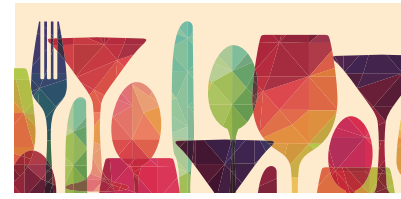




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## Blazing a trail to the state title

The Millbrook Blazers Varsity Girls Basketball Team emerged from their bus triumphant on Sunday, March 20, having beat the Newark Valley team 55-46 in Troy for the New York State Class C Section IX Championship title. Here are the elite high school athletes at Millbrook High School after arriving home from western New York. They were greeted by and cheered for by more than 100 of their most ardent fans, all eager to congratulate them on a successful season and hard-fought victory. For full story, turn to Page B3.

## North East break in attempted

# Resident chases off would-be burglar

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**NORTH EAST** — Having faced the harrowing experience of finding a stranger attempting to break into her home on Monday, March 14, North East resident Jennifer Beland is urging her neighbors to protect themselves and their homes to prevent a similar incident from happening to their families.

Residing on Sharon Road just a few homes outside of the village line, Beland lives with her mother and her two small children. Recalling the events of March 14, Beland, a restless

sleeper, said she woke up around 2 a.m. and went in the kitchen. She was only there for a few minutes when she heard the sound of the garage door opening and closing.

Beland explained her house is a raised ranch, which means people can come into the house through the garage.

Though she initially thought it was her mother, she said something didn't feel right, yet she didn't hear her mother coming up the outside stairs. Beland went toward the stairs when she saw the top of a person's

See **BREAK IN, A6**

## DA's office orders a third medical evaluation

# Trotta found to 'lack capacity' for murder trial

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
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**POUGHKEEPSIE** — On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 16, Wassaic resident and murder suspect David A. Trotta, 26, was back in Poughkeepsie's Dutchess County Court. This time he was there to have his mental capacity and fitness evaluated for his criminal case.

Trotta is being tried for the stabbing death of his neighbor, 45-year-old Juan Carlos Cedillo, who was killed on Sunday, Jan. 16. Trotta was arrested at the scene shortly after EMS failed to save Cedillo's life at the Wassaic apartment building where both men resided.

Trotta lived in an apartment with his mother on the first floor,

while the victim lived with his wife in the other first-floor apartment at 173 South Amenia Road. The two men only knew each other by sight, according to Cedillo's widow.

Trotta was arraigned in Amenia Town Court on Jan. 16 and charged with Murder in the Second Degree,

See **TROTTA, A6**

# Attorney's report on Ancram women treated disrespectfully due April 21

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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**ANCRAM** — It's been almost four months since Ethics Board Chairman Jack Lindsey shed light on a problem that has lurked in the shadows of the Ancram Town Hall for what seems like years.

Lindsey reported to the Town Board at its Jan. 20 meeting he had received 15 calls in the past year-and-a-half from residents of both sexes, complaining that women who work or volunteer for the town or who go to the Town Hall for services are often treated disrespectfully, according to Town Board member

**"We don't want special treatment, we just want to be treated equally."**

*Bonnie Hundt, Ancram councilmember*

Bonnie Hundt.

"Well it was brought to light by Jack Lindsey," said Hundt on Sunday, March 20, following this Thursday's, March 17, Town Board meeting.

Lindsey, when contacted for comment, stated via email "the Town of Ancram has responded

proactively to the concerns of a number of Ancram women and men that had been conveyed to me as chair of the Ethics Board, and as it was my role just to convey the concerns as expressed to me."

He added that he prefers to refrain from further comment "until the Ancram Town Board has developed a game plan to answer those concerns."

Hundt, meanwhile, has been actively tackling the issue. She openly acknowledged disrespectful treatment toward women is "a larger issue" that reaches far beyond the

See **DISRESPECT, A6**



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Millerton artist Murray Zimiles posed in his art studio recently with a mixed-media oil painting he created entitled, "Ukraine," which he hopes to sell for \$20,000 and then donate the money to nonprofits to help the victims of the war in Ukraine.

