolution’s sponsors — Kristofer Munn, who represents Red Hook, Tivoli and Rhinebeck — said the potency and packaging of 7-OH products distinguished them from kratom leaf powders during a Thursday, Aug. 6, Government Services committee meeting.

“I know at least one resident of our town who overdosed and died as a result,” he said. “It’s just something that really is getting a lot of attention — the DEA is looking to move on it in the next few months.”

Authorities have said that concentrated 7-OH products pose a greater risk to the public because of their strength, likening them to prescription opioids such as morphine. Munn also drew attention to the products’ packaging and prominent location near the cash registers at gas stations, saying they appear attractive to vulnerable children.

Dutchess County legislators drew a distinction between the concentrated 7-OH products and “natural” kratom leaf products, saying in a statement the 7-OH compound occurs naturally in trace amounts in the leaf products. Synthetic derivatives concentrate this compound at much higher potencies, creating an opioid-like effect that legislators say is addictive and dangerous.

New York State lawmakers restricted sale of all kratom products to adults over 21 at the end of 2025. A bill currently being deliberated by lawmakers seeks to ban 7-OH products statewide.

Munn said the county-wide ban follows the logic in those state efforts and in DEA guidance. It breaks with Serino’s call to ban all kratom products outright, and county legislator John Metzger, who repre-

sents East Fishkill, pointed out that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued guidance saying no kratom products are safe as dietary supplements.

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Kristofer Munn

“If the FDA is saying ‘no, the leaf is no good,’ and we’re saying ‘we’re going to keep it on the shelf because people use it,’ that’s what I don’t understand,” he said. “Is the FDA only speaking about the synthetic and the high doses?”

Munn said FDA approval is not required for dietary supplements, and that kratom leaf users are typically adults using the product for spiritual purposes or as a self-administered medicine. He pointed to DEA

efforts to temporarily schedule the synthetic 7-OH products, saying health authorities are recognizing a difference between the pills and leaf products that warrant treating each differently under the law.

The law draws a hard line between kratom leaf products and all other synthetically-derived alternatives. Munn said the bill restricts the sale of 7-OH and all other synthetic derivatives of the kratom leaf, including any that have yet to be developed and distributed to retailers.

The ban is set to go into effect immediately. First offense violations carry a maximum \$1,500 fine with all subsequent violations carrying maximum \$3,000 fines.

Gas stations in northeast Dutchess County could not be reached for comment on the legislation.

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Street.

Now, cannabis regulators are working through the final approval steps with Broughton. He said OCM officials needed to see certain documentation regarding the building’s legal occupancy status and verify the location’s security systems.

But that process was delayed by technical difficulties, Broughton said, when the OCM told him files he sent couldn’t be opened.

“They’re just nitpicking,” Broughton said. “I wasn’t annoyed until May.”

Among the additional requirements are verifications of his security system, the shop’s certificate of occupancy and connecting his point-of-sale system with his bank.

He said regulators require timestamped pictures from his security system and an additional third-party monitoring system — all of which

he has submitted. The certificate of occupancy presents a different challenge, however, because the building his shop is in technically doesn’t have one. Instead, it has what’s known as a certificate of compliance because the building predates codes that require multiple exits for fire safety, he said. Broughton said he’s been advised that the document should satisfy OCM’s requirements, but he hasn’t received official word from the regulator yet.

He voiced frustration with the lengthy delays, acknowledging he expected the process to take between four to six months. As he stretches into the eighth month, however, the aggravation has grown.

“At this point it’s becoming a little insulting,” Broughton said.

Broughton said the interior space of the dispensary is nearing completion, including handcrafted cabinets and other furniture created by local woodworkers. A wooden sign currently hangs above the door at the Main Street location proclaiming it to be the home of Blackrabbit Farms.

Broughton offered an apology to locals over the delays, expressing disappointment that he missed out on opening the store earlier in the summer.

“I feel like I owe an apology to Millerton,” Broughton said. “I told them it was going to take a while, but I didn’t think eight months. This is becoming silly.”

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incomplete state.

The lawsuit was filed in Dutchess County Supreme Court on July 7.

The effort to install a new sidewalk along Route 44 connecting Beekman Park to downtown Amenia remains stalled as Lindars continues negotiations to secure funding needed to complete the project. Those negotiations are independent from the current lawsuit.

Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm said the town is seeking compensation through the project’s performance bond after construction problems forced work to stop earlier this year. The bond is intended to reimburse the town for the additional costs of completing the project when a contractor fails to meet its contractual obligations.

Hamm said Town Attorney Ian Lindars has been negotiating with the bonding company for months, but there is little the town can do until those discussions are complete.

“It’s incredibly frustrating,” Hamm said. “All I can do is nag.”

The sidewalk project has been at a standstill since January, after the New York State Department of Transportation issued a stop-work order citing concerns over stormwater catch basins that didn’t match specifications and other construction-related issues.

