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Special, Inside

Veterans aim to re-energize popularity of the poppy

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
Special to The Millerton News

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — In the days leading up to Memorial Day, it is not uncommon to find veterans' groups distributing red paper poppies outside stores, gas stations and on street corners in exchange for a donation in honor of fallen soldiers and to contribute to the continuing needs of veterans and their families.

The small, crimson memorial flowers, which are handmade by veterans, providing them financial and therapeutic benefit, even have their own annual day of recognition: The Friday before Memorial Day, May 26 this year, is National Poppy Day.

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A Buddy Poppy, trademarked by the VFW before Memorial Day in 1922.

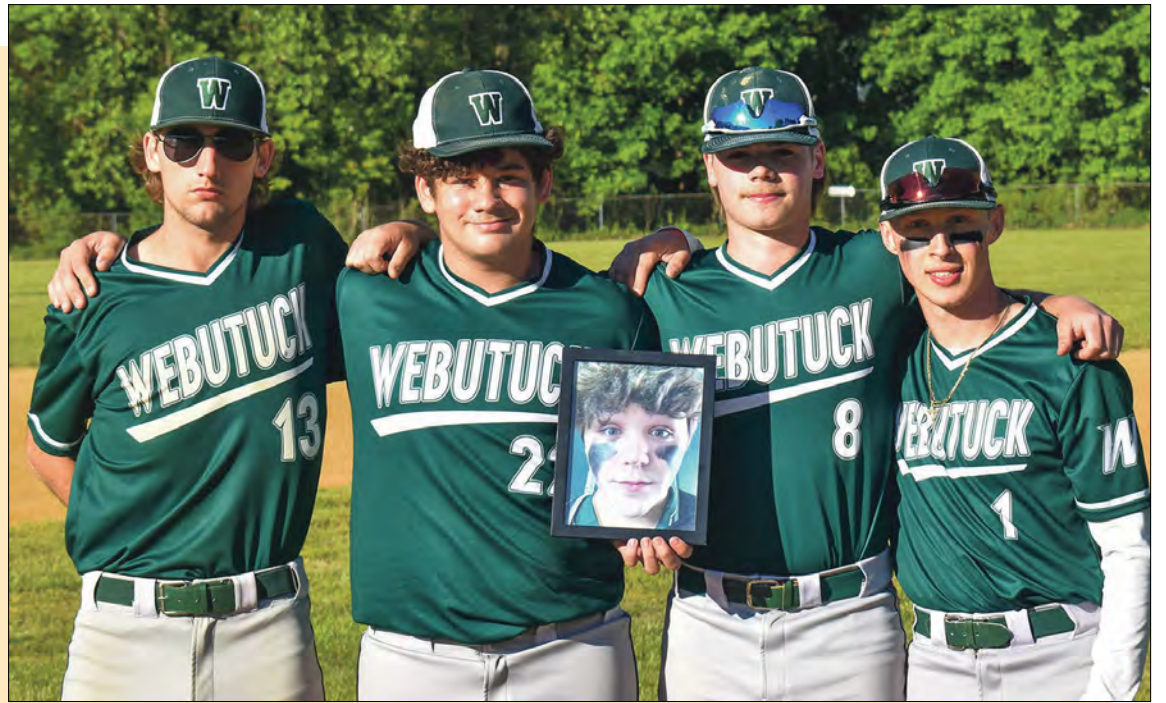


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Webutuck baseball celebrates its seniors

The Webutuck High School baseball program recognized its five seniors—from left, Brayden Humbert, Eugene Futrell, Noah Thompson (photo), Duncan Lazarus and Matthew Mangione—on Senior Night on Wednesday, May 17, the night it defeated Dover 12-11. Before the game, the Warriors presented Thompson's framed No. 17 jersey and baseball cap to Thompson's family. Each player and coach from both teams also presented a single rose to Thompson's mother, Dayna Cook. Thompson, a member of the Webutuck baseball program, died in February.

Not out of the woods

Spring rains needed to curb the impact of spongy moths

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
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SHARON, Conn. — State foresters and entomologists uttered the same four-letter word when asked what it would take to avoid a repeat of last year's widespread defoliation of hardwood trees by ravenous caterpillars this spring: "Rain."

Late last May, for the second year in a row, spongy moths in their caterpillar stage chewed their way through thousands of acres of forests and hillsides in northern Litchfield County.

By June, the landscape, particularly in hard-hit Sharon and Cornwall, was eerily barren.

The only thing that may impede a three-peat this spring is precipitation, as wet, moist conditions activate a naturally occurring soil-borne fungus that is lethal to only spongy moth caterpillars, said Christopher Martin, director of forestry for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).



PHOTO BY WILLARD WOOD

A flightless female spongy moth has laid her eggs on the trunk of an oak and covered them with a felted mat of her own hairs.

The forester said he was concerned that many trees, especially oaks, may not be able to handle the stress of three consecutive years of defoliation.

"This week does not look good. The caterpillars are hatching," Mar-

tin said in a May 15 interview.

The prior week had been sunny and dry, and the state forester said conditions are similar to the previous year where the soil moisture

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Memorial Day parades, ceremonies planned

DUTCHESS COUNTY — In remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives in service to this country, local municipalities will honor their sacrifices with parades and ceremonies on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

Amenia

VFW Post No. 5444 will host a ceremony at 11 a.m. at Amenia Veterans Memorial Park/Fountain Square, 4958 Route 22.

Millbrook

VFW Post No. 9008 will host a parade at 11 a.m. on Franklin Avenue with a ceremony following at Tribute Garden Park featuring the laying of wreaths on the Village Green and U.S. Air Force Col. Edward M. Soto as guest speaker.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Millbrook High School auditorium

Millerton

American Legion Post No. 178 will conduct its traditional morn-

ing cemetery repass on Memorial Day by visiting local cemeteries beginning at 6 a.m. from the Post Home. The parade will line up at 9:30 a.m. on Century Boulevard, with community and youth organizations invited to join.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and proceed to Main Street before making a short stop at the Webutuck Creek Bridge to remember those lost in the nation's Naval Services and Merchant Marine. After the parade, participants will proceed to the Irondale Cemetery for a brief service before the annual Memorial Day program in Veterans Park.

Pine Plains

American Legion Post No. 426 and VFW Post No. 5519 will host a parade and ceremony at 10:30 a.m. beginning at the firehouse and proceeding to the Town Clock Memorial and Evergreen Cemetery.



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OUR TOWNS

Committee looks at next steps to create wastewater district

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Noting a long history of searching for a solution to the town's septic problems in the commercial center, the wastewater committee asked for town board approval of a next step at the regular meeting of the town board on Thursday, May 18.

"It has been on the agenda for 50 years," said wastewater committee Chair Charlie Miller, asking the town board to approve the creation of a map, plan and report to establish a wastewater district, an essential step toward applying and qualifying for grant funding.

The commercial center has a high-water table underlying small lots, Miller said, combining to create septic problems.

A 2022 study by Tighe and Bond, reporting on its research in 2021, outlined a scope of work that detailed its recommendation for the type of sys-

tem that would best serve the town. In a subsequent survey, Miller said that 58% of residents surveyed indicated that they believed that there is a problem with existing septic systems and 38% said that they would want to connect to a town sewer system.

The Tighe and Bond plan recommended horizontal directional boring as the method for laying the pipe, eliminating the need for trenching and excavating lawns, the traditional method of the past.

Miller said that as the planning stands now, 233 parcels would be included in the wastewater district, nearly the same boundaries that define the present water district.

The wastewater committee searched for possible sites for the treatment facility and has determined that the best course would be to discharge the treated water into Amenia Stream.

Estimated project costs could total \$19 million to cover engineering and con-

struction, allowing for 30% in contingencies and an inflation rate of 4%. Operations and maintenance of the system are presently estimated at \$181,000, costs to be borne by the district users.

Engagement of the community in the planning phases has been and will continue to be important to the process, Miller said, noting that there have been several community information sessions.

Survey respondents are strongly in favor of forming a wastewater district to enable the committee to go forward with applying for grant funding, Miller said.

The next step in that process is to create what is termed a "map, plan and report," Miller explained.

The wastewater committee recommended to the town the services of engineering consultants LaBerge Group of Albany and TRK (Tabner, Ryan & Keniry) Attorneys, also of Albany, to carry out the mapping and planning phases

for the project and create the report.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti asked how the services would be funded. Miller replied that the wastewater committee has \$20,000 available in its budget now and the balance of \$14,000 would come from a planning grant.

Councilman Damian Gutierrez expressed his concern that the town board has not been sufficiently involved in the process.

"We as a town board have not discussed this," Gutierrez said, although he said that it is clear that the map, plan and report are the next step.

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle noted that in the fall of 2022, the town board had been asked for funding for the

map, plan and report.

Richard LaBerge of the LaBerge Group said that much work had been done already within the Tighe and Bond feasibility study and its report.

"There is a lot of money out there for wastewater," LaBerge said, adding that probable funding sources and the user costs for each funding scenario helps people to make a decision.

"You have to create the district first," Ryan explained.

Councilman Brad Rebillard questioned the plan to discharge clean, treated effluent into Amenia Stream because the Silo Ridge development is already discharging its treated effluent into the same waterway. He was concerned about the effect of

the added volume.

Miller responded that the map, plan and report would include data on that question.

Acting upon a related resolution, the town board authorized Rebillard to negotiate the purchase of property at 74 Lake Amenia Road, with the prospect of converting the home to a new use as the town's first unit of workforce housing. Additional acreage on the site is seen as a possible location for the wastewater treatment facility that would discharge its clean effluent into Amenia Stream.

In accepting the responsibility, Rebillard clarified that he is acting as a consultant in the matter, representing the town board as a consultant to the housing board.

Sudden arrival of migrants prompts response from county officials

POUGHKEEPSIE — On Friday, May 19, County Executive Bill O'Neil issued a state of emergency and two executive orders in relation to the relocation of migrants to Dutchess County from New York City.