# Local artist to sell \$20K painting for war victims

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**  
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**MILLERTON** — Artist Murray Zimiles is no stranger to feeling pain, and transforming that pain into art. He hopes his art, in turn, can evoke a similarly strong emotion in those who view it, perhaps not pain, but some kind of impassioned response that triggers the person on the other end of the canvas to feel, to think, to take action.

"Painting is intense, it's what I

call 'horrible beautiful.' It should be interesting and intense enough to attract attention as well as delivering a message," said Zimiles. "I think that's critical or else it's just propaganda."

In the case of Zimiles' recent work, "Ukraine," he is hoping the 60" x 40" oil and mixed media on canvas painting will churn thoughts and feelings deep inside the viewer that are likely to be intense.

Mostly, though, he hopes who-

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## Things get STEAMy at Webutuck science fair

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WEBUTUCK — Nurturing the next generation of scientists, scholars, artists and innovators through a crowd-pleasing event, the Webutuck community came out to the eighth annual STEAM Fair on Saturday, March 19, to watch students challenge their creative powers.

After last year's virtual fair, students and staff were excited to learn this year's fair would be held in person.

"While the Virtual Fair was a great way to stay connected and share what we were learning while we couldn't be together, it didn't have quite the same energy," said STEAM Fair Co-Chair Danielle Fridstrom. "Being able to come together and communicate face-to-face is something we all missed when the fair was virtual [due to COVID]."

Since September, Fridstrom said she and STEAM Fair Co-Chair Christine Gillette have worked closely with the district, examining the frequent changes to health and

safety protocols to ensure they could hold an in-person event.

To allow for additional spacing, the fair moved from the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School (EBIS) cafeteria to the gym.

After navigating a few unexpected challenges — including the district's emergency asbestos abatement project and inclement weather — the fair was finally on the 19th.

Fewer than 50 students in pre-k through 12th grade set up their experiments and displays in the EBIS gym at 8:30 a.m., and shared their explorations with attendees between 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Participants and onlookers circulated throughout the gym, asking students questions about the experiments and delighting in the diversity of projects on display.

Judges took careful notes about the projects. Snacks and beverages were sold outside the gym to benefit Webutuck's graduating class of 2022.

Hailing the STEAM Fair as one of her favorite Webutuck events, Fridstrom said the event would be impossible



**A seventh-grader at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School (EBIS), Brayden Selfridge earned an honorable mention among the STEAM Fair's EBIS award winners for his experiment Eggs-Speriment in Osmosis.**

without the support of the Webutuck Teachers' Association (WTA), PTA, Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA), Moore and Moore Printing and the teaching and custodial staff.



**Third-grader Madelyn Brant took STEAM Fair judges on a tour of the solar system with her STEAM Fair display.**

PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Along with appreciating the diversity of projects and the confidence in students' public speaking skills, teacher Monica Baker admired the collaboration among everyone there. She said the STEAM Fair was a unique chance for students to see what their peers are learning and to learn from them, while teacher Jennifer Jaffe said it's an opportunity for the younger students to come meet the teachers who will be teaching them in the coming years.

"These are the opportunities that really bridge the divide," Baker said. "It really is K though 12."

All students in pre-k through third grade were awarded prize bags, while all fourth-graders were awarded

\$20 gift certificates to Oblong Books & Music in Millerton.

This year's EBIS winners included sixth-graders Lyla Kern and Anastasia Mersand in first place for We Are Destroying the Planet; eighth-graders Angel Camargo Vasquez and Gianna Kall in second place for Electromagnetic Coil Gun; and eighth-grader Alexander Caldiero in third place for Coke v. Diet Coke. Seventh-grader Brayden Selfridge was received honorable mention for his project Eggs-Speriment in Osmosis.

Webutuck High School winners included senior Samantha Meehan in first place with Mental Health in the Court/Legal System; junior Adryanna Selfridge in second

place for Geodes Rock; and freshmen Luis Cabrera and Hayden Fedorczak in third place with The Effects of Time of Day on Gaming Scores.

Fifth-graders Mariana Martinez Reyes and Bella Milano won the DaVinci/Macgyver Award for Crane, while seventh-grader Hailey Brennan won the Visual Communication Award for her experiment The Rex Mutation.

Fair prizes were donated by the WTA, PTA, CSEA and the Science Department.