The project is half-finished and several sections of concrete need to be replaced.

Southern Industries, the contractor hired for the project, was later terminated. Town officials have said the company was the low bidder selected after engineering firm LaBella Associates reviewed



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The sidewalk extension project along Route 44 to Beekman Park remains incomplete nearly eight months after state transportation officials halted the project.

its references.

Hamm said the town’s attorney and the bonding company are currently working out how much compensation the town will receive to complete the remainder of the work. She didn’t have any updates on the status of those talks as of Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Despite the hold-up, Hamm said homeowners on property abutting the sidewalk project have had their mailboxes and driveway access restored. However, the sidewalk remains unfinished, and several sections of concrete will need to be removed and replaced after they were poured during cold weather and failed to cure properly.

Town officials said the contractor’s inconsistent work schedule contributed to repeated delays that ultimately led to the construction deficiencies.

“It’s the bane of my existence,” Hamm said. “This whole thing has been a nightmare.”

Southern Industries and its chief executive, Jonathan

Delisa, have been named in multiple pending lawsuits alleging professional misconduct including wage theft, forgery, impersonation and defaulting on a loan for construction equipment.

Delisa denied wrongdoing in May, but otherwise refused to comment on the allegations

in the lawsuits. He also said he was not the chief executive of Southern Industries, and merely served as a construction manager and foreman. Public filings with the New York Secretary of State’s office lists Delisa as the company’s chief executive.

Delisa could not be reached for further comment.

Washington Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri said in May that his town had similar issues with Southern Industries when the construction company won a bid to complete renovations at Washington’s Town Park in 2023.

Ciferri said construction crews didn’t keep a consistent schedule and eventually abandoned the project, causing the town to hire another company to finish the work.

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tional off-street parking exists on that parcel or neighboring parcels.

Board members said the variance will allow for more housing in the area, a key issue in the community. Because the space has operated as an apartment for many years without issue, the board concluded that parking conditions could continue as previously established.

Jenn Najdek, resident of 33-35 S. Center St. and Mayor of the village, expressed support for the proposed parking solution and parking on the street. Najdek’s grandparents and brother previously owned the property before it was purchased by Magalhaes.

“With Millerton not having a lot of housing, I can’t see the renovation of an existing

apartment creating any more adverse driving or parking conditions than already exist,” Najdek said. “It wouldn’t affect me at all.”

Catherine Fenn, a Millerton Resident, also expressed support for the project.

“Seems pretty simple, the building has always had that many apartments,” Fenn said. “It sounds like a moot question.”

Following the public hearing, Magalhaes can now go back to the Planning Board for the special use permit he requested in June to renovate the fifth apartment.

“We’re not changing any layout inside, we’re keeping everything the same,” Magalhaes said. “The building permit is for me to bring life to the unit.”

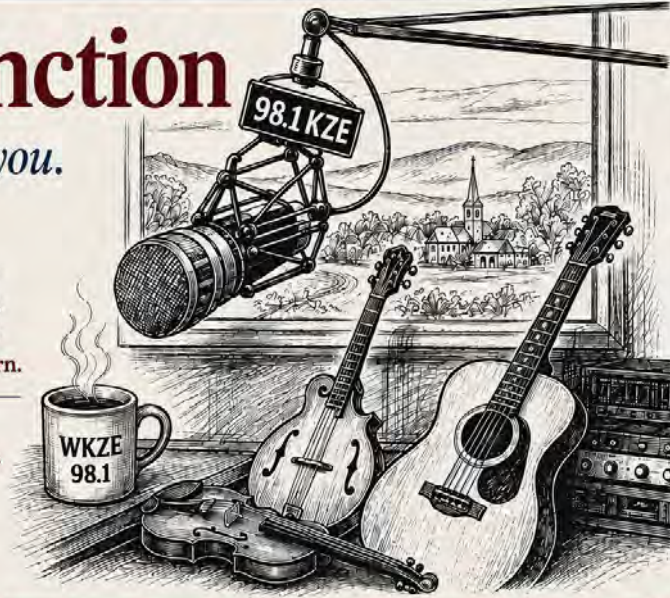
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The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal congratulate **Dick**, our 2026 Estabrook Community Leadership honoree, who continues hosting his weekly program nearly 40 years later, live from 98.1 KZE’s studios in Red Hook.

Harmony Junction is every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 and features an eclectic blend of acoustic folk, bluegrass, Celtic and related musical genres contributing to the station’s notable musical diversity.

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You may have heard Dick before...

For several years, Dick also did a similar show, “The Borderline,” on Robin Hood Radio. Those programs were recorded and are rebroadcast every **Tuesday at 8 pm** and **Saturday at 6 pm**, on WHDD 91.9.

OUR TOWNS

The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal 2026 interns

Meet the next generation of community journalists. Eight interns joined The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News this summer. Below, each shares a brief note on their experiences.



Mia DiRocco

My name is Mia, and I will be a freshman at Northwestern University this fall, where I will be majoring in journalism. I first began working with The Lakeville Journal through the revival of Housy's student newspaper, HVRHS Today, last spring. There I first discovered journalism as a career, and The Lakeville Journal's Summer Internship program. What began as a fun extracurricular has turned into a passion and career path in journalism I can't wait to pursue.

I am relatively new to this area, having moved here from Long Island five years ago. I feel that writing for The Lakeville Journal helped me really get to know this community. From going hula-hooping at the Hunt Library to discussing how to dispose of 55 gallons of melted ice cream with Grassland's owner, I've learned so much about local journalism and the people that make up

this area.

Not only this, but the chance to have articles published opened doors for me that I could never have dreamed of. From a summer academy with the New York Times in the city last summer, and now my dream school to study journalism in Chicago, I've found that local journalism has a much farther reaching impact than just this community. The experiences and opportunities I've had here were the focus of my senior year capstone project, which won the Pinnacle Award for Capstone Excellence. None of this would have been possible without the skills and values I learned from working at The Lakeville Journal.

I'd like to thank The Lakeville Journal's staff for all their work with the internship program. Local journalism is incredibly important, and I will always be grateful to have gotten to be a part of this paper.



Allison Gollenberg

My name is Allison Gollenberg, and this fall I'll be a senior journalism major at the University of Connecticut. There, I've written about everything from tick populations to tactical urbanism. I decided to study journalism because I love to learn, and with this kind of job, every day I get to research something new. I get to talk to all sorts of people, to make sense of an eclectic selection of topics each week, and it's super fulfilling to share what I learn with the world as a writer.

Growing up here in the Northwest Corner it sometimes felt like I was from the sleepiest place on earth. But looking at it with a journalistic eye has made me realize there's a lot going on everywhere I go. This summer I could be found zipped inside of an inflatable whale, traipsing through a rail yard in the

rain, dancing to colonial era music or at board of selectmen meetings where I was the only attendee who wasn't also a selectman—and I got to do it all in pursuit of a good story. It was a great reminder that you have to keep your eyes wide to the world around you. Once you do, you see there's a story behind everything.

I've spent a long time trying to figure out what exactly I want to do with my life—the only things I'm really able to say about myself are that I get bored easily and I think people are the most fascinating thing we've got. In a selfish way, I love this work because it lets me try on a bunch of different hats, to be nosy for a paycheck. In a less selfish way, I love this work because it keeps me in touch with the workings of the world around me, and I get to keep others informed through what I write.



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Annie Prinz

Hi, my name is Annie Prinz, and I've lived in Lakeville full-time for almost 12 years. This fall, I will be starting my senior year at The Hotchkiss School. Before attending Hotchkiss, I spent my ninth-grade year at Indian Mountain School, after graduating from Salisbury Central School, where I attended middle and elementary school.

From a very young age, I've maintained a love for reading. As I've gotten older, that love has also translated into an enjoyment of writing. Whether through journaling or more academic forms of writing in my humanities classes, I've found that it's where I feel most engaged and excited. To be honest, apart from watching Rory in Gilmore Girls, I hadn't thought much about journalism.

However, when I found the information for this program back in the fall, it sparked my interest. I love the town I've grown up in, I enjoy writing, and I love meeting new

people, so I figured what better way to do all of that than through this program? Six weeks ago, I was intimidated entering a room where I was the one with the least amount of experience, but it ended up being the greatest opportunity for me to grow and learn.

My time at The Lakeville Journal has shown me some of the most important components of what it means to be a journalist, specifically in a smaller community like ours. I can confidently say that I am walking away from this experience feeling so much more connected to the place I call home. Throughout this program, I've been able to work on my ability to build connections with strangers, ask important questions, look at a story from a completely different perspective, and so much more.

I know that all of the experiences and conversations I've had because of this program are uniquely meaningful, and I feel very grateful for that.



Phoebe Tobin

My name is Phoebe Tobin, and I'm a rising senior at Loomis Chaffee in Windsor, CT, though I live in Lakeville. Prior to Loomis, I attended Indian Mountain School, where I revived the school newspaper, formally discontinued in the 50s, entitled Le Scoop, and served as editor-in-chief. At Loomis, I write for our student-led publication, The Loomis Chaffee Log.

I've always been someone who loves writing, though throughout the earlier years of my life I was drawn to creative rather than journalism, writing fantastical stories about creatures of my own invention and journeys through time. At IMS, within my idea and eventual execution for the newspaper, I found the stories that happen on earth with the people around us. A curiosity for the stories of those I saw every day, and seeking out what could count as "newsworthy" solidified my love for journalism and is what brought me to spending my summer with The Lakeville Journal.

Interning at The Lakeville Journal gave me a new insight

into the community I thought I understood just by existing around it in a bubble of my own convenience, speaking only to a circle of people I knew and few beyond that. In six weeks, I've attended many events I truthfully never would have known about beyond a posted sign, like Sharon's 4th of July Celebration and the Jane Lloyd Fund Clambake, and experienced the greater depth of my community through the stories of those I talked to. Additionally, showing up at big events alone, bugging total strangers with questions as I practically shoved a recorder in their face is not something that necessarily came naturally. But as I did it more and more, I improved significantly and will take a new confidence from it back to Loomis and beyond.

This internship confirmed for me that journalism is something I hope to keep exploring, no matter what I choose to study down the road, and I'm so grateful for the chance to spend my summer getting to know my community a little better.

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Lucia Iandolo

I am a rising senior at Ithaca College studying television, photography and digital media production with a concentration in photography and a minor in journalism. On campus, I have worked with our independent, student-led newspaper, The Ithacan, as a writer, videographer and photo editor. Photography has always been important to me as someone who loves storytelling, and from a young age I knew I loved documenting moments of time through the camera. I find it fascinating that we can show so many perspectives through one series of images. At Ithaca College, I knew I wanted to be involved in something that could further my passion. Joining The Ithacan was one of the best decisions I have made. Being a part of the newspaper not only taught me more about photography, but it introduced me to journalism, where I can hear and share

more stories with the local community. I grew up in Dover Plains, New York, and have truly cherished the opportunity to report on my hometown this summer. While growing up, I did not know much about my town or the news surrounding it. Through this internship program, I have learned so much about my home while talking to people in the community. I was also given the opportunity to write for Compass, where I wrote stories about music performances, art showings and vibrant members of our community. While being a part of the internship program this summer, I gained so much knowledge from the incredible editors and reporters. My love for storytelling only grew, and I am so grateful to Nathan Miller, Natalia Zuckerman, Christian Murray, and everyone at the Lakeville Journal for their support and kindness.



Jacquelyn Drain

I was born and raised in West Hartford and am a rising senior at Marist University. On campus I am a Managing Editor and City/National Section Editor for the Marist Circle. My time at Marist has been essential to my development as a writer and a journalist. However, my connection to Dutchess County is not new. My dad was raised in Poughkeepsie, meaning I grew up making frequent trips to the area to visit my grandparents or my aunt and uncle, who still live in town. When the time came to decide where to attend college, Poughkeepsie felt like a second home and one I knew I could thrive in. I have always considered myself a writer but was unsure how best to use my skills. I didn't know much about journalism, let alone consider it a possible career path until my senior year of high school. The part of the job that I didn't anticipate was the social inter-

action, though it has quickly become my favorite aspect. This summer I have had the pleasure of exploring a different side of the area during my time with The Millerton News. I was assigned the Town of North East and Village of Millerton as my coverage area and have since had the privilege of meeting many new people and exploring the beautiful area. From The Moviehouse to zoning board meetings, I have learned so much both about the town and journalism itself. This internship has taught me so much about the triumphs and tribulations of being a journalist. Learning how to apply what I have learned in classes has been an irreplaceable opportunity. I want to give a huge thank you to the entire Lakeville Journal/Millerton News staff but particularly Nathan Miller and Graham Corrigan for their incredible guidance during this experience.



Sophie Gardiner

My name is Sophie Gardiner and I'm from New York City. I'm a rising sophomore at Northwestern University, where I study Journalism, Classics and Political Science. At school, I'm a reporter on the city desk for The Daily Northwestern and a member of the College Democrats. As a person deeply interested in the intersection of communications and politics, I also work on political campaigns in the broader Evanston area. This summer, I've had a great experience diving deeper into journalism, particularly because of how local and community-focused The Millerton News is. I've had a strong passion for journalism for as long as I can remember, both because of its purpose as the Fourth Estate and because of my love for writing. Interning with The Millerton News has solidified my conviction in journalism as essential to a thriving community and it's been really rewarding to gain hands-on experience in

such a meaningful way. I've also learned a lot about how a newsroom operates, which makes me excited to continue exploring the industry in all its capacities – from social media to publishing and law. My skills have undoubtedly improved from my time at the paper: always keeping my eyes open for a good story, asking the right questions and more. When I return to Northwestern in the Fall, I'm excited to bring my sharpened skills to the Daily. I'm also excited to join more magazine-style publications, where I'll focus on the type of long-form feature writing I've enjoyed so much here. I'm so grateful for my experience this summer and I cannot thank everyone at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News enough. When I'm not in a newsroom or library, you can typically find me curled up with a good book, trying new restaurants with friends or going on long walks with a good playlist.



Eloise Pickering

I'm Florida born and raised and a rising senior at Loyola University New Orleans. Salisbury has been a summer destination for me since 2010. Every July for as long as I can remember, we packed our bags and escaped the brutal Florida heat staying with family. I've been studying journalism and working at Loyola's paper, The Maroon, for three years now. The highlight of my college newsroom has been serving as the paper's editor-in-chief for the last year. During that year, we were awarded finalist for the Society of Professional Journalist's Best All-Around Student Newspaper for colleges under 10,000 students. I was thrilled. When it was time to search for summer internships, my

great-aunt and Salisbury resident proposed The Lakeville Journal. So, I applied and kept my fingers crossed. I was elated when the internship offer hit my email. Being a student journalist in a big city, I was excited to have the opportunity to learn in a small town setting, and I did learn so much. I've spent the summer writing for The Millerton News, and working mainly out in Millbrook. Under the guidance of fantastic editors and surrounded by talented student journalists, the educational experiences I've gained this summer are immeasurable. Not only have I learned more about the mechanics of writing, I've learned how to be a better listener and reporter.

I made real connections. I got to know the owner behind the store, the planning behind the project, and the people behind the community. If you had told me in March that I'd know more about aerated concrete than the average person, I would have laughed in your face. But, I was fortunate to meet two talented men who taught me about the extremely interesting building material. I'm excited to bring all the knowledge I've learned this summer back to New Orleans, where I'll finish my final semester of college this fall. I cannot express enough gratitude to this program and all the people involved for giving me the most interesting and educational summer I've ever had.

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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook winery adapts to criticism over outside food policy changes

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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MILLBROOK — Millbrook Vineyards and Winery is nearing three months since a change to public access policies restricted outside food and drink and required tickets for private tables.

Ian Bearup, Millbrook’s head winemaker, said the policy has faced some criticism.

“The response has been fantastic from new customers and mixed from long-time customers,” Bearup said. But overall, he said it’s been a boon for the business. “With our new policies, we’ve been able to squash a lot of the problems we’d been having in the past with overconsumption,” Bearup said, “and give our customers a better, wine-focused experience.”

The new rules come at a moment of larger change at Millbrook winery — and the industry at large. Though wine sales hit an all-time high of \$115 billion in 2025, overall alcohol sales are steadily slumping. Tariffs, inflation, and fuel prices have raised prices across the board. In the last decade, wildfire smoke has regularly damaged grapes in California, most significantly in 2020.

Millbrook Vineyards is one of several wineries owned by Millbrook native John Dyson and his family. In 2021, the Dysons sold a minority stake in their Northern California property, Williams Selyem Winery.

Three years later, Dyson doubled down and sold a majority stake of Williams Selyem to the same buyer — the Burgundy, France, -based Domaine Faiveley. The Faiveley family is in its seventh generation of operation, and the sale allowed Dyson to focus on renovating his hometown winery. Renovations to Millbrook were finished in spring 2026.

The changes are both physical and administrative. An adults-only patio is on the right, peeking between a wall of cypress 20 feet high. Serene private tables and Adirondack chairs await behind the green curtain, available for \$30 per table.

The upstairs tap room has been remodeled and renamed. It’s The Overlook now, and connects to the rustic barn, with its vaulted ceilings that define the winery from afar.

Midway through summer,

the changes are in full effect. On a recent Saturday, families dotted the open seating area. Most of the lawn area is covered by a grid of picnic tables, but there’s still room for play — children romped in an adjacent sunflower field, and games of cornhole unfolded by the main building.

Food tents are in the corners. Valia’s Wood Fire offered Neapolitan pizzas for \$15 to \$20, while Oyster Party shucked their shellfish for \$3 apiece. Previous weekends have included chicken from La Polla, meats from the BBQ Crew, and comfort food from Flavor Bandits.

But while Bearup is enthusiastic about the changes, he says they’ve been receptive to criticism — and adjusted accordingly. “After listening and sharing thoughts back and forth, we’re loosening our outside food policy in our picnic areas,” Bearup said. “We understand we can’t provide everything for everyone, so we’re allowing outside picnic-style food to be brought to our outdoor seating areas.”

The adults section was mostly full on a recent Saturday afternoon. A staff member watched the entrance as a fountain bubbled peacefully on an adjoining lake, far beyond a child’s grasp.

Music by Mary Ann Palermo and her band started at 5:30, and tickets were mandatory for any watchers on the lawn. Guests who didn’t want to pay the \$15 made their way to the parking lot. Earlier this summer, Bernie Williams performed with his Band of Friends for a sold-out crowd. “New event spaces, new food options, and new release wines are driving customers in,” Bearup said. “Revenue has been great given the current state of the wine industry. It’s been a wonderful summer.”

Bearup says Millbrook winery will continue to adjust their policies to draw back some of the long-time customer base they’ve lost. “We’ve seen a drop in locals, and we want to address that problem head on,” he said. “Millbrook Winery is built for everyone: we don’t require reservations, we haven’t doubled our prices, we still allow children and pets, and we haven’t changed who we are. We’re a working, family-owned farm run by local people and we’re proud to keep agriculture alive in Dutchess County.”



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Maitri Farm manager Fain Storey observes seedlings in a greenhouse at the community supported farm that sells fresh produce and flowers on Friday, Aug. 7.

Fresh-cut flowers take over Wassaic roadside stand

By NATHAN MILLER
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WASSAIC — A local farm is selling fresh-cut bouquets at a weekly pop-up through August.

The pop-up, put on by Wassaic’s Maitri Farm, occupies a small stand next door to the Ten Mile Table wine shop on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. The farm also runs a store onsite at 143 Amenia Union Road, open on Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Maitri Farm started as a livestock farm ten years ago on Charlotte Ford’s land near Wassaic, Farm Manager Fain Storey said during a tour of the farm on Friday afternoon, Aug. 7. Over the years, the farm expanded to flower and vegetable production under a community supported agriculture model and eventually with a public farm store featuring fresh produce.

Storey said she took over as farm manager earlier this year after years working at farms in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the Florida-Georgia border. She said her goal is to further grow the farm’s CSA program and draw in more customers for the farm store.

“The potential is so great,” she said. “People still want produce, people still want to be a part of Maitri Farm.”

The CSA program currently has 20 members, but Storey said the farm has enough growing space to support more.

The farm produces a wide variety of vegetables, using about 5 acres of greenhouse tunnels and open fields to

grow everything from tomatoes to peonies.

This month’s pop-up is part of regular events the farm runs or hosts. Right now, visitors to the farm can pick up a pair of flower snips and go cut their own sunflowers during farm store hours on Fridays and Saturdays. The “U-pick sunflower” event will run until the first frost of the season, and doesn’t require pre-registration.

Storey said the focus on events is intentional. Ford modelled the farm operation on nearby Sisters Hill Farm in Stanfordville, aiming to

create a space where farmers could put their skills to work and invite community members in to learn and spread that knowledge to others. Other events include educational presentations from local craft education group Cottage Courses.

The connection to Sisters Hill Farm runs deeper than Maitri’s business model. Storey was originally trained by apprentices of longtime Sisters Hill Farm manager Dave Hambleton when she began farming in North Carolina. She said it was a happy accident that she ended up in

New York so close to his farm.

“I apprenticed for them in North Carolina like nine years ago,” Storey said. “I knew he was in New York, but I just had no idea, and now I’m 20 minutes away from him.”

She said Sisters Hill’s mentor model was a big inspiration both to Maitri and to herself as a professional farmer, praising community-minded farmers for spreading knowledge about the work.

“It’s shaped me,” Storey said. “It’s very cool to be a part of that, even unintentionally.”

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Building inspectors in short supply across in rural Connecticut towns

By RUTH EPSTEIN
Special to the Millerton News

A series of departures and retirements has left several towns confronting a regional shortage of qualified building inspectors, with four municipalities turning to a newly formed private company while Sharon filled its vacancy with a veteran inspector and contractor.

The vacancies arose throughout the spring and summer, when Jim Clark left his positions in Falls Village and Norfolk in May, Joseph Manley retired from Kent and Warren in July, and Stan MacMillan retired from Sharon in June.

The search for a building inspector was a shared concern among Falls Village, Warren and Kent town leaders. Before a recent Council of Governments meeting, Falls Village First Selectman Dave Barger said he spoke with Warren First Selectman Greg LaCava and Kent First Selectman Eric Epstein about their vacancies. LaCava told them that Warren contractor John Papp was forming an LLC to provide building inspection services.

“We had a vacancy and people weren’t knocking down the doors to take it on because of the stringent requirements,” Barger said.

He reached out to Papp, as did Kent’s Eric Epstein and Norfolk First Selectman Henry Tirrell. Papp has since been hired by all four towns.

Barger said Papp works as a subcontractor and his firm, Litchfield Building Inspection Services LLC, gets a percent-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

John Papp, right, and associate Jonathan Abbott formed Litchfield Building Inspection Services LLC, which serves as the building inspector for Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk and Warren.

age of the building fees.

“It’s interesting,” Barger said. “We no longer do anything by paper. Everything is electronic. This has moved Falls Village into the 20th century. Someday we’ll get to the 21st,” he joked.

Papp, 40, of Warren, and his associate, Jonathan Abbott, 33, of New Preston, were familiarizing themselves with the Kent office last week as they took on their new roles.

Papp acknowledged that the requirements for becoming a building inspector can make the field difficult to enter. There are approximately 200 inspectors around the state, he said.

A longtime contractor, Papp said he was looking for a new experience. He’s finding that Kent has a lot of new construction, especially with three private schools within its borders.

Asked if he’d take on other towns if needed, he said his team would definitely be will-

ing to expand.

In Sharon, William Pietrefase, 61, who took over for MacMillan in Sharon as both building inspector and fire marshal, attributes the shortage to the rigorous and time-consuming courses needed to qualify for the inspector’s job.

There are 12 modules that have to be completed, including electrical, plumbing, residential energy and pool and spa installation. Completing all 12 can take multiple years. Classes are held in Hartford, but there is a shift toward online courses.

An alternate route for those with years of experience in the building trades is available. Candidates can challenge having to take particular courses and skip the test.

Pietrefase’s route to his position was a circuitous one. He began his career as a liquor salesman and was familiar with the area because he ser-

viced customers in Sharon. He then worked as a building contractor for 35 years, but the physical demands of the work eventually took their toll.

In August 2022, he was hired as building inspector in Winsted. “They gave me two years to get certified,” he said. “I did it in seven months.”

Josh Kelly, Winsted’s town manager at the time, sent him to fire marshal school, which he was pleased to do, since many of his family members were firefighters.

After 18 months, he became a building inspector in Torrington, his hometown. He was there for two and a half years before learning that MacMillan was retiring. “I applied because this would give me the opportunity to do both,” Pietrefase said.

Pietrefase said Sharon has a lot of construction going on, a mix of both commercial and residential. “It’s a dynamic situation for a small community.”

The two jobs equal a 35-hour-a-week position, but he is on call 24/7 for incidents requiring a fire marshal.

Being an inspector is a natural step for those in the building trades, Pietrefase said, because it allows them to continue using the skills they have learned.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Harlem Valley area activity report July 30 to Aug. 5

July 31 — Deputies responded to Allison Drive in the Village of Pawling to investigate a domestic dispute. The matter was resolved without further police intervention.

July 31 — Deputies responded to Pleasant Ridge Road in the Town of Dover to investigate a report of a vehicle being operated in an erratic manner upon said roadway. Vehicle located and subsequent investigation revealed that a domestic dispute was occurring in the vehicle. The matter was resolved without further police intervention.

Aug. 1 — Deputies responded to Route 22 in Amenia for a report of a single vehicle crash with the vehicle found unoccupied. Investigation led to the arrest of Ernest Wood, age 49, for driving while intoxicated. Wood to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

Aug. 3 — Deputies attempted a traffic stop upon a UTV (off road recreational utility vehicle) that was being operated on Route 22 in the Town of North East. The vehicle initially failed to comply but eventually stopped. Subsequent investigation found the UTV to be a stolen vehicle. Paul Murphy, age 40, was arrested and charged with unlawful fleeing, criminal mischief in the second degree, and criminal possession of stolen property. Murphy to appear in court at a later date.

Aug. 4 — Deputies responded to Archambault Lane in the Town of Amenia to investigate a reported disturbance occurring at that location. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Mark A. Forrest, age 44, for obstructing governmental administration. Forrest to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

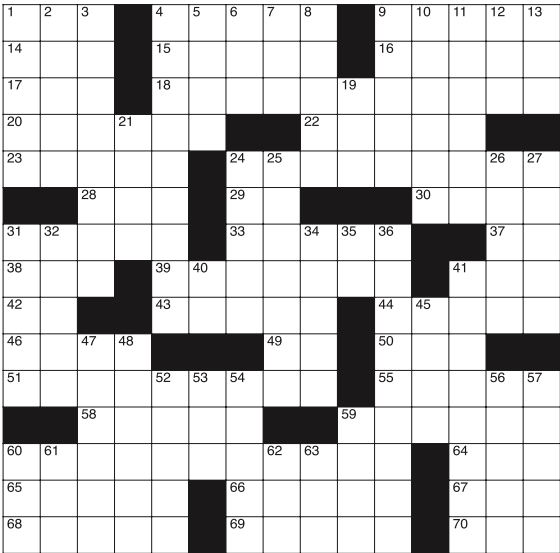
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- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy’s wife
- 15. Derived from ammonia
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest rate
- 18. Experts
- 20. Vascular tissues
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. Administrative region in S. Korea
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Special interest group
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Twelfth star in a constellation
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in grades of size
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. “The Great Lakes State”
- 43. Having earlike appendages
- 44. Momentarily stop
- 46. Ancient kingdom
- 49. Of I
- 50. White clerical vestment
- 51. Songs to one’s beloved
- 55. Charges
- 58. Computer application originator
- 59. A place to dock a boat
- 60. One guided by reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
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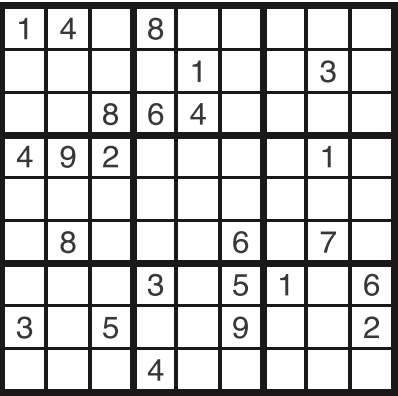


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- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
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- 19. Pie __ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Indonesian island
- 25. Educational environment
- 26. Namibian peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop
- 31. Moves into a place of thought
- 32. Out of the way
- 34. Loads a ship
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Relating to a wing
- 47. One who gives a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Sweet persons
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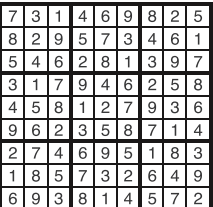
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Ancram’s rural character fuels demand for a tight supply of homes

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One of the most sought-after towns in the Hudson Valley is Ancram, in the southeast corner of Columbia County. With a blend of open fields, wooded mountains, quiet roads, and thousands of acres of conserved land, Ancram has been showing up on home buyers’ radar for a number of years. Once a purely agricultural community, the town still has a number of working farms, from traditional dairy operations to organic vegetable, grain and grass-fed meat options.

Ancram’s housing stock includes estates, charming farmhouses, modest ranches, quaint hamlet one- and two-families and a couple of affordable homes built by Habitat for Humanity. Comprised of two hamlets, Ancram and Ancramdale, each with a post office and an eatery, plus the Boston Corners neighborhood on the Massachusetts border, Ancram offers many choices for those looking for a quiet Hudson Valley home.

Ancram is named for the Scottish town associated with the Livingston family, an influential colonial family, which received an extensive grant of Mohican land from the British Crown in 1686. The town is part of the ancestral homeland of the Mohican people, many of whom were displaced during European colonization. However, some descendants of Ancram’s early European settlers continue to live in the area, alongside weekend residents and more recent arrivals from elsewhere in the United States and abroad.

Much of the soil in the town is extremely fertile, and many properties combine residential life with farming, with owners often leasing



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297 Wiltsie Bridge Road is currently listed for sale at \$1,450,000, one of 15 homes currently on the market in Ancram.

fields to local farmers. Locals and visitors from all over the region come to pick berries and to shop for farm produce.

Ancram has several bodies of water and a number of waterfront properties. Long Lake is home to two different neighborhoods, one a planned community, and Lower Rhoda Pond has a number of residences lining its shores. The Roeliff-Jansen Kill, which brings water from western Massachusetts to the Hudson River, flows through town and is lined with farms and homes.

Many landowners have put their property into conservancy, protecting it from development, thereby ranking Ancram among the towns with the most conserved land in the county. Some of that land is wooded, some is farmland, and some spots are hiking destinations, like Overmountain, which includes Round Ball Mountain, and the Drowned Lands Swamp area. There are also hiking trails in Taghkanic State Park, a portion of which borders Ancram, and canoeing and kayaking on the Roeliff-Jansen.

The varied housing choices in Ancram benefit from the rural and scenic benefits that residents have long enjoyed. From properties with expansive western views of the Catskill Mountains to ones facing the Taconic range along the Massachusetts border, homes of varying sizes and styles offer views of the landscape. And homes nestled among tranquil woods and fields also draw buyers to the area.

The high desirability and relative scarcity of available land for building have made land prices soar and has put pressure on the town’s ability to create affordable workforce housing. However, Ancram is attempting to address that challenge: its Housing

Committee is tasked with finding ways to bring more housing to the town while still respecting the rural character to which the town is expressly committed.

Committee Chair Bonnie Hundt reports that questions of zoning and density are being addressed jointly by the committee and the zoning board in ongoing efforts to keep Ancram affordable to all. And the town allows accessory dwelling units (or ADUs), which can ease the inventory shortage.

The median home price in Ancram from Aug. 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, was \$672,500, compared with \$663,500 during the preceding 12-month period, a 1.4% increase. Twelve homes sold



The Ancram Center for the Arts is a cultural hub offering theater, music, storytelling, and community programs.

between Aug. 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026, down from 16 for the same period one year prior.

As of Aug. 6, there were 15 homes for sale in zip code 12502 and 12 in 12503. That represents a 45.5% decrease year-on-year for 12502 and an increase of 100% in 12503.

Some homes currently for sale: 322 Arcadia Drive, a three-bedroom, four bath home in a planned lake community with amenities is listed at \$575,000. 1715 County Route 7, a four- bedroom, three-bath 2004 hilltop colonial on 13 acres is on the market for \$910,000. And

with over 22 acres on the Roeliff-Jansen Kill an 1850 farmhouse with three bedrooms and three baths is on offer for \$1,450,000.

With all it has to offer, from nature and food to attractive properties, Ancram is understandably in demand and inventory is tight.

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