The actions stem from the expiration of Title 42 on Thursday, May 11, which was put into place in March 2020 and allowed the U.S. to turn away migrants at its Mexican border during the last three years over concerns of the spread of COVID-19.

In a statement also issued on Friday, O'Neil said the

county is considering civil action against New York City, as well as against owners of hotels, motels and other short-term residential rental properties that house the relocated people since local building codes do not allow the properties to be used for purposes other than those for which they have been permitted.

O'Neil went on the say that the county is already struggling with housing issues for its own residents and does not have the room or resources to meet the needs of the migrants.

On Sunday, May 21, two

buses arrived at the Red Roof Inn in Poughkeepsie carrying an estimated 60-80 people. In a further statement released Monday, May 22, O'Neil said, "NYC Mayor Eric Adams assured counties that advance notice would be provided of any arrivals — that did not happen."

New York City intends for the asylum-seekers to reside in Dutchess County for four months, though it is unclear what will happen to them when that time period is up and what sort of resources and care they would require while here.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

First catch

Remi White, 2, of Ravena caught a fish for the first time on Sunday, May 21, at the Northwest CT Rod and Gun Club Junior Fishing Derby in North Canaan, Conn. Here he gets a lift from Derek Palmer of Copake Falls.

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The very modern 'Sleeve' house, a house within a house, on 46 acres with views at 279 East Klein Road, sold for \$2,000,000 after several years on the market.

Sitting at the intersection of Route 82 and Route 7 at the center of Ancram the tinsmith's house sold for \$67,000 in March.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE BATES

School districts tally board votes

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — The three local school districts of Millbrook, North East/Webutuck and Pine Plains held their board of education elections on Tuesday, May 16, with votes for school board seats and resolutions on the ballot. According to the district clerks, Webutuck's turnout was a bit below average while Millbrook and Pine Plains were about average.

There were two openings for school board positions in the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD). The only two candidates for the positions were incumbents Howard Shapiro with 218 votes, and Chris Rosenbergen with 219 votes.

The 2023-24 budget was the only proposition on the ballot for MCSD and it passed 212-58.

The North East/Webutuck Central School District

(WCSD) had four openings for board of education seats, with incumbents Aimee Wesley Moran getting 137, and Richard Keller-Coffey with 135. Jerry Heiser, who received 143 votes, ran for the seat vacated by Chris Mayville, who chose not to run for reelection.

The propositions on the ballot for WCSD were the proposed budget and approval of the Tax Report Card. The vote was 136-58.

The vote on whether the WCSD board of education would be authorized to acquire two school buses at a cost not to exceed \$293,164 came in at 128-52.

The third WCSD proposition was for the creation of a capital reserve fund to finance the construction, reconstruction, renovations and general improvements to the district's buildings and grounds, which passed 127-52.

Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) had two seats open on its board, which were won the two incumbents, who ran with no opposition: Heidi Johnson received 455 votes and James Griffin had 463. There were 53 write-in votes for various others.

Pine Plains voters said yes to the budget Proposition One, with a vote of 422-137. Proposition Two was for authorization to purchase two 71-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$151,997 each, which passed 394-161.

All three school districts expressed thanks for those who took the time and initiative to come in and vote and make their preferences known.

Recent property sales in Ancram

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County towns. Below is a listing of residential real estate sales in the Town of Ancram from the beginning of this year through the end of April. Sales include a very modern home on East Klein Road which sold for \$2,000,000 to a house in need of restoration at the heart of Ancram

for \$67,000.

279 East Klein Road for \$2,000,000 with 46 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sold on Jan. 27

367 Woods Court for \$376,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold on Feb. 1

847 County Route 7 for \$200,000, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, sold on Feb. 21

1351 County Route 7 for \$295,000, 4 bedrooms, 1.5

baths, sold on March 7

15 Pooles Hill Road for \$200,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold on March 10

438 Hall Hill Road for \$237,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on March 21

1320 State Route 82 for \$67,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold on March 24

23 Under Mountain Road for \$795,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on April 14

546 Hall Hill Road for

\$370,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold on April 14

Town of Ancram, Columbia County residential sales closed from Jan. 1 to April 30, 2023, sourced from Mid-Hudson MLS.

Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Concept plans for new Amenia town garage detailed

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Preliminary plans for the design of a new town garage were presented at the regular meeting of the Amenia Town Board on Thursday, May 18.

Representing LaBella Associates of Rochester was senior project manager Pasquale Marchese, who outlined his findings about the current town garage building, a possible design for a new build-

ing, and financial implications for such a project.

Problems with the current building and its location include the lack of backup power in the event of outages, its location in a flood-prone zone, and apparent safety concerns.

Based on his assessment of the town's population and potential needs, Marchese suggested improvements to be incorporated into a design for a new building of 12,800 square feet.

Improvements would increase the number of bays and install heated floors to accommodate winter melt from town trucks with appropriate drainage for water and oil, well and septic systems, bathrooms and overnight accommodations for employees, a backup generator, and salt and sand storage measuring around 50 feet by 75 feet. The storage area is not included in the new building's estimated square footage, Pasquale said.

"The present location is good," Pasquale said, although a new entrance will be needed.

As presented, the plan envisions a six-bay garage and solar panels to provide energy.

Estimating construction costs for the preliminary concept plan, Pasquale saw the base cost at around \$4,351,050, with additional inflation estimated at 4% and contingency allowances estimated at an additional 25%.

Adding contingencies and inflation into the cost,

Pasquale estimated a possible construction cost of \$5,612,854.

Councilman Damian Gutierrez asked about the planned solar power generation and whether any excess power could be banked, adding that first, however, the town would need to determine that the solar panels would produce enough to create an excess.

The board will discuss the town hall design concept at a future meeting.



Sharon Hospital Community Update



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OBITUARIES

Carol Catherine Chase

PINE PLAINS — Carol Catherine Chase of Springdale, Arkansas, died on May 1, 2023. She was born on Oct. 8, 1939, in New York City to Claire Farley Chase and Kenneth Fulton Chase D.D.S. Carol was a popular, precocious, tough-as-nails, middle child who revered her big sister, Gene and adored her baby brother, Barry.



At the age of 50, Carol earned her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Arkansas. She spent the next thirty years at the Infant Development Center, where she went from grad student on work-study to Lead Teacher and Lecturer. She spent summers traveling back to Pine Plains and Connecticut to visit her brother and sister, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, and her daughter in New York City.

Chaseholm Farm and the small town of Pine Plains, New York, were the backdrop for her early years. In addition to farming, Kenneth and Claire ran a family dentistry business.

Carol went on to study at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts, and became a Kindergarten teacher after graduation. Children were her life-long passion. She and her late ex-husband Dick Stewart had four. Their oldest, Ricky, died at sixteen in 1980, and Christopher, Timothy and Kristin survive today along with Cori Hart and K.C. Shaver, whom Carol blended into her family for all-time, when she later partnered with their father, Bud.

The early years in Arkansas featured home-schooling, beekeeping, live music and gardening. Many wonderful books were read, such as "The Chronicles of Narnia," "The Little House on the Prairie" series, "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." Eventually the family moved to Fayetteville, and then Springdale, where Carol operated a home daycare business for twelve years.

Throughout her life, Carol had a special penchant for reading children's books out loud...she was a star in this regard, delighting young and old alike. She especially loved reading to her grandchildren, Chase Hart and Adam and Alissa Stewart.

Carol enjoyed rich lifelong friendships — she seemed to have a place in her heart for everyone. She loved playing volleyball, dancing to the Cate Brothers, a cast-iron cooked steak, books and films, a good bull shot, and finally, feeding families of possums, skunks, raccoons and birds on her front porch.

Carol was beloved by so many for her humor, quick wit, her generosity of emotion and her one-of-a-kind spirit. More than once Carol kept the peace in public places by hugging angry men who had been set on fighting. We're grateful for the memories we have of Carol — "luminous traces of her remarkable life" — as a friend so aptly put it. A private memorial was held at the family home in Springdale on May 7, 2023.

Walter C. Hall

KENT — Walter C. Hall, 86, of Kent, passed away May 13, 2023, at Geer Village in North Canaan. He was the loving husband of the late Carol OBrien Hall.

Walter was born Oct. 13, 1936, in Torrington, the son of the late Donald and Mildred (Edwards) Hall. Walter graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School with the class of 1954. After graduation he attended Henry Abbott Technical School in Danbury. Upon completing technical school, Walter married Carol on May 19, 1956. He was a carpenter, who early in his career worked with Joe Gawel construction in Kent; then partnered with John Grusauski; and eventually became an independent and self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by sons, Donald Hall and Sue Sherman of Torrington; Richard

and Nicolette Hall of Enfield; Stephen and Cheryl Hall of Tennessee and daughter Katherine (Hall) and Nathan Totten of Kent; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Walter was preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth Ann Hall, sisters Eleanor Davis and Donna Hall, daughters-in-law Diane Hall, Linda Hall and great grandson Sylvan R. Hall.

A private grave site service will be held at Good Hill cemetery in Kent, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent Volunteer Fire Dept. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Celebration of Life
Kent T. Kay,
DVM

MILLERTON — A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held for longtime Millerton resident and local veterinarian, Kent T. Kay, DVM. Kent passed away from complications of Alzheimers in February 2023. The service will be on Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m. at Church of St. John in the Wilderness Church in Copake Falls, New York. Following the service there will be a short reception on the church grounds.

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REGIONAL

Rain fails to thwart fundraiser for Sharon's Hotchkiss Library

By LEILA HAWKEN
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SHARON, Conn. — Pure elegance in garden, in home and in person were evident in the gala fundraising event to celebrate the 130 years that the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has been essential to the Sharon community. The event was held on Saturday, May 20, at the Weatherstone Estate, home and garden of Carolyne Roehm, who hosted the festivities that drew a sold-out attendance of area residents and city weekenders, all fans of their local library.