Brayden and Adryanna Selfridge and Samantha Meehan will present their STEAM Fair projects at the 63rd Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair on Saturday, April 2.

## Housing group discusses zoning, hopes for local input

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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MILLERTON — As well as staying on top of news from the Tri-Town Coalition (TTC), which encompasses the municipalities of North East/Millerton, Amenia and Pine Plains, members from the Millerton-North East housing working group brainstormed tactics for approaching local zoning and soliciting community input about housing on Tuesday, March 8, when they met via Zoom at 7 p.m.

After providing an update on the Housing Ambassador Training Program, Hudson River Housing (HRH) Director of Strategic Initiatives Elizabeth Druback-Celaya announced a community conversation on housing will take place at Amenia Town Hall on Saturday, April 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

### Help with messaging

Druback-Celaya said the TTC needs volunteers to help crafting a public messaging campaign around the importance of affordable housing for all. Interested volunteers may email her at ecelaya@hudsonriverhousing.org.

Moving along, working group leader Sam Busselle reported he and North East resident Scott Culbreth spoke about digging into the possibilities of finding land with acreage or available housing.

### Land, property wanted

Should anyone know of any land for sale or properties in town that could be converted into affordable housing units, Busselle asked them to contact the group. This led to more talk about what things could be repurposed or converted into low-cost housing units.

### Future conversation

Raising the community conversations the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) held last spring, Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said NEML will hold another

community conversation, likely this summer. NEML sought funding from a mini-grant program to do so. Leo-Jameson said the conversation will focus on housing to keep residents who grew up in Millerton within the community.

Leo-Jameson added she also plans to work with Webutuck teacher and Millerton resident Monica Baker on a project involving Baker's students and their families.

### Bilingual Zooms

Baker explained she organizes weekly virtual bilingual family Zoom meetings for her students' families. The program has evolved into a unique forum that allows families that might not otherwise be able to attend such meetings or feel comfortable doing so to connect with the school district and other resources.

Baker said she and Leo-Jameson are hoping to use the virtual bilingual sessions as a way to discuss the local housing issue with parents of area students. She said they're assessing bilingual literature that ties into affordable housing and considering bringing in a bilingual housing advocate, all while creating a safe forum where families can remain anonymous and obtain information in a way they feel comfortable.

"I think if we can bring a cohort of folks who feel comfortable... because they're being included and paid attention to, it would be fabulous," Busselle said, "and housing for that [group] can be a great advocacy goal for when funding comes through for housing."

### Written lists?

Millerton village Trustee Matt Hartzog asked if the working group has a list of goals in writing from specific community groups, to use in

letters of support for various government officials.

### Advocates available

It was noted that housing advocacy groups are available to help contact lawmakers in support of Governor Kathy Hochul's budget who groups like the TTC help access some of the funding she proposed for housing. Hochul mandated all municipalities allow for accessory dwelling units.

### Zoning changes coming

Culbreth asked what would be the best tactic to make changes to local zoning laws, and whether such requests should be presented for variances on specific properties or added as addendums to zoning regulations to allow for multi-family units on smaller lots.

Millerton and North East have separate zoning codes and enforcement officers, as they are two separate municipalities.

"If we're going to take a look at reexamining our zoning issues... it would be incredibly helpful to hear from the community about what the community would like for zoning," Hartzog said. "With groups coming to the Village Board to say, 'Well, we would like for you to change this,' without having input about what that change might look like, it's incredibly difficult."

With the town of North East "deep in the weeds" in updating its zoning, North East resident and Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) member Bill Kish said, "This is a really good time to provide specific recommendations for the ZRC and the town... It's much more helpful if this group could provide specific examples of zoning changes as opposed to saying, 'We need zoning that supports housing.'"

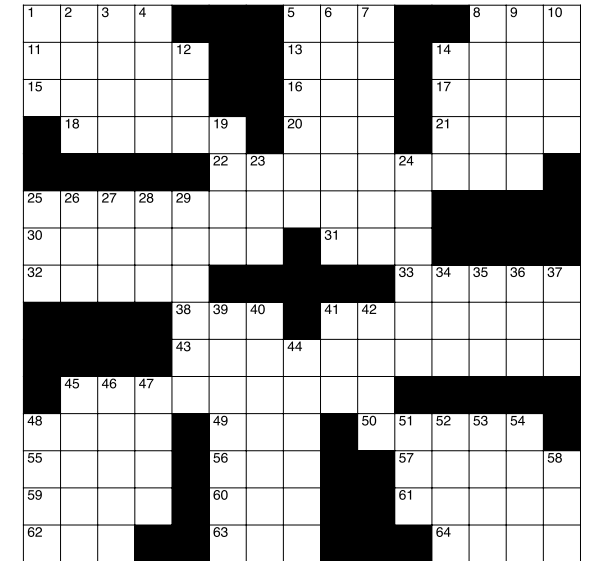
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. One who regrets
5. Time zone
8. Subway dweller
11. Bend in a river
13. Alias
14. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
15. Very (music)
16. Zero
17. Phil \_\_, former CIA
18. Competitions
20. Unwell
21. Puts in place
22. Gets rid of
25. Allows light to pass through
30. Climbed quickly
31. We all have it
32. There's a North & South
33. Emaciation
38. Supervises flying
41. Very dark colors
43. Unwanted
45. Grants
48. Three visited Jesus
49. Wife of Amun
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. A Spanish river
56. I (German)
57. French opera composer
59. Six (Spanish)
60. Last letter
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. A curved shape
63. Make a mistake
64. Tall plant

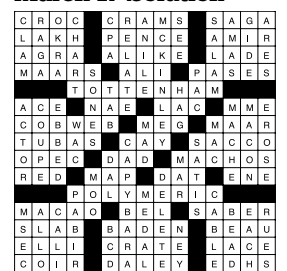
### CLUES DOWN

1. Computer memory
2. "Et \_\_"; "And wife" (Latin)
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. College army
5. Cassava
6. Talented
7. Capital of Estonia
8. Finger millet
9. In a way, assists
10. Men's fashion accessories
12. Misery
14. Skin disorder
19. Selling at specially reduced prices

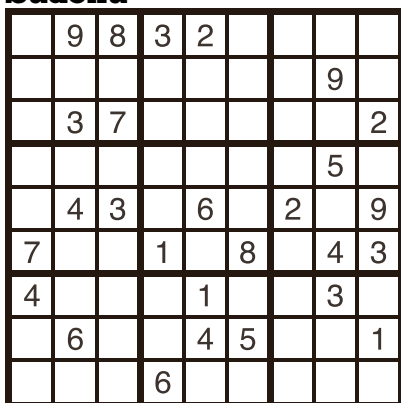


23. Good friend
24. Stationary portion of a generator
25. Expression of disappointment
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Where birds fly
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Chaotic states
34. Comedic actress Gasteyer
35. Kids' dining accessory
36. Snakelike fish
37. Midway between south and southeast
39. Assign lifelike qualities to
40. One who cites
41. Midway between east and southeast
42. North wind
44. One or the other
45. Cavalry sword
46. Of the Hungarian language
47. Life stories
48. Flat tableland with steep edges
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. French cleric
54. One point east of northeast
58. Free from

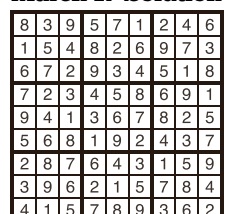
### March 17 Solution



### Sudoku



### March 17 Solution



Level: Intermediate

### Correction

An article in the March 17 edition of Compass arts and entertainment incorrectly said that rehearsals for the Goshen Players' "A Wrinkle in Time" will begin in June; they will begin on March 28.

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**Fundraiser at Troutbeck is a success!**

# Hopeful hearts raise nearly \$250,000 for Ukrainian war relief

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — As Ukrainian lives continue to be ravaged by war, residents of northeastern Dutchess County and beyond have come together this March in support of Ukraine and to shed a light on the Ukrainian people's struggle overseas.

A prime example of that support could be found at the fundraiser for Ukraine held at Troutbeck in Amenia from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. It was sort of a reboot, as the first fundraiser was held at the RE Institute art gallery in Millerton on Saturday, March 12, and drew about 55 guests despite a mid-March snowstorm. It was therefore rescheduled for this past weekend.

Troutbeck offered the perfect setting for Ukrainian fare, live music, drinks and breathtaking artwork up for bid.

Local chefs handpicked and donated food that tasted of Ukraine, from stuffed cabbage cooked by Champetre's Michel and Patricia Jean of Pine Plains to private chef Matthew Lodes' shiitake and ricotta varenyky (pierogies) to a Ukrainian stew prepared by Jerry Peele of Herondale Farm in Ancramdale. Drinks were donated by regional tea makers, distilleries and wine companies, and local markets and bakers provided snacks and sweets.

Guests circulated, writing down bids for the silent auction, mingling with others and admiring the artwork on display. Yet amid the cheerful talk, they all understood their motive for gathering.



From left, Sunflower of Peace volunteers Anatoly Prekrasnyy and Iryna Prekrasna spoke to local residents about the 501(c)(3) charity's work to help Ukrainians affected by the Russian military invasion at a fundraiser for Ukraine held at Troutbeck on Sunday, March 20.

PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

"It's an international, political, legal response to address this grotesque violation of international human rights law and humanitarian law," said Lawrence Moss, a senior advocate for the United Nations and a part-time resident of Ancramdale.

Calling the local response to the Ukrainian crisis "very gratifying," Moss said, "Americans are always interested in foreign affairs... Over the repercussions of this crisis, I hope this interest in international affairs continues."

Volunteering with Sunflower of Peace, a 501(c)(3) charity committed to helping Ukrainians af-

ected by the Russian military invasion, Anatoly Prekrasnyy and Iryna Prekrasna — both of whom have family in Ukraine — were on hand.

"For us, we were amazed by the scale and support from people in this community," Prekrasna said. "This is so amazing for us and all these people came together and did this."

"I feel all these people that are here understand we are all humans," added Prekrasnyy. "We can understand the suffering, we have this longing to help, we have this longing for peace and we don't want this war. People want to have a future and want to have their lives... We're pouring our hearts and souls into helping every way we can. They all have a genuine desire to help."

Halfway through the event, the fundraiser's organizer drew everyone's attention.

"Thank you, thank you for coming," said André Wlodar.

An immigrant from Warsaw, Poland, Wlodar and his wife now split their time between Millerton and NYC. He said he's been asked his motive for helping Ukraine.

"I think [in] this moment in history, we are all Ukrainians," he said. "We have to do something."

Following Russia's declaration of war on Feb. 24, Wlodar spoke of the endeavors he and

his colleagues have carried out in response to the conflict.

He introduced several people who have been working in support of Ukraine and supported Sunday's fundraiser. Introducing the representatives from Sunflower of Peace, Wlodar called their working relationship a symbol of love, given Prekrasnyy is from Russia and Prekrasna is from Ukraine.

Moss spoke before the crowd about the U.N.'s efforts in trying to broker peace, both in the past and during this current conflict.

Talking about Sunflower of Peace's work, Prekrasnyy remarked Ukrainians have already won the war.

"Their will will never be broken, they will come out stronger," he said.

Wlodar repeated that he is partnering with the nonprofit charity to help Ukrainian orphans flee the war-torn country and relocate in Poland.

An auction was held, to raise additional money for the cause. More than \$80,000 was raised through an art auction that kicked off last week, and another \$42,000 was raised through donations and the live auction.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Sunflower of Peace. Since he began fundraising in support of Ukraine, Wlodar said he has raised close to \$250,000 to help Ukrainians in their fight for freedom.



## Country Dining

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## Art and civil rights meet at symposium

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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AMENIA — Bringing stories of the past to light through creative means, student artists in grades seven through 12 have been invited to participate in the Troutbeck Symposium, where they'll be able to showcase their exploration of the history of the local Civil Rights Movement through art projects.

At the symposium, students will be given the opportunity to explore and celebrate the history surrounding the early Civil Rights Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and influential Black Americans in the local region. And there is a lot to work with, as Amenia's Troutbeck is where some of the ideas to create the NAACP were first conceptualized.

Starting Saturday, March 19, the students met in The Wassaic Project's Art Nest, located inside the historic Maxon Mills one-time grain elevator located at 37 Furnace Bank Road in the hamlet of Wassaic. There they created art projects to celebrate the Civil Rights Movement tied to the town of Amenia and the greater Harlem Valley as part of a creative workshop.

Students will continue to meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays through Saturday, April 23.

Participation in this creