

'Come From
Away' at Sharon
Playhouse; and
more **B1-6**



Crowds went undeterred by scattered showers during the final day of Millerton's Fine Art Festival on Sunday, Sept. 6.

By **NATHAN MILLER**
nathanm@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Main Street turned into an open-air artisans' market Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5 and 6, for the Voice of Art's Fine Art Festival, drawing crowds from across the tri-state region to

The Fine Art Festival drew artists from across New York and Connecticut, selling paintings, photographs, jewelry and other fine art goods. Artists had tents set up along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and in the front yard of the Millerton Inn on Main Street,

providing two hubs for visitors to meet artists and shop.

Falls Village, Connecticut, resident and abstract photographer Tom T. Hall was selling prints of his photographs near the Rail Trail last weekend. He said the

See FESTIVAL, A8

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Town officials are seeking public comment on a proposed ban on smoking and vaping on town-owned property.

The Amenia Town Board will host its first public hearing on the proposed local law at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Town Hall on Route 22. Town Board members voted unanimously to move forward with the regulation in August.

The proposed law would prohibit smoking or vaping tobacco — as well as cannabis products — in town-owned parks and other public recreational areas. The ban

would apply to Town Hall and its surrounding grounds and parking lots, the basketball court, Beekman Park, Fountain Square, the Mygatt, Leedsville and Bangall-Amenia Road cemeteries, and the town highway garage and salt shed.

If enacted, the law would impose a \$50 fine for a first violation and fines ranging from \$200 to \$500 for subsequent violations.

Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm said the town expects to enforce these new rules through a combination of existing Dutchess County Sheriff's deputy patrols and by utilizing the town's part-time constables. Amenia's constables are part-time employees that

have the authority to enforce local town laws such as policing parking in town in addition to typical duties managing the town's courtroom.

The town will also install “no smoking” signs at the locations mentioned in the proposed local law.

"You have to start somewhere," Hamm said. "I'm not really sure we even had a smoking law, but if we did it's not as specific as this law."

She said the inspiration for the law was new guidance from lung health associations on the negative health effects of nicotine vapes

See SMOKING, A8



Temporary fencing blocks the entrance to Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The park is closed until July 31, 2027.

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnews.com

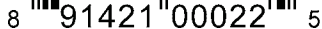
MILLERTON — Village officials have closed Eddie Collins Memorial Park until July 31, 2027, as construction ramps up on multiple projects.

Two construction projects are currently underway at the park — a new pumphouse for the village's second drinking well and a new public pool and poolhouse. The park closed on Aug. 31 and

will remain entirely closed until construction is complete, Mayor Jenn Najdek said.

Najdek acknowledged construction timelines are often unpredictable, saying that the July 31, 2027, reopen date is a conservative estimate. She said pre-construction administrative work has moved on schedule, and crews will begin with general construction in the coming weeks.

See PARK, A8



editor@millertonnews.com
860-435-9873, ext. 608

Regional	A2
Legal Notices.....	A3
Our Towns.....	A3-4
Obituaries	A4

Opinion	A5
Compass	B1-6
Our Towns	B7
Classifieds	B7-8

Column, Letter, Let's Hear It **A5**



Print Subscription Includes
Free Access to Website
and the Replica Edition!

\$10 monthly
In County | \$12.25 Outside Coun

860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com
LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com

OUR TOWNS

Historic Festival parade brings vintage cars, racing legends to Northwest Corner

By LAKEVILLE JOURNAL STAFF

FALLS VILLAGE — Millerton resident Rob Cooper was among hundreds of spectators who turned out Thursday, Sept. 3, to watch more than 130 vintage cars parade through the Northwest Corner at the start of Lime Rock Park’s Historic Festival 44.

Cooper, a vintage-car enthusiast, called the annual parade and the festival that followed quintessential events for the region’s automobile community.

“It’s the most amazing parade,” Cooper said.

Cooper owns a restored historic Mobil gas station in Millerton, where he hosts his own car shows. He said the tri-state area is home to countless collectors who cherish their vintage automobiles.

“There are cars tucked away in garages and barns around here that people don’t realize,” Cooper said. “Within walking distance of my shop here, I could probably take you to 10 or 12 places that have cars inside.”

The cars departed Lime Rock Park at about 5 p.m. for the roughly 40-minute drive, traveling through Lakeville and Salisbury before ending in Falls Village, where about 750 people filled Main Street to welcome them.

Along the route through Salisbury, spectators gathered outside the White Hart Inn and at Noble Horizons, a senior living community, where residents lined the roadway.

In Falls Village, spectators began filling Main Street well before the cars arrived. Many brought chairs from home, and the shaded spaces beside Town Hall filled early.

The crowd drew spectators from across Dutchess and Litchfield counties and beyond, including visitors from Cornwall, Farmington, and New Marlborough, Massachusetts, as well as Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, and Blue Ridge, Georgia. Most had attended at least one previous parade, and many had been to several.

Motorsports figures were also among those gathered, including Sam Posey, who grew up in Sharon before rac-



PHOTOS BY MADI LONG
Stilt walkers Cynthia Rauschert and Timothy J. Walsh wave vintage cars into downtown Falls Village during the Historic Festival Parade on Thursday, Sept. 3.

ing in Formula One, IndyCar, and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Also attending was Skip Barber, a former Formula One driver and three-time Sports Car Club of America national champion who owned the track for nearly four decades before its sale to a group of investors in 2021.

Colin Chambers, a parade organizer recognizable by his trademark colorful madras pants, moved around downtown troubleshooting last-minute details. Chambers said this year’s procession included 39 race cars and 96 sports cars.

He said the parade began in 2010, the same year he purchased the Falls Village Inn. Other Northwest Corner towns had signature annual events that drew crowds, including Salisbury’s Fall Festival, and Falls Village wanted one too.

“We wanted one for Falls

Village,” Chambers said.

Barber said the track was looking for a suitable location for a parade gathering that year. Organizers first considered Salisbury but concluded there was not enough parking.

“Then Colin called up and said Falls Village could do it,” Barber said.

Once the cars were parked, spectators moved into the street to examine them, speak with their owners, and compare favorites. The gathering offered a slower, more intimate view of the machines that would soon be competing at Lime Rock Park.

Barber said no one at the track anticipated in 2010 that the Falls Village gathering would grow into such a popular tradition.

Standing near Railroad and Main streets as the village filled with cars and spectators, he surveyed the scene.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES
Rob Cooper stands next to the flying Pegasus at his restored Mobil Station on Route 44 in Millerton.



Three people take a closer look under the hood of a classic car following the parade on Thursday, Sept. 3.

“This is really cool,” Barber said. “There are a lot of really nice cars.”

Patrick L. Sullivan, Alec Linden, Madi Long and Christian Murray contributed to this report.



Spectators wave and cheer in Lakeville as the parade rolls by.

See more photos on page A4

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

•Herrington's

Wassaic Project

wassaicproject.org

BECAUSE NOW IS THE TIME OF MONSTERS



2026 Summer Exhibition Closing Reception

Sunday, September 13, 2-5 PM

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 19th

10am – 2pm

Come See Why So Many People Choose Geer Lodge!

All-inclusive rental arrangement includes utilities, wifi, cable, phone, maintenance, housekeeping, meals, and transportation.

- Available full continuum of care including Assisted Living and Memory Care
- Social events and wellness activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing

Geer offers the highest quality care within a homelike environment. Learn more at www.geercares.org or call for a tour: **860-824-2611**



GEER VILLAGE
Senior Community



Scan to Learn More





THE SALISBURY FORUM

Where Ideas Matter

EVOLVING EDUCATION

Issues Facing America’s Young Adults and the Educators Who Guide Them



Dr. Miguel Cardona

Dr. Miguel Cardona, the 12th United States Secretary of Education, and chair of the Connecticut Career Pathways Commission, will discuss the current landscape of education and the challenges facing students and educators, while offering guidance to support student success. He will examine the impact of education policy, the need for sustainable career pathways, and the promises and limitations of higher education in supporting those pathways.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 • 7:30 P.M.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School
Falls Village, CT

Admission is free. Please register online.



Find us on  

www.salisburyforum.org

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The town may now solicit bids from contractors to complete a sidewalk project along Route 44 leading to Beekman Park, bringing an end to months of delays while Amenia negotiated compensation for the incomplete work.

Amenia officials approve settlement for stalled sidewalk construction

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Town Board members are making progress on two projects in the town’s center after approving resolutions at their Thursday, Sept. 3, meeting.

The long-stalled Route 44 sidewalk project near Beekman Park is headed toward a new round of bidding after the town reached a \$150,000 settlement over the original contractor’s default. Town officials will also be moving ahead with plans to renovate Fountain Square Plaza — a veterans’ memorial and public space located at the intersection of Route 44 and Route 343 in front of the Bank of Millbrook.

Work on the sidewalk connecting Broadway and Beekman Park has been halted since the New York State Department of Transportation issued a stop-work order over construction defects. Town officials previously said

portions of the sidewalk and catch basins would have to be redone after problems were found with the work performed by Southern Industries Corp.

The town had a \$234,326 performance bond covering the project and sought payment from the bond after determining that Southern Industries had defaulted on its contract.

The town recently reached a settlement with the surety company for \$150,000, which the Town Board unanimously accepted Sept. 3.

The settlement clears the way for the town to solicit bids from a new contractor to complete the unfinished project.

Fountain Square improvements

Progress on Amenia’s new sidewalks comes as officials plan to renovate Fountain Square Plaza.

The Town Board voted unanimously to award a design contract to Aspect 120

Landscape Architects of Irvington, New York. Town officials plan to improve the condition of existing structures at the plaza in front of the Bank of Millbrook at the intersection of Route 22 and Route 44.

Under the initial contract, Aspect 120 will conduct outreach to gather information from town staff and other stakeholders and prepare a conceptual design of a project to renovate the public area at Fountain Square. Those initial phases are estimated to cost \$11,400.

The resulting report will be expected to provide what the architects describe as a framework of opportunities and challenges, developing a scope and direction for the project.

Civil Engineering support will be provided by Sorrell Engineering of Beacon.

Total design work leading up to the point of the start of construction are estimated by Aspect 120 at \$57,000.

“We are here to begin the process,” said councilmember Vicki Doyle, adding that she looked forward to working with Aspect 120 on what she called “the long overdue renovations of Fountain Square.”

Doyle said that residents should watch for opportunities to participate in the design process.

Some anticipated improvements will bring improved pedestrian flow and electrical upgrades serving the plaza.

New plow truck

Town board members also unanimously approved the purchase of a new plow truck for the Amenia Highway Department Thursday, Sept. 3.

Estimated cost for the plow truck’s body is \$161,995, with an additional cost of \$183,945 for the cab and chassis. The Highway Department’s Equipment Reserve Fund will support the purchase.

Town officials reported that the new truck will be built and delivered in 2027.

Millbrook Community Day returns Sept. 19

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — The annual Millbrook Community Day will return with a variety of family fun and neighborly celebration of a fall day in the village on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Community Day 2026 will be held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. along Franklin Avenue in the village center.

Expect to see live music, the bubble bus, food trucks, sidewalk sales, the always popular scarecrow competition, and farmers and artisans selling their produce and creative wares.

In front of the Millbrook Deli, Major League Baseball’s Doc Gooden will be greeting passersby and signing autographs. Bring an item to be autographed or Gooden will have photos in uniform available. The appearance is sponsored by local auto dealer Ruge’s Chevrolet and

VFW Post 9008. Hours are noon to 1:30 p.m.

Watch for four comedic musicians who will entertain along Franklin Avenue and throughout the village.

The lawn at the Millbrook Library will be alive with activities, including a chance for youngsters to explore a village police car, a bounce house and pumpkin decorating. Hatchet throwing will be offered between noon and 3 p.m.

Residents are invited to participate in the Great Millbrook Bake-off contest featuring all manner of desserts. Judging is scheduled for 1 p.m. Advance registration is required. Detailed information is provided on the following website.

For more information about specific events and registration rules and forms, go to www.millbrooknewyork.com and click on “Community Day.”



Realtor® at Large

A scam to be aware of is of fictitious owners asking that vacant parcels of land to be listed and sold quickly. Usually the land has absentee owners and are free and clear of any encumbrances, like a mortgage. All the data is publicly available online to obtain easily for the scammers, so they can be very convincing. For more info on how this scam works and what to look out for, please visit the FBI website at: www.ic3.gov/PSA/2026/PSA260616.