That it was raining most of the time was seen only as an advantage for the garden. Guests came prepared to self-tour and did so either in raingear or under umbrellas. Of particular interest were the hornbeam trees, an ancient hardwood species well suited to shearing to shape, done to perfection at Weatherstone.

Inside, where the hors d'oeuvres and beverages were circulating, music was provided by the Bob Stump Band, a country and bluegrass group. "I think it's wonderful," said Roehm of the event. She warmly greeted guests in the area set up for the silent auction that offered an array of possibilities donated by local individuals and merchants, from cooking classes to art, to handbags and garden tours, to flowers, a hand-woven silk scarf, and even three single full-size trees, the latter donated by Roehm herself.

The live auction was equally enticing, offering a long tour of the area on the back of Trowbridge's vintage BMW motorcycle with a promise to stop for a nice lunch. Bidders also competed for a chance to



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

have a brass plaque carrying the winner's name affixed to the copy machine.

A framed lithograph donated and signed by local artist Jasper Johns drew considerable auction interest.

Guests also donated generously to assist with the landscaping of the Hotchkiss Library grounds now that the addition and renovation work will soon be completed.

Reflecting on the event as a whole and the vital place of the Hotchkiss Library, or any library, in its community, Roehm remembered her own childhood and her fondness for books.

"I was one of the kids who went to the library and read Nancy Drew," Roehm said, adding "I love books, the fantasy of books."

Considering her early years, she credited her mother's dependence on the local library in St. Louis, Missouri, for kindling her own relationship with reading.

"She was an exceptional

Carolyne Roehm hosted the fundraising event at her Weatherstone Estate on Saturday, May 20.

that would inspire disabled children toward learning. Roehm said that her mother worked inclusively with children regardless of their circumstances or the nature of the obstacle that hindered their learning. That program relied heavily on local library resources and Roehm values the opportunity to strengthen that community interrelationship.

For information about events and programs, as well as construction progress, at the Hotchkiss Library, go to www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.



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Pine Plains begins journey toward new town hall

By ELIAS SORICH
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PINE PLAINS — Discussion split between the Monday, May 15, monthly workshop meeting and the Thursday, May 18, town board meeting included dialogue on the potential costs, constraints, and a host of other non-binding ideas centered around the construction of a new town hall.

On Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at the community center of the Pine Plains Free Library community center, 7775 S. Main St., the town board will host a public information and comment session, where

it will receive ideas and feedback from the community.

Citing the Stanford Free Library as a rough equivalent in terms of the desired size and look, Councilman Don Bartles noted that building costs have risen significantly in recent years, running as high as \$500 per square foot. For a building that would meet the board's minimum needs, costs would likely surpass \$3.5 million for building alone.

Proposed by Councilman Matt Zick, the session will mark the true beginning of the plans, which are now in their most preliminary stages. Before the board makes anything concrete or even con-

tacts architects for bids, it is intent on gathering community support for what it characterizes as a big project, with Councilwoman Sarah Jones stating "Ultimately, we're going to be asking for them to vote in favor, so it's very important that people be on board."

Though some factors have been discussed in detail, such as the source of heating—geothermal was floated—and the fact that the building would likely have to be carbon-neutral, Bartles indicated that the board is very open minded: "I want ideas to come to us, not necessarily us dictating ideas to them."



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, Heather Brenner, Joyce Tomaselli and Philomena Kiernan hold some of the colorful plants that were on sale on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, at the Master Gardeners plant sale at the County Home & Garden Center in Millbrook.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for May 11-17.

May 11 — Deputies responded to Route 82 in the area of North Shanks Road in the Town of Washington for welfare check of a 30-year-old male feeling ill after ingesting marijuana gummies. Subject transported to Sharon Hospital.

May 14 — Deputies responded to 132 Smithfield Val-

ley Road in Amenia for a barn fire located in a boiler room. Multiple fire departments were on scene. Matter determined to be not suspicious in nature.

May 16 — Deputies responded to Berkshire Apartments, 214 Sinpatch Road, Wasaia, for a report of a Dutchess County Family Court Stay Away order of protection violation that may have occurred via Facebook Messenger. Investigation ongoing at this time.

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

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

Master Gardener plant sale celebrates 30th anniversary

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Master Gardener plant sale at the Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCE), was held on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.

This was the 30th year of the sale, which has become a place where people not only buy plants, but share information, growing tips and gardening stories. They also talk about perennials bought years ago that are still thriving, and brag about the colors and heights of their plants and how they have propagated.

The sale was rain or shine, and there was traffic congestion when it opened at 10 a.m. on Friday; the heavy flow of customers lasted until closing time at 4 p.m.

According to Joyce Tomaselli, community horticulture resource educator at CCE, the Master Gardeners grew about 11,000 plants, many from plugs. Vegetables were grown from seeds. Items remaining after the sale are given to churches or community gardens.

The Master Gardeners are all volunteers, and work with the county CCE office to provide information and answer questions about gardening and soil.

They also will test soil

when dropped off at the Home and Garden Center. They can identify plant and insect samples, diagnose plant samples and perform soil pH testing in their horticulture diagnostic lab.

Dutchess County was the first county in New York state to train volunteers in the Master Gardeners program. There are 1,100 of them in New York state, 80 in Dutchess County.

All funding for CCE's community horticulture program was cut by the county in 2011, so the program depends on the success of the plant sale to fund its educational programming. For questions about the program or delivering samples for diagnosis, call 845-677-8223 ext. 115.

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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook Library, Rotary Club launch Community Fridge

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Rotary Club of Millbrook celebrated the Rotary Day of Service on Saturday, May 20, by holding a food drive at the Millbrook Library, which launched the Community Fridge.

Located in the library's lobby, the refrigerator will remain there so that people may donate fresh foods and other items requiring refrigeration, and those who need them can simply take them. Donations were also being received that day in front of Marona's Market.

Members of the Rotary Club were on hand at the library to explain about the Millbrook Community Fridge as well as share information about Lyall Food Pantry and Comida de Vida in Amenia, their missions and how to support them and get



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Stacey Langenthal, secretary of the Rotary Club of Millbrook, and former club president Mona Staaf Gunther celebrating the launch of the Community Fridge on Saturday, May 20, at the Millbrook Library.

involved. All fresh and/or shelf-stable food donations went to fill the fridge and to

the pantries.

Among those who visited and made donations were former New York State Sen. Sue Serino, who is running for county executive, and Matthew A. Weishaupt, chief assistant district attorney for Dutchess County.

Said club secretary Stacey Langenthal. "The Community Fridge is for anyone who needs fresh food — no questions asked and no paperwork. Come and take what you need whenever the library is open!"



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

This house at 70 East Main St. in Salisbury has been renovated by the Salisbury Housing Trust.

Housing Trust to display affordable house

SALISBURY, Conn. — The 16th home provided to area residents for affordable housing by the Salisbury Housing Trust will be presented with a ribbon-cutting on Saturday, May 27, at 4 p.m. The home is at 70 East Main St. in Salisbury. An open house will follow the ceremony. There will be light refreshments provided.

The public is invited and there will be parking at Dunham Drive, just up from the property.

For more information, go to www.salisburycthousing.org/about-salisbury-housing-trust.

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Honoring their sacrifice

From left, Madelyn Sundlof, Clara Sundlof, Lindsay McMorris, Lily Wilson and Kelly McMorris, from Girl Scout troops 10350 and 10381 in the Nine Partners Cemetery in Millbrook. The scouts met with other at VFW Post No. 9008 to gather over 300 flags to be distributed at several local cemeteries. The flags are set out in time for Memorial Day, then taken up and burned around Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice INVITATION TO BID

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This project includes installation of approximately 490 feet of 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk and curbing located along portions of Route 44 in the Town of Amenia. The project may include, but not be limited to, saw cutting; concrete and asphalt removal and disposal; the installation of concrete curbing, sidewalk, and ADA accessible ramps; and limited paving.

This work will be awarded as one (1) single prime contract and the Bid will be received on a lump sum basis with alternates, if included on the Bid Form. The Bid should not include sales and compensating use taxes on materials incorporated into the work.

If the Bid is received by mail or by hand after the appointed time on the date specified it shall be rejected, notwithstanding that such Bid may have been placed in a mailbox or other mail receptacle regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service before such time, and ordinarily in sufficient time to have been delivered on time.

A Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany the Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Bidders will also be required to furnish a Non-Collusive Affidavit.

The issuing office for the Bidding Documents is:
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Town Clerk
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Phone: 845-373-8118 ext.125

E-mail: townclerk@ameniany.gov
Engineer E-mail: jfusillo@labellapc.com

Bidders may call to schedule a time to obtain a copy of the Bidding

Documents at the number above.

The Bidding and Contract documents for this Project will be available electronically. Please contact the Town Clerk to obtain the Bidding and Contract Documents.

Note that only bidders who are registered with The Town Clerk will receive notification of Addenda.

The Contractor must use the higher of the prevailing federal, state, or applicable local wage rates further described in the Contract Documents. These rates apply to Subcontractors as well.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against due to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Town of Amenia, as Owner, reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bid received, or to reject any Bid without explanation.

By Order of: Town of Amenia

05-25-23

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of RD Fab, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/23/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RD Fab, LLC. 215 Perrys Corners Rd., Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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statement of such charges, services and storage with a statement of dates has been previously mailed to the said accounts by certified letters, the said accounts are further notified that if said balance is not paid by Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., the personal property above described will be sold by Absolute Auction and Realty online at www.aarbids.com on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 as provided under the Lien Law of the State of New York and the Lien Law of the State of Connecticut. Please register to bid under www.aarbids.com if you wish to participate.

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Legal Notice

Palomba Engineering, PLLC, a domestic PLLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/17/22. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Palomba Engineering, PLLC, 1060 Broadway #1031, Albany, NY 12204. Professional engineering purposes. www.palomba.io.

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TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING & WORKSHOP MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that a special meeting and workshop meeting of the planning board will be held the 10th day of June, 2023, at 10:30 AM at the community room located at the Pine Plains Library, 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of the continuation, and likely closing, of the public hearing regarding the proposed solar photovoltaic project submitted by Carson Power, LLC on the premises located at 454 Bean River Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. #7071-00-250960-0000 and 7071-00-084941.

By order of:
Town of Pine Plains
Planning Board

05-25-23

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

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Innisfree Garden hosts annual blessing of seeds

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Innisfree Garden was the site of the annual Blessing Our Sacred Earth interfaith celebration on Sunday, May 21.

In his welcome to about 35 participants, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook, said that he and the Rev. Canon Albert Ogle, who was at St. Peter's Church in Lithgow, had started the event in 2016. Kate Kerin, curator and director of Innisfree Garden, also greeted the guests.

The event started with a short program high above the lake, and then the celebrants formed a procession and traveled down the path through the garden, making stops along the way for saying devotions from different denominations, such as a reading from Hebrew scripture at one point and a Hindu story at the next, plus reading from the Quran, a reading of the Parable of the Seeds, and an Iroquois Thanksgiving Prayer.

The readings were interspersed with hymns, and there were several chants as well. Following the walk, a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Co-sponsors of the bless-



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Donna Coane of the Schaghticoke First Nations delivers an Iroquois Prayer of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 21, for the Blessing Our Sacred Earth ceremony at Innisfree Garden in Millbrook.

ing are Grace Church, Innisfree Garden and the Dutchess County Interfaith Council (DIC). Others involved include the Rev. Heather Sisk of St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley; Donna Coane, Schaghticoke First Nations; Temple BethEl, Poughkeepsie; the Hindu Samaj Temple, Wappingers Falls; Plpung

Thubten Choling Monastery; and Bader Isman, imam, Masjid al Noor, Anna Mata, Baha'i Cluster.

Music was provided by Heather Holihan Guarneri, the Rev. Cameron Hardy, students from Millbrook School, and Lorraine Hardin-Gelardi and John A McKenna of DIC.

Annual pops concert planned at Smithfield Church May 27

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra has grown to boast 12 members, who will perform at the Smithfield Church's annual spring pops concert on Saturday, May 27, a performance sponsored by the Bang Family Concert Series. The hour-long concert will begin at 4 p.m. and be followed by a reception.

A characteristically lively and fun program is planned, including classical, pop and

jazz, along with movie tunes and even some original contemporary jazz composed by pianist Larry Ham and Matt Finley, concert director, also adept in Brazilian jazz and flugelhorn.

The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra came into being in 2018 when eight professional instrumental soloists gathered to provide music for the annual Christmas Concert and Tea, a traditional holiday event at the Smithfield Church. Since then, the orchestra has grown in numbers and has offered a

series of concerts of varied repertoire, attracting a following of area and regional fans.

The concert is open to the public. Reservations are not required. There is no charge, although a \$20 donation is suggested in support of future concerts.

The Smithfield Church is located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road in Amenia. For more information about the concert and the Bang Family Concert Series, go to thesmithfieldchurch.org/concerts

Sharon Hospital community update June 5

SHARON, Conn. — Sharon Hospital is scheduled to host an online community update from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday June 5, via livestream video,

President Christina McCulloch will discuss the latest hospital developments and provide updates on the affiliation in 2019 that created Nuvance Health.

The independent monitor, engaged by Nuvance Health, will report on its re-

view of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Care Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing matthew.austin@nuvancehealth.org or calling 860-364-4507 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to: Sharon Hospital,

Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the website: www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be available on the website after the event. To request a physical copy by mail, call 860-364-4507 TTY/Accessibility: 800-842-9710.

Town of Washington passes law on video attendance at meetings

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — At the Thursday, May 11, Town of Washington Board meeting, it was decided that video attendance at town meetings will be allowed for members of the town, zoning and planning boards under certain circumstances, including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities and any other factor that makes it impossible for the member to physically attend the meeting.

This will only be allowed if the members attending in person will make up a quo-

rum. If this requirement is met, the member who is video conferencing can participate in the meeting and may vote. The number of meetings a member can attend in this manner is capped at two.

In other matters, the board approved and Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri signed off on a proposal from Colliers Engineering and Design per the limited traffic study on Killlearn Road in the amount of \$6,200.

Councilman Mike Murphy has been working on the problems associated with short-term rentals in the town. A local law amending the town code was proposed,

requiring owners to obtain a short-term rental permit from the town in order to continue or begin the operation of such a rental.

The permit must be obtained in advance and is not transferable to a new owner. Rentals currently committed may be honored but the owner must apply for a permit within 180 days of the law being adopted. Full information on short-term rentals is available on the Town website at www.washingtonny.org

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, at 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook.

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OUR TOWNS

Library bookstores help patrons to build their own personal book & media collections

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — The coming Memorial day weekend will bring treats for book-loving shoppers hoping to stock up on a summer's worth of reading and other entertainment, as local libraries abound with donated items to sell that, in turn, will help to fill their coffers.

While each library offers opportunities to build a personal collection on a budget, each is unique in its operations and offerings.

Pine Plains

In addition to its regular offerings, the Pine Plains Library at 7775 S. Main St. will be hosting its well-known "massive" sales event set for Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29. According to head librarian Alexis Tackett, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, shoppers will get first dibs of the offerings for a preview \$10 fee, with members of the organizing Friends of the Pine Plains Library having free admission to the early session.

Admission is free to all others from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday with a \$5 bag sale after 11 a.m. that day.

As is the norm for Pine Plains, hardcover books will sell for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents, with some special donations selling for higher costs.

The event is an extension library's usual supply of items, which are always available in the building's two vestibules and which Tackett sees as a "community sharing" either through borrowing, swapping or purchasing through a simple honor system.

While the library has no specific rules in place for donated material, Tackett says the hope is that everything would be in a condition that would make it "easily enjoyable" for those on the receiving end. She added, however, that the library never worries about the number of books that are being accumulated due to and affiliation with a national organization that accepts used books to either sell or recycle.

For more information, call 518-398-1927 or see pineplainslibrary.org

Millbrook

Assistant director Jen McCreery of the Millbrook Li-



PHOTO BY CELIA KAHN

Judy Scher, Steve Scher, Ellen Winner and, Nancy Walters browse the offerings in the Roe Jan Library.

brary at 3 Friendly Lane sees the number of donations that its bookstore receives as an "expression of the way in which people love their books," as other readers gladly purchase them so they "continue to live." She said a wide variety of books for children and adults are available any time the library is open.

She added that because a number of patrons work in either the publishing or the arts, the library does receive an exceptional number of special books, including some that have been signed by authors.

The majority of books sell for \$1 or \$2, with a bag of books going for \$5 "just so we can be sure the books have a good home. It's the ultimate recycling." Those that are valued above \$20 are put on sale through the internet site Biblio.com, which recently offered donated books valued between \$75 and \$500.

The program is run through the Friends of Millbrook Library, which is currently seeking new members. For further information, call 845-677-36111 or go to millbrooklibrary.org

Hillsdale

When the Roeliff Jansen Community Library moved into its new building at 9091 Rt. 22 in Hillsdale, the Friends or Roeliff Jansen Community Library were provided with a large, bright, dedicated space for a bookstore on the lower level near the Children's Room, with all the money raised being devoted to helping the library with a variety of expenses.

The bookstore, which regularly sees approximately 30 visitors on Saturday mornings between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., generally has a supply of between 8,000 and 10,000 books. Bookstore manager Celia Kahn said the organization is "careful about what we take" for the all-volunteer project. Donations can be brought in up to a half-hour before closing or by special arrangement by writing to Kahn at caskahn@gmail.com

Recently, Kahn began an Instagram account as a way of reaching out to younger members of the community, especially those who have recently moved to the area. On the site, she posts photos of books that have been recently donated as well as sharing information about interesting items that are found left in the donated books, such as pictures, postcards, drawings letters and even dedications. She added, "Sometimes people write the most beautiful things in books."

For more information go to roejanlibrary.org or call 518-325-4101.

Millerton

The Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. is the home for the used bookstore, which is staffed by volunteers on Saturdays from Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prices range from 25 cents for children's books to 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1 for hardcovers, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games.

Library director Rhian-

non Leo-Jameson added that throughout the year, some free books as well as many of the above are also available during regular hours in the alcove of the Main Library at 75 Main St.

She asks that donors contribute items in good enough condition "that you would want to buy them again."

In order that donated items not "contaminate other's collections," she asks that no books be left outside, especially on the ground by the Little Free Library in Vet-



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Lynn Buckley, youth services director at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, examines the sort of the children's books that are available along with adult choices for little or no cost at the library's bookstore and in the entryway of the building. Buckley is spearheading an effort to encourage families to build small libraries at home to help budding or reluctant readers develop those important skills by combining borrowed books with a 'forever collection.' Books of their own give children a sense of ownership as they begin to recognize words from stories that are read repeatedly.

erans Memorial Park at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street as that would also be disrespectful of those

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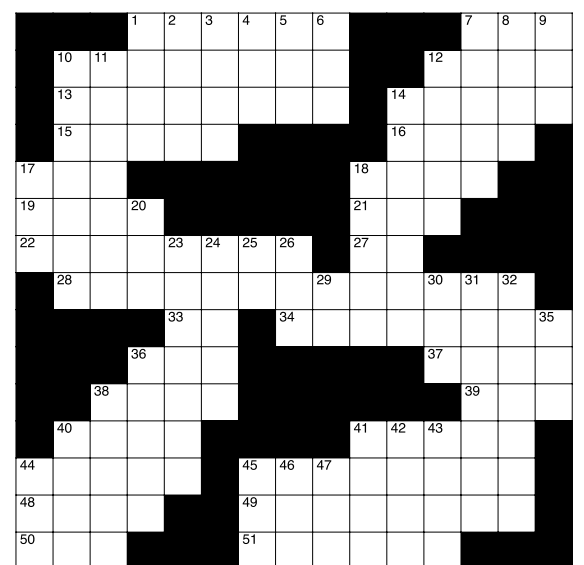
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10. Elicited a secret vote
12. Beef
13. Disagreement
14. __ Crawford, supermodel
15. Jeweled headdress
16. Digits
17. Trillion hertz
18. Snap up
19. Classical portico
21. Residue after burning
22. Large integers
27. Free agent
28. Where ballplayers work
33. Blood type
34. Scottish city
36. Google certification (abbr.)
37. Serbian monetary unit
38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
39. Wood or metal bolt
40. Relaxing attire
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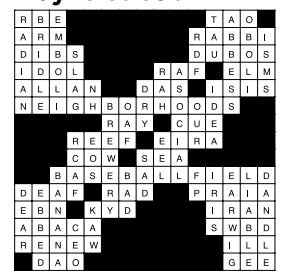
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6. Sun up in New York
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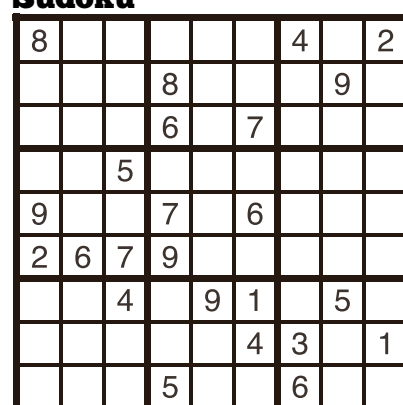


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20. Promotions
23. Prepares
24. Partner to flowed
25. State lawyer
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Pound
30. Electronic data processing
31. Sports player
32. Treats with contempt
35. Apprehend
36. Excessively talkative
38. Highways
40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
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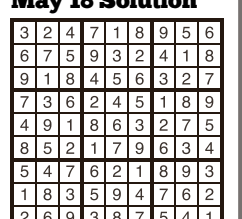
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Gardens galore at Trade Secrets 2023

By TARA KELLY
Special to The Millerton News

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Trade Secrets Rare Plants and Garden Antiques Sale, and garden tours, took place this past weekend in various locations throughout the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Both days threatened rain, and Saturday delivered on that promise, but that didn't keep hundreds of enthusiasts from touring the gardens on Saturday, May 20, or attending the plant and garden antiques sale at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury on Sunday, May 21.

Trade Secrets was started by well-known interior designer, gardener and Falls Village resident Bunny Williams 22 years ago as a fundraiser for Women's Support Services. She has been involved with the event and the organization it supports continuously since its inception. The garden tours, usually sold as a package of four, were sold individually this year; Williams' garden was sold out.

On Saturday Williams stood near the boxwood parterre at her home greeting visitors, who sought her out to say hello and compliment her on the beauty of her garden's many rooms and different spaces. Guests meandered through the woodland garden, across the hedged lawn, down into the sunken garden, and out to the birdhouse village, snippets of conversation floating in the air behind them. "I love this!" "We could put something like that in the meadow."

"You guys need these," a woman said to her friends, pointing to a tree peony.

"Ideas and inspiration," said Sally Hamilton, when asked why she came on the garden tour. Hamilton, from Athens, N.Y., more than an hour's drive away, was wending her way around Michael Trapp's magical, gravity defying, Mediterranean-inspired reverie in West Cornwall. Trapp opened his store and started his garden 33 years ago. "Though it looks like it's 1,000 years old," Trapp said.

That's intentional. With narrow cobblestoned paths hedged in boxwood, towering cedars, ancient terracotta pots, chunks of statuary, and a reflecting pool tucked into the hillside, Trapp's garden is inspired by his travels around the world.

Trade Secrets began as a plant sale on Williams' Falls Village estate, and the next year antiques were added. It quickly grew in popularity, necessitating several venue changes. Last year it was held at Lime Rock for the first time, and the venue seems large enough to handle the crowds. More than 35 vendors displayed a wide variety of wares.

Nancy Henze from Pine Plains, N.Y., was admiring the selection of handwoven baskets displayed by basketmaker Wendy G. Jensen. "These are fabulous," Henze said.

Jensen, of Monterey, Mass., is an expert weaver. Asked if she designed the baskets for specific uses, she said, "Sometimes I just like a particular shape, but, for instance, this one was inspired by a student of mine who wanted something to use when she was picking blueberries." Jensen hand-weaves the baskets out of rattan, and also basket willow that she grows herself. After it's harvested, she dries it for nine months or so, then soaks it to make it pliable for weaving.

Vicki Salknikoff, from Millbrook, N.Y., confessed that it was her first time ever at



PHOTO BY RODNEY PATERSON

Kirk Henckels from Millbrook, N.Y., rarely misses Trade Secrets. He was thrilled to find some lupine. 'Very tricky to grow in this area,' he said.

Trade Secrets. She came with a trio of friends who are longtime supporters of the event. Salknikoff, despite being new to the scene, had scouted out the good coffee from Batchy Brew, a food truck positioned on the periphery, and she was enthusiastic about the topiaries she'd purchased from Atlock Farm, and "the tablecloth from the linen lady," she said. Then she was off to buy peonies from Peony Envy, a Trade Secrets participant for more than a decade.

Women's Support Services was rebranded a few years ago "to recognize that relationship violence affects people regardless of gender," said Betsey Mauro, executive director of Project SAGE (which stands for "Support, Advocate, Guide, Educate"). "We want everyone to know that our services are available to anyone experiencing intimate partner violence."

Jonathan Bee of Hunter

Bee, the vintage goods shop in Millerton, N.Y., is not only a longtime vendor, but also a volunteer of many years. He is passionate about the need for the programs and services SAGE offers. "SAGE does a lot of great work, and I'm very glad they changed their name and expanded their reach. It's really important to have an organization that deals with domestic violence issues."

Mauro also talked about the importance of Trade Secrets as a fundraiser for their organization and the dedication of the volunteers and vendors. "I want to note the generosity of our vendors, who are very supportive of our mission; and our more than 250 volunteers, many of whom start working on next year's Trade Secrets months beforehand."

To volunteer or support Project SAGE go to: www.tradesecretsct.com/project-sage



PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Martha Stewart with Caleb Kane of Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, N.Y., during the Trade Secrets event Sunday, May 21.




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Visitors to Bunny Williams' garden on Saturday, May 20, wandered around the boxwood parterre.


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Grasslands birds in New England have increasingly become threatened with early spring mowing of fields used for nesting. Birds such as the Bobolink, the Upland Sandpiper and Eastern Meadowlark, to mention a few, have declining populations and one of the best things to do is not to mow the fields in their peak nesting time. This would mean delaying mowing until at least mid July to allow the fledglings to mature. An excellent guide on this issue is the Mass Audubon's Best Management Practice for Nesting Grassland Birds found at: www.massaudubon.org/content/download/19413/274073/file/Best-Management-Practices_Grasslands_2017_web.pdf.



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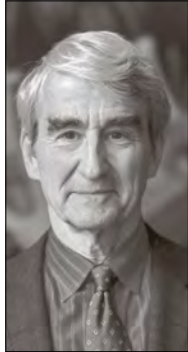
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Spongy moth egg masses on a Millerton crabapple tree.

did not increase in time to activate the maimaiga fungus, a fungal pathogen which kills off the invasive insects.

"We're not currently in a drought, although we have been getting short, episodic seven- to 10-day stretches without a drop of precipitation," said the state forester. "We need the rain early in spring to late May."

It did rain Saturday, May 20, but if that is followed by a stretch of warm, dry days, it may not be enough to stop another spongy moth feeding frenzy.

"We're concerned," said Martin. "Ideally, a half inch per week would ensure continued soil moisture. Anything less than that and the chance of caterpillar survivability increases."

Gale Ridge, an associate scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), said "If we can get rain, and the cool nights slow them down and knock them back," there is a chance of avoiding a spongy moth outbreak, she said.

Once the caterpillars are infected with the fungus' pollen-sized spores, it takes about eight days for them to die.

Ridgeline trees most vulnerable

Spongy moths, previously called gypsy moths, were renamed for their spongy-looking egg masses.

Spongy moth eggs generally hatch between late April and mid-May. The larval, or caterpillar, stage usually lasts about seven weeks. The larvae are the most active during May and June. Adults emerge in late June through the middle of July and can persist into August.

Oaks are the spongy moths' preferred food choice, although the voracious insects will also attack conifers and deciduous trees.

Most trees grow new leaves in July, although environmentalists said tree mortality is possible after two or three years of moderate to severe defoliation, especially during periods of drought and particularly to older, stressed trees.

The 2021 and 2022 spongy moth infestations, said DEEP's Martin, already caused significant die-off in forests, hillsides and backyards.

The outlook is grim for White oak, said the state forester.

"They need to push out a new set of leaves and put all their effort into new leaf growth, which really exhausts them, so when they shut down in September, they have not recovered necessary nutrients into their root systems."

The trees most vulnerable during spongy moth outbreaks are those on ridges and hilltops, where the soil is thinner and there is less moisture.

"They are the ones at the most risk as they lack the energy storage for winter

dormancy that trees in the lower-level valleys have due to deeper soil," said CAES's Ridge.

"It usually takes three years of severe infestation to knock out a healthy oak, and trees that are marginal could be kicked into dying."

Egg mass counts for 2021, 2022

Aerial surveillance by CAES of egg mass counts per acre in 2021 and 2022 reveals that, overall, egg masses declined in some Litchfield County towns, and increased in others.

For example, surveys counted 208 egg masses per acre in Kent in 2021, and 528 in 2022. Winchester had zero in 2021, and 48 in 2022.

Towns showing a decline in the past two years include North Canaan, where 3,200 egg masses were counted in 2021 compared to 848 in 2022; Salisbury had 640 egg masses per acre in 2021 and 48 in 2022; and in Sharon, 9,600 masses were counted in 2021, vs. 192 in 2022.

The decline in egg masses, said Ridge, is the result of fewer caterpillars making it to reproductive adults.

"This is a direct result of fungal and disease activation rates. The Northwest Corner was a hot spot last year, because clearly the area did not have enough rain during the crucial May fungal inoculation period. It's all about whether it rains or not."

There is only one generation of the spongy moth each year, according to a report written by Kirby Stafford III and Victoria Smith of the CAES Department of Entomology.

Caterpillars hatch from buff-colored egg masses in late April to early May, which may contain 100 to hundreds of eggs and may be laid in several layers. A few days after hatching, the quarter-inch long, buff- to black-colored caterpillars, or larvae, ascend the host trees and begin to feed on new leaves.

POPPIES *Continued from Page A1*

But while most people over a certain age recall the tradition of wearing a paper poppy or placing a poppy on the tombstones of those who served as tributes to the fallen, those decades-old rituals have lost ground to barbecues and celebrating summer's unofficial arrival, according to members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion posts in the region.

From Winsted to North Canaan to Millerton, N.Y., veterans and auxiliary members said they are hoping to re-energize the humble poppy's popularity through distributions on Poppy Day, along Memorial Day parade routes and at other sites throughout the region this weekend.

Kirk Harrington, commander of the VFW Couch Pipa Post 6851 in North Canaan, said his post will kick off the annual drive the week leading up to Memorial Day by setting up poppy distribution tables in front of the Post Office and Lindell ACE hardware.

"We will also be at Stop & Shop in Canaan the weekend of Memorial Day on Saturday and Sunday," and members of the local Girl Scout Troop will also assist by handing out poppies during the town's Memorial Day parade, he said.

Harrington said his post distributes between 500 and 1,000 poppies annually, and all donations benefit veterans and their families.

Pandemic put a crimp in revenue

Molly Jenks, who serves as vice president of American Legion Post 178's auxiliary in Millerton, N.Y., said members will be distributing crepe paper poppies during the community's annual Memorial Day Parade and in Veterans Park, as well as outside various businesses, on National Poppy Day. She said her post expects to hand out about 250 crimson flowers.

Donations are not required but are welcome and appreciated.

The amount raised annually "depends on how many volunteers we get" to participate and how many people attend the parade, said Jenks, noting that fewer people have been turning out for the patriotic festivities in recent years.

The pandemic put a damper on the annual event and poppy drives, and crowds have yet to be as robust as they were pre-COVID-19, she noted.

People tend to forget that there are soldiers currently

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Red poppies symbolize resilience

Despite their cheerful appearance, poppies are technically classified as weeds.

They have grown in some of the most inhospitable of landscapes, including the war-torn battlefields in 1915. Even though the terrain was left devastated, bright crimson poppies sprouted from the wreckage come spring, like delicate beacons of hope.

deployed overseas, said Jenks, who are often in harm's way.

"If you don't know someone who is serving in the military, it's not at the forefront of your mind," said Jenks, whose personal view "changed being married to a soldier." She is the wife of Robert Jenks, past commander of Post 178.

All proceeds raised annually from the Millerton Post's poppy drives are used to aid veterans and their families through distribution of gas cards, oil fill-ups to help heat their homes and mail overseas care packages, said the auxiliary vice president.

"We sent a care package to one soldier's wife who was home alone with a 2-year-old. It contained some tea, soap and a gift card and a note saying, 'thinking of you' and thanking her for her sacrifice."

Welcomed back at Stop & Shop in Winsted

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not uncommon to see veterans seated at a small table outside of the Winsted Stop & Shop with a collection can and bundles of poppies in the days leading up to Memorial Day, greeting shoppers and youngsters. But the novel coronavirus put a halt to such social interactions until this year.

"This is the first time we will be allowed back," said Daniel Matthews, commander of the VFW Seicheprey Post 296 in Winsted, where more than 1,000 poppies are distributed annually by members.

"The VFW requests that members distribute five poppies per member each year, and we have approximately 100 members," noted Matthews.

"Overall, we have definitely seen an increase" in donations following a dip in revenue from 2020 to 2021, he said. A stand of VFW-trademarked "Buddy Poppy" flowers are also on display and available to the public year-round on the bar at the Winsted VFW headquarters.

"Typically, our Post utilizes the Stop & Shop Plaza in the

days leading up to Memorial Day, and the American Legion Post in Riverton typically distributes their poppies at Tractor Supply in Barkhamsted," the Post commander explained.

In keeping with tradition, he said, the Winsted VFW Auxiliary will be handing out poppies along the parade route during the town's Memorial Day parade.

Matthews stressed that every dollar received from poppy donations is used solely to care for disabled veterans, their spouses, widows and children. "We don't use any money for paying things like the electric bill."

Inspiring a new generation

Younger generations, in particular, appear to have lost the connection and meaning of the little red flowers, or what to do with them, something that is all too apparent when veterans start appearing at public places with their poppy bundles and collection cans.

The answer is simple, said VFW and American Legion members: Wear it proudly.

While the proper place to wear a poppy has traditionally been the left-hand side of one's shirt over the heart or on the lapel of one's jacket on the left-hand side, putting poppies on purses, baseball caps or zipper tags, or secured to rearview mirrors, is acceptable and appreciated.

History of the poppy

From the battlefield of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory

of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on, according to American Legion literature.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. In the U.S., the American Legion and the VFW took up the cause.

The America Legion Poppy Program started in 1920 and has continued to bloom for the casualties of all wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans.

The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day, which was officially designated as such in 2017.

Not all poppies are created equal, however. The delicate, crepe-paper poppies are made for the American Legion.

The VFW's "Buddy Poppy" flower was trademarked in 1924 and is distributed solely by VFW posts, not only on Memorial Day, but also prior to Veterans Day in November.

Originally worn to commemorate the fallen of the First World War, also known as "The Great War," poppies are now worn in memory of those lost in every conflict since.

Both the VFW and American Legion memorial flowers trace their roots back to the haunting poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Canadian military doctor and artillery commander, in May 1915 while he served on the front lines.

The famous war memorial poem's opening line refers to poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the soil from soldiers' graves in the Flanders region of Belgium.

It ends with the line, "We shall not sleep, though poppies grow, In Flanders fields."

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Bill Clegg and Hernan Diaz

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Hernan Diaz's Path to Winning The Pulitzer

Hernan Diaz, winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for his novel "Trust," began his conversation at the Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff, N.Y. on Tuesday, May 16 with a story about his upbringing. As a child, before he had the faculty to write, he'd drawn doodles which he would bring to his mother and say, "Look at what I've

written, Mom!" Driven toward storytelling from that young age, Diaz's path to the Pulitzer was one he described, with moving honesty, as frequently lonely.

Diaz was in conversation with Bill Clegg, his agent at the Clegg Agency and author of "Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man" among others. The two had a familiar and charming

relationship. Clegg, a resident of Sharon, Conn., recounted the story of how he and Diaz had first met, when Diaz sent in his first unpublished manuscript. Clegg characterized that first book as "full of this blinding prose," but decided not to take it on. Clegg sent out what Diaz called, "the nicest rejection

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The Lives of The Party

Looking at the New York dance hall days captured by photographer Laura June Kirsch in her debut monograph "Romantic Lowlife Fantasies: Emerging Adults in The Age of Hope" it's hard not to think of a certain 2006 electro house classic by the French EDM duo Justice. "We are your friends, you'll never be alone again," the song beckons with a hollow promise, a siren's cigarette-tinged chant to a wayward, weekend warrior Odysseus, looking for connection, or just the spark of life, in the mosh pit, in the bathroom stall, in a stranger's mouth.

"Romantic Lowlife Fantasies" is an ode to the no-money glamour of the Obama generation, when the lines for Le Bain and The Box were a mile long, Heatherette was on the runways and Lady Gaga was still the girl who used to sing on The Lower East Side.

"We used to call our group friends 'lowlives' because we didn't know

what we were doing...we were out every night, we were out until 4 a.m. taking photos or hanging out with musicians," Kirsch said at a talk held at House of Books in Kent, Conn. The Greenpoint, Brooklyn-based photographer has also shot celebrity portraits for Vogue, Spotify, and The Village Voice — from NBA player James Harden to pop singer Liam Payne. She described the twenty-something nostalgia captured in her book as "a fun, coming-of-age time for me as I entered the world in a real way. In college I was much more structured, I was in a serious relationship, and I was working for a label. Then after college, I was flying by the seat of my pants, shooting all these parties. It's not what I expected to be doing in my twenties. I was leading this very traditional life — and then suddenly I wasn't."

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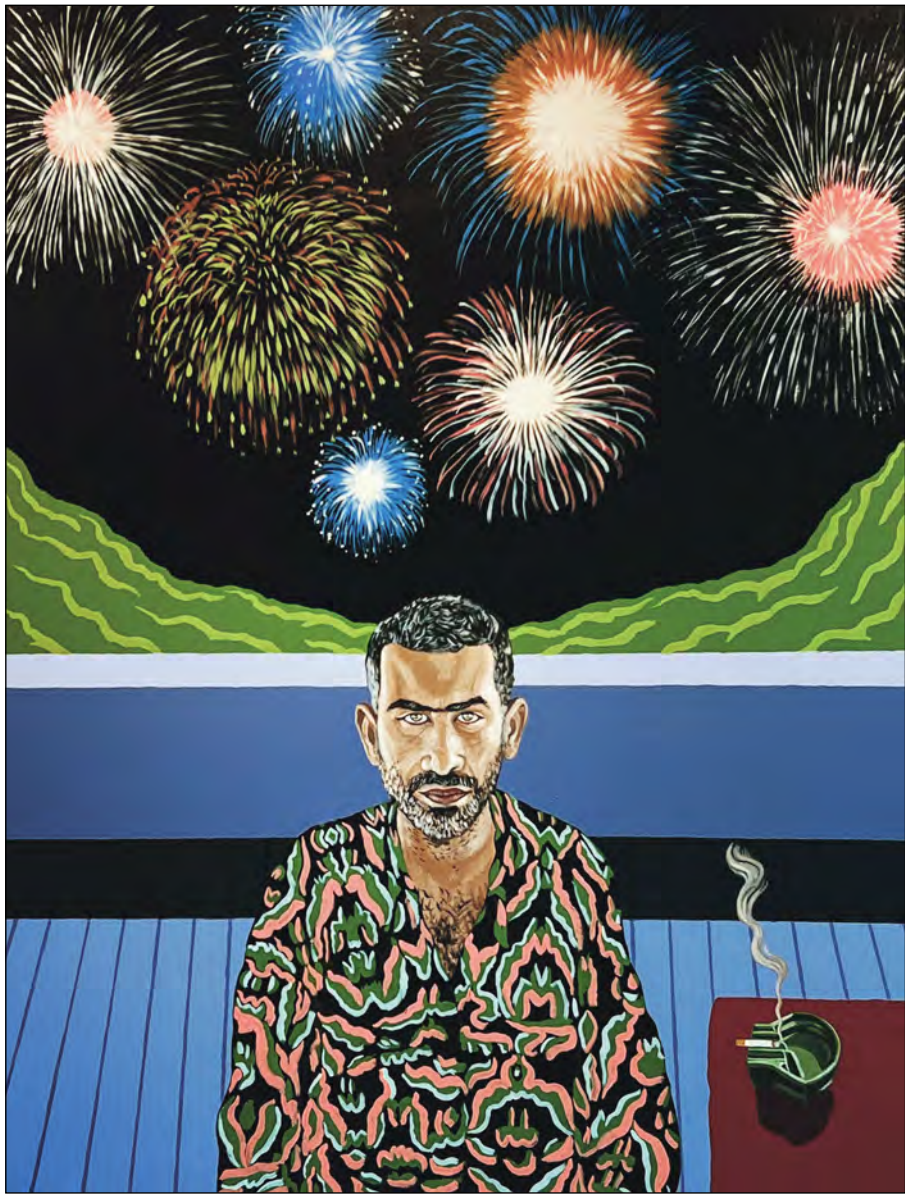
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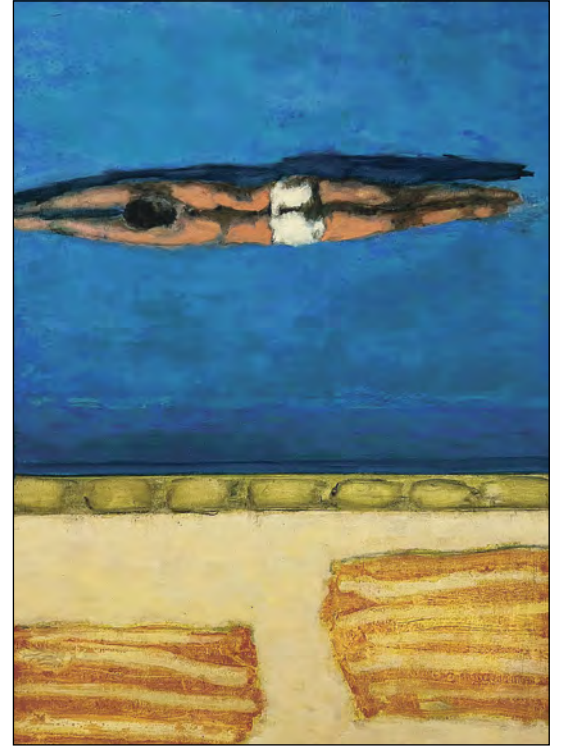
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Trapani by Bruno Leydet

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On View This Weekend

At the opening of the group exhibition “Days I Have Held, Days I Have Lost” at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., Barnes lamented that her role as director prevented her from gallery-hopping to see all the other openings. In Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood, Barnes repined, you could pop into 10 shows in two hours. In the country, everything is a half hour away. She’s not wrong, and seeing everything that’s on view takes some planning. At KBFA, 5 x5 inch canvas by Sally Maca dazzle with nocturnal bursts of fireworks while the large-scale speedo-clad self-portrait by David Konigsberg is John Cheever brought to life in a Bombay Sapphire-colored swimming pool.



Dave The Swimmer by David Konigsberg

For darker waters, head to Carol Corey Fine Art, also in Kent, where Lisa Lebofsky’s oil on aluminum, “On The Horizon,” dips into Melville with foreboding ocean waves that lurch toward the viewer. Rick Shaefer’s liquid black-and-white charcoal work combines a painterly sensibility with a landscape photogra-

pher’s eye for contrast and composition. Finally in Kent, Craven Contemporary celebrates its five-year anniversary highlighting works from powerhouses like Alex Katz and Damien Hirst and emerging talent like Canadian painter Bruno Leydet, who forgoes his usual male nudes against sherbet Italianate wallpaper in favor of a bold outdoor portrait

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ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Young Artists Take A Turn At The Blue & Gold

Signaling that the end of the school year is in sight, “The Blue & Gold” juried student art exhibition opened at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., on Friday, May 19. Once titled “The Blue & Gold at The White” in past decades when the show was held at the former White Gallery

in Lakeville, Conn., the student pieces are now at the new Kearcher-Monsell Gallery in the school’s library.

In viewing the students’ work it’s hard not to see a young generation already being influenced by the influx of AI art. Text-to-image generative artificial intelligence programs create fussy, hyper-colored sur-

realism pieces that often blend obvious elements of René Magritte and Salvador Dalí (there’s even a program called DALL-E) with Vincent van Gogh’s easily-emulated style. Two students’ very AI-esque Van Gogh imitations took home prizes at the opening, one by Zoey Greenbaum — but her unawarded oil, titled “Femininity,” is the more interesting piece. While the motif of flowers sprung from an artfully-decapitated neck-turned-vase is a staple of internet art, her painting’s mammoth size among the other student’s offerings, and willingness to provoke — an X-Men blue Bettie Page — makes it worthy of note. Also overlooked by the judges was the soft photography of Birdie Boyden, a classic blend of Sofia Coppola’s pastel ennui and “Picnic at Hanging Rock” cosplay. These are the sensitive, self-conscious portraits that high school girls have always taken, and always will, and always should.

The previous show at the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery was an exhibition by HVRHS senior



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Femininity by Zoey Greenbaum

Theda Galvin featuring fantasy photographs of the figurines she builds, paints, and dresses. At “The Blue & Gold” opening, she was announced as the well-deserved 2023 winner of a scholarship from The Foundation for Contemporary Arts which will grant her \$20,000 annually for the four years of her continued education at The Cleveland Institute of Art. In a Compass profile on Galvin printed in February, titled “The Odd World of a Teenage Doll-maker,” her work was described as “empathetic, earnest, and the mark of an emerging talent.”



Pensive by Birdie Boyden

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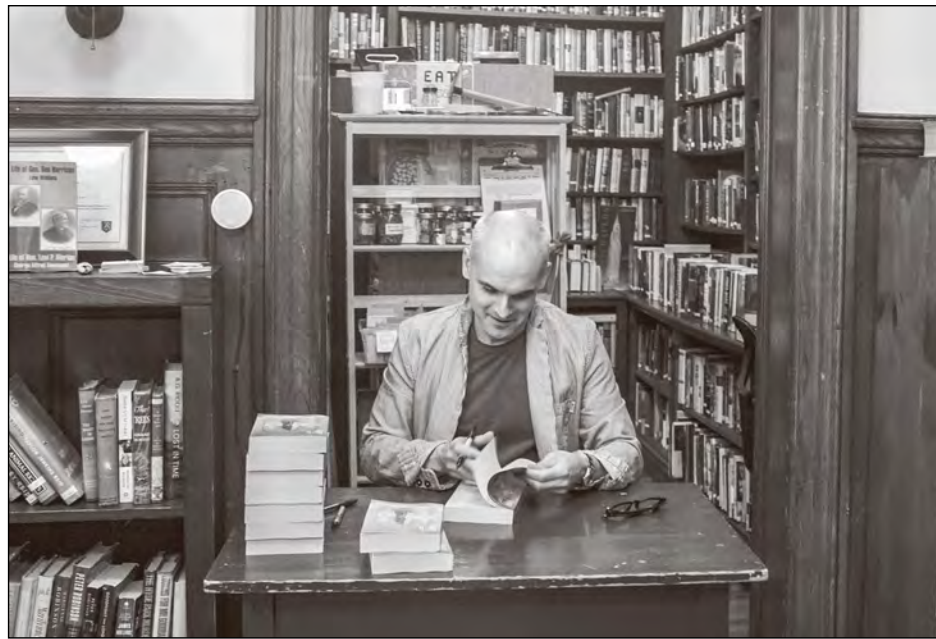


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Hernan Diaz's novel "Trust" was the recipient of this year's Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and is being adapted with actress Kate Winslet for HBO.

letter I ever got." The next Clegg heard of Diaz was when the author's first published novel (the second he had written), "In the Distance," was put out by Coffee House Press in 2017. The book would go on to become a finalist for the Pulitzer and the PEN/Faulkner Award. Once Clegg read it, he called Diaz to congratulate him and comment on how genuinely stunning he'd found it. "I was so completely blown away," Clegg said, which promoted Diaz's response — "That's so kind, when I sent it to you and didn't hear back I assumed..." Clegg, still on the call ("I could actually hear his furious typing"), then frantically searched through his inbox, and found the unopened email with a submission of the manuscript from Diaz. It had come during a time when Clegg was changing agencies. "Hernan has since very graciously forgiven me."

Responding in part to broader commentary around his seemingly meteoric rise in the literary world, Diaz spoke about the decades of his writing career that preceded success as often full of the "cold, dark" reality of rejection. Emphasizing that he is not unaffected by his circumstances, Diaz takes joy in the ways his writing life has changed,

while also acknowledging the difficulty that came before. "Being rejected for such a long time hurt. It made me feel crazy. Like I was still making those doodles." Through it all, Diaz is a writer genuinely in love with the process of writing. Coming from a "many-placed" upbringing — first in Argentina, then Sweden, then the United States — he described himself as a lover of the English language and syntax, proclaiming the sentence to be "the greatest technology humans ever produced." Both in reading and writing, however, what Diaz seeks is the dissolution and melding of the self into something wider. "Sometimes when I write, I forget myself. What a wonderful thing that is."

"Trust" is a novel Diaz characterized as polyphonic, and is composed of four separate, stand-alone "books" written in distinct styles, and from the perspective of intertwined characters. Its preoccupying theme is stratospheric wealth — but Clegg also framed the novel as a fundamentally feminist text, with Diaz stating that there are essentially "zero women in the history of the literature of wealth." The Pulitzer Prize committee describes the book as, "At once an immersive story and a brilliant literary puzzle, 'Trust' engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships, the reality-warping force of capital, and the ease with which power can manipulate facts."

...View

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where pistil-shaped sparklers explode over black like Dutch Old Master tulips.

Travel to the David M. Hunt Library's ArtWall in Falls Village, Conn., and you'll see work by the husband-and-wife duo Millree Hughes and Sharon, Conn., native Sarah Davis, on view through June 9. Davis's dreamy landscapes cast an equally fond eye on solitary nature and urban neighborhood streets, while Hughes's



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Seascape After Squall by Rick Shaefer

digital landscapes based on the mega-popular online multiplayer video game "World of Warcraft" seem to level criticism at the pixels we have not only turned our attention to, but fully immersed ourselves in.

COMPASS CALENDAR

The Writers Playground

The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will present its festival of 10-minute original plays by local writers and directors on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at The Olsen Theater. Eight plays will be featured in the program. Admission is free. Seating reservations can be made at www.sharon-playhouse.org

The Nether

The Ghent Playhouse in Ghent, N.Y., will present "The Nether" written by Jennifer Haley and directed by Patrick White on the weekends starting Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 18. In this science fiction crime drama, a detective investigates a virtual reality site where taboo acts blur moral boundaries. Suitable for adult audiences. For tickets go to www.ghentplayhouse.org. A free preview will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Daisy Dew-Diamond

Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., will present Louise Sheldon's psychedelic watercolors in "Daisy Dew-Diamond," on view beginning Friday, May 26, with a reception on Saturday, May 27, at 4:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night

The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn., will host Twelve Moon Coffee House, an acoustic open-mic evening on Saturday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Back to Century Boulevard

The Millerton News has been a fixture in this community since 1932, when a former reporter for the New York Sun started the paper, giving Millerton readers their own newspaper, something they were lacking after the 19th century Telegram was consolidated with the Harlem Valley Times of Amenia in the 1920s.

In 1972, the Millerton News changed hands again, and over the subsequent half century, the paper has been published every week by the owners of The Lakeville Journal.

Since the 1990s, the climate for community news has darkened — and remains threatening. By many reports, American communities are losing on average about two newspapers a week. The trend is expected to continue. Those that survived the pandemic were forced to reduce operations and cut staff as circulation and advertising revenue fell. The investment in local journalism looked to larger markets.

Thanks to our readers— who kept both Lakeville and Millerton papers alive during the pandemic, and to a new 501(c)(3) status — The Millerton News is making a solid comeback.

Its board is investing in The Millerton News operation and today we are adding back staff and dedicating coverage to the Village of Millerton, the Town of North East, and surrounding towns, including Amenia, Pine Plains and Millbrook as well as others across eastern Dutchess County.

As part of this renewed commitment, this week The Millerton News is reopening an office in the village to be able to accommodate staff and meet with people from a base of operations.

The former location of the paper's office at 16 Century Blvd., which had been familiar to many, closed during the pandemic. We are excited to report that it will become our office once again. Our editors and reporters are ready to bring the office back to life. Like many businesses today, we will operate on a hybrid model, occupying the office a few days a week.

This week, we came together at 16 Century Blvd. to greet our summer interns and introduce them to the program as well as show them around town.

Some of our student journalists will come from a program at Marist College, and our internships will include even younger aspirants who are rising seniors in high school.

Community newspapers are among the few remaining places where anyone launching a journalism career can learn the ropes. Our paid-intern program will focus on reporting, feature writing, editing, video, and photography.

The new energy behind our commitment to our eastern Dutchess County readership is driven by a commitment to provide full-time, part-time and correspondent staff for coverage of your town governments, your school boards, plus keeping a focus on arts, culture, lifestyle and sports.

We are glad to be back!



Supporting Lisa Erdner

In the years that I have been on the Townscape board, Townscape has expanded from an organization which put up holiday decorations and did plantings in the Village to an organization which has participated in, and in some cases spearheaded, major civic projects.

When I joined Townscape in 2014 we had under \$5,000 per year in donations, we now receive about \$50,000 a year. In the last several years Townscape has raised money to pay for the engineering and maintenance of the Rail Trail composting toilets, we have assisted with the planning and fundraising for Eddie Collins Memorial Park and paid consultants to write grants for the Park.

We have also contributed substantially to the Village to pay for the engineering fees for the wastewater project. Recently, Townscape paid for the replacement of the trees on Main Street and for the installation of electrical outlets in each tree wells when the new sidewalks were installed.

I give this information about Townscape because I want to highlight the fact that Townscape has become an important force in our communi-

ty and it is therefore important that our next president has the capacity and will to continue what it has taken years to build. Specifically, it is important the next president support the completion of the Eddie Collins Memorial Park and the wastewater project, two projects which will transform our community, the first to bring back a community pool and bathhouse, and the second to allow for economic growth and a grocery store.

Lisa Erdner supports both of these projects and she is an unusually well qualified person to take over the leadership of Townscape and to be a Village Trustee. Lisa has been an engaged Village citizen since she moved to Millerton. She attends most Village Board meetings to stay informed about local issues.

Since she has become a Townscape member, she has worked tirelessly to advance community projects. She is extremely organized, unfailingly discerning, and personable. Lisa will provide Townscape with the leadership it needs to continue to do its valuable community work and she will be the kind of forward Village trustee who will help bring to fruition our

two important civic projects. I strongly encourage Village residents to vote for Lisa a Trustee on June 20th.

Jeanne Vanecko
Townscape, President
Millerton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backing Jenn Najdek

I've always thought that's off to anybody willing to run for public office, having served myself, I am aware of the time and devotion these positions require. I know both candidates for Mayor and both candidates are good people, however, I must put my support behind the current Mayor Jenn Najdek.

Jenn is currently spearheading two of the largest projects this village has ever seen, a new handicap accessible community swimming pool and a waste water treatment infrastructure system. Jenn has both of these projects underway; she has developed contacts and built a rapport with state and federal politicians to help fund these projects, now is not the time to change Mayors.

Jenn needs our encouragement and support to see these long-needed projects through, another term makes perfect sense.

John Scutieri
Former Millerton Mayor
Millerton

Thank you, local EMS providers

In recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 21 - 27), I would like to celebrate the work carried out by our team of dedicated EMS practitioners and the crucial services they provide each day within our region.

In my role as EMS Coordinator at Sharon Hospital, I interact regularly with the EMS providers in the hospital's service area. Many members of our local EMS Rescue Squads and Fire Department Ambulance Corps., volunteer their time and skills for the sake of others and to serve as a pillar of support in our community.

We thank them for everything they do to provide highest quality of prehospital care for patients, helping them reach Sharon Hospital and our neighboring healthcare facilities safely and quickly. Working together with our hospital-based staff, particularly those in the Emergency Department, our EMS teams and the Sharon Hospital staff provide life-

saving care to patients in the Northwest Corner.

As a paramedic myself, I am proud to work alongside this team of professionals that each dedicate themselves to caring for others. Our EMS practitioners are often called upon during high-stress situations and are required to manage the care needs of the patients, while also ensuring families, loved ones, or witnesses are tended to as well.

This EMS Week, I kindly ask the members of our community to join me in honoring members of the EMS community who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty and treat each patient like family. As our frontline workers deliver these lifesaving services and care during a patients' and families' ultimate time of need, and often go unrecognized. Thank you for all that you do for our community!

David Jensen,
EMT-Paramedic
EMS Coordinator
Sharon Hospital
Sharon, Conn.

OFA offers AARP older driver safety course

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is hosting an in-person AARP Smart Driver Course on Friday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. It's open to all licensed drivers from Dutchess County over age 60. Lunch from OFA can be provided, or you can bring your own.

The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for older drivers. In many states, including New York, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course. And you will learn something new along the way.

One evaluation of the course found that 97% of participants changed at least one driving habit because of what they learned.

Advance registration for this class is required and can be made by calling OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555. Class capacity is limited by space.

GOLDEN LIVING

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- Reduce your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident.

New Medicaid renewal scam

A new phone scam is targeting New Yorkers who are enrolled in publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid. Confusing matters is that New York state this spring has been mailing

legitimate Medicaid renewal notices to subscribers of Medicaid, the Essential Plan, and Child Health Plus.

Scammers thrive by causing confusion and, while it's important to avoid scams, it's just as important not to mistake legitimate communications for a scam. We expect that scammers will attempt phone, mail, and electronic methods.

Legitimate renewal notices will include the deadline to take action to renew your publicly funded insurance or risk having a gap in coverage. Deadlines will be based on your enrollment end dates and will range from June 30, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

Important: No one can ever charge you a fee to renew your health insurance in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan.


Older Dutchess County residents on publicly funded

insurance plans can contact OFA for renewal help and any other follow-up questions at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

You can report suspected fraud. Call the New York State of Health's Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777. TTY users should call 1-800-662-1220. Contact the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) health care helpline at 1-800-428-9071 or the New York State Department of Financial Services' consumer hotline at 1-800-342-3736.

Note: the Office for the Aging and all OFA Friendship Centers will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Todd N. Tancredi, director. Email him at ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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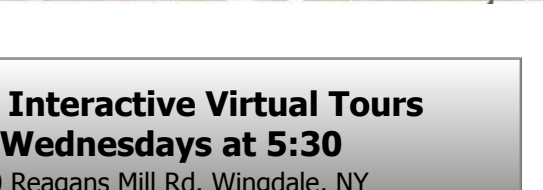
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