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The department covers 64 square miles, serving the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington. Active firefighters contribute an estimated 30 to 50 hours per month, though officer hours can be far more. Members also devote time to fundraising intended to offset costs to taxpayers. The

Equipment is also aging past recommended replacement timelines. The National Fire Protection

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He later said on Saturday, Aug. 15, that a representative from LAN will appear at Town Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. to talk board members and the public through the design. Kennan expects to start soliciting for contractors



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“One of the reasons for now trying to really step on the gas is to enable this to be put out to bid so that contractors can have an indoor

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Eric Alexander



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Stefanie Hubert

By **JACQUELYN DRAIN**
Special to the Millerton News

The District 25 election is going to be largely defined by pressing issues in the county such as affordability, government transparency, emergency medical services, small

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New York has been especially affected. The state lost 10% of its farms between 2015 and 2025,

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Reporter’s Notebook

Capturing nature in writing at Great Mountain Forest’s inaugural writing retreat

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FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — I know nothing about nature aside from my reverence for its beauty. I took one environmental science class nearly four years ago but that is the extent of my knowledge. Despite this I had the pleasure of being surrounded by not only nature enthusiasts but also experts at the inaugural Yale Camp Writers Retreat held at Great Mountain Forest.

The background of the retreat was an essential, calming character. The rustic and historic Yale Camp, founded in 1940, is nestled amongst 6,500 acres of woods on Canaan Mountain. With 15 hiking trails, the forest is home to beautiful scenery and creatures.

The retreat was created by author Tom Shachtman in honor of local writer Hal Borland. Borland lived on a farm on Weatogue Road in Salisbury, Conn., towards the end of his life where he wrote all but one of his classic books such as “When the Legends Die” and “High, Wide and Lonesome.”

All the retreatants varied heavily in background but we all came together to discuss the common interests of writing and nature. From corporate finance to lawyers to students, we all brought our individual expertise into the discussion and connected at meals and free time, forming genuine social bonds with strangers over a single similar interest.

After arriving around noon on Friday, I set up my bunk, introduced myself to my roommates for the weekend and began to outline my goals and mindset heading into the retreat. There is no better setting to journal than sitting on a porch in a rocking chair looking out at the vast



PHOTO BY JACQUELYN DRAIN

The retreat featured frequent walks through the woods around Yale Camp to take inspiration from nature.

trees and rolling hills of the Northwest Corner.

The first day I went on a guided nature walk to Old Man McMullen Pond. There was a perfect reflection of the light blue sky and bright clouds on the still surface as rushing water poured over a beaver dam next to the pond. I sat on a bench looking out at the magnificent sight in awe.

Over the course of the weekend I attended three different sessions led by varying nature writers. Todd Davis, a writer, poet and environmental science professor, discussed the importance of the natural world and how he conveys it in his writing, connecting nature to human experiences without exploiting it. Former Director of the Sharon Audubon Center Ei-

leen Fielding gave a beginners’ explanation of ecology, which was personally much needed, and provided examples on how to communicate scientific information to be easily digestible for readers.

The most enlightening experience for me was poet and environmentalist Evelyn Reilly’s session on Ecopoetics, an idea created by poet

Jonathan Skinner referring to how writing can change our relationship with the environment. In preparation for this session I was instructed to bring a nature poem by another writer that I enjoyed and a poem of my own creation. Before this assignment, I hadn’t written a poem since probably third grade. It was a daunting task, to say the least. But I put my head down and told myself it doesn’t have to be profound, you don’t have to be the next Mary Oliver, just write something. After I wrote it, my mom insisted on seeing it and when she began reading it out loud to my dad, I ran into the other room plugging my ears to not cringe at my work.

I showed up to the session on the second day, palms sweating, 14 copies of my poem in hand as well as a Rupi Kaur poem from her collection titled “Home Body.” Toward the end of the session, after discussing what it means to be an ecopoet and analyzing several examples, we broke off into groups of three to discuss. When it came time to discuss my poem after hearing from some of history’s greatest, I was shocked to receive positive feedback. Though I greatly desired approval from my peers, concerningly, I realized as they were reading it that it didn’t matter. I was happy with the message it conveyed and its connection between human

life and nature. It didn’t need to be one of the great works of art, it worked well and that’s all that matters.

This retreat marked a much needed time of reflection, grounding and reconnection to why I write.

Having attended a religious high school, retreats are not a new experience for me. However, this was my first time being embedded in nature with the sole focus of writing. My relationship with creative writing is similar to that of an old friend whom I drifted apart from because I had neglected to give it attention and time. This three-day experience gave me the opportunity to reconnect with what it means to be a writer.

Despite being hugely out of my comfort zone surrounded by many new people — all of whom are much more experienced than myself — I received a sign that I was in the right place.

My favorite movie is “Dead Poets Society” and the film

introduced me to the book “Walden” by Henry David Thoreau. In the movie, the main character paraphrases a line from the book which reads, “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.” Reading the book has always been on my bucket list but landed on the back burner for many years.

The first night of the retreat featured a raffle for campers to choose from a selection of books. When my name was called toward the end I approached the table and my eyes immediately darted to a 1939 copy of the book. I immediately grabbed it and couldn’t put it down the rest of the weekend. I knew that book was there for me and I was in the right place to learn how to suck out all the marrow of life, as Thoreau professes.

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Interestedly enough, by taking a wrong turn off of Route 8 north of Winsted, I was led to a remarkable discovery: the Colebrook River Dam, which is spectacular! One drives down a narrow road on top of the dam with both sides falling away hundreds of feet on either side. This dam was built by the Army Corps of engineers back in the 60's and they still manage it. The dam is used for flood control and for recreational purposes, such as boating and fishing. The views are remarkable! For more information, please visit: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Colebrook-River-Lake/

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Authority of Jones & Daughters Hudson Valley LLC, a foreign limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of State of New York pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The name of the limited liability company is Jones & Daughters Hudson Valley LLC. The jurisdiction of its formation is Connecticut. The date of its formation is January 28, 2026. The county within New York State in which the office of the limited

liability company is to be located is Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served, and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon the Secretary of State is Jones & Daughters, 34 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546. The principal office address of the limited liability company is 34 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546.07-23-26
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Tomas Tun Ico
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Amenia, NY 12501
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of GRJH, Inc.for Site Plan Approval for GRJH Grey House Apartment Conversion on Tax Parcel #7271-00-715245 located at 181-185 US Route 44, Millerton, NY in the BD-E Zoning District of the Town of North East. The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608. Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board prior to such hearing.

Dale Culver
Chairman,
Planning Board
08-20-26

OUR TOWNS

Grocery plans delayed, timber harvest planned in Pine Plains

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Planning Board met last week to discuss the new grocery store at 7723 S. Main St., hear a request for timber harvest at 3228 Route 199, and review site plans to settle an easement dispute at 2775 Church St.

Only one of the three went as planned — the South Main street owners postponed their appearance, and site plans for the easement on Church Street were not submitted in time.

Plans for a timber harvest on Route 199 moved forward. Christopher Prentiss, representing Lower Hudson Forestry Company, detailed plans to harvest 42 of the property’s 78 acres. 426 trees will be removed, and 25 log trucks will complete the job in about six weeks.

The property has been managed by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation since 1988. No harvesting will occur within 800 feet of the wetland on the property’s eastern border.

A public hearing will be held on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Drainage dispute on 199

Elsewhere in the meeting, a property dispute between two properties adjacent to Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School continues to drag on.

The property owners, Gallatin Barn Creations Inc., were represented last week by attorney Thomas Angell. They allow Ceen Properties, an industrial lot behind their property, an easement for their driveway. Gallatin Barn Creations is asking Ceen to widen and pave the driveway — and cover the maintenance for 10 years. After that, the cost will be split between the two owners. They’re also asking Ceen to improve the new drainage system, replacing the old with a new one, designed by a professional engineer.

Those plans have yet to materialize. At the Planning Board’s August meeting, Ceen representative Wesley Chase was apologetic. “The plan of attack was to bring the map with

the amended application,” he said. “But after speaking with the board, I did not have time to get the application.”

Ceen is currently navigating another dispute. In April, they appeared before the Planning Board after propane tankers were sighted in their lot. When it was initially approved in 2022, the space was planned for campers and boats. The town issued a violation order for parking propane trucks at a site not approved for that use.

“I don’t know what the rules and regulations for these trucks are, but that would have been explored in a site plan and special permit review process,” Planning Board Attorney Warren Replansky said at the time.

In the months since, Ceen has been working on a full survey of the site with a detailed site plan. But the town will have to wait another month to see it. Gallatin’s representative claims the driveway is twice as wide as the allowed 10 foot easement. Additionally, they claim Ceen built a retention pond that drains from Ceen’s property into Gallatin’s.

“My client and Ceen’s ownership have been friends for decades,” Gallatin’s representative said. “He was trying to work something out for them, and I don’t think it’s unreasonable.”

“It pains me to see members of the community at each other’s throats,” said Planning Board Chair Michael Stabile.

Stissing Farms continues rental violations

The meeting closed with a discussion on the rental properties at 34 Town Centre Road. Known as Stissing Farms, the collection of condominiums was not initially approved as rental units. The Planning Board considered sending the owners a violation notice, and noticed that the original application had changed multiple times before landing on condominiums.

The board resolved to contact the property owners and ask them to meet with the board before progressing to a violation notice.

North East apartment conversion moves to public hearing

By JACQUELYN DRAIN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Greyhouse Apartment conversion occurring on 181-185 Route 44 made progress this week toward bringing the first housing to the Town of North East’s boulevard district following the area’s rezoning in April.

The North East Planning Board continued discussions on site plans for the apartments at their meeting on Aug. 12. The project, proposed by local petroleum distributor GRJH Inc., seeks to convert a former office building into eight apartments. Plans call for five one-bedroom apartments, two two-bedroom units and one studio.

At the meeting, mother-and-daughter duo Lauren and Lilly Simons presented on the changes made to plan drawings following the board’s last meeting on July 22. Since the meeting, the owners have agreed to install one EV charging station per the zoning requirements. Additionally, an inspection was done and concluded that the septic tank is not compromised in any way.

Despite these changes, there is still more that must be done in order to finalize the plans.

The town’s zoning law requires that a sidewalk be installed in front of the complex because it is in the boulevard district. However, there currently is no sidewalk along Route 44 to connect to at either edge of the property.

“We really can’t incorporate sidewalks without the rest of the development happening alongside with our budding property,” said Lauren Simons. “Do you want us to put a four foot sidewalk in front of our property going nowhere?”

Without existing sidewalks to connect to, consistency and location are large



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Lilly Simons and Lauren Simons are proposing to turn the building at 185 Route 44 into an eight-unit apartment building. The structure once served as a restaurant and then as office space but has been vacant for several years, Lauren Simons said.

issues if individuals decide for themselves where and when sidewalks are installed.

“You’re basically saying whoever does it first decides for everybody where it’s gonna be,” said Dale Culver, chairman of the board. “What if the guy that finally starts the sidewalk decides ‘I don’t like their trees so I’m gonna put the sidewalk here,’ and then they are forced to take out those trees. I can see it happening.”

To curb this confusion, the board will draft an addendum for all plans moving forward until grants are found to create a pathway across Kelsey Brook and to install sidewalks on the road. The passage will state that property owners understand that they will be financially responsible for adding sidewalks in accordance with what the town decides in order to ensure consistency.

“Until we have a way for crossing Kelsey Brook, it is ludicrous to talk about putting sidewalks in,” Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said.

There was significant debate on whether or not the complex is required to provide an

affordable housing unit. The zoning law states that if a complex has 10 apartments there must be one affordable housing unit. Beyond 10 a rounding system is used, meaning if there are 16 apartments that translates to 1.6 which would then be rounded up, requiring two affordable units. Confusion stemmed from whether or not the rounding applied to properties with fewer than 10 apartments which would then

require the Simons to include an affordable unit.

“It’s just common sense to me that the language is crystal clear,” said Board Member Leslie Farhangi. “Less than 10 means no affordable housing unit needed therefore it stops, you don’t even go to the next section to consider rounding.”

The plans also include an office space on the first floor. The board stated that because the complex is not to be used for business purposes, it must be clearly defined that the office will not be rented out and will be used as a leasing office.

The board directed that before the next meeting, GRJH Inc. must present clarified information about the proposed lighting. Additionally, they must add the phrase “on site rental office use” to the plans to specifically define the proposed leasing office.

A public hearing has been set for Aug. 26 on the condition that the outlined changes be made to the plans with submission to the board at least a week before the hearing.

“We don’t want to hold the project up if it is going to create sorely needed units in our town,” Culver said. “But knowing on your end that the details have to be there.”

OBITUARY

Jeff Rosati

WEST CORNWALL — Jeff Rosati, 72, of West Cornwall, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2026.

Born in New Milford on January 18, 1954, Jeff was the devoted son of the late Kathren Valtrum.

After graduating from New Milford High School, he began his career with Eversource as a meter reader, dedicatedly serving the company for 42 years before retiring in 2014 as Chief Garage Mechanic.

In 1979, during a chance meeting while getting a haircut, Jeff met the love of his life, Bernetta (Marshall). Their love story was one for the record books, sharing a deeply devoted marriage of 45 years.

In 1983, Jeff and Bernetta found their forever home in Cornwall, building a life centered on hard work and quiet kindness.

In his retirement, “Little Jeffy” was happiest being outdoors or in his barn. He loved tinkering on projects, tending to his garden, and caring for his hummingbirds. A treasured friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand, he could often be found happily mowing the lawn or pulled over roadside on his beloved John Deere tractor catching up with neighbors.

Jeff will be profoundly missed by his loving wife, Bernetta; the Marshall family of Crane, Texas; and countless friends across Cornwall who held him dear.

A Graveside Service will be held at North Cornwall Cemetery, Rattlesnake Rd., West Cornwall, CT on Thursday August 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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OBITUARIES

Patrick Mahoney

SHARON — Patrick Mahoney, a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Aug. 1, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born on July 31, 1957, in Sharon, Connecticut, Pat was the cherished son of the late William and Mary Mahoney.

Pat’s journey through life was marked by his passion for craftsmanship and the joy he found in working with his hands. A proud graduate of Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, he honed his skills in carpentry, a trade that became not just his career but his calling. Pat’s work ranged from constructing custom cabinets and doors to building complete houses, each project infused with his dedication and precision. Later in life, he brought his meticulous nature and talent to an auto body shop, where he continued to create and restore with the same fervor he had for woodworking.

Pat was a man of many interests, but his heart truly belonged to classic cars. An enthusiast through and through, he poured countless hours into restoring a 1935 Dodge hot rod and later, his pride and joy, a 1957 Ford Custom 300, which he lovingly brought to perfection shortly before his passing. His passion for cars was matched only by his love for animals, and he was known to rescue and care for any creature in need.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Pat will

remember him for his kindness, his infectious sense of humor, and his unwavering love for his family. He shared a beautiful life with his wife, Kim Mahoney, who remained his steadfast partner through every high and low. Pat was a devoted father to his daughter, Erin Mahoney, whose happiness was always his highest priority. He also leaves behind his brother, Michael Mahoney, with whom he shared many memories and adventures.

In the hearts of his family and friends, Pat will forever be remembered for his gentle spirit and the warmth he brought to every room he entered. His legacy is one of love, laughter, and an enduring commitment to those he held dear.

A private funeral ceremony was held to honor Pat’s life, in accordance with the family’s wishes. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor Pat’s memory are invited to make a donation to a charity of their choice, reflecting his generous spirit and his wish to make the world a better place.

Though Pat has left this world, his spirit endures in the lives he touched and the memories he created. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A celebration of Pat’s life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Stephen M. Brandt

LAKEVILLE — Stephen Brandt passed away in the evening hours of Friday Aug. 14, 2026 in the Sharon Hospital Emergency room.

A complete obituary and service details will be in next week’s Lakeville Journal.



Charles Ray Rigdon

FALLS VILLAGE — Charles Ray Rigdon, 69, of Falls Village, Connecticut, died unexpectedly of heart failure on the evening of Aug. 13 at home. He was the loving partner and husband of Garth Parsons Kobal for 43 years.

Ray was born in Alma, Georgia, Bacon County in 1957 to Elzie Dillard Rigdon and Ruby Mae Lee. Elzie (b. 1894) was a Great War veteran serving in the famous “All-American” 82nd Division of the 328th Infantry, the same as war hero Alvin York. Elzie was present at the conflict-ending battle of the Meuse-Argonne offensive in 1918 and sustained a shrapnel injury on Oct. 7, a critical day in the campaign that led to York’s famous capture of 132 enemy troops on Oct. 8. The war ended on armistice day, Nov. 11, 1918. Elzie remained in a hospital in France and was released in May 1919 after healing from his wounds. Elzie was 64 when Ray was born.

Ray’s family moved to Jacksonville, Florida where some of his siblings still live today. He attended Robert E. Lee High School, now renamed Riverside High School. Jacksonville was a major stopping point for the major 70s rock groups and Ray, most often barefoot, saw them all, developing lifetime passions for David Bowie, Alice Cooper, and Joni Mitchell.

Ray moved north to Connecticut in 1976 during the Bicentennial to work for

seller in Danbury. He was the company’s first employee and served for many years as a book buyer and copywriter.

Ray, 26, met his future husband, Garth Kobal, 18, in the spring of 1983 at a gay bar in North Salem, New York. Garth had just graduated from Bethel High School. They moved in together late that summer.

In 1984, Hamilton relocated from Danbury to Falls Village. Ray asked Garth to join him and the couple took up home at the village’s railway depot, historically the station master’s quarters.

Curious to learn more about the bookselling business, the couple moved to New York City in the fall of 1987 residing in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Jersey City until 2006. Initially working for a book wholesaler on Madison Avenue, Ray co-founded a gay and lesbian book wholesale company with Garth located in an artist’s live/workspace building in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. Successful for a couple of years, the couple decided they didn’t really care for running a business and relocated back to Manhattan where Ray worked for book importer, Books Britain, while Garth was hired back by Hamilton to expand the company’s relations with publishers.



The couple celebrated their 20th anniversary with a wedding at Grace Church Van Vorst in Jersey City in 2003 with the Reverend Janet Broderick Kraft officiating. The couple returned to Falls Village in 2006 with Ray joining the copywriting team at Hamilton. Ray and Garth finally achieved their dream of legal marriage on the first day that Connecticut allowed same-sex unions, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008. Their marriage license was certified by Town Clerk Mary Palmer in Falls Village and they were married steps away from town hall by Justice of the Peace Denny Jacobs in front of Jacob’s Garage.

Ray retired a few years later. After surviving liver failure in 2016, Ray devoted himself to his husband’s health culminating in Garth’s successful kidney transplant in 2023.

Born in 1957, Ray was a Sputnik baby, a part of the first TV generation. He preferred having the TV on all the time, even if it was turned down while he listened to music. In his final years, Ray was limited in his mobility due to COPD. Even so, he continued to pursue the things that he loved most – cooking, music, reading, crossword puzzles and politics – adding a late-life

passion for soccer. His favorite football clubs were Liverpool and Manchester United. In the last several years, if a match was on then Ray was watching it, sometimes several at once.

Ray was a stoic. He never let on about how he felt physically and never sat in judgment of anyone he knew personally. He had an immense capacity to show tenderness with family, friends, strangers, and significantly with animals. He loved and cared for several dogs over the years, especially Joe the Shar-pei and Emmy the Bulldog, a couple that mirrored Ray and Garth, one protective and introspective, the other outgoing and social. To the very end, if a dog visited the house, they would head directly to Ray and lay at his feet.

Ray is survived by his husband Garth Kobal and his siblings Talmadge Rigdon, Sonja Rigdon, Phyllis Moyes, Patty Tate, David Rigdon and countless in-laws, nephews, nieces and cousins in the Rigdon and Kobal families. He is pre-deceased by his beloved sisters Helen Spivey and de-facto family matriarch, Mary Dimples Freeman.

In lieu of flowers and cards, memorial donations may be made in his name to David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village 06031 or at hunt-library.org.

For another obituary, see page A3

William O’Connell

AMENIA — William (Bill) O’Connell died peacefully surrounded by family at Sharon Hospital on Aug. 12, 2026, due to complications of cancer. Bill was born into a large Irish Catholic family in Bay Shore, New York, on March 3, 1964. After Bill completed kindergarten, the family moved upstate, settling on Depot Hill in Amenia, New York, where he was a lifelong resident. He attended Catholic School at Immaculate Conception, transferring to Webutuck Middle School in the sixth grade. He graduated from Webutuck High School in 1982.



As a child he was an avid (obsessed) fisherman, asking for a new fishing pole every year for his birthday. He was given permission to skip school every opening day of fishing season. He cherished fond memories of growing up as a “Depot Hill Gang” member. He enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, and baseball throughout high school. While hitchhiking home from his job as a lifeguard at the Millerton Town Pool, good looks and charm got him discovered. First as a print model, then as an actor in eleven television commercials and as an extra in a couple of movies. Anyone who knew him at that time was fair game for a ride to the train station or directly into the city for the many auditions he went to. He was a painter by trade, working in partnership with his brother Michael, at O’Connell Painting for many years serving the tri-state area. Bill was adventurous, loved to travel, and spent several months on a walk-a-bout through Australia and New Zealand. Bill was always up for a concert, a Giants game, or picking the freshest berries on the way to a cool fishing spot. He was well known locally at many recreational leagues

for indoor soccer, darts, pool, cards, and golf. He was quite a competitor at everything he enjoyed. Bill and Michael organized the annual O’Connell Paint Can Open for many years, with loyal enthusiasts flying in to attend year after year. In the latter years, complications from multiple ailments made his life increasingly difficult, dulling his natural shine. The bright spot of that time was how patient and attentive he was while caring for his mother, Frankie. Being present in her daily life so she could remain at home. This obituary was lovingly composed by his siblings, who loved him dearly.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, John & Evelyn O’Connell, and is survived by his three siblings; Karen Grimaldi (Mark) of Salisbury, Connecticut, Michael O’Connell of Florida, and Kathleen Lacko of Casper, Wyoming; two nieces and three nephews, Connor Washburn (Hannah), Mickaela Grimaldi, Liam Girmaldi, Kenny Lacko, and Marykate Lacko, dozens of cousins, and countless friends who will miss him tremendously.

A graveside service and burial will take place on Thursday, Aug., 20, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia, New York. Rev. Andrew O’Connor will officiate. A reception in Bill’s honor will follow at the Amenia Steakhouse. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amenia Fire Company & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 166, Amenia, NY 12501. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Bill’s memory please visit www.conklin-funeral.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

Joyce Gertrude Cassetta

MILLBROOK — Joyce Gertrude (Kirstein) Cassetta of Millbrook, 96, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 10 at Maplewood. Joyce was born Sept. 15, 1930, in Ossining New York to Ethel (Travis) and Franz Kirstein. She was the second eldest of 6 children, and the only member of her family to graduate high school. Joyce married Michael A. Cassetta (deceased) of Tarrytown in 1950. Joyce and Mike built their



first home in East Irvington where they raised their family. Joyce was an outstanding cook, avid gardener, enjoyed curling and ice skating. Joyce also served over 50 years in the Eastern Star. She is survived by 3 of her 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She has one surviving sister, Shirley. Our deepest gratitude to those who cared for her, especially her son Mark. Joyce will be laid to rest at Hillside Cemetery.

Celebration of Life

Pieter A. Van Why

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life honoring Pieter A. Van Why, who passed away on April 11, 2026.

The celebration will be held Saturday, August 22, from 1 to evening at Norbrook Farms Brewery, 204 Stillman

Hill Road, Colebrook, CT.

This will be an informal gathering to remember Pieter the way he would have wanted – with good friends, laughter and plenty of memories.

Please stop by and help us celebrate a life that meant so much to so many.

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LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

As grocery prices continue to affect household budgets, shoppers are finding different ways to make their money go further. Some may be turning to farmers markets, local farms and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs), while others are sticking with familiar grocery stores, buying in bulk or choosing more affordable options.

Have rising prices changed the way you shop for food?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

LAST WEEK

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?

“Any and all businesses should be easily approved and not hassled by the town as long as they are on the up and up. I’ve seen certain businesses targeted in certain towns for no legitimate reason and that is wrong.”
—Smallz Smallz

“I would never try to stop others from enjoying cannabis. And if someone wants to grow it and sell it, more power to them, isn’t this supposed to be a free, capitalist country? Throw some socialism in there by taxing sales and using the revenue for social services or education and what is there to complain about? All above board, legal, monitored, studied, enjoyed. A few anxiety attacks for sure but that is the worst of it honestly and those who don’t like it don’t need to use it just like anything.”
—Andres Vialpando, Millerton

“Ban beer, wine and booze or shut up.”
—Darrin Culver, Pine Plains

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cannabis industry running Big Tobacco’s playbook on children

As a local area resident and former Obama and Bush drug advisor, I oppose the expansion of marijuana dispensaries in our community, and I’m urging my neighbors to speak up before we normalize an industry whose business model depends on addiction.

This isn’t an abstract issue for me. I’ve spent more than two decades working on drug policy — advising three presidential administrations, Democrat and Republican — but more importantly, I’m a dad raising my kid in this community. When I see THC gummies packaged to look like the candy at the corner store, or a storefront going in near where our kids walk to school, I don’t see “economic development.” I see an industry that has studied Big Tobacco’s playbook and is running it on our children.

And make no mistake — this is not your parents’ pot. Unlike the marijuana of the 70s, which was around 1-3% THC, today’s flower hovers around 20-25%, with concentrates like dabs and waxes reaching up to 99%. What would we expect when one of the industry’s largest investors is Altria, the parent company of Marlboro? Kid-friendly marketing, downplayed harms, addiction for profit — we’ve seen this movie before.

The research on what dispensaries do to communities is clear. A study from Washington State University found that regular exposure to marijuana advertising, including storefronts and billboards, increased the odds of adolescents using marijuana. A 2025 study from the Public Health Institute found that teens living in areas where marijuana storefronts are banned are significantly less likely to have a recent diagnosis of a psychotic disorder compared to teens who live near retail marijuana stores.

Users of today’s high-potency marijuana are more

likely to experience psychosis, depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. A study from Europe found that 30% of schizophrenia cases among young men would have been avoided if not for cannabis use disorder (CUD), the scientific term for addiction. And the incidence of CUD among users has risen dramatically, with 30% of people who use marijuana developing it.

We also can’t ignore what pot shops bring with them. Legalization was sold as a way to put criminals out of business — the opposite has happened. According to the DEA’s National Drug Threat Assessment, Chinese and Mexican criminal organizations have exploited state legalization to build a multi-billion-dollar black market, with illegal grow operations identified in more than 20 states — including right here in the Northeast — many staffed by trafficked workers, with profits funneled into other criminal enterprises. Oklahoma alone has shut down more than 3,000 illegal farms, most linked to organized crime. And the crime doesn’t stay at the grow sites: a peer-reviewed study in Justice Quarterly found that Denver neighborhoods with dispensaries experienced significantly higher rates of crime and disorder than comparable neighborhoods without them.

Our towns have a choice. We can learn from what Denver, Oklahoma, and California are living through — or we can repeat it. I’m asking my neighbors to join me in saying no to dispensary expansion here.

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Suffer the children

“The picture of the world’s richest man killing the world’s poorest children is not a pretty one,” Bill Gates on Elon Musk, May, 2025

Lifesaving food and medicines were denied internationally as DOGE, Musk, irradiated the US Agency for International Development — slashed it, irrevocably as it also cancelled grants to hospitals that helped women from transmitting HIV to their babies.

Musk, no longer chain-sawing domestic and international policies and grants, has lately, in The Economist July interview, acknowledged the pace and suddenness of his DOGE cuts of funding and long-time initiatives likely caused unnecessary “friction.” Oddly, Musk continued that the Gates Foundation should have stepped in to bridge the negatives when he, Musk, went “too fast.” Gates should have saved Musk and the world from his acts although in 2012, Musk, along with a cadre of ultra wealthies, signed the Giving Pledge: to contribute at least 50% of their wealth to charity in or after their lifetimes. Musk had his own deep pockets,

In the same Economist interview, Musk vehemently claimed 0.0 children died as a result of his USAID actions though multiple agencies re-

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Kathy Herald-Marlowe

port 700,000+ child victims/deaths have been counted as arising from the pull out of USAID medicines, foods, aids — adults add hundreds of thousands more.

Adamantly anti-government handouts, the wealthiest person on the planet is behold to the US for a king’s ransom. Over the first two decades of Musk ventures, the US government provided him over \$38 billion in the form of loans, tax credits, subsidies, manufacturing incentives, and regulatory credits — add to this his 52 ongoing US contracts. DOGE would more appropriately stand for Dependent on Government Enrichments. Billionaires are up globally to 3,482 — increasing at an ever-faster clip. Just 700 of the 1200 US billionaires have a combined net wealth exceeding the worth of the entire bottom half of Americans (165 million).

Mark, Matthew, and Luke all have scripture with Christ’s plea to “Suffer the Children” -include them, bring them forth, forbid them not. However, since January, 2025, children abroad have suffered as have domestic children

robbed of grants, precluded from policies already passed for their well-fare and growth — food, education, health.

The spectacular cruelty and corruption of Musk, DOGE, aligns well with the maneuvers fostered against children by Robert F. Kennedy Jr* regarding children’s health: deaths from measles (94% unvaccinated kids), the falsehoods about vaccines and autism, the shredding of health and environmental regulations, and stark reductions/cancellations of research by the 10’s of million\$ for children — moneys already appropriated by Congress. Measles in the US were eradicated in 2000 and gifted back to the US by RFJ Jr with 4,800 deaths in 2025-2026. After famously ranting against the evils of vaccines, RFJ Jr now admits that he and his six children are all, totally vaccinated —none with autism. Backpedaling on the MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) as a measles outbreak skyrockets, RFK J is saying “A measles vaccine is effective, it stops measles in about 97% of cases. So people should get vaccinated.” Not all are.

The “Big Beautiful Bill” made tax reductions from 2017 permanent while tax provisions favoring high-income households and corporations expanded. The bill’s attractive benefits for the rich will be paid for primarily by reductions in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the Affordable Care

Act, Medicaid, tax credits, clean air initiatives and student loans. Free meals for children are denied to millions of low-income, poverty level families — children to go hungry to learn.

Erasing Head Start is Kennedy’s next target as HHS removes 1,000 provisions for local and state control that regulated these highly effective programs. Structural changes for Head Start centers go into effect in October including removal of limits on class size, removal of routine annual health screenings, slashes to funding student expansion. Studies, over decades, indicate positives accrued: increased readiness for school, increased likelihood of completion of high school and attendance in college, lower poverty. Commencing in 1965, with Johnson’s War on Poverty, Head Start has had 6 decades, 60 years, of positive impacts now negated by a Secretary* unworthy of his name — a Junior so distance from a trio of Kennedy legends.

“You judge a society by how it treats its citizens. We must do our best to ensure that every child can live in comfort and security with the best possible education”. Melania Trump

*Bobby might share the same name as our father, but he does not share the same values, vision or judgment.” RFK Junior siblings

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

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cal elections outside of New York City from odd to even years, Alexander now must run again after entering office in January.

“Unfortunately I’ve been in this role for 7 months now and I’ve got to start campaigning again, but my campaign will always be based on the effectiveness of my work,” Alexander said. “It’s been a motivation to get going and get things done.”

Alexander’s election last year marked an end to the decade-long Republican majority in the Dutchess County Legislature. He attributed the Democratic majority as being key in making progress.

Since being in office, Alexander has focused on using tax dollars more effectively, affordability and bringing awareness to resources available to county residents. With a background in finance having worked on Wall Street in trading and asset management, he applied that experience to the legislature. Alexander is also the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Emerson College in Boston, his alma mater.

“There’s a lot of work to be done and there is a lot of room for improvement in county government,” Alexander said. “In terms of transparency, in terms of working in a bipartisan way, in terms of just being more effective in not wasting tax dollars.”

The Republican candidate challenging the incumbent is Hubert, a local business owner. “I think it’s part of our civic responsibility to participate in local elections and also to build a community,” Hubert said. “As a Republican, seeing that the tides have changed that it was intrinsically my responsibility to step up and see if we could win back at least the seat in District 25.”

Hubert and her husband own a trucking and heavy equipment company. Hubert is currently the Executive Director at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County. Considering her background, Hubert’s campaign focuses on ensuring that Dutchess County is a place where small businesses can thrive while making things easier on business owners.

“It is difficult to keep up with all of the mandates and taxes and everything else that is thrust upon us,” Hubert said. “So trying to make sense of some kind of compromise that allows certain taxes to be paid out but also to not eat away at the bottom line of a small business owner.”

In addition to small businesses, if elected Hubert hopes to focus on the agriculture industry, less high density housing and youth development. Seeking more traditional values in the area, she envisions a return to more small community ideals, bringing the county back to how it was about 5 to 10 years ago.

“People live here because it’s a nice, rural community that has a lot of opportuni-

ties,” she said. “We live here because we don’t want it to become a city or urban area for which it’s not.”

One issue that transcends party lines for these candidates is Emergency Medical Services in the county. Services have become privately owned in the area causing costs to skyrocket with some towns having to pay nearly

been a Farmer and Director of the property since its opening and has trained nearly 70 apprentices during his time there. Without having ownership of the property despite running the farm for the last nearly three decades, Hambleton is feeling the effects of land easements.

In the Hudson Valley, small businesses have been vital in keeping farms alive. By consistently purchasing from and working directly with farmers, local restaurants and grocery stores have been able to forge a mutually beneficial relationship.

Tri Corner F.E.E.D., a food market in Millerton, is bridging the gap between farmers and shoppers who are often priced out of eating locally. The store offers a sliding scale for pricing, ensuring that people of all incomes can afford locally grown, healthy food.

“Food at the price that the farmers need to receive is sometimes inaccessible for a large amount of our community that have interest in local food,” said Blake Myers, director of food programs for Tri Corner F.E.E.D. Industrial growers are able to achieve higher economies of scale due to their increased output and in turn offer lower prices for customers.

Full Circus Farm, owned and operated by Miriam and Mark Stonehill, primarily sells their fruit and vegetables to local farm stores such as Tri Corner F.E.E.D. and Big Rock Market in Stanfordsville.

“One of the great things about working with local farm stores is that they aren’t dictating our prices, we set our prices,” Mark Stonehill said. “There’s a lot of farmers that aren’t in that lucky position.”

Farm to table restaurants also have been a resource for farmers in the area. Willa, a Millerton restaurant specializing in sourcing locally grown ingredients, opened in 2023. Willa prides itself on showcasing a menu that changes nearly every day based on seasonal availability.

“We are really blessed where we’re located in this area because there is such a bounty of small scale organic farmers and we’re able to source from such a close radius,” said Alanna Broesler, co-owner of the restaurant.

Despite these efforts to support local farms, some restaurants must source their food from greater distances to make up for the recent decline in output. Pasture Kitchen, a farm to table restaurant in Millerton, gets approximately 60% of their food from farms in the Hudson Valley, citing availability issues for this widened radius.

“It definitely does make you have to work a little bit harder to find those networks and they might not always be as close to home as you hope,” said Will Lanier, a manager at the restaurant.

Farmers also face challenges when working with local restaurants and stores. Full Circus Farm has moved to working with larger distributors such as the Hudson Seed Company in addition to local businesses.

“It can be really tough to work really closely with another business and then they go out of business,” Stonehill said. “That’s one of the challenges of farming and selling locally is that it’s a difficult business environment for other small businesses.”

In light of these hardships, interest and support from the community is largely valuable in sustaining local farms despite the current turbulent conditions.

“I could not do what I do without interest from community members and where their food comes from,” said Sarah Chase. “It’s the only reason I exist.”

With these difficulties and significant changes in the industry, some farmers are persevering for the love of the game.

“There is a lot of joy in farming and we do it not because we are making millions as farmers,” Stonehill said. “We do it because we love the lifestyle. We love our 5-year-old and 7-year-old getting to grow up on a farm and know where their food comes from and understand in a really special way the natural world and how we as humans fit into that natural world.”

BUDGET *Continued from Page A1*

A silver lining in all this is Millbrook FD’s increased membership. At a time when many volunteer services are disbanding from lack of interest, approximately 50 people have joined the Millbrook volunteers over the past two years. But the department said this growth brings additional costs for gear and equipment as call volume, infrastructure needs, and equipment costs continue to rise.

As a point of comparison, the department estimates that

replacing volunteer coverage with paid staffing for just three firefighters would cost between \$240,000 and \$315,000 per year, covering partial daytime staffing only. Nights, weekends, and major incidents would still require volunteer response under that scenario.

Before responding to a call, members complete state-mandated training. New York State firefighter certification includes roughly 80 to 100 hours of entry-level training and 120 to 160 hours for

Interior Firefighter certification, plus annual safety training and ongoing drills. Basic EMT certification requires approximately 150 to 180 hours, with continuing education required every three years. Combined, the department states that firefighter and EMT training totals 350 to 450 hours before a member is fully qualified.

The department is asking the community to “support them, equip them,” and “stand behind them when they answer the call.”

TOWN HALL *Continued from Page A1*

the former Jehovah’s Witness hall in 2023 for \$440,000. The Town Board put initial plans — designed by former Millerton resident Jeanne Vanecko — out to bid the following year, but ultimately rejected the bid because the estimated cost was too high.

Current plans are estimated to cost about \$1.4 million, Kennan said. He compared that price tag to Town Hall projects in neighboring Pine Plains and Pleasant Valley, New York. Pine Plains is seeking to build a brand new Town Hall building, with costs expected to reach about \$4 million. Pleasant Valley also opted to renovate an

existing building, but those renovations cost more than \$8 million.

The new Town Hall building will have space for independent offices for most town employees and departments, and more space for town records. The building has 4,513 square feet of floor space — nearly twice as much as the current Town Hall at 19 N. Maple Ave.

Additionally, the building will be fully compliant with the Americans With Disabilities act. The former Jehovah’s Witness hall is a single-story structure with no basement, so all records and government

operations will be located on ground level.

And the plans boast a much larger board meeting room, which doubles as the town’s court. That room will have capacity for up to 40 people to attend government meetings.

Earlier this year, Town Board members considered contracting with a neighboring municipality for courtroom space. The move would have removed the courtroom, holding cells and judge’s chambers from the floorplan. Those talks fizzled shortly after the town’s justices — Casey McCabe and Dennis Johnson — spoke out against them in public comment during a June 11 Town Board meeting. Kennan said that criticism led to further talks with the town’s department heads to evaluate their needs and find a path forward.

“The more I’ve looked at it, the more I really feel we have a very good plan,” Kennan said.

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Jeremy Boviard, General Manager at the Moviehouse in Millerton.

More than movies

Jeremy Boviard found his calling at The Moviehouse

By Richard Feiner
And Annette Stover

More than movies: Jeremy Boviard found his calling at The Moviehouse. Spend a few minutes talking with Jeremy Boviard about movies and you're likely to forget what time it is. Ask about a favorite film and he'll happily explain the first time he saw it, how it was made and why it matters. One story leads to another. His enthusiasm is infectious. For Boviard, movies are far more than entertainment – they're one of the best ways

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ART

A nomadic art gallery finds a home in Bantam

By D.H. Callahan

On Saturday, Aug. 22, Friday Arts will open its new gallery in the Bantam Arts Factory. In the summer of 2025, former Guggenheim Museum head of digital Laura Kleger and her husband, award-winning filmmaker Justin Schwarz, opened a gallery ... kind of. When we usually think of galleries, we might conjure the image of white walls lined with art and littered with sculptures. Some of us might think outside the box and visualize barns and industrial towers, like at the Wassaic Project, or Millerton's Re Institute. But Friday Arts, as Schwarz and Kleger called it, thought of the space as secondary. To them, the main idea is to display and promote art and the artists who make it. In that endeavor, they've done a whole lot in a single year, including hosting 11 exhibitions, collaborating with 15 artists and producing eight original films, all without a permanent home. They've done it at a series of

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MUSIC

Benjamin Franklin's glass armonica comes to the Berkshire Opera Festival

By D.H. Callahan

In the early 1760s, Benjamin Franklin was one of the most popular people in the world. The writer, printer, inventor and electricity pioneer was known throughout the British Colonies in America, as well as in Europe, as a respected intellectual and diplomat. While we know him as one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, he spent almost a third of his life in Europe. Eight of those years were spent in France, working to secure support from the French military during the Revolutionary War. But before that, he spent 18 years in England as a diplomatic representative from the colonies.

It was during that time when Franklin first witnessed a musician play a series of glass bowls in a style closer to a piano, simply by moving his fingers. Franklin called his new invention the armonica, after the Italian word for harmony, "armonia," and was known to play it for friends and visitors. For somebody whose name is synonymous with money, his face famously gracing the \$100 bill, Franklin wasn't quite as capitalistically minded as one might expect. He declined to patent the invention, instead allowing other instrument fabricators to make their own without paying him fees. Possibly due to his altruism, the armonica caught on, with pieces

In 1761, Franklin commissioned an English glass blower to make him 36 glass bowls of specific diameters and thickness. He then mounted them on a rotating, lathe-like structure, interstacking the smaller bowls inside the openings of



PHOTO BY DENNIS JAMES

Dennis James plays the glass armonica in Colonial costume.

the larger ones. Now, instead of reaching all around a table, the musician could play the bowls in a style closer to a piano, simply by moving his fingers. Franklin called his new invention the armonica, after the Italian word for harmony, "armonia," and was known to play it for friends and visitors.

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written for it by such compositional legends as Mozart and Beethoven.

Now, the instrument is coming to Great Barrington as part of the Berkshire Opera Festival. For its 10th anniversary, the festival is presenting "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Italian composer Gaetano Donizetti. The opera, which will be performed in its original Italian, is one of the most prominent works in the "bel canto" style. The term "bel canto" translates to "beautiful voice," but today, the style can be best summed up as a more dramatic style, allowing performers to match their vocal tones to subjects or moods. This essentially lets the singers act with their voices

through song.

The opera is most commonly performed with a flute solo, but the Festival chose to enlist the armonica, as was originally called for by Donizetti. To play it, BOF is bringing in multi-instrumentalist Dennis James, who has already demonstrated his armonica skills to Berkshire audiences at the American premiere of George Benjamin's opera "Written on Skin" at Tanglewood in 2013.

"Lucia di Lammermoor" will run at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington on Saturday, Aug. 22; Tuesday, Aug. 25; and Friday, Aug. 28. For tickets and more information, visit berkshireoperafestival.org/

COMMUNITY

The mycelial web of nature, creativity, science and magic at Berkshire Mushroom Festival

By Natalia Zukerman

"Mycelium is Earth's natural Internet," says mycologist Paul Stamets. He also calls fungi "the grand recyclers of the planet" and says, "Fungi are the interface organisms between life and death."

If that sounds like a pretty good argument for paying more attention to what's happening under your feet, the Berkshire Mushroom Festival is hosting a weekend made for you.

On Aug. 22 and 23, Tam Integration, an online psychedelic community organization, and Lee, Massachusetts-based dispensary Sweetgrass Botanicals will bring together foragers, cultivators, scientists, artists, cooks and curious humans at Dewey Hall in Sheffield, Massachusetts, for a weekend devoted to the remarkable world of mushrooms.

Stamets' books, including "Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World," have helped inspire a broader fascination with the

fungus kingdom, from the role of mycelium in forest ecosystems to the potential of mushrooms in medicine and environmental restoration. Similarly, Michael Pollan's "How to Change Your Mind" introduced millions of

readers to the history and revival of psychedelic research, including scientific investigations into psilocybin, the psychoactive compound found in certain mushrooms. Pollan's reporting has helped illuminate

a field that had moved from the counterculture into laboratories and serious conversations about consciousness and mental health.

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people connect.

That passion has made him the perfect steward of The Moviehouse in Millerton, where, as general manager, he has helped transform the nonprofit theater into a vibrant community gathering place.

“I like bringing people together to share something,” he said. “People come here to enjoy themselves, to learn about the world and themselves, and we’re here to facilitate and enhance that experience as much as possible.”

His path to The Moviehouse, however, wasn’t one he could have imagined.

Raised in Newton, Massachusetts, Boviard grew up immersed in musical theater and developed an early love of cinema. Some of his first memories involve movies. As a toddler, he insisted on watching “E.T.” before deciding the opening scenes were too scary. Today, it’s one of his all-time favorites. He also wore out a VHS recording of the television broadcast of “The Wizard of Oz,” commercials and all.

Cinema was a family affair. His mother, a preschool teacher, would even mail him Siskel and Ebert’s “thumbs up” and “thumbs down” movie reviews while he was away at summer camp, to keep him in the loop.

“I’ve always loved talking about movies,” he said.

After studying communications and media at Northeastern University, Boviard explored a variety of careers. Then, in 2016, his life took an unexpected turn.

He came to northwest Connecticut seeking treatment for alcoholism at Mountainside Treatment Center in Canaan, expecting to stay for only a month or two.

Instead, he found a new beginning.

Nearly a decade later, Boviard remains sober and speaks openly about the experience that changed his life.

“It’s a big part of my identity,” he said. “It’s more than not drinking or doing drugs;



Jeremy Boviard and the team have expanded concessions at The Moviehouse.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE STOVER

“There’s something special about sharing a story in a room full of other people.”

JEREMY BOVIARD

it’s about having integrity and being open to others.”

After completing treatment, he stayed in the area and joined the Mountainside staff, eventually becoming a client services lead during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The work was demanding, requiring compassion, flexibility and resilience.

“It helped me become — not the best version of myself, because I’m not perfect — but I feel stable and happy with my life in ways that 10 years ago I did not,” he said. “It’s the beginning of a lifelong journey.”

That same outlook shapes the way he approaches his work today.

When friends learned The Moviehouse was looking for a general manager after reopening in 2021, they immediately thought of Boviard. Running an

independent movie theater had long been one of his dream jobs.

“It felt like a perfect fit,” he said, “and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity that [Moviehouse Chair and Vice Chair] Chelsea Altman and David Maltby have given me.”

His days rarely look the same. He helps choose films, organizes special events, oversees fundraising and educational programs, manages staff schedules and payroll, orders supplies — and, if necessary, teaches new team members to change the soda fountain syrup, as he did in the middle of this interview: “There are plenty of moments where you’re doing a little bit of everything.”

He credits Assistant General Manager Tom Cloutier, Public Relations and Marketing Director Helen Seslowsky, and the rest of the team for creating a culture built on trust and teamwork.

“When I’m not here physically, I trust that the people who are here are handling everything well,” he said. “That’s a really good place to be.”

Under Boviard’s leadership, The Moviehouse has expanded well beyond first-run films. Triv-

ia nights, filmmaker discussions, live performances, after-school filmmaking programs and community partnerships have become part of its identity.

His goal is to offer something streaming services can’t.

“There’s something special about sharing a story in a room full of other people,” he said.

In an age when so much entertainment is experienced alone, Boviard believes the real magic of the movies is not confined to the screen. It’s found in the shared experience of watching together, lights dimming and a community discovering, for a couple of hours, that great stories are better when they’re shared.

That commitment extends beyond the theater. As co-chair of the Millerton Business Alliance, Boviard helps organize community events, including free holiday movie screenings and Festival of Lights activities.

He says he still finds himself struck by the quiet beauty of the region he unexpectedly came to call home.

Asked what advice he would give his younger self, Boviard doesn’t talk about career success or favorite films.

Instead, he offered a lesson earned through experience.

“Life’s full of surprises, and things often won’t play out how you expect,” he said. “If you put your best foot forward, stay even-keeled and remain as realistically optimistic as possible, life will lead to some unexpectedly wonderful places.”

...Friday Arts

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Justin Schwarz and Laura Kleger, founders and directors of Friday Arts.

venues, both traditional galleries and unconventional art spaces, including a former dairy factory in Amenia.

In addition to these pop-up galleries, they’ve also hosted art shows online. It’s part of an ethos developed around the concept of making art more accessible to everyday people. To that end, they started the Friday Arts Editions, which features limited runs of sculptures and prints designed for consumption. “We think buying art by living artists is a vote for a certain kind of world — one where creative expertise, imagination and possibility are valued.”

While they plan to continue all these efforts, they’re adding their own gallery space to the mix. And much like their diverse venues of the past, this one is a bit of a mix. Yes, it has white walls like a traditional gallery, but it’s housed in an old switch factory and surrounded by working artists. Moving into a building with a history seems appropriate, as part of their mission statement as an arts group is to foster deeper dialogues with the stories behind the works they present. Part of those efforts come through in interviews with the artists themselves and the subsequent short films posted to their website.

“We often envision a version of our younger selves,” Kleger said, “living outside of a major art center, spending time with [the website] as a helpful resource to inform their own creative journey.”

Their first show, opening on Saturday, Aug. 22 is called “Second Cutting,” based on the second harvest of the summer and “the finer, denser growth a field yields after the ground has already been worked and then returned to.” The show will feature paintings by Rachael Catharine Anderson, Ryan Steadman and Annika Tucksmith, which will work in dialogue with the theme. Kleger and Schwarz will personally lead tours of the exhibition on the two Saturdays after its opening and will offer subsequent tours by appointment.

More information, including videos and contact information for appointments, can be found at friday-arts.com.



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(From L to R) Jakob Kerr-Lucero (Jake), Charlotte Wise (Candy), Richie Crane (Joey), Brianna Vivace (Coco), and Vivian Burnham (Stage Manager) in rehearsal for Sharon Playhouse’s “Zombie Prom.”

THEATER

From grave to stage: “Zombie Prom” lights up the Sharon Playhouse

By Natalia Zukerman

Jonny is dead. He’s also still dating Toffee. And he has every intention of making it to the prom.

That’s the basic problem at the heart of “Zombie Prom,” the gloriously campy musical comedy coming to the Sharon Playhouse Aug. 21-23.

Set in a candy-colored 1950s high school, “Zombie Prom” has everything a

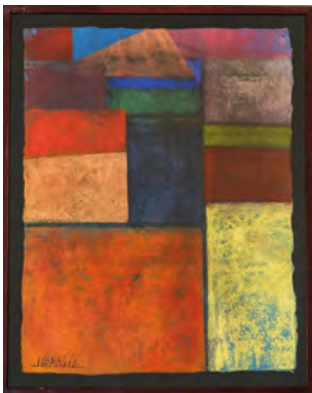
vintage teen musical could want: a sweet girl, a rebellious bad boy, a terrifyingly strict principal, rock ‘n’ roll, big dance numbers and enough adolescent angst to power a small town. It also has a dead boyfriend who refuses to let the grave interfere with his love life.

The show is the second annual production of the Sharon Playhouse’s Launchpad Company, a pre-professional program

for theater artists ages 15 to 20. This year’s young cast comes from communities on both sides of the Connecticut-New York border, including Alex Wilbur of Lakeville as Eddie Flagnate, Carlo Desy of Fairfield as Jonny, Abby Callaway of Woodbury as Toffee and Callie Audia of Dover Plains as Miss Delilah Strict.

The musical, with music

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HISTORY

The flood that changed Winsted forever

By Jack Sheedy

The flood of 1955 was more than a natural disaster for Winsted, Connecticut. It was a defining event that changed the town forever, according to historian Hamish Lutris, who discussed the flood and its aftermath during a presentation Aug. 7 at the American Mural Project.

“For Winsted, this is really the operative event in their post-World War II history,” Lutris said. “Winsted, for better or worse, has never really been the same since that flood. Half of Main Street got kind of wiped out.”

Lutris’ presentation, “Inundated: Connecticut’s Great Flood of 1955,” was part of the American Mural Project’s “History After Hours” series. The program included sections of the PBS documentary “The Flood of ’55,” narrated by Charlie Bagley, a PowerPoint presentation created by Lutris and photo displays of the flood in Winsted, Unionville, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Torrington and Canton.

About 75 people attended the event. When people attend a presentation about the flood of 1955, you might expect some of them to talk about how they survived it. But even some people whose homes were not flooded had stories about how it affected their lives.

New Hartford resident Corinne Rebillard said she grew up atop Highland Avenue in Torrington. On Aug. 19, 1955, she and her family were high above the flood, while fellow townspeople in the Naugatuck River Valley below felt its full fury.

“We had no destruction



PHOTO JACK SHEEDY

Jack Lutris presented “Inundated” Connecticut’s Great Flood of 1955 at the American Mural Project in Winsted.

whatsoever,” Rebillard said. “But we lost power, and we had to go to the spring over by Wright’s barn (on Route 4), because we had no running water. I took a bath in a big tub on the patio.”

Of the 200 businesses on Main Street, 170 were destroyed, Lutris said. Contemporary accounts estimated the damage totaled more than \$27 million in 1955 dollars, not including public and private utilities. Of the 87 people who died in Connecticut, seven were from Winsted.

It was a one-two punch by hurricanes Connie and Diane, which produced a

total of 35 inches of rain, he said. To add insult to injury, Hurricane Ione in October, though lacking the force of Connie or Diane, caused another \$20 million in damage and took 17 more lives in the state, he said.

Connecticut’s river systems are beneficial to farming and industry, but they also make the state susceptible to flooding, Lutris said. “We’ve got a lot of water, right? This, of course, is also what created the industrial state of Connecticut, and that is water power, right? And so what happens is, in the 1800s, we’re going to start taking advantage of all

of this flowing water that’s going from the north, basically to the south, and that’s where we’re going to start putting factories,” he said.

But the flip side is the risk of flooding. The rains of Connie and Diane brought floods that wiped out 17 major bridges in Connecticut and even caused Winsted’s Highland Lake to overflow, carrying new and used cars from a dealership to float down onto Main Street, he said.

Lutris lives in Winchester and has taught history in several community colleges in Connecticut. He said he lectures on a variety of historical topics at libraries and historical societies and tries to bring history to life for his listeners. Dates of wars and deaths of kings are only the skeleton of history, he said. “You know when the Civil War was, but if you really want to know what it was like, read letters from soldiers,” he said.

Attending the event was Edward Bachman, who said he did not live in the area in 1955 but in 1963 bought a house in Pleasant Valley that had been through the flood. “Water came to the first floor and filled the crawl space with silt,” he said, based on stories he’d heard.

Paul Hart, a member of the Barkhamsted Historical Society, said he learned of a family who became trapped overnight on a bridge in Pleasant Valley. “Trees were coming down and slamming into the bridge,” he said. “They tried to cross to get out of Pleasant Valley, and it was washed out on the east side, and they came back to the west side, and it just washed out, trapping them on the bridge.”

In the December 2024 issue of “Squire’s Tavern Quarterly,” the newsletter of the Barkhamsted Historical Society, Hart writes, “Standing on the bridge, the water was up to their shins. The family was terrified before being rescued by boat the next day.”

AMP’s special photo exhibit, “Inundated: Connecticut’s Great Flood of 1955,” will be available for viewing with regular AMP admission Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. through Aug. 29. The next “History After Hours” event will be Sept. 11, a live performance of “The Guys,” a one-act play presented by Herstory Theater.

American Mural Project is at 90 Whiting St., Winsted. For more information, visit americanmuralproject.org or call 860-379-3006.

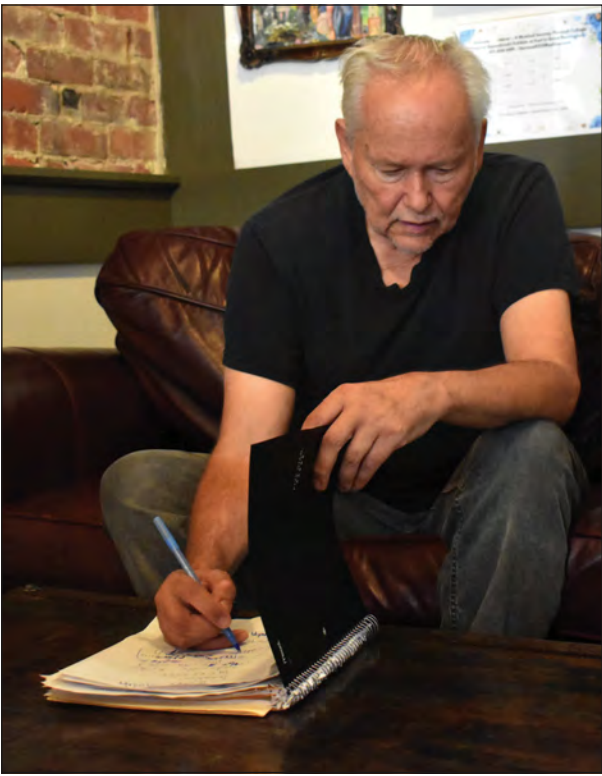


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Poet, composer and librettist David Proskauer.

POETRY

David Proskauer turns the drama of life into poetry and music

By Robin Roraback

Originally from Westbury, Long Island, but a resident of The Berkshires for over 30 years, poet David Proskauer said, “I don’t know when I got the bug about writing. It just happened.”

“I am inspired by nature, people, places, family and my imagination,” he explained. “Partly, my writing has been a way to clarify my mind, heart, body and soul and as a cleansing for any bipolar irritations,” for which Proskauer says he has found success with treatments.

Proskauer recalls an uncle, Melville Crane, whom he met when he was young whom he considers “an unconscious inspiration” to begin writing.

He mentioned another inspiration: “I once met a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Gary Schmidgall, who wrote ‘Literature As Opera’ which my father gave to me and which has been a big inspiration in my life.”

Proskauer has published three books of poetry, “The Hearth Waits,” “The Oakdale Community” and “Indian Summer,” of which US Review of Books says, “His notable

collection, ‘Indian Summer,’ captures the essence of fall and its impending winter.”

Besides writing poetry, Proskauer also composes music and writes lyrics. He began playing piano as a child, while his two brothers played the cello. He recalled, “When I was very young, me, my brothers and friends put on a Gian Carl Menotti Christmas opera, ‘Amal and the Night Visitors,’ in our attic.”

He muses that it was “maybe an early exploration of things to come,” explaining, “I am in the middle of writing two librettos. One based on my group home,” where he has lived for more than 25 years, “and the other about Madalyn Murray O’Hair, the famous atheist who was considered in her time to be the most hated woman in America, which would make a very good opera.”

“I love setting poems to music.” One of his choral works, “A Quaker Cantata,” was performed and recorded by the world-renowned Gregg Smith Singers.

Proskauer offered an invitation: “Any serious com-

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by Dana P. Rowe, lyrics by John Dempsey and a book by Dempsey and Hugh M. Murphy, premiered Off-Broadway in 1996. Sharon’s production has a particularly fun connection to that original run: Director DJ Salisbury was a member of the original Off-Broadway company. He also returns to the Sharon Playhouse, where he directed “42nd Street” in 2011. Michelle Lemon choreographs, and Eric Thomas Johnson is music director.

Expect catchy songs, big personalities, teenage melodrama, zombie shenanigans and enough high camp to make death look like a pretty good time. But underneath all the hairspray and grave dirt, “Zombie Prom” is also a coming-of-age story about love, friendship, refusing to become somebody you’re not and never letting something as minor as death get between you and true love.



PHOTO BY LYNETTE SHY

Rehearsals for “Zombie Prom” at the Sharon Playhouse.

“Zombie Prom” runs Aug. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 3 p.m. at the Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon. Tickets at sharon-playhouse.org

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- Like so many of our favorite meals, the smash burger reminds us that everyday cooking can be something special. Gather family or friends, set the table — even if it's just on the porch — and enjoy the moment. Good food has a wonderful way of bringing people together.
- Ingredients**
- 1½ pounds ground beef, 80% or 85% lean
 - Salted butter, for griddle and buns
 - American cheese, such as Kraft Singles
 - Kosher salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning
 - 8 potato buns
 - 1 large tomato, thinly sliced
 - 1 large yellow or purple onion, thinly sliced
 - Sliced pickles
 - Iceberg lettuce



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- Favorite condiments, such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise or other sauces
 - Divide the ground beef into eight loosely packed balls, about 3 ounces each.
 - Equipment**
 - Cast-iron or flat-top griddle (we like the Lodge brand)
 - Burger press
 - Sturdy spatula
 - Gas grill
- Instructions**
1. Preheat the grill. Heat the gas grill on high for 10 to 15 minutes. Place the cast-iron griddle over the burners. You want the surface to reach about 500 to 550 degrees.
 2. Toast the buns.

Butter the cut sides of the potato buns. Place them on the hot griddle and toast for 30 to 60 seconds, until golden. Remove and set aside.

3. Smash the burgers. Place four beef balls on the hot griddle with a little butter. Depending on the size of your griddle, you may need to cook them in

The smash burger done right.

batches. Don't overcrowd the griddle; the burgers need room. Wait about 10 seconds, then firmly smash each ball with a burger press until it is about ¼-inch thick. Immediately season with salt, pepper and Tony Chachere's.

4. Cook. Let the burgers cook undisturbed for two to three minutes. You'll know they're ready when the edges are deeply browned and crispy.

5. Flip. Use a sharp metal spatula to scrape underneath each burger and flip. Immediately top each patty with a slice of American cheese. Cook for another 30 to 60 seconds.

6. Serve. Place the burgers on the toasted potato buns. We prefer one patty per burger, but you can stack two if you like. Add tomato, lettuce, onion, pickles and your favorite condiments.

Eat and enjoy! Repeat with the remaining beef balls.

... Mushroom Festival

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This spirit fits the Berkshire festival, whose theme this year is “the mycelial web of nature, creativity, science and magic.” Over the course of the weekend, visitors can explore mushrooms from nearly every conceivable angle: guided walks and species identification, cultivation, cooking, crafts, spore-print art and conversations about medicinal and psychedelic fungi. Among the presenters is Berkshire native John Wheeler, founder of the Berkshire Mycological Society, who has been foraging for more than 30 years and has identified roughly 1,100 mushroom species. He'll lead a Sunday foraging workshop and join a panel on foraging and identification with Luke Sarrantonio, founder of Mycophilic. Sarrantonio, who grew up in Rosendale, has built a career around fungal education, cultivation and community projects, including the Catskills' annual “For the Love of Fungi” mushroom and arts festival.

The festival also goes deep into the increasingly visible world of psychedelic fungi. Daniel Shankin, founder of Tam Integration, is a psychedelic integration coach whose work focuses on helping people incorporate transformative psychedelic experiences into their lives. “It's so exciting to be able to bring in such wide-ranging talent,” said Shankin of the speakers and presenters at this year's festival. “There are people that I've been friends with in this community for years that I haven't gotten to work with in person because they live in Guatemala or the Netherlands or another part of the world, so this is so exciting.” As the founder of an organization that works with the psychedelic portion of the fungi world, Shankin is also excited to bring the growing consciousness around this modality to more people and train more people to be guides.



PHOTOS BY DANIEL SHANKIN

Presenters at the 2025 Berkshire Mushroom Festival.

“Not everybody necessarily needs to do psychedelics,” said Shankin, “but I feel like everybody needs to be able to hold space for somebody who's on psychedelics.” Cassandra Purdy, founder of Sweetgrass Botanicals, has spent more than 30 years immersed in the world of plant medicine, shamanism and entheogens. Together with other presenters, they'll explore psychedelic preparation and integration, spirituality, safety, ethics and the art of creating supportive spaces for psychedelic experiences. And the weekend's conversation about fungi extends well beyond psychedelics. Imani Turnbull-Brown, co-founder of the Entheogen Melanin Collective, brings a focus on ancestral healing, Black wellness and making the psychedelic conversation more accessible and inclusive. Other sessions explore soil and regeneration, functional and medicinal mushrooms, cultivation, mushroom-inspired art and the practical business of growing fungi.

“I think people are increasingly suspicious of Western medicine,” said Shankin. “They're looking for ways to combat the effects of aging and pollution, the effects of toxins in their foods, and they're interested in taking their health and well-being into their own hands. Learning about functional mushrooms and



the healthy lifestyle that goes along with them can go a long way.” The Berkshire Mushroom Festival offers a particularly enjoyable way to investigate these extraordinary organisms — and to consider whether fungi might even hold some answers to the human-made environmental challenges unfolding around us. As

Stamets has put it, “I love a challenge and saving the Planet seems like a good one.” Come see what the fungi have to say for themselves. *The Berkshire Mushroom Festival takes place Aug. 22 and 23 at Dewey Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Massachusetts. For more information and tickets, visit berkshiremushroom.com*

... David Proskauer

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poser who might want to collaborate with me, please get in touch.” “I also write some prose with an autobiographical, journalistic flavor.” He has written the booklets, “Vineyard Vacation” and “The Empire State.” For Proskauer, his poetry and music are the perfect answer to expressing his creativity. “Many years ago, I was really into drama. Writing and composing give me another outlet, one that is more individual and expresses the drama in my life.” The distinction between his two creative worlds comes through in his poem “A Writer's Almanac,” in which he considers the emotional nature of poetry alongside the more abstract quality of music:

A Writer's Almanac
by David Proskauer
And each
Poetic verse
Moody and terse
Comes from
Feeling, emotion
And a light
And heavy
Nerve to
Be tested
And nursed
But my music
Non-verbal and
Abstract is
Full of objective
Fact

For Proskauer, the two forms may speak different languages, but both offer a way to make sense of the world — and of himself. *To contact Proskauer about his books or to collaborate, email davidproskauer@gmail.com.*



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EDUCATION

Making room for making with Cottage Courses

By Natalia Zukerman

Cottage Courses is a series of hands-on workshops led by artists and craftspeople in the Hudson Valley and Northwest Connecticut, offering participants the chance to learn everything from basket weaving and natural dyeing to quilting, spoon carving and candle making. Founded by artist Natalie Baxter, the program is designed to make creativity accessible — and to give people something increasingly rare: the time, space and encouragement to slow down and make something with their hands.

“You don’t need to arrive with experience, or even with confidence, to take a class,” Baxter said. “Cottage Courses is for anyone who feels curious about making and wants to spend a little time learning with their hands.”

This fall’s lineup offers plenty of opportunities to do just that. On Sept. 6, basket maker Angela Eastman will lead a basketweaving workshop at Troutbeck in Amenia. Sept. 12 brings bundle dyeing at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook, followed by a natural dye workshop at Maitri Farm in Amenia on Sept. 19. In October, participants can make fire cider at Maitri Farm, spend a weekend quilting at Cottage Courses’

My hope is that people leave with not only something they’ve made, but also a renewed sense of creativity, possibility and connection.

NATALIE BAXTER

Quilt Camp in Wassaic and learn spoon carving with Kate Hawes at Troutbeck. November brings beeswax taper candle making at Troutbeck.

The natural-dye workshops are part of a new collaboration with Maitri Farm, whose flower farmers worked with Baxter to select flowers specifically for dyeing. “They met with me earlier this spring to discuss which flowers to grow for natural dye workshops, which was very kind of them,” she said. “I’m excited to partner with them for two workshops this summer and fall.”

There are changes behind the scenes at Cottage Courses, too. Baxter is now running the workshop series on her own after her former co-founder, Polly Shindler, moved on. She has also built a new studio in her backyard, creating a dedicated space for longer,



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAXTER

Participants at a recent Quilt Camp for adults.

more immersive workshops. The studio recently hosted its first weeklong adult Quilt Camp, with another week-end version scheduled for Oct. 16-18.

For Baxter, the longer workshops offer something

that can be difficult to find in everyday life: uninterrupted time to make.

“Longer courses allow participants to take on a more substantial project and spend enough time with it to really settle into the

process,” she said. “They offer the kind of uninterrupted studio time that many of us don’t often give ourselves in our everyday lives.”

And the community that develops around the work is just as important. For longer courses, Baxter prepares lunch so participants can take a break, share a meal and get to know one another. “The conversations, encouragement, and sense of community that grow in the studio can be just as meaningful as the projects themselves,” she said.

That sense of connection is at the heart of what Baxter loves about teaching. “I love meeting new people and learning what draws them to making,” she said. “It’s especially meaningful to see someone arrive saying, ‘I’m not creative,’

and then watch them surprise themselves with what they’re able to make.”

The upcoming courses also bring in instructors Baxter has met while teaching at other craft schools. “I am also bringing in more instructors whom I have met while teaching at different craft schools lately to hold workshops, which is always fun,” she said.

Whether you’re an experienced maker or someone who has never picked up a needle, carving knife or basket reed, Baxter hopes Cottage Courses offers a welcoming entry point.

“My hope is that people leave with not only something they’ve made, but also a renewed sense of creativity, possibility and connection,” said Baxter.

For details, registration and the full course schedule, visit cottagecourses.com

COMMUNITY

Jeremiah Bickford sees art as a way to give back

By Ruth Epstein

Jeremiah Bickford’s art not only showcases the beauty of the landscape, but his work also aims to benefit the community.

While he was always drawn to art, noting, “It’s been simmering in the background all my life,” he really got serious about pursuing his passion about six years ago. He has now produced a number of paintings and, even to his own amazement, garnered some awards.

Bickford, who lives in Norfolk, thinks big when it comes to his watercolors. He works on canvases that are about the size of a piece of plywood — 88 inches by 44 inches. He acknowledged there’s not a lot of meaning behind the large concept, “but it’s like a puzzle for me.”

His focus is on nature and local landscapes, occasionally imaginary,, although his first endeavor was life-sized copies of stained-glass windows. He paints vertically on an 8-foot-by 4-foot easel.

The local scenery provides him with numerous subjects. He’s proud of the piece featuring Freund’s Farm Market flower garden in East Canaan.

He was also pleased to be a finalist in the Berkshire Museum Show in Pittsfield in January 2025, when 41 pieces were chosen from a field of 1,200 submissions from 484 artists.

A panoramic painting of Campbell Falls State Park won him first place at the Indian Mountain School Art Show in April 2025. “I was too embarrassed to open the envelope there, and when I did, I was shocked to see a \$5,000



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Norfolk artist Jeremiah Bickford is donating part of the profits from his paintings to charities and hopes others will do the same.

check,” he said.

Bickford recently had his first solo show at the Five Points Annex Gallery in Torrington, where 15 pieces of his work were displayed. One depicted Laurelbrook Farm, owned by the Jacquier family, which is also in East Canaan. Jennifer and Cricket Jacquier saw the painting on their 29th wedding anniversary and were so enthralled with the scene that they bought it as a gift to themselves.

He is currently part of the Sherman Artists Association’s “August Light 2026” show, which opened Friday, Aug. 14 at the Kent Art Association gallery, where he took best in show. That show is on view through Sept. 6.

“I’ve been very lucky for someone who doesn’t really know how to promote my work,” said Bickford, 50.

But Bickford does know that artists are often at the forefront of social change. Describing himself as an

introvert, he was looking for a way to show his support. “As things got crazier and crazier in the country, I wanted to do more to help.”

So he is designating about half the profits from the sales of his paintings to a charity. He has donated \$2,000 to the Canaan Fire Department, and the next beneficiary will be the Douglas Library in North Canaan.

He hopes the idea will catch on and other artists will follow suit. He’s toying with the thought of establishing an online gallery where like-minded artists could post their work and link to nonprofits.

Bickford, a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, has a degree in graphic design from Northwestern Connecticut Community College, studied at the University of Wyoming and graduated from Charter Oak State College. He holds a master’s degree in special education from

Westfield State University. He has been a special education staff member in the Monument Mountain school system in Sheffield for 18 years.

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“Amenia’s Spycatcher,” a new historical drama by George Bistransin, brings the Revolutionary War era to life through the story of Amenia residents Ephraim and Mary Paine, whose lives intersected with espionage, loyalty and the struggle for independence. Presented by the Amenia Historical Society at Amenia Town Hall, Aug. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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Tri-Corner Calendar

AUGUST 20

Handcrafted Shoes with Andrew Rowand
Seven Hearths Museum, 4 Studio Hill Road, Kent, Conn. Connecticut shoemaker Andrew Rowand demonstrates the art of handcrafting shoes using period-appropriate tools, materials and techniques. Rowand has specialized in recreating historical footwear from the 17th to 19th centuries for more than a decade and is currently researching and cataloging shoes discovered in early New England structures. The program is part of the Homespun Makers’ Series and begins at 5 p.m.

“Intro to Astrology: Exploring Your Birth Chart”
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Learn how to interpret your birth chart during this introductory astrology workshop with Sonya Reeve. Participants who submit their birth information in advance will receive a personalized reading. 5:30 p.m. Register and submit birth information at bit.ly/45GJ8pb

Book Discussion: AI SNAKE OIL with Stevo Ledbetter and Kat Zdan
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
5:30 to 7 p.m., join us for a talk about the book “AI Snake Oil” and a discussion about AI, its practical uses and dangers, and its role in our lives, work, and the world at large. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org

AUGUST 21

Open Mic
The Grace Note at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. Join an open mic night featuring music, spoken word, comedy and other forms of self-expression. Performers of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Interested in performing? We will start taking sign-up requests on Friday, August 14. Email info@thestissingcenter.org. Limited slots available! 7:30 p.m.

Amenia’s Spy Catcher
Amenia Town Hall Theater, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, N.Y. Amenia Historical Society presents Amenia’s Spy Catcher, a new historical drama set in Amenia during the American Revolution. Funded by a Dutchess County Rev250 grant, the production combines espionage, intrigue and romance while telling the story of Ephraim Paine, a Revolutionary War politician, and his wife Mary, who serves as the play’s titular spy catcher. Written and directed by George Bistransin, the cast includes Gary Petagine, Sadie Whitlow, Margaret O’Brien, Nicholas Scott, Fiona Crow and Thatcher Meili. Performances are Friday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Reservations are recommended. More information and reservations at AmeniaSpycatcher.eventbrite.com.

AUGUST 22

In Conversation: Joel Haynes and Talya Baharal
Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 N. Elm St., Millerton, N.Y. Come to Mad Rose Gallery for

an In Conversation with two of the featured painters, Joel Haynes and Talya Baharal. At 3 p.m., start at the Main Gallery, 5916 N Elm Street with Muralist Joel Haynes in the *Birds & Bees* exhibition. At 4 p.m. in *The Space Between Words* exhibition, artist Talya Baharal will talk about her works in the Mercantile Gallery at 3 Main Street. A reception will follow. RSVP info@madrosegallery.com

Sound Bath for Peace
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. Sound practitioner and visual artist Ben Brown leads an immersive after-hours listening experience inspired by the sounds and resonance of Innisfree Garden. Participants can settle onto a yoga mat, blanket or folding chair and listen to a layered soundscape of musical instruments and natural sounds. No meditation or yoga experience is necessary. The program takes place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace and as part of Gardens for Peace. In the event of rain, the rain date is Sept. 5. Advance registration is encouraged at innisfreegarden.org

“Silent Film & Live Music with Donald Sosin & Joanna Seaton”
Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. Watch Buster Keaton’s 1926 Civil War comedy “The General,” accompanied by live music from pianist Donald Sosin and singer/percussionist Joanna Seaton. 7 p.m. Tickets and information at musicmountain.org

BrewFest & Summer Send Off Concert
Catamount Mountain Resort, 17 Catamount Road, Hillsdale, N.Y. More than 50 craft beers and ciders will be available for tasting at this annual BrewFest, featuring breweries including Barrington Brewery, Berkshire Brewing Company, Downeast Cider, Fiddlehead Brewing, Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, Progression Brewing, Roe Jan Brewery and Sloop Brewing Company. The event also includes live music by Blue Roadhouse Orchestra (Grateful BRO), barbecue, burgers and hot dogs, lawn games, scenic chairlift rides, zipline adventures and the aerial adventure park. 1 to 5 p.m. More information at catamountski.com.

Seth Howe: “Architecture of Awareness”
Tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave- 2nd Floor, Millbrook, N.Y. Aug. 8 through Sept. 27

Tyte Gallery presents “Architecture of Awareness,” a solo exhibition by New York-based artist and architect Seth Howe, curated by Sharon Bates. The exhibition brings together sculpture, works on paper and video exploring perception, consciousness and the relationship between body and environment. There will be a conversation with the artist and curator on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit tytegallery.com.

Homespun Makers’ Series: Turkey Wing Broom Making Workshop
Seven Hearths Museum, 4 Studio Hill Road, Kent, Conn. Join craftswoman Robin Ziegler of Robin’s Nest Home

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

and Hearth for a workshop celebrating Revolutionary-era, homespun creativity. Participants will create their own functional turkey wing whisk broom using all-natural broom corn, with choices of string and broom corn seed accents. The workshop is part of the Kent Historical Society’s Homespun Makers’ Series. For more information, visit kenthistoricalsociety.org.

Berkshire Opera Festival’s “Lucia di Lammermoor”
Mahaive Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Aug. 22, 25 and 28

The Mahaive and Berkshire Opera Festival present Donizetti’s “Lucia di Lammermoor,” the crown jewel of bel canto opera, on Aug. 22 at 1 p.m., and Aug. 25 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Set among the foggy moors and ancient castles of Scotland, the tragic tale follows Lucia, whose forbidden love and forced marriage lead to one of opera’s most unforgettable scenes. Known for its dramatic intensity and virtuosic singing, the masterpiece remains a powerful showcase of the human voice. Tickets at mahaive.org

2026 Berkshire Mushroom Festival
Dewey Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass. Aug. 22 to 23

A vibrant two-day celebration of all things fungi. Perfect for seasoned mycophiles and curious families alike, this gathering offers guided foraging walks, artisan market vendors, and expert-led workshops covering everything from home cultivation and fungal natural dyeing to functional extractions and the therapeutic potential of psychedelics. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More info at berkshirermountainmushroom.com

AUGUST 23

Auditions for “Now and Then”
Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, N.Y. Sunday, Aug. 23, sign-in at 12:30 p.m., auditions at 1 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 24, sign-in at 6:30 p.m., auditions at 7 p.m. Open auditions for Sean Grennan’s heartfelt dramatic comedy “Now and Then,” directed by Dianne Hobden. Actors will read selected scenes from the script. The play will be performed Nov. 25 to 29 and Dec. 4 to 6. For audition sides or more information, contact director Dianne Hobden at diannehobden51@gmail.com or 518-755-2069.

AugustFest in the Village
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
A fundraiser featuring smoked brats from Nodine’s Smokehouse, craft beers from Norbrook Farm Brewery, soft pretzels from The Falls Village Inn, a silent auction and live music by Vance Cannon and Friends. Held outdoors on the library’s shady lawn, the event will also offer vegetarian options, lemonade and a limited-edition Hunt Library cup for each guest. Silent auction items include a scenic airplane ride, a Coach purse, homemade bread baskets, a weekend in a New York City apartment, a handmade guitar and gift certificates to

local restaurants. 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets available at the event or at huntlibrary.org.

AUGUST 25

180th Dutchess County Fair
Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 Route 9, Rhinebeck, N.Y. Aug. 25 to 30

The annual Dutchess County Fair returns with six days of family entertainment, including agricultural exhibits, livestock shows, carnival rides, live music, food vendors, arts and crafts, historical displays and more. Grandstand performances include Chase Matthew, .38 Special, Journey from the Heart, Almost Queen, Tyler Braden and the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (Sunday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.) More information at dutchessfair.com.

AUGUST 26

Meet Sheep & Explore Wool
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Join Le Petit Ranch at the Scoville Library 2 to 4 p.m. for a special up-close, hands-on, sheep-and-wool experience. Meet sheep, learn about their care and sociable lifestyle, explore the journey from fleece to fiber, discover different wool textures hands-on, and take home a wool sample. For all ages. Registration required. scovillelibrary.org/event/sheep-felting-3465

AUGUST 28

Happy Hour Piano Series: Paula Bradley
American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. 5 to 7 p.m. AMP’s Happy Hour Piano Series continues.

West Virginia-born multi-instrumentalist residing in the Berkshires, Paula has been involved in roots music for decades. Known for her strong, spirited vocals, she has toured (on banjo) with old-time darlings “Uncle Earl”; with old-time powerhouse Bruce Molsky (on guitar and banjo uke); and recorded and toured with Tony Trischka (piano, guitar) and Bruce as part of the acoustic roots trio “Jawbone”. She was also a founding member of the popular New England honky-tonk combo (on piano) “Girl Howdy,” and with her late husband, Bill Dillof, “Moonshine Holler.” Currently, she also leads her own popular juke joint swing combo “Miss Paula & The Twangbusters.” Tickets at americanmuralproject.org/piano-series.

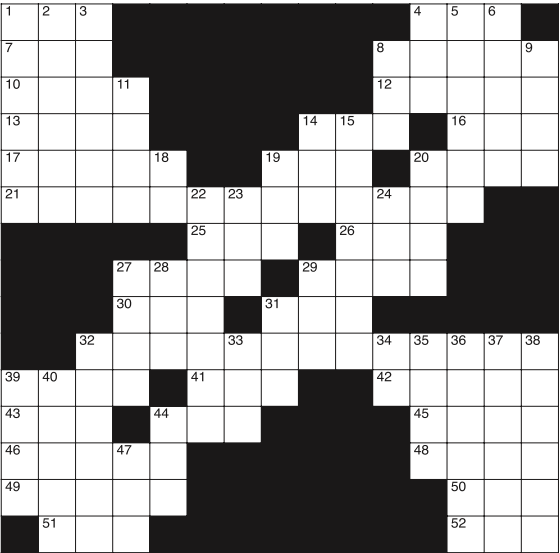
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Fixed charge
- 7. Each
- 8. Feeling of humiliation
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Powerful “Severance” family
- 13. Japanese city
- 14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
- 16. Hat
- 17. Place where rockers work
- 19. Psyche
- 20. Snake-like fishes
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Body part
- 26. Old towel
- 27. One’s essential being
- 29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
- 30. Boxing’s GOAT
- 31. Wet muddy ground
- 32. Christian Laettner is one
- 39. A place to store lawn tools
- 41. Large tub for liquid
- 42. Old World lizard
- 43. One-time European member group
- 44. Healing student
- 45. Nuclear weapon
- 46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia
- 48. Silk garment
- 49. About some Norse poems
- 50. Woman religious community member
- 51. Congressman (abbr.)
- 52. Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person
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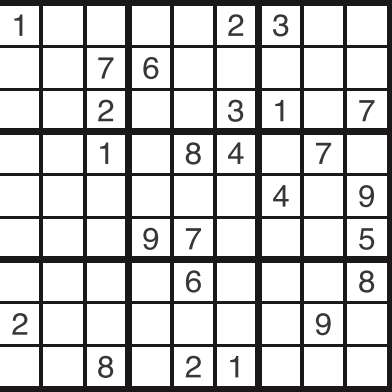
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- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A place to attach a boat
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Border line
- 22. Have religious faith
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Large tree
- 27. House of ___ rulers
- 28. Red deer
- 29. Small coin (French)
- 31. Popular sandwich
- 32. 10-year period
- 33. Not good
- 34. Government lawyer
- 35. Egypt’s intelligence agency

- 36. Without an occupant or incumbent
- 37. Stain with one’s hands
- 38. Crippling
- 39. One point east of southeast
- 40. Large, united groups

August 13 Solution

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Sudoku



August 13 Solution

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2	5	6	9	1	7	4	3	8
9	7	8	6	4	3	5	2	1
4	9	2	5	7	8	6	1	3
6	3	7	1	9	4	2	8	5
5	8	1	2	3	6	9	7	4
7	2	4	3	8	5	1	9	6
3	1	5	7	6	9	8	4	2
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OUR TOWNS

Pine Plains median home price holds steady with three sales in July

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in the Town of Pine Plains held steady at \$520,000 for the period ending July 31, 2026 – the same as June and not too far from January’s high for the year of \$548,250.

The figure marks a 6% decrease from the \$555,000 median recorded for the 12 months ending July 31, 2025, and a 46% increase from \$357,000 for the comparable period ending July 31, 2024. Single family home prices started rising sharply in Pine Plains last summer from about \$350,000. Since the beginning of the year, median home prices have remained above \$500,000. The peak median price attained recently was \$624,250 in November of 2025.

The number of annual sales on a 12-month trailing basis in Pine Plains remains within its three-year range of 10 to 18 a year. A total of 17 single-family homes were sold in the 12 months ending July 31, 2026, while 12 sales occurred in the period ending July 31, 2025.

Inventory of all homes remained stable in August with 20 homes listed mid-month



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Located at the intersection of Route 199 and Birch Drive in Pine Plains, 2800 Church St. was transferred in July for \$345,000. Built in 1963, the home sold for \$299 per square foot, above the \$246 median in Pine Plains for the 12 months ending in July 2026.

compared to 19 homes a month ago with ten showing price reductions. Six are listed above \$1 million including 85 Hammertown Road listed at \$1,975,000 with its two homes and retail space reduced from \$2,475,000 after 40 days on the market. Nine residential properties are currently listed below the \$520,000 median price with six price reductions. Five parcels of land are still listed for sale on the MLS and three commercial buildings including a converted church in the center of the hamlet for

\$698,000.

July transfers

Jackson Corners Road, Parcel 554250 — 66.17 acres of vacant farmland transferred to the Winnakee Land Trust Inc. for \$1,397,150.

73 Meusel Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 1.01 acres transferred to John Shaughnessy for \$400,000.

2800 Church St. — 3 bedroom/1 bath ranch on .31 acres of land transferred to Travis Hengen-Chason for \$345,000.

* Town of Pine Plains real estate transfers recorded between July 1, 2026, and July 31,

2026, provided by Dutchess County Office of Real Property. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from First Key MLS and single-family home market statistics from InfoSparks. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag sales by a number of days and include properties sold privately. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



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Run now, wine later

Runners gather at the starting line for the annual 5K Wine Run at Millbrook Vineyards & Winery on Sunday, Aug. 16. The event ends with a wine tasting.

‘Amenia’s Spycatcher’ coming to Town Hall this weekend

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Amenia Town Hall Theater will host three performances of “Amenia’s Spycatcher,” scheduled for Friday, Aug. 21, Saturday, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Reservations are required.

The historical drama has been written by local resident George Bistransin chronicling the lives of Revolutionary Era residents Ephraim and Mary Paine during the years between 1777 and 1785. The play is based on “Grandmother’s Spy,”

a story penned by a Paine descendant, who detailed how Mary Paine captured a man she believed to be a British spy. The play is created as a presentation of local history that promises to be entertaining for all.

Both Ephraim and Mary Paine are buried in the Old Amenia Burying Ground on Mygatt Road.

The production is sponsored by the Amenia Historical Society and supported by a Dutchess County Rev250 grant.

Theater seating is limited. For reservations, go to ameniaspycatcher.eventbrite.com.

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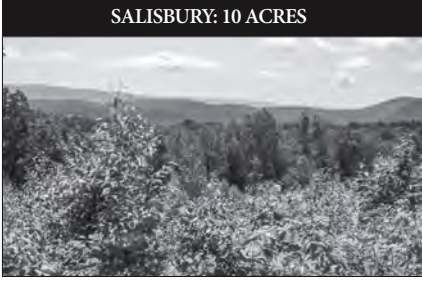
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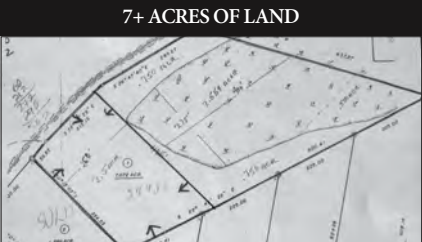
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