JOHN HARNEY
Associate Broker with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty
Office: 19 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068
Email: jharney@wpsir.com
Cell: 860-921-7910
Instagram: @johnharneyjr

ADVERTISEMENT

New Harmony

Where the music takes you.

Shortly after WKZE was founded in Sharon in the late 1980's, the station approached Oblong Books as a possible advertising client. Unwilling to part with cash at that point, Dick Hermans and Holly Nelson proposed creating a radio show in return for advertising. **Harmony Junction** (as the show was called then) was born.

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

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

The Millerton News | The Lakeville Journal

Local Matters



You may have heard Dick before ...

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Ducillo Fine Carpentry LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/3/2026. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LegalZoom USCA, Inc., 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.

09-10-26
09-17-26
09-24-26
10-01-26
10-08-26
10-15-26

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of GREEN VILLAGE CONTRACTORS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the NYS Department of State (SSNY) on 05/15/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to:

08-06-26
08-13-26
08-20-26
08-27-26
09-03-26
09-10-26
09-17-26

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Polonia Hudson Valley, LLC (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 27, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to: 4 Marshall Rd, Unit 143, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ty.08-13-26
08-20-26
08-27-26
09-03-26
09-10-26
09-17-26

Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sept. 18, 2026, at St. Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from 10:30am to noon. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.

09-03-26
09-10-26
09-17-26



97TH SEASON FINALE

JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET

SUN., SEPT. 13 | 3:00 PM

BEETHOVEN String Quartet in F Major, Op. 135, BARTÓK String Quartet No. 4, Sz. 91, and DVOŘÁK "American" String Quintet, Op. 97



PRE-CONCERT PERFORMANCE

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY

SUN., SEPT. 13 | 2:00 PM

Oldest American School of Dance Performs *Lamentation* (1930), *Satyric Festival Song* (1932) On the Great Lawn Outside Gordon Hall

Music Mountain Summer Festival



Tickets \$50-65 | \$30 for Student / Teacher / Veteran / 19-40 y.o.
Free Under 19 y.o.
(860) 824-7126 and musicmountain.org

OBITUARIES

Frederick J. Bate III

GOSHEN — Frederick J. Bate III, 79, of Goshen, passed away peacefully on Aug. 28, 2026, at Candlewood Valley Health & Rehabilitation in New Milford. He was the loving husband of Marie (Savan) Bate. Fred was born on Feb. 13, 1947, in Torrington, the son of the late Frederick J. Bate Jr. and Doris Bate.



He attended Cornwall Consolidated School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. Following high school, Fred proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman and combat medic during the Vietnam War, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps, 5th Division. Following his military service, he continued his education and training, earning certificates through the State of Connecticut Office of Civil Preparedness in radiological monitoring, as well as through the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency Staff College in Battle Creek, Michigan. He also completed training in radiology through the Bureau of Radiological Health and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the United States Navy Basic Hospital Corps School. Fred dedicated much of his life to serving his community and working in fields that allowed him to help others. He worked for Sharon Hospital as a radiology technician and taught EMT classes, becoming one of Connecticut's first emergency medical technicians after serving our country. He also worked for the State of Connecticut at

Housatonic Meadows as a constable and park ranger at Kent Falls. Fred also served as superintendent of Trinity Conference Center and, later in his career, as manager of the Cornwall Transfer Station, where he worked until his retirement. In 2003, The State Department of Environmental Protection recognized the Cornwall Transfer Station for having one of the top 10 recycling programs in Connecticut. A lifelong member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Fred was deeply committed to his community. In recognition of his dedication and service to the people of Cornwall, he received the Community Service Award from the VFW on Memorial Day in 1995. Fred will be remembered for his commitment to his country, his community, and the many people he served throughout his life. In addition to his wife, Marie, he is survived by his two children, Alexandra and John; 3 stepchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; his sister, Susan Williamson and her husband, David; his brother, James Bate; 2 nephews; 2 nieces; and 2 cousins. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. at The Cornwall Cemetery on Route 4 in Cornwall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Home Foundation, 199 Park Rd. Ext., Middlebury, CT 06762 or Off the Streets - Danbury, PO Box 591, Bethel, CT 06801. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Frank G. Hufner

SHARON — Frank G. Hufner, 80, of Sharon, Connecticut, passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Sept. 6, 2026, at Sharon Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was the loving husband of Linda (Panelli) Hufner. Frank was born on Sept. 23, 1945, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the son of the late Frank H. Hufner and Charlotte (Kaimer) Hufner. He was raised in Monroe, Connecticut and a graduate of Masuk High School. Frank graduated from the University of Connecticut's Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture with an associate degree. He was the founder of Cedar Hill Farm, a greenhouse growing operation and vegetable farm in Newtown, Connecticut. He and his wife operated a garden center and farm market there for more than 40 years. Frank was also a founding member of the Bethel Farmers' Market and remained actively involved for many years. His commitment to his community and to agriculture extended to his involvement with the Connecticut Farm Bureau, where he served as president of the Fairfield County chapter. His love of hunting and fishing led him to the Newtown Fish & Game Club, where he was a long-time member and served as



president for several years. Frank was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He truly valued the friendships he made throughout his life and made an effort to remain interested in the lives of those he cared about. He will be remembered for the relationships he built and the many years he spent working alongside his wife and serving his community. He is survived by his two sons and daughter; David Robert Hufner and his wife, Kara Capone, of East Had-dam, Connecticut, Frank Gary Hufner, of Sharon, Connecticut, and Sharon Burge and her husband, Craig W. Burge, of Nashua, New Hampshire. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Brooks R. Hufner, Brody D. Hufner, Craig James Burge, and Kara Maire Burge. A memorial service will be held at Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, Connecticut, on Sept. 14, 2026, with calling hours from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by burial at Ellsworth Cemetery in Sharon. For those who wish to make a memorial contribution, donations may be made to the Fund for Smilow Cancer Hospital in Memory of Frank G. Hufner, via www.givetoynhh.org or mail to PO Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508.

OUR TOWNS

PARADE Continued from Page A2



Vehicles line up at Lime Rock Park before setting out on the Historic Festival parade route.



Spectators watch as the Historic Trans-Am race takes place on Saturday, Sept. 5.



Residents of Noble Horizons wave checkered flags as the Historic Festival parade passes through their community in Salisbury.



Todd Mackenzie and his wife give a wave in their 1935 Ford Roadster before the parade kicks off.



The team behind one of the classic Alfa Romeos prepares to leave Lime Rock Park



Crowds gather to get a close-up look at the classic cars that participated in the parade on Thursday, Sept. 3.



“Herbie,” a 1963 Volkswagen Beetle was the final car to arrive after the 17-mile parade route.



Worship Services

Week of September 13, 2026

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon
9 South Main, Sharon CT
Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M.
Transitioning through prayer
All welcome to join us
860-364-5260
www.christchurchsharon.org

Trinity Episcopal Church
484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville
Offering companionship along the Way
Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Livestream at 10:30 found at
www.trinitylimerock.org
trinity@trinitylimerock.org
(860) 435-2627

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC
Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people
172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT
Worship services Sundays at 10 am
www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational
860-824-7232
FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm
www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org

Congregation Beth David
A reform Jewish Synagogue
3344 East Main St., Amenia
SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM
Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org)
ALL ARE WELCOME
Rabbi Jon Haddon
845-373-8264
info@congbethdavid.org

The Lakeville United Methodist Church
319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039
10 a.m. Worship Service
"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-435-9496
Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

Falls Village Congregational Church
16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
Coffee Hour
A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!
860-824-0194

The Sharon United Methodist Church
112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits
9 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-364-5634
sharonumc5634@att.net

The Smithfield Presbyterian Church
656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY
Services every Sunday 10 a.m.
www.thsmithfieldchurch.org
21st Century Theology in an Historic Building

All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church
313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT
Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.
Special Services Online
Rev. John Kreta
860-824-1340 | allsaintsofamerica.us

Sharon Congregational
25 Main Street, Sharon, CT
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Visit our website
sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services
Contact us at 860-364-5002 or
info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.
30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT
Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming
www.salisburyucc.org
Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy!
(860) 435-2442

St. John's Episcopal Church
12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT
SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)
Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge
In-Person and on You-Tube
www.stjohnssalisbury.org

Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT
Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons
Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m.
My Spiritual Journey
For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialuloi@gmail.com
All are Welcome

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH
Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk
St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan
St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church
Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary
Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday 6pm
St. Joseph Chapel or Church
Thursday 8am
Immaculate Conception Church
Friday 8am
Church of St. Mary
ALL ARE WELCOME!
For information, please call 860-824-7078

UCC in CORNWALL
Cornwall Village Meeting House
Worship Sunday, 10 am
Outstanding Church School (10 am)
Mission Opportunities
Warm Fellowship following Worship
860-672-6840
www.uccincornwall.org
Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister
Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community

The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall
Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m.
Trinity Retreat Center Chapel
Lower River Road, West Cornwall
in person and on zoom
Warm fellowship following service
All Are Welcome!
www.allsaintscornwall.org
Rev. Mary Gates

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
40 Leedsville Road
Amenia Union, NY
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
Visit our website for links
845-373-9161
www.stthomasamenia.com
A Community of Radical Hospitality

Promised Land Baptist Church
29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT
Where you will find: A Warm Welcome!
Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!
Sunday School - 10am
Sunday Worship - 11am
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM
(860) 824-5685
VISITORS WELCOME!
www.promisedlandbaptist.org

Canaan United Methodist Church
2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT
11:00AM - Worship Service
"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-824-5534
canaanctumc@gmail.com
We hope you will join us!

LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

Eddie Collins Memorial Park is set to be closed for construction on mulitple projects through July 31, 2027. The closure could mean changes to how residents use the park for recreation, events and family activities

How will the park’s closure impact you and your family?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We’ll publish a selection in next week’s paper.

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION

Do you have concerns about flock cameras and how they’re being used in Dutchess County?

“I personally think the bad outweighs the good with these cameras. They have been widely abused all over this country already and the amount of details that are gleaned and digitally “mapped” are exactly the kind of things that are and should be private and protected under the Constitution. No more cameras!”

— Barbara Lyman Reeves

“I have nothing to hide. I obey the laws ... and if a child goes missing or there looking for that car and time is very important when it comes to a kidnapping.”

— Chasity Hotaling Fuggetta

“Get rid of all of them, I do not trust how the data is potentially handled”

— Doug McRoberts

“I wouldn’t want flock cameras in the best of times let alone in this era of billionaire fascists trying to dismantle our democracy. This is all part of a greater plan to track and control (arrest) anyone who challenges the unjust project 2025 system they have been building. As useful a tool as it may be to stop whatever crimes, make no mistake that that is not what its bigger purpose will be used for when what they say constitutes a crime is criticizing the government or being a non white immigrant etc. Flock cameras are an attack against our liberty and freedom.”

— Andres Vialpando

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drifting drives innovation

The Gridlife event at Lime Rock Park which features drifting during some of the weekend is rather unique because the participants and fan base are so different from the usual auto racing crowd. These are much younger people who have developed a passion for cars. Unlike car racing that demands deep pockets, the cars that are popular are often inexpensive ones that are then modified into sporting machines. Why is this important? It’s not just that a younger audience can take part, it’s that the modifications and pursuit of mechanical problem solving is what develops a person’s ability to diagnose, repair, invent, and improve the machines that we all rely on. We need young people who can fix our cars when the standard mechanic has come to an impasse. The yellow crash barriers you see on the highway were invented by Lime Rock local and famous race car driver John Fitch; he crash tested them (personally) at Lime Rock Park. Let’s remember that the greatest developments in technology and safety come from either war or competition. I prefer competition.

John Light

Sharon



Dahlia season

PHOTO BY CAITLIN HANLON



Clown, Jail construction, County Fair, West Nile

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

Sept. 12, 1935

Mrs. Weaver Denies Seeking Appointment As Postmaster Beauty Parlor Operator Declares She Does Not Want And Won’t Accept Office

A report that she was seeking appointment to the post-mastership in Millerton was vigorously denied by Mrs. Bertha Weaver in an interview yesterday. Poughkeepsie Sunday Courier said in its issue of Sept. 8 that Mrs. Weaver and Miss Kate Griffin were both candidates for the office which is to be filled Feb. 1 at the expiration of the term of Postmaster Edward Everett. Mrs. Weaver, who operates a beauty parlor here, declared that while she appreciates the interest shown in her behalf by her friends in the Democratic party, she did not want and would not accept a political office.

Minor Fears Jail Cost May Be Too High

Supervisor Frank L. Minor expressed fear last night that the cost of the proposed new jail for the Town of North East might be prohibitive. Estimates from the WPA offices are expected this week-end, Supervisor Minor said. and these will be turned over to the town board for consideration. Plans on which the WPA estimates are to be based were prepared by Charles J. Cooke, architect.

Mr. Minor explained that although the WPA will pay for the entire cost of labor, material for the one-story brick structure which will be paid for by the town, might be expensive. He said that the board will make a definite decision on the matter as soon as the estimates have been studied.

“Red” Hennessey Signed By New York Yankees

Edward “Red” Hennessey, Millerton’s sensational speed-ball hurler and promising major league prospect who was given a contract by the Boston Red Sox last year, has now been signed by the New York Yankees, announcement has just been made. Hennessey was released by the Danville, Va., Schoolfield nine, a Red Sox farm, in the Bi-State League. because of overcrowded conditions there, but was immediately signed by the Reidsville. N. C., Luckies in the same league and came to

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Millerton News

be fourth ranking hurler in the circuit. Subsequently he left the Luckies because of the extreme heat in Dixie. The “red head” will be farmed out to the Akron club of the Middle Atlantic League by the Yankees next season. He was signed by Gene McCann, Yankee scout and former manager of the Springfield, Mass. club of the defunct Eastern League.

September 9 1976

In Millerton: Will It Be The Last Picture Show?

The Millerton Theatre closed its doors Tuesday night, possibly for the final time. The Theatre’s owner, Philip Eisenberg, said that unless someone buys the property from him, “Our intention is to close the theatre down permanently.” The Main Street movie house locked up Tuesday with a final showing of the Neil Simon comedy hit “Murder by Death.”

Mr. Eisenberg said none of the movie operators have been able to make a sustained financial success of the operation and, thus, he must find a buyer now or close up.

Police Nab Youth In Bank Heist

A 19-year-old Washington County youth, Russell K. Snody of Clemmons, remains in the Dutchess County Jail on \$7,500 bail this week after being arrested for allegedly breaking into and burglarizing the Dover Plains branch of the Millbrook Bank in the early morning hours of Monday, Aug. 23.

Snody has been charged with 3rd degree burglary, 3rd degree grand larceny, and the illegal possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

Millerton Free Library Begins Winter Hours

The Millerton Library began its winter hours on Tuesday, Sept. 7. The Library hours are now Monday from 6:30 to 8:30; Saturday from 2 to 5 and Sunday from 2 to 5.

The Comprehensive Plan booklet for North East and the Millerton is now available for circulation at the Library. The Library also offers the following best-sellers: “The Deep” by Peter Benchley, “Crowned Heads” by Thomas Tryon, “Dolores” by Jacqueline Susann, “Agent In Place” by Helen MacInnes

and “A Man Called Intrepid” by William Stevenson.

The Library is also circulating 22 new mysteries from the Mid-Hudson rotating collection.

Cumberland Farms Delayed

The construction of the Cumberland Farms dairy store on Main Street in Millerton has been delayed, holding up the store’s opening which had been originally scheduled for the end of August.

The construction crew now hopes to meet an Oct. 1 deadline. According to Construction Supervisor Roy Terwilliger, work will progress on the building itself but not on the adjoining lot.

“We’re waiting for curb-cut permits from the New York Department of Transportation,” he commented, “until we get that we can’t do anything outside.”

September 13, 2001

Saperstein’s Mural To Have Dedication Ceremony

MILLERTON — With the help of Millerton residents, the Saperstein mural is close to completion. In order to officially present the mural, Saperstein’s will have a dedication on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m.

The dedication will include a ribbon cutting and refreshments.

Moirra Kelly, the mural’s main artist, said the com-

munity has been so helpful and supportive of the mural. Since she started the painting, she has received nothing but compliments.

“I don’t want to finish it,” Ms. Kelly said. “It’s like the best book I’ve ever read.”

She said she hopes to do more murals in the area, explaining that painting them is a great activity for children and the finished product is enjoyed by the whole community.

The dedication will be held rain or shine.

The mural resembles a similar painting that adorned the Dutchess Avenue wall of the former Saperstein’s building before it was destroyed by fire in 1986.

Store owner Lew Saperstein said the mural was his father’s idea. The elder Mr. Saperstein died last year.

Elementary Schools Open

MILLERTON — The first day of school for Millerton, Amenia and Webutuck Elementary Schools was on Monday, Sept. 10. Despite a fast and chaotic move due to realignment, the schools were in working order for the students on Monday morning.

Amenia held an orientation for parents and students on Sept. 5. Interim Principal Jack Biasotti gave a short speech in the auditorium. He told parents and students he was looking forward to being the interim principal, and to assuage any fears that the quality of education would be diminished by realignment.

THE MILLERTON NEWS

(USPS 384600)

An Independent New York Newspaper

Official Newspaper of the Village of Millerton, Town of North East, Town of Washington, Town of Amenia, Town of Pine Plains, North East (Webutuck) Central School District and Millbrook Central School District

Published Weekly by LJMN Media, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Dan Dwyer, Chair

P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546

(860) 435-9873 ext. 608 • millertonnews.com • editor@millertonnews.com

Volume 95, Number 33

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mission Statement

LJMN Media, Inc., Publishers of

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News

Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

James H. Clark
Publisher & CEO

Thomas K. Carley
Chief Operating Officer

Christian Murray
Executive Editor

In Appreciation

William E. Little, Jr.
Chairman Emeritus

Janet Manko
Publisher Emeritus

A. Whitney Ellsworth
1936-2011

Managing Partner

Robert H. Estabrook
1918-2011

Editor and
Publisher Emeritus

EDITORIAL STAFF: Nathan Miller, managing editor; Natalia Zukerman, arts, lifestyle & engagement editor; Madi Long, audience development editor; Graham Corrigan, reporter.

ADVERTISING SALES: Roxanne Lee, Mary Wilbur, advertising account managers; Lyndee Stalter, classified advertising.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Sandra L. Lang, controller; Michelle Eisenman, legals & obituaries billing; Sally André, Development Associate.

COMPOSING DEPARTMENT: Caitlin Hanlon, production manager; Olivia Montoya, graphic designer.

DRIVERS: Gary Hufner; Geoffrey Olans, John Rung.

CORRESPONDENTS: Christine Bates; Leila Hawken.

LJMN Media, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Subscription Rates - One Year:

\$120.00 in Dutchess and Columbia Counties, \$147.00 Outside Counties

Known Office of Publication: Lakeville, CT 06039-1688. Periodical Postage Rate Paid at Millerton, NY 12546. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LJMN Media, Inc., PO Box 1688, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039-1688.

OUR TOWNS

Pine Plains residents, educators debate school closure

Committee’s recommendation to close an elementary school in Stanford faces pushback at school board hearing

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN
grahamc@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Parents, educators, and town officials gathered Sept. 2 for a public hearing on the possible closure of Cold Spring Early Learning Center.

The hearing gave residents a chance to respond to an Educational Impact Statement prepared by a school board committee. The committee, the Building Utilization Advisory Committee, met monthly over the last seven months, touring school buildings and weighing the pros and cons of closing Cold Spring, closing Seymour Smith Intermediate School, or keeping both schools open.

The district has faced declining enrollment and rising costs over the past two decades, resulting in budget shortfalls that led the school board to begin considering consolidation last year.

The committee, which was composed of dozens of parents and educators, ultimately recommended closing Cold Spring in 2027, though three of the committee’s 20 voting members dissented.

Benefits cited by the BUAC include stronger instructional alignment, improved staff utilization, expanded sup-

port services, and long-term stability. The BUAC projects about \$1.1 million less in annual costs from a combination of staffing and transportation savings, though necessary repairs to Seymour Smith will cost about \$300,000. District officials have also said that leasing, rather than selling, the Cold Spring building could generate additional revenue.

But those numbers represent a best-case scenario, a point made by Stanford father and BUAC member Kyle Odell at Tuesday’s hearing. Once the cost of preparing Seymour Smith is factored in, he said, the real savings amount to less than 2% of the district’s roughly \$40.5 million total budget. Odell also warned that the Anderson Center for Autism, which currently leases space inside Cold Spring, could leave if the building loses the maintenance support provided by Pine Plains Central School District.

During the public hearing, parents raised the question of the intangible benefits of having a separate space for the district’s youngest students to learn and grow. They also questioned the amount of state funding provided to the district, and wondered if the consolidation could be avoid-

ed by appealing to the state. “It’s just a general failure,” said parent Travis Christian. “Whether it’s a failure by the state for not giving us the aid, or a failure by us as a community for not paying the taxes, I just think it’s a failure no matter how this happens.”

Districtwide K-12 enrollment has fallen from a peak of nearly 1,500 students in 2002 to just under 800 today. The school board first considered closing Cold Spring in 2024 amid warnings that the district could lose as much as \$4 million in state aid. That funding was ultimately preserved, temporarily shelving a closure vote, but rising employee health insurance costs and other fixed expenses have continued to put pressure on the school budget.

The board formed the BUAC this past February after residents, many of them Stanford parents, turned out to demand a comprehensive study before any final decision. Tuesday’s hearing was a step the board took specifically to give residents a formal forum before any vote.

The committee identified several benefits of consolidation. Special education services would no longer be split across two buildings, teachers who divide their time be-

tween Cold Spring and Seymour Smith would no longer lose time traveling between the schools, and families would have a single location for drop-off and pickup.

The Seymour Smith principal has also reviewed the building’s available space and determined it can absorb the additional students. Superintendent Brian Timm, for his part, walked the audience through the district’s yearslong “right-sizing” effort before public comment opened, stressing that the process has been documented in public view since 2024 and that the BUAC itself exists because the board listened to earlier community pushback rather than acting on its own.

The Educational Impact Statement remains posted on the district’s “Future-Ready Organization” information page alongside years of enrollment data, meeting minutes, and community forum results. A formal proposal is likely in the coming weeks.

Whatever the board ultimately decides, officials and residents alike appear to agree on the underlying problem: a district built for nearly twice its current enrollment, facing rising costs it did not choose, now has to find a workable path forward.



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

‘Girlbomb’

Janice Erlbaum celebrated the 20th anniversary of her memoir, “Girlbomb,” and the launch of a new cannabis strain of the same name at an intimate gathering at the as-yet-unopened Black Rabbit Dispensary in Millerton on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Amenia library to offer free math tutoring

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The Amenia Free Library is offering math homework help sessions for middle school students every Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

The initial session will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Sessions will be led by Youth Programming Assistant Michelle Boynton. Her

credentials include seven years as a private math tutor, more than 14 years as a high school and middle school math teacher, and a master’s degree in Education.

All Middle School students are welcome to take advantage of these workshop sessions.

For more information, call the library at 845-373-8273 or email youthprogramming@amenialibrary.org.

FALL CAR CARE

autosport

130 N. MAIN STREET, SHARON, CT
(860) 364-5722 | AUTOSPORT130@GMAIL.COM

Whether your vehicle is ready for a checkup, needs extra work or is ready to be retired, the staff at each of these businesses is ready to help you every step of the way. Save this section and when you visit, let them know you saw their ad in your copy of The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News.

Jacobs GARAGE INC. since 1930 FALLS VILLAGE, CT

Complete Automotive Repairs Including Engine Rebuilds, Diesel Repairs, Tires & Snowplows

34 Railroad St., P.O. Box 185, Falls Village, CT, 06031
860-824-5861 | jacobsgarage@att.net

THE BOSS SNOWFLOW

Millerton Service Center

SEE US FIRST For all of your service and repair needs!

PROUDLY SERVING YOU FOR OVER 30 YEARS!

We Buy and Sell Quality Used Cars
We employ technicians certified by the National Institute for AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE
Service Hours: 7 am - 5 pm Mon-Fri • 7 am - Noon Sat

ASE CERTIFIED Factory parts shipped daily!

Master Technicians Michael Lyman Adam Lyman 52 S. Center St., Millerton, NY (518) 789-3462

NORTHEAST MUFFLER INCORPORATED

Custom Bending Up to 3 Inches

Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • New York State Inspections
Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5; Saturday 8 to 1
Route 22, Millerton, NY

John Heck (518) 789-3669 Cindy Heck

OCTOBER IS FALL CAR CARE MONTH

FALL SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Test Battery
- Check Fluid Levels
- Inspect Brakes
- Check Heater / Defroster
- Check Air Filter
- Test Antifreeze
- Check Wipers & Lights
- Inspect Tires
- Inspect Spare Tire

Arnold's Garage & Towing

We know how important car safety and reliability is to you. Call today to book your next maintenance appointment. Mention this ad and receive a free Fall Safety Inspection with your oil change during the month of October.

ASE CERTIFIED 24 Hour Towing & Road Service

(860) 824-5802 • 2 North Elm St. Canaan, CT 06018
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00

NORTH EAST Ford BUYS READY-CASH-NOW!

All makes, models or mileage

STOP BY AND SEE LANN TODAY!

Lann Rubin

NorthEastFordMillerton.com



BRINGING MORE CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

RAISE
HEALTH

Nuvance Health is now Northwell.

We’re expanding award-winning care around your community. So you can get excellent health care closer to home, without having to travel to New York City.

Learn more at Northwell.edu/CareForAll



FESTIVAL *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Madeline Hartwell, left, visits Tom Hall's vendor tent along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail during The Voice of Art's Fine Art Festival in Millert

festival was the third he had brought his work to since committing to his abstract fine art photographic practice.

"I started doing this abstract photography seriously about five years ago," Hall said. "This year we just started coming out to some festivals and trying it out."

Hall started out in photography working on Wall Street, producing photo and

video shoots for clients in the finance industry. He left that work shortly after the covid-19 pandemic began, moved up to Falls Village and shifted into fine art work.

Hall said he draws inspiration from abstract and modernist artists of the 20th century — Andy Warhol and Jackson Pollock to name a few. He aims to use the camera and light like a paint brush to create abstract

images. The resulting photographs are stunning fields of bizarre colors and textures that resemble abstract expressionist paintings, but not everything he creates is completely non-representational.

Another fascination is liminal spaces, and how even non-abstract images can create unsettling and inexplicable feelings in a viewer when devoid of context. Images that make sense

at face value — such as two paintings on a patterned wall or a small, vacant shed overlooking a corn field — can cause dread or confusion if composed in photographs that intentionally obscure important details or information.

"It's like, 'what am I looking at?'" Hall said. "It makes your feelings abstract, even though you see what it is. It makes you feel a little off."

PARK *Continued from Page A1*

"We've been meeting weekly to make sure everybody's on track," Najdek said. "I think we're pretty close to smooth sailing, I hope."

Workers are expected to wrap construction of the pumphouse this fall, clearing the way for village officials to move forward with building a new highway department building to house the village's road equipment.

Construction crews are currently working on building a 200-square-foot structure to shelter the uncovered well. The well is one of two pumps that serve water to village residents. It has been offline since the fire, leaving the village to rely on a single pump that was unaffected by the fire.

Work on the long-awaited

pool and poolhouse is also ramping up. In August, crews demolished an existing structure that served as a locker room and entrance for the old pool at the park. Village officials closed that pool 10 years ago when mounting structural damage became too expensive to repair.

Village groups have worked together for nearly a decade to bring a pool back to the park, culminating in this year's groundbreaking ceremony during Millerton's 175th celebration in July. Najdek said she hopes the new pool will be open by next August.

"I'd love to see someone swimming in that pool by the end of next summer," Najdek said.

SMOKING *Continued from Page A1*

and the growing prevalence of public cannabis consumption following recreational legalization in New York. That guidance spurred Hamm and town officials to realize a formal smoking policy didn't exist in the town code, leading to the proposed ban.

Following the public hearing, Town Board members will vote on the law itself. If approved, the regulations will be sent to the New York Secretary of State's office for certification and go into effect immediately after state approval.

MUANJAI TEA *Continued from Page A1*

on the transformation."

Shildbach and his wife and business partner, Jaradhanaiphat, obtained the Main Street space in March 2026 after a previous business, Candy-O's, vacated the storefront. They've spent the past nearly six months working with Dutchess County Board of Health officials to receive approval for their plans.

Schildbach originally hoped the shop would be open in mid-summer to take advantage of the height of the season, but regulatory delays due to the building's existing septic capacity pushed back its opening date. Despite the holdup at the Main Street location, Schildbach and Jaradhanaiphat broke out their drink machines for pop-up service during Millerton's 175th celebration in July.

The couple performed extensive interior renovations in the shop, installing counters and a service window that's inspired by streetside tea shop windows that line Bangkok's streets. Part of the renovations included installing shelves and a refrigerator to sell goods like Thai noodles and sauces, clothing and canned drinks.

"We aren't fully finished," Schildbach said. "We still have some artwork to put up on the walls and other things to do, but it looks finished enough



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

A line of customers approaches the service window at Muanjai Tea in Millerton on Sunday, Sept. 6.

where we can open the doors."

In addition to the teas, Schildbach and Jaradhanaiphat are planning to offer pastries and other Thai-inspired treats to accompany the drinks. The shop currently offers a limited selection of

small bites, with plans to expand offerings in the future.

Schildbach said they plan to expand drink offerings and contribute to evening life in the village by offering mocktails and hosting ticketed tasting dinners at the location. He

said he wants the tea shop to be a hub to introduce community members to Thai culture and cuisine.

"I just encourage people to keep checking back in," Schildbach said. "The menu will not always be the same."



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Harlem Valley Rail Trail bridge placed over Route 22

A long-awaited bridge over Route 22 now connects the 25-mile Harlem Valley Rail Trail to a shorter section that runs through Copake into Hillsdale after crane operators dropped the structure into place in the final week of August.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

Housatonic Heritage Walks 2026

Celebrate our heritage through hiking, walking & biking



Enjoy more than 70 FREE guided adventures on five autumn weekends

September 5 & 6
September 12 & 13
September 19 & 20
September 25, 26 & 27
October 3 & 4

www.heritage-hikes.org

Community Banking. The way it should be.

When you walk into our Millbrook branch, you'll likely meet Kellen Lehmkuhl. With years of banking experience, Kellen knows that every customer's financial needs are unique but the goal is always the same — delivering the right solutions with great personal service. That means:

- Competitive rates
- Decisions made quickly, right here at home
- Flexible solutions for both individuals and businesses

At Bank of Millbrook, we're proud to be part of the communities we serve.

BANK OF MILLBROOK
The Strength of Relationships



(845) 677-5321

BANKOFMILLBROOK.COM

MILLBROOK 3263 FRANKLIN AVE.
AMENIA MILLERTON PINE PLAINS STANFORDVILLE
MEMBER FDIC



Kellen Lehmkuhl
Millbrook Branch Manager

our community



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Artist Victor Cella with his recent painting “White Dog” in his studio and shop, Little Store Antiques in Great Barrington.

Victor Cella is painting his own path

By Robin Roraback

Paintings by Victor Cella of a blue dog, a flower still life and a colorful abstract greet visitors as they mount the steps to The Little Store, an antique shop he runs with his husband, John Ortisi, at 88 Main St. in Great Barrington, Mass.

The shop is filled not only with antiques but also with Cella’s paintings. People stop by to see what Cella is currently painting and to talk with him. He is known for his amiability as well as his paintings.

Cella greets visitors while talking with a fellow painter who comments about his work and Cella himself: “Eclectic, amazing! Victor is decidedly loved in the community and exhibits to everyone his completely open heart.” She added, “He inspires the rest of us

CONTINUED ON PAGE B2

MUSIC

Oldtone brings roots music, dancing and community to Cool Whisper Farm

By Natalia Zukerman

The Oldtone Music Festival returns Sept. 10 through 13, bringing musicians and audiences together for a four-day celebration of roots music at Cool Whisper Farm in Hillsdale.

Founded in 2015 as a one-day show in Wassaic, Oldtone moved the following year to the Schober family’s Cool Whisper Farm, where it grew into a three-stage camping festival. The festival ran annually until the COVID-19 pandemic forced its cancellation in 2020. After limited attempts to bring it back in 2021 and 2022, organizers announced in early 2023 that the festival would end.

But Oldtone wasn’t quite ready to disappear. With strong support from local and artist communities, a new non-profit, Oldtone Arts Inc., was formed

CONTINUED ON PAGE B2

ART

Wassaic Project co-founder Eve Biddle presents her “Field Notes”

By D.H. Callahan

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, the Tremaine Gallery at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville opened its new show, “Field Notes,” with works by multidisciplinary artist Eve Biddle.

Biddle is best known in the area as one of the founders of the iconic Wassaic Project in the hamlet of Wassaic, New York. The project, which is part art incubator, part gallery, part studio and a whole lot of community, is housed in an old converted grain elevator right next to the Metro North train tracks. It’s credited by many as the spark that revitalized the hamlet, which now boasts a craft bakery, a curated wine and liquor store, a pizza hot spot, the Lantern.

But Biddle is not just a community builder. She’s an artist herself with a robust tool belt of skills. Of those tools, sculpture, object-making, photography, and screen printing are highlighted in “Field Notes.” It’s partially due to her robust skill-set, and multiple medium pieces that she hesitates to call herself a sculptor or photographer. Biddle is an artist, and to her, that means finding ways to bring her ideas to life, independent of specific disciplines.

The ambiguity of her categorization can be seen in her work as well. She seems to focus on the space between what is natural and how the human hand, or even technology can alter it in ways that turn it into art. One piece features a picture of flowers growing in the dirt. But Biddle takes this natural, innocuous



PHOTO BY D.H. CALLAHAN

Artist Eve Biddle and Tremaine Gallery Director Terri Moore.

plant and processes the photo through software that allows her to use small dots to rebuild the image, then silkscreens the result onto board. Yes, it’s still a photo of flowers, but it’s been manipulated by man and machine to create something unlike its original form.

Clearly, the artist’s hands play a major role. This is sometimes implied in the imperfections of a ceramic sculpture, or in the knowledge that she held a camera to snap a shot, but it’s also literal. Multiple pieces feature her hands, and the hands of fellow artists interacting with or even manipulating nature. While just one of many apparent themes in “Field Notes,” it’s even

more central in Biddle’s show at the Portland Museum of Art in Maine, which runs through January of next year.

Her hands can also be seen in the finger imprints she left on a cast of a spine. The sculpture was made of molten glass poured over a sand and silica mold at the RISD Hot Shop in Rhode Island. The thematic implications of a glass spine that resembles an amorphous jellyfish might make a Hotchkiss art student want to raise their hand, confident they have the right answer. Biddle rejects the notion of right or wrong meanings in art and doesn’t see it as the artist’s job to define it. It’s one of the reasons the show

features snakes, which have been used throughout history to mean wildly different things. Are they evil incarnate, or do they represent fertility? Both can work depending on your perspective.

These are some of the intangible lessons that Biddle and Tremaine Gallery director Terri Moore want to impart to the students. Beyond Biddle’s show is a short tenure as Hotchkiss artist in residence, but she’ll be the first to point out that she is not a teacher. That’s exactly what Moore is looking for. She wants the young artists to get experience from a working

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3

THEATER

“Come From Away,” a story of kindness at Sharon Playhouse

By Natalia Zukerman

Twenty-five years after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the Sharon Playhouse is staging a musical about what happened in the aftermath — and about an extraordinary act of kindness in a small Newfoundland town.

“Come From Away,” the Tony Award-winning musical by Irene Sankoff and David Hein, runs Sept. 11 through 27 and concludes the Playhouse’s 2026 MainStage season. Directed by Hunter Foster, with choreography by Krystyna Resavy and music direction by Eric Thomas Johnson, the production tells the true story of the thousands

of airline passengers who suddenly found themselves stranded in Gander, Newfoundland, after U.S. airspace was closed following the terrorist attacks.

Thirty-eight planes carrying approximately 7,000 passengers were diverted to Gander and surrounding communities. Almost overnight, the local population nearly doubled. Residents opened their homes, schools and churches to strangers from around the world, providing food, clothing and shelter — and, eventually, friendship.

The musical transforms those events into a story that balances humor and heartbreak. A company of 12 actors

portrays dozens of characters as the passengers and residents navigate fear, confusion, culture shock and unexpected connections. The score draws on Newfoundland’s traditional music and includes songs such as “Welcome to the Rock,” “Me and the Sky” and “Somewhere in the Middle of Nowhere.”

“Come From Away feels especially meaningful for us to present this year,” said Sharon

Playhouse Artistic Director Carl Address. “Twenty-five years after September 11, this extraordinary musical asks us to remember that terrible day by telling a story about the very best of humanity — the kindness of strangers, the strength of community, and our capacity to take care of one another when it matters most.”

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3

INSIDE
REAL ESTATE
Stanford home prices hover around \$675K
CALENDAR
A list of upcoming events



ALUMNI

JOIN US FOR A COMPLIMENTARY, COMMUNITY LUNCH AND LEARN

What is Geriatric Care Management and how could it help you, or someone you love

Many people have never heard of geriatric care management or patient advocacy—or do not realize how much support is available to help them manage everyday responsibilities, changing needs, and unexpected challenges.

We want to help you understand what these services are, when they may be useful, and how having one trusted point of contact can help you remain organized, informed, independent, and in control.

Introducing Alumni Care Advisors, a new local geriatric care management and patient advocacy company created in response to a need we see every day.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 • 11:30 am

Noble Horizons Community Room
17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068

Noble HORIZONS

RSVP with QR code or emailing
info@alumniareadvisors.com

HAYSTACK BOOK FESTIVAL

Norfolk Connecticut

	OCTOBER 2	6:00 PM	A Conversation with Belle Burden, author of <i>Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage</i>
	OCTOBER 3	10:30 AM	Across Borders and Belonging—Exile, Identity, and American Lives Abroad
		1:00 PM	After the Wounds—War, Memory, and the Search for What Endures
		3:00 AM	Inventing America—Power and Myth at the Nations Edges
	OCTOBER 4	11:00 AM	Among the Trees—History, Culture, and Environment

OCTOBER 2-3-4

haystackbookfestival.org

... Victor Cella

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

who paint.”

Cella began devoting himself to painting about four and a half years ago. He remembers taking art classes in high school. He had finished all his credits early and was allowed, in his senior year, to take art for four hours a day. He credits his art teacher, Mr. Owen, with giving him a good foundation in art.

“Now that I paint, I rely on my teacher’s words: ‘To unify a painting, pick a color and wash it over the painting,’ or, ‘You need to mix the colors!’”

He won a scholarship to New York University to study art, but his parents said no. Instead, he attended North Adams State College, where he also took an art class at Williams College, repeating a pattern from high school in which he finished his required credits early and used the extra time to study art.

He earned a teaching degree in special education and ended up working in schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut for 37 years. He retired in 2019.

Then, four and a half years ago, he got the urge to paint, and the paintings flowed out of him.

He has sold 757 paintings, with 95 of those sold since May 7. “I am having bizarrely good luck with my paintings.” He estimates he has painted 2,000 paintings in four and a half years.

He modestly attributes his success to “I sell low and I have a built-in client base of 51 years,” he said, referring to recurring customers in his antique shop. “A billion people give me feed-



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Cella’s paintings are tucked in almost every available space throughout Little Store Antiques.

back.” He has two patrons who each have several of his paintings. “Unbelievably,” says Cella, “one person owns 32 and the other owns 27.”

His studio is in the back of the shop. He paints now on 16-by-20-inch canvases, some of

which he recycles, finding them at Goodwill.

To keep his painting fresh and himself interested because, as Cella explained, “I can’t stay with one idea for long,” he has gone through several phases: crazy dogs, grids, flowers with

“

If I taught art, I’d teach it in a different way. I could teach it as an awareness — how to free yourself up.

VICTOR CELLA

black backgrounds, a geometric phase and “weird people.” The “crazy dogs,” as he calls them, are popular now. One person bought eight, left to go to her car and came back for a ninth, spotted in the shop’s window — the one that brought her into the shop in the first place.

He may even illustrate a children’s book with the “crazy dogs.” A local author liked them so much she asked Cella if he’d illustrate a story about three dogs if she wrote one.

Cella was also approached recently by a person who said, “Do you know you were my favorite teacher?” She came into The Little Store, attracted by the paintings in the shop’s window. It turned out the former student owns Crystal Essence on Railroad Street in Great Barrington and has asked to sell Cella’s paintings there.

Cella, who will soon be selling the building where The Little Store is located and move it nearer to his Southfield home, was glad to be offered a new venue for his paintings.

An artist he knows, Scott Prior, a painter from Nantucket, bought one of Cella’s paintings and gave him this advice: “Never go to art school. You are an artist. Let it pour out of you.”

Cella said, “You have to follow your own path.” He mused, “If I taught art, I’d teach it in a different way. I could teach it as an awareness — how to free yourself up.”

To see more of Cella’s work, visit The Little Store (88 Main St.) or Crystal Essence (39 Railroad St.) in Great Barrington.

BUSINESS

Curated finds at Half Shell Vintage

By Sally Haver

Pearl Elsbach, owner and proprietor of Half Shell Vintage in North Canaan, has amassed a curated group of designer clothing, fine jewelry, housewares and timeless objects such as art and rare books. This store is hardly your usual antiques and vintage clothing store; it has a website featuring every item currently on offer, with price and description included. Customers can shop both online and in person at the storefront in North Canaan, Connecticut.

When asked where the store’s name came from, Elsbach explained, “I’ve always loved the famous birth of Venus painting by Botticelli, ‘Venus in the Half Shell,’ where Venus is pictured as the pearl, and I love the sea, so all together it’s a fun play on my name and the visuals that really speak to me.”

When first-time customers survey this vintage store’s unique offerings, the number one question Elsbach gets is, “Where do you source your items?” As she explained, “I’m in a unique position where the collection I’m sharing is made up of pieces most people won’t have access to. A lot of shops mainly source from thrift stores or estate sales, but I’ve been lucky enough to work with private collectors and artisans to rehome pieces they are ready to let go of.”

Elsbach was a born entrepreneur, starting her own business as a private organizer at age 13. She and her sister began selling their clothes online in 2018 as a hobby. When her grandmother, a lifelong collector of clothing and jewelry, died right before COVID, Elsbach began the business that is now flourishing, selling the collection online. “Both my grandmothers have inspired me to cherish well-made pieces and to cultivate a collection that will stand the test of time and trends,” Elsbach explained.

Elsbach’s background dovetails per-

CONTINUED ON PAGE B4

... Oldtone

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1



PHOTO BY JIM WRIGHT

The Allum Ridge Boys & Ashlee at Oldtone Music Festival in 2025

in 2023, and the festival returned to Cool Whisper Farm in 2024. Today, the festival is co-produced by Jim Wright and Trevor Roush and continues to operate with an emphasis on keeping its intimate, artist-driven character.

That spirit is reflected in Oldtone’s motto, “Participation is Preservation.” Rather than simply presenting traditional music onstage, the festival encourages audiences to take part through workshops, dancing, jams, contests and other opportunities for musicians and listeners to play and learn together.

This year’s lineup ranges across bluegrass, Cajun, country, folk, Latin and other roots traditions. Performers include Bella White, ‘The Po’ Ramblin’ Boys, Los Texmaniacs, Jeron Paxton, Linzey Young & Joel Savoy, Cajun Country Revival, Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra, Jesse Lége & Bayou Brew, Sammy Lind & Nadine Landry and The Ozark Highballers.

In addition to multiple



PHOTO BY REED SHUZTS

Jerron Paxton & Nora Brown at Oldtone Music Festival in 2025.

stages, the weekend includes dancing, workshops and opportunities for musicians to join in. Campers have long made late-night music-making a central part of the experience, with informal jams continuing into the night.

Visitors can attend for a single day or camp on

the property for the entire festival. Children 12 and younger are admitted free.

Oldtone Music Festival takes place Sept. 10 through 13 at Cool Whisper Farm, 1011 County Route 21 in Ghent, New York. For tickets, camping information and the complete schedule, visit oldtone.org.

arts

Local Matters

News and Arts reporting in Northwest Connecticut and Eastern Dutchess County in New York

The Lakeville Journal lakevillejournal.com

The Millerton News millertonnews.com

KENT TRITLE

of the New York Philharmonic

In recital on the Organ

at The Smithfield Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

AT 3:00 PM

Mr. Tritle will play works by classic and modern composers, highlighting the warm sound of the church's historic tracker organ. Held in the beautiful setting of The Smithfield Church.

Suggested donation is \$25 at the door to benefit the Oratorio Society of New York. All are welcome!

The Smithfield Presbyterian Church
656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia NY
Air conditioned and fully accessible.



A Good Mechanic Is Not Hard to Find!

Ask for a proven pro
An ASE Certified Technician

(518) 789-3462

52 S. Center Street
Millerton, NY

MILLERTON SERVICE CENTER

Quality Used Cars
Maintenance - Repairs

MICHAEL D. LYMAN
ADAM LYMAN
MASTER TECHNICIANS

ASE CERTIFIED

ASE
National Institute for
AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE
EXCELLENCE

BUSINESS

A local escape at Cornwall Bridge Coffee

By D.H. Callahan

In the shadows of the historic Cornwall Bridge, something tasty is brewing. It's the morning pot that roaster John Zeiser is preparing for his wife, Jane Carlen. They're the owners of Cornwall Bridge Coffee.

Upon first hearing the name, the covered bridge in West Cornwall might spring to mind, but that's not actually the Cornwall Bridge. Hundreds of people drive over the Cornwall Bridge on Route 7 every day, but few know what lies beneath it. The top of the bridge is so featureless that casual drivers could miss the fact that they're even driving on a bridge at all. But from the river, there's a whole other scene. The underside of the bridge is quite remarkable, leading to its addition to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004

It was built in 1930 by C.W. Blakeslee and Sons, a construction company so prolific that it is credited with helping shape the landscape of the Northeast. The bridge, also known as Bridge No. 560, consists of six open-spandrel concrete arches which reach over 670 feet. For something so utilitarian, made mostly of concrete, it's actually quite pretty when you take the time to appreciate it.

It works as a wonderful mascot for Cornwall Bridge Coffee.

Zeiser learned to roast coffee beans when living in Los Angeles, while Carlen worked toward her Ph.D. in statistics from UCLA. He was getting serious about the process but put his budding infatuation on hold while he and his wife moved to Litchfield County, where he grew up, in 2020. The house they moved into in Cornwall Bridge had a garage that was zoned for commercial use, but with a baby on the way, they weren't in a rush to set



John Zeiser and Jane Carlen at their Diedrich IR-3 coffee roasting machine.

anything up. Once they'd settled into parenthood, though, they decided to put their passions to work.

Zeiser loved his days roasting coffee. The couple had bonded over their love of a quality cup when they met on the West Coast. They also wanted to find more ways to contribute to their new community in Cornwall. Zeiser is on the board of the Cornwall Chronicle, and Carlen is on the board of the Cornwall Child Center. Having seen how community can grow around food, the couple purchased a Diedrich IR-3 coffee roasting machine. It didn't take long to see that Zeiser's skills hadn't faded.

Roasting coffee is one thing. Building a business is quite another, and the two academics had very little experience in growing a brand. To help give them an identity, they tapped into their home and their values. The couple truly appreciates the underappreciated. When deciding how to present their

brand, they wanted that to shine through. And there were few better examples than the often-overlooked Cornwall Bridge.

The Bridge isn't fancy, but it sure gets the job done. The same can be said for Cornwall Bridge Coffee. The roastery is operated out of the couple's home in a space that is part personal art gallery, part bean storage and part roasting facility. All their packaging is compostable. Their logo is a simple design featuring the bridge's underside, which was made for the company by artist and friend Candace White. The beans are sourced from farms that focus on sustainable practices. Other than the beans themselves, everything else is local. Half of their deliveries are made on foot, as the roastery is close enough to the Cornwall Market, their largest vendor, to drop off their orders by hand. Additional vendors, including the Local in West Cornwall,

are all within driving distance, and deliveries can be combined with trips to drop off the kids at school to reduce the company's carbon footprint. They even roast to order, further reducing waste from beans that haven't flown off the shelf.

This local focus isn't just due to a small, growing brand's potential reach. It's built into the company's DNA. Zeiser is heavily influenced by the "artistic/literary ideas of regionalism." Their blends, River Road and Red Vienna, are both local references. Even their nascent beginnings were hyperlocal, first selling their beans at the Cornwall Village Farmers Market.

For a company so focused on their immediate surroundings, it sure can take you on a journey. Its beans, which can't actually be grown in Northwestern Connecticut's climate, are imported from Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Rwanda, Colombia and Ethiopia, and every cup can work as a little escape. A peaceful moment to enjoy your morning and appreciate the little things in life. Especially for new parents.

To learn more and browse their offerings, head to cornwallbridgecoffee.com.



Jack Sheedy's two memoirs share characters, themes and places.

BOOKS

A marriage of memoirs

By Natalia Zukerman

Can two books get married? Author Jack Sheedy wants to find out and on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. at Torrington Library, his memoirs "Sting of the Heat Bug" and "In My Father's Tire Tracks" will be joined in a tongue-in-cheek wedding ceremony.

The evening will feature a humorous PowerPoint presentation, prerecorded vows, commentary and a Q&A, followed by a signing of both books, which will be available individually or as a discounted set.

Sheedy, a Harwinton resident, contributor to these papers and former news editor of The Catholic Transcript, has given "Sting of the Heat Bug," originally published in 2012, a complete makeover for its relaunch. The revised edition includes a new cover by Torrington artist Dennis Baccheschi, a table of contents, chapter titles, a prelude and ep-

ilogue, color photographs, streamlined prose and a new design that echoes "In My Father's Tire Tracks," his 2024 memoir.

The books share some of the same people and themes, including road trips to Wisconsin and California, but Sheedy says there is enough new material to make reading both worthwhile. "There is no repetition that would make the reader think, 'Wait, didn't he say the same thing in the other book?'" he said.

As for the wedding? "It's a way to have fun and be entertaining," Sheedy said. By "marrying" the memoirs, he hopes to show how the characters and personalities that appear in both books can become more fully known when readers encounter them in each.

Torrington Library is at 12 Daycoeton Place. Books will be available at special pricing; cash, check or Venmo only.

... 'Come From Away'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1



"Come From Away" cast in rehearsal. (Back Row L to R): Jeffrey Konowitch, Meagan Lewis-Michelson, Max Bennett-Parker, Michael F. McGuirk, Tracy Liz Miller, Ricky Oliver, Cherish Love, Willie Marte (Front Row L to R) Cameron Sirian, Chelsie Nectow, Erin Lindsay Krom, Sophie Nassiri

The cast includes Chelsie Nectow, Max Bennett-Parker, Meagan Lewis-Michelson, Erin Lindsay Krom, Tracy Liz Miller, Jeffrey Konowitch, Willie Marte, Cameron Sirian, Ricky Oliver, Sophie Nassiri, Michael F. McGuirk and Cherish Love.

"Come From Away" opened on Broadway in 2017 and received seven Tony Award nominations,

winning for Best Direction of a Musical. The Sharon production features scenic design by Christopher and Justin Swader, costume design by Kathleen DeAngelis, lighting design by Aidan English and sound design by Graham Stone, with Bobbie Zlotnik handling wigs and makeup.

The Sharon Playhouse will conclude its 2026 season in December with its sixth

annual Holiday YouthStage production, a new adaptation of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," running Dec. 11 through 20.

"Come From Away" runs Sept. 11 through 27 at the Sharon Playhouse. Tickets are available at Sharon-Playhouse.org. The theater cautions patrons to purchase tickets directly through its website rather than third-party sellers.

... 'Field Notes'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

professional who has not trained to teach. From Biddle, students will get a different perspective than the ones they're used to from faculty. And thanks to her role in facilitating the growth of young artists at the Wassaic Project, she might be the perfect

person for such a task. "Field Notes" will be on view at the Tremaine Gallery through Oct. 18 with an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 19, and an artist's talk on Thursday, Sept. 17. To learn more about Eve Biddle, visit evebiddle.works.



We here at Robin Hood Radio are on-air and on-line keeping you informed and updated 24 hours a day on the following stations of the Robin Hood Radio Network.

WHDD AM 1020

Serving Northwest, CT and Adjacent Eastern, NY

WHDD FM 97.5

Serving the Route 7 corridor from Cornwall to Kent, and the Route 22 corridor from Amenia to Pawling

WHDD FM 91.9

Serving Sharon, Millerton, Lakeville, Salisbury and Falls Village, and adjacent Eastern, NY

WLHV FM 88.1

Serving in New York - Northern and Eastern Dutchess County, Columbia County, Eastern Ulster and Windham County, and Southern Greene County

WBSL FM 91.7

Serving North Canaan, CT, Sheffield and South County, MA

FOOD

A whole new R.S.V.P. in West Cornwall

By D.H. Callahan

Bolivar Hilario is a total food nerd. He’s obsessed with the possibilities of fresh ingredients and studies the ways different processes used by different cultures can result in totally different flavors. Now, as the new executive chef and owner of R.S.V.P. in West Cornwall, Connecticut, he’s planning to explore it all.

Since its beginnings, R.S.V.P. has been a popular spot for serious foodies. Modeled after a French dinner party experience, chef Guy Birster and co-owner Charles Cilona were a two-man operation of no-fuss dining. The menu was unpredictable and uncompromising, favoring flavor over the comforts of other fine-dining establishments of comparable caliber. A famous New York Times review headline read: “Regulars Say R.S.V.P. Does Everything Wrong Except for the Food.” The tables and chairs were mismatched; the room itself seemed almost cobbled together from disparate endeavors. The only thing that mattered was the food.

Hilario is taking a slightly different approach. The redesign of the room has been carefully considered, as have the utensils and dishes. While Birster specialized in French cuisine, Hilario’s skills and palate are more internationally based. His family is Mexican, he trained under a chef who fastidiously studied Japanese techniques, and he’s worked in a wide variety of kitchens himself. Add to all that his approach to fresh, local and seasonal ingredients, and you have the perfect storm for some incredible dishes.

But food wasn’t always Hilario’s passion. He found it almost by accident. While he credits his mother and sisters for helping develop his taste for real food instead of the junk his childhood friends were eating, it wasn’t until working as a dishwasher at a chain restaurant in



Cherry tomatoes, sour milk, tosaazu vinegar, blackberries

Florida that he noticed the possibilities of what food could be.

The kitchen caught his attention, and he was quickly asking the chefs why they did what they did. He’d poke and prod, asking why not substitute this ingredient for another. But even the most experienced chefs weren’t allowed to mess with a corporate menu. Instead, Hilario started experimenting with his own food. He’d come in early and use the tools of the industrial kitchens to learn how ingredients worked together to create surprisingly different results.

Soon, his passions had grown too big for the constraints of the corporate restaurants that dominated Florida’s food scene. So, he packed his bags and headed for New York City. While still working his way up, he found the city was more encouraging of innovation and curiosity than Florida had been. The chefs he worked with took his ideas seriously,

Chef Bolivar Hilario outside R.S.V.P. in West Cornwall, Connecticut.

but more importantly, they had the freedom to put those ideas on a menu. It was then that Hilario became obsessed with the radical potential of ingredients, techniques, textures and flavor combinations. It was then that his interests turned almost academic, reading about and absorbing all the knowledge other chefs were willing to share.

When he came to Connecticut, a whole new world opened up. First at Ore Hill and Swyft in Kent, he took the opportunity to meet the farmers growing his ingredients. By the time he’d worked his way up to becoming the executive chef at Community Table in New Preston, he was wowing everyone who walked in, including voters for some serious awards. In 2025, with a menu designed by Hilario, Community Table won Restaurant of the Year and Best Restaurant in Litchfield County from the Connecticut Restaurant Association. Then, in 2026, Hilario himself was named a semifinalist for the James Beard Best Chef in the Northeast award.

But now he’s out on his own. Following in the footsteps of R.S.V.P.’s founders,

the restaurant is still a blind tasting menu, and flavor is still king. When you request a reservation, Hilario will email you, asking about allergies or aversions. He can cook around almost any dietary restriction and even finds some of them an exciting challenge. After that, there are no more decisions. You’ll eat what he makes, and what he makes is sensational. The blending of ingredients and regional highlights will wow diners with every bite.

The price, however, is something that might deter many potential diners, especially in a recession. But if you can afford to drop a few bills on a special dinner, it’s well worth it. Hilario argues that “it’s better to pay for good food at a restaurant than it is to pay for bad food at the doctors’ office.” And good food with good ingredients is certainly what they’re serving at R.S.V.P.

The restaurant opened on Sept. 1 and will have an abbreviated menu available for half price on Tuesdays. Wednesday through Sunday will feature the full menu, and all nights are B.Y.O.B. To learn more and request a reservation, go to rsvpdining.com.

... Half Shelf Vintage

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B2



Pearl Elsbach, owner and proprietor of Half Shell Vintage in North Canaan.

fectly with her chosen profession. As the pandemic was winding down and she was living in New York City, Elsbach was working part time for a jewelry company, which gave her valuable exposure to that trade and a heightened awareness of quality and value. “Jewelry has always been a passion of mine,” she said. “The lasting power of metal and stones as well as the talismanic property of jewelry. Where my personal collection has always focused is on ‘vintage.’” To deepen her expertise, Elsbach earned her certification from the Gemological Institute of America, gaining a deeper understanding of jewelry as both an art form and a valuable commodity.

Elsbach initially opened her vintage business in a small storefront in Great Barrington.

When that rental was no longer available, she decided to host a multivendor flea market, titled “413 Flea” in the Great Barrington Fairgrounds. “It was an attempt to counteract the soaring costs of operating a small business in the Berkshires and give community members an affordable space to come and sell their wares.” The flea market was very well received and since, Elsbach has hosted three more.

“When a storefront in Canaan opened up, I took a leap of faith,” Elsbach explained. “The town has given me such a warm welcome, and the new shop feels the truest to my vision.”

Half Shell Vintage is located at 11 Railroad St. in North Canaan, Connecticut. For more information and to see the inventory, visit half-shell-vintage.com.

WRITER’S NOTEBOOK

The Turd

By Cheryl Heller

Our compost pile has always been a community gathering spot. It’s where messages are exchanged, meals shared, habits and idiosyncrasies of close neighbors observed and celebrated.

Every day, except when the snow is deep enough to fall into our boot tops, we trudge out to a spot at the edge of the woods behind our house to deposit peels, cores, outer leaves and trimmed ends remaining from our cooking. Every year, we turn it and spread the nutrient-rich soil it produces, feeding vegetable beds, bushes and trees.

We still have much to learn about gardening and caring for multi-acre native gardens with snacks and habitat for local wildlife. For example, composted surplus lettuce seeds produce small circular salads surrounding every tree and bush on the property. Fall-composted tomatillos produce so many volunteer plants around the yard we



Fox caught on the trail cam at the compost pile.

could open a salsa stand. That’s the flora.

On the fauna front, observing what becomes of our composted items is an ongoing source of fascination. Watermelon rinds are picked clean over several days, showing progressively smaller bite marks, with probably the chipmunks having to settle for whatever little hot pink flesh the bigger biters leave behind.

Eggshells are always worth pushing around

during the night, on the off chance they are not completely empty. Lychees, though exotic, are delectable, and portable enough to take back to a den or nest. Grapes, it goes without saying. A past-its-sell-by-date block of firm tofu was snapped up without a crumb remaining. (Probably by the same individuals who dug up every soybean I planted before they could sprout.)

I have read the articles

that advise against feeding wild animals. I know the delicate line we’re treading but don’t believe a few food scraps will fool our many resident bears into thinking they can count on us for a regular dinner or make them want to get closer to us in any way.

So it’s extremely rare that I put animal protein out to compost — less than once a year. But I had a few

CONTINUED ON PAGE B5



Local Matters

Never miss an opportunity to stay connected, informed, and empowered.

The Lakeville Journal
The MILLERTON NEWS

Subscribe Today

860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com
LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com

TWM[°]CLELLAND & DAUGHTERS

fine jewelers since 1975



413-645-3399 • info@twmcclelland.com
twmcclelland.com • 597 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA

	SHOWTIMES & TICKETS ▶						
FRI 09/11 > THU 09/17	themoviehouse.net						
<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1276 2950 1465 2974">PRACTICAL MAGIC 2</td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1465 2950 1705 2974" rowspan="4"> Tue. 9/15 @ 7PM & Sun. 9/20 @ 1PM Exhibition on Screen JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER From London's TATE Gallery </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1276 2974 1465 3001">THE UPRISING</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1276 3001 1465 3025">LATE FAME</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1276 3025 1465 3039">COYOTE VS. ACME TONY</td> </tr> </table>		PRACTICAL MAGIC 2	Tue. 9/15 @ 7PM & Sun. 9/20 @ 1PM Exhibition on Screen JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER From London's TATE Gallery		THE UPRISING	LATE FAME	COYOTE VS. ACME TONY
PRACTICAL MAGIC 2	Tue. 9/15 @ 7PM & Sun. 9/20 @ 1PM Exhibition on Screen JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER From London's TATE Gallery						
THE UPRISING							
LATE FAME							
COYOTE VS. ACME TONY							



On Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., author Annik LaFarge will explore the layers of history hidden within Frederic Church's Olana. From Ice Age geology and Indigenous history to the Hudson River School and Church's vision for his "greatest work of art," LaFarge will trace the forces that shaped the celebrated Hudson Valley landscape. Using historic and contemporary photographs and maps, she will discuss her book, "Composing Olana," and the artist, explorer and visionary behind Olana. Register at hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Welcoming new voices

We welcome story ideas, tips and pitches, and we're interested in working with writers and photographers who want to contribute thoughtful, independent arts and lifestyle coverage. Send inquiries to nataliaz@lakevillejournal.com.

Advertise in Compass

Advertising in Compass reaches readers on both sides of the state line — effectively. Call 860-435-9873 or email advertising@lakevillejournal.com today!

Tri-Corner Calendar

SEPTEMBER 10

Genre Fiction Book Club
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Join this informal book group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for good snacks, good company and a discussion of "The Spellshop" by Sarah Beth Durst. Registration requested at scovillelibrary.org. Copies are available for loan at the library.

SEPTEMBER 11

"The Guys"
American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. Herstory Theatre presents Anne Nelson's one-act play "The Guys," a drama about loss, connection and the power of language in the aftermath of Sept. 11. The play follows a New York City fire captain tasked with writing eulogies for eight firefighters killed in the attacks and the journalist who helps him find the words. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the performance at 5:30 p.m. Tickets at americanmuralproject.org

"Fall Colors: Seasonal Influences"
Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli, N.Y. Sept. 11 through Oct. 11

A group exhibition featuring work by more than 20 Hudson Valley artists explores the colors, textures and moods of autumn through abstract painting, photography and relief sculpture. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Free. More information at tivoliartistsgallery.com.

SEPTEMBER 12

Seeing With Intent: An Early Morning Walk of Discovery
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. Join scientist, writer and photographer Dr. Loren Merrill for an early morning nature walk at Innisfree Garden, exploring the details, adaptations and relationships often overlooked in the natural world. 8-10 a.m. Preregistration required at innisfreegarden.org

Contra Dance Lessons
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. Sept. 12, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14

Learn the basics of contra dancing in this three-part beginner series with instructor Tom Scott and fiddler and caller Rachel Gall. Participants will learn dance structure, etiquette and common figures while enjoying live music and meeting other dancers. Classes are 6-8 p.m. and cost \$15-\$20 on a sliding scale. Registration requested; walk-ins welcome. More info at thecenteronmain.org/events.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Claudia Cayne leads this informal book discussion from 4 to 5 p.m. This month's selection is "Wilderness" by Angela Flournoy. All are welcome; registration is not required. Copies are available for loan at the library.

Family Day: AMPasaurus Rex!

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. American Mural Project hosts a dinosaur-themed Family Day featuring interactive story time, a scavenger hunt, a dinosaur excavation activity and a hands-on exploration of dinosaur adaptations led by paleontologist Patrick Murphy of Jurassic Classroom. Activities begin at 11 a.m. Admission is free for families, and advance registration is recommended at americanmuralproject.org

Teen Art Studio
American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. American Mural Project's drop-in Teen Art Studio welcomes ages 13 to 18 for creative exploration, new materials and community. A teaching artist will guide participants as they develop their own ideas in a relaxed, supportive environment. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Advance registration is recommended at americanmuralproject.org

SEPTEMBER 13

Silent Book Club at Innisfree
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. Join the Millbrook Silent Book Club for a quiet afternoon of reading on the grounds of Innisfree Garden. Bring whatever you're currently reading or choose from nature-themed books provided onsite. 2 to 4 p.m. Registration required for this free event at millbrook-library.org

International Dot Day Celebration
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Project SAGE and Scoville Memorial Library celebrate International Dot Day with a reading of "The Dot," creative art activities, prizes and dot-shaped snacks and treats. The event encourages children to express themselves, try something new and make their mark. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free and open to the community; registration appreciated at scovillelibrary.org

Closing Reception for 2026 Summer Exhibition at Wassaic Project
Wassaic Project, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y. "Because, now is the time of monsters" closing reception from 2 to 5 p.m. with artists talks, open studios, Ace Lehner's Barbershop performance and more.

"Every Landscape Tells a Story: Introducing Frederic Church's Olana"
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Author, photographer and lecturer Annik LaFarge presents an illustrated talk and book signing introducing Olana, the Hudson Valley landscape created by 19th-century painter Frederic Church. LaFarge's book, "Composing Olana," explores the history of the landscape, from Ice Age geology and the Native peoples who lived there to the artists and conservationists who shaped and preserved it. The program takes place at 3:30 p.m. and is free and

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

open to all, but registration is required. Books will be available for sale. Register at hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/16527163.

SEPTEMBER 15

Cardio Dance at The Center on Main
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29

Move to the beat with a high-energy cardio dance class every Tuesday in September from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The class is open to all levels, and participants can attend one class or all five. Bring comfortable shoes and a water bottle. No registration is required. Presented in partnership with the Falls Village Recreation Commission.

Library Card Sign-Up Month and National Voter Registration Day
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month throughout September and National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 15. Sharon residents can stop by the library to sign up for a library card and participate in a punch-card program for new and existing cardholders. Each library visit for a book checkout or program earns a punch; five punches earn a small gift and an entry to win a gift card to J.P. Gifford Café. On Sept. 15, Sharon residents who register to vote at the library will receive a coupon for a free beverage at J.P. Gifford Café. All are welcome. For more information, call 860-364-5041 or visit hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

SEPTEMBER 16

Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation and Counseling
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Representatives from the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging will discuss Medicare's Open Enrollment period, coverage options and ways to save on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. One-on-one, one-hour Medicare counseling appointments will be available Friday, Oct. 23, with priority given to Sharon residents. Registration is required for both programs. For more information, call 860-364-5041 or visit hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

Picture-Book Creators Workshop with Caroline Nastro
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Writers, illustrators and creators working on picture books are invited to join children's book author and writing coach Caroline Nastro for a small-group workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will receive constructive feedback and support from fellow creators.

SEPTEMBER 17

Exhibition: Field Notes, Work by Eve Biddle
Tremaine Gallery, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn. Sept. 2 through Oct. 18

Multidisciplinary artist Eve Biddle explores memory, transformation and the cyclical nature of life in this solo exhibition, curated by Terri Moore. The works draw on the symbolism of snakes and archaeological artifacts, reshaping the landscape genre through layering, translation and physical intervention. An artist talk with Biddle will be held Sept. 17 from 7 to 7:45 p.m., followed by a public reception Sept. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Twilight Paddle Through Thousand Acre Swamp
New Marlborough, Mass. Explore the beauty of Thousand Acre Swamp at dusk during a guided evening paddle with the Housatonic Valley Association. Partici-

pants will explore wetland habitats, look for wildlife and experience the transition from day to night on the water. The leisurely paddle is appropriate for all levels and lasts approximately two hours. 6 p.m. More info at hvatoday.org

The Pyrocene: Living in a New Age of Fire
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y. Environmental historian Stephen Pyne, a leading authority on the history and management of fire, joins Cary Institute ecologist Winslow Hansen for a conversation about humanity's changing relationship with fire. They will explore the rise of megafires, the difference between "bad fire" and "good fire," and how climate change, fossil fuel combustion and land-use decisions have reshaped fire

behavior. The discussion will also consider how communities, policy and land stewardship might help restore a more balanced relationship with fire. The program will also be livestreamed. 7 p.m. Free; registration required at caryinstitute.org

SEPTEMBER 18

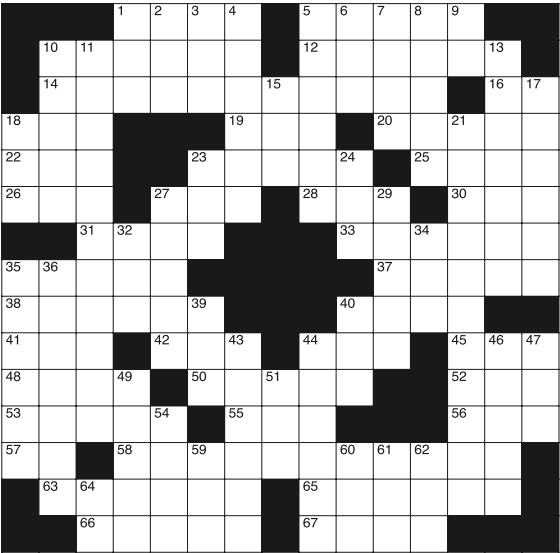
Trinity Church Lime Rock Art Show
484 Lime Rock Road, Lime Rock, Conn. Sept. 18 to 27

The annual Trinity Church Art Show features approximately 65 artists from Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. An opening reception and awards presentation will be held Sept. 18 from 5-7 p.m.; the show continues Sept. 19, 20, 26 and 27, noon-4 p.m. More info at trinitylimerock.org.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

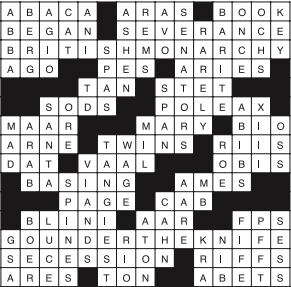
- 1. Longtime Vogue editor Wintour
- 5. A Spanish title of respect
- 10. A way of looking
- 12. Properly
- 14. Rolled steel
- 16. Not down
- 18. Law degree
- 19. Consume food
- 20. Intermediate ecological stage
- 22. Old world, new
- 23. Dispense justice
- 25. Stiff hair-like structure
- 26. Ethiopia
- 27. Cool!
- 28. Father
- 30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- 31. Holm oak
- 33. Be united
- 35. Rattling breaths
- 37. Supermarket chain
- 38. Provided with a quality
- 40. Samoan monetary unit
- 41. Swiss river
- 42. Hill (Celtic)
- 44. Have already done
- 45. ATM company
- 48. Syngman __, Korean president
- 50. Very willing
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Food listings
- 55. Bachelor's place to crash
- 56. Big Blue
- 57. Sports magazine
- 58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
- 63. Female follower of Bacchus
- 65. A type of laugh
- 66. Slovenly women
- 67. Large jug



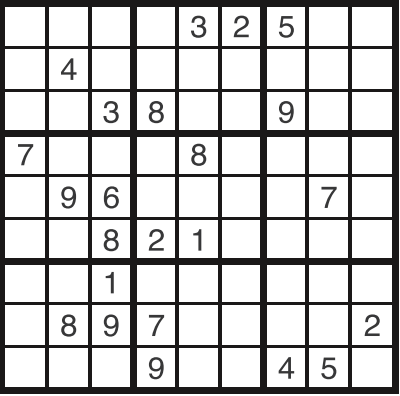
- 13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard
- 15. Hit lightly
- 17. Aircrafts
- 18. Witness
- 21. Alluding to something
- 23. Take to the limit
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Start over
- 29. Administered
- 32. Romanian monetary unit
- 34. Unit of liquid capacity
- 35. Equips with weapons again
- 36. Disney town
- 39. Female deer
- 40. Title of respect
- 43. A place to go rafting
- 44. A way to conclude
- 46. Type of television
- 47. Georgia rockers

- 49. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
- 51. Slang for gun
- 54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 59. Bar bill
- 60. Small, gray-headed crow
- 61. Frozen water
- 62. Norwegian krone
- 64. Commercial

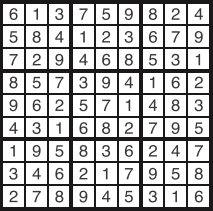
September 3 Solution



Sudoku



September 3 Solution



Senior Living • Rehabilitation • Skilled Nursing

A nonprofit organization
17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068
(860) 435-9851 • www.noblehorizons.org



Stanford home prices hit eighth month at \$675K as sales volume slows

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — The median sale price of a home in Stanford reached \$675,000 for the 12 months ending July 31, 2026, up 14% from \$590,500 during the previous 12-month period and 21% from \$560,000 during the 12 months ending July 31, 2024. The median has hovered around \$675,000 since December 2025, with prices remaining strong as the number of sales declines.

Single-family home sales remained slightly below Stanford's three-year annual range of 30 to 45 and far below the 80 sales recorded in 2021. A total of 29 homes were sold during the 12 months ending July 31, 2026, down from 40 during the same period a year earlier and 33 during the 12 months ending July 31, 2024.

As of early September, 14 single-family homes were on the market. Nine were listed above \$1 million, while only one was priced below the \$675,000 median.

June transfers
10 Hicks Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath house on 2.5 acres transferred to Kincaft Properties LLC for \$160,000.
74 Willow Brook Ridge — 4 bedroom/3 bath home

onf15.6acres transferred to Daniel Eugene Goldberg for \$1.17 million.

297-303 Hobbs Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath plus 1 bedroom/1 bath house on 3 acres transferred to Jeffrey Baer for \$130,000.

July transfers
2790 Salt Point Turnpike — 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 1 acre transferred to Upstate Collective Group LLC for \$545,400.

266 Layton Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath raised ranch on 1.47 acres transferred to Shane Roth for \$442,500.

769 Hunns Lake Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath lakeside cottage transferred to 769 Hunns Lake Road LLC for \$590,000.

Bulls Head Road (Parcel #865091) — 57.63 acres of vacant land transferred to 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc. for \$696,000.

**Town of Stanford property transfers not previously reported as sales are supplied by Dutchess County Office of Real Property. Details on each property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Current market data from One Key MLS and Info-sparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This 1,160 square foot, two-bedroom and two-bath cottage at 769 Hunns Lake Road is situated directly on the shore of Hunns Lake on 0.25 acres.

To Place an Ad Call 860-435-9873 or visit lakevillejournal.com/classified-ad

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER WANTED. Part time. Sharon. 407-620-7777.

John Robshaw Textiles Shop in Falls Village is looking for part time weekend help. Interest in design and textiles a plus. Join our team here in Falls Village. Please email Julie: julie@johnrobshaw.com for more information.

Konkapot Tree and Timber based in Ashley Falls is looking for a Sawmill Assistant. Part or full time. Experience with chainsaws, tractors, and machinery preferred but not required. Will train the right candidate. Pay: depending on experience. 413-229-2182.

SERVICES OFFERED

Hector Pacay Landscaping, LLC. Residential & Commercial. Tree service, Painting, Masonry, Stone Walls, Lawn Mowing, Gardens, Construction. 845-636-3212. CT and NY.

Julie's Cleaning Pro. Spotless Homes at Competitive Prices! House Cleaning. Apartment Cleaning. Office Cleaning. Move-In/Move-Out Cleaning. Post Construction Cleaning. Basement & Attic Cleaning. General Cleaning. Reliable, Professional & Friendly Service. Proudly serving Torrington, Canaan, Litchfield, Winsted, Norfolk, New Hartford, and surrounding areas. Call today for your FREE estimate! 860-806-2110. Julie'sCleaningPro@gmail.com

SNOW PLOWING. BE READY. Prompt Local Service. Lakeville Millerton Area. 518-567-8277.

REAL ESTATE

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Sharon. Close to Village. Quiet 2nd story one bedroom apartment. 900 square feet. W/D, heat included. \$1800/mo plus electric. Available 9/15. 860-921-1094.

Real Estate



The MILLERTON NEWS
www.facebook.com/themillertonnews

Finance Associate Full-Time

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News seek a Finance Associate to assist with payroll, HR, processing accounts payable, data entry and customer service. Knowledge of accounting, QuickBooks and excel preferred. Must be able to work independently. Full-time with benefits.

Please send resume to
accounting@lakevillejournal.com

The Lakeville Journal
lakevillejournal.com • 860-435-9873
The MILLERTON NEWS
millertonnews.com • 860-435-9873 ext. 608

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: Equal Housing Opportunity. All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1966 revised March 12, 1989 which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color religion, sex, handicap or familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. All residential property advertised in the State of Connecticut General Statutes 46a-64c which prohibit the making, printing or publishing or causing to be made, printed or published any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, physical or mental disability or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination

Email your
classified ad to
classified@
lakevillejournal.com.

Robinson Leech Real Estate

Distinctive Country Properties

TWO SELECT LAND PARCELS. ONE IN MASS; ONE IN SALISBURY

SALISBURY: 10 ACRES



VERY QUIET LOCATION, East and Southeast views, from high setting off a long shared private road access. Small tumbling stream with 'pondable' possibilities. Unique. OWNER offered. Offered at \$500,000.

7+ ACRES OF LAND



A 2+ AC area for building a home; or use the property as a country camp site when coming to the Berkshires. Flat where buildable. Property includes an installed underground power hookup into the site. Selective clearing involved. Subject to complying with current Town building regulations. New perc tests will be required. Offered at \$110,000.

Selling properties in CT, Mass, and New York, since 1955

318 Main Street • Lakeville, Connecticut • 860-435-9891 • www.robinleechrealestate.com

Local Reporter

The Lakeville Journal is seeking a news reporter to cover Northwest Connecticut towns and school district.

Are you interested in your local news scene? Here is a chance to report on community news, business news, the environment, government, police and all the issues that affect the lives of Lakeville Journal readers.

Writing skills and basic knowledge of how Connecticut town government functions are a must.

Email Resume and Writing Samples to Christian Murray, christianm@lakevillejournal.com.

The Lakeville Journal

860-435-9873 • 64 Route 7 North, Falls Village, CT 06031
lakevillejournal.com

Managing Editor

The Lakeville Journal, a nonprofit community weekly newspaper, seeks a dynamic, community-focused managing editor.

The managing editor will be primarily responsible for editing and writing articles to serve communities of Northwest Connecticut.

Working with the executive editor, duties include planning news coverage, ensuring there is a balance of quality stories and photos, and that deadlines are met. The managing editor is expected to work collaboratively with The Millerton News managing editor, Arts editor, and others to ensure readers across the region are well-informed.

The successful candidate will have a strong news background and desire to grow news coverage across the region.

This position is full time with medical, dental and vision benefits, a 401(k) plan, generous PTO.

Send resume and inquiries to
Executive Editor, Christian Murray
christianm@lakevillejournal.com.

The Lakeville Journal

860-435-9873 • 64 Route 7 North, Falls Village, CT 06031
lakevillejournal.com

To Have Your Service Listed and reach 30,000 Potential Customers Call 860-435-9873

Specialist Directory

DEADLINE
Friday at 4 p.m. for the following
Thursday's publication date.

Full color available.
Call your advertising
manager today!

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News • Compass • lakevillejournal.com • millertonnews.com

Auto Repair

NORTH EAST MUFFLER INC.
Custom Bending Up to 3 Inches
Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • New York State Inspections
Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5; Saturday 8 to 1
Route 22, Millerton, NY
John Heck (518) 789-3669 Cindy Heck

Blinds

BUDGET BLINDS
Style and service for every budget!
FREE In-Home Consultation
Shades, Blinds, Shutters, Home Automation and more
www.budgetblinds.com
An Independently Owned and Operated Franchise

JOHN & JUNE KINSKY
BUDGET BLINDS OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY
860.619.2811
jjkinsky@budgetblinds.com
budgetblinds.com/litchfieldcounty
HIC#0648748

Building/Remodeling

Is your chore list out of control? Need a hand around the house?
HandyMa'am
is here to help.
CARPENTRY • HOME REPAIRS • DOORS & WINDOWS • FRAMING & DRYWALL • BUILT-INS & SHELVING • PAINTING • DECKS • GUTTERS • PRESSURE WASHING • RAISED BEDS • YARDWORK • AND MORE
(917)650-1262 / yourhandyamaam@gmail.com

PK CONTRACTING
PALLONE KARCHESKI
Serving the Tri-State Area | Fully Licensed & Insured
**BUILDING • REMODELING
PAINTING • RESTORATION**
860-485-4696 | info@pkcontractingct.com
www.pkcontractingct.com

Floor Refinishing

THE FLOOR SPECIALIST
"When You Want The Best"
Old/new resurfaced to perfection.
Jon Hurley
thefloorspecialist@gmail.com | 860-309-8631

Garden Design

MEADOWSCAPES
ECOLOGICAL DIVISION OF MATTS LANDSCAPING
Native Meadow Installation & Maintenance • Garden Design
Invasive Species Removal • Habitat Restoration • Plant Health Care
(860)824-1188
meadows@mattslandscapingct.com

Landscaping/Excavation

VADNEY'S LANDSCAPING INC. TREE SERVICE
Transforming Outdoor Spaces
(860) 248-9442 • VADNEYSLANDSCAPING.COM
Complete Site Work • Brush Hogging • Excavation • Tree Work
Land Clearing • Septic Systems • Lawn Care • Snow Plowing
Free Estimates • Fully Insured E-mail: DylanVadney@yahoo.com

Lightning Rods

Lightning Protection!
ASSOCIATED LIGHTNING
Rod Company, Inc
Free Estimates / Inspections!
845-373-8309 / 518-789-4603
www.alrci.com info@alrci.com

Moving

KARL ON WHEELS
Let us move your stuff
Prompt, Safe Delivery • Fully Insured
(860)499-0406
karlonwheels.com

Overhead Doors

Madsen Overhead Doors offers numerous door options to fit any budget! Residential, commercial & industrial doors, electric operators, radio controls, sales & service.

71 Years

**= MADSEN =
OVERHEAD DOORS**
Fast, friendly service since 1954
(518) 392 3883
673 Route 203, Spencertown, NY
www.MadsenOverheadDoors.com

Painting

Hussey Painting
Decorating & Wallpapering
Interior & Exterior
Residential, Commercial & Industrial
State Licensed Home Improvement Contractors
Insured & EPA Certified
Now accepting most major credit cards
Family Owned and operated Since 1978
Emmet Hussey 860.435.8149 www.hussey-painting.com
emmethussey@gmail.com

Property Services

SHARON LAWN & LANDSCAPE
Serving Northwest CT and Dutchess County, NY

Excavation
Excavators • Backhoes • Bulldozers
Dumptrucks • Power Rake • Foundations Dug
Water & Electric Lines Dug
Drainage Installed • Landclearing • Grading
Ponds Dug • Driveways/Roads Repaired/Installed

Landscaping
Lawn Installation • Lawn Repair • Fencing
Paver Bluestone Terraces • Retaining Walls
Unilock, Versa-Lok, Cambridge Pavers
Decorative Ponds, Waterfalls
Tree And Shrub Planting

Grounds Maintenance
Lawn Care • Spring Clean Up • Fall Clean Up
Edging, Mulching • Lawn Fertilization
Lawn Pest, Disease Control • Weed Control
Weekly Maintenance Programs • Field Mowing
Snowplowing, Salting, Sanding • Brush Clearing

Commercial & Residential | Credit Cards Accepted
(860) 672-5260
sharonlawnandlandscape@yahoo.com

Home Improvement Contractor: #0652878

Roofing Services

DJ Hall Roofing & Siding, LLC
Quality Work at Competitive Prices
**Roofing • Damage Repairs • Gutters • Solar
Interior/Exterior Painting • Drywall • Repairs**
Fully Licensed & Insured | Residential & Commercial Repairs
GAF Master Elite Installer & BBB Rated
Over 35 years experience
69 Ginger Ln, Torrington, CT • djhallroofing.com
860-485-5887 • djhallroofing@optonline.net

THOMSON ROOFING LLC
"WE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND"
STANDING SEAM METAL • SHINGLES
Brad Thomson
413-854-3663 • bthomson75@yahoo.com
Sheffield, MA

Paramount Professional ROOFING
Serving the Greater Litchfield County area
**ROOFING • SIDING
GUTTERS • REPAIRS**
Fully Insured
860-459-9921 | ParamountProRoofing.com

Roofing Services

COLBY'S
— TREE AND LANDSCAPING —
(860) 248-9456
Free estimates!

TREE REMOVAL
LAWN MOWING
EXCAVATION

Tree Service

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
JOHN'S TREE SERVICE
Tree Removal • Chipping • View Cutting • Land Clearing
Logging • Forestry Mowing • Bush Hogging
860-824-8149
PO Box 414 East Canaan, CT 06024
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

PEROTTI TREE SURGEONS LLC
Shade Tree Preservation ♦ Home Orchard Care
Landscape Renovation ♦ Hazard Tree Removal
Tick Control ♦ Organic Options
Native Arborist since 1997
Jeff Perotti ♦ 860-824-5051
perottitreesurgeons.com
CT Pest Registration #B-2341
CT Lic. Arborist #S4607 MA Cert. Arborist #2136

Christopher Toomey 860-824-4956
Licensed Arborist Telephone & Fax

TOOMEY TREE CARE
25 Years Exp. Free Estimates
6 Barracks Road Canaan, CT 06018
CT Arborist Lic. #S-4207
**Pruning-Bracing-Clearing
Ornamental & Hedge Trimming
Removals-Vistas
Tree Fertilization**

Applewood Tree Care LLC
Tree Care • Tree Removal • Tick Spraying
Jason Bresson | CT arborist license # PMCS. 62658, NY pest license # CO-653231
J.Phillip Bresson | CT arborist license # PMCS. 65653
Nathaniel Bresson | CT turf & ornamental # PMCS. 66058
info@applewoodtreecare.com
860-733-2020 B-2580

lakevillejournal.com
millertonnews.com

When you need
to know what's happening
in your area, we're there.



Your Local News
Just the Way You Like It

Print Subscription Includes
Free Access to Website
and the Replica Edition!
\$10 monthly
In County | \$12.25 Outside County

The Lakeville Journal
The MILLERTON NEWS
Subscribe Today
860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com
LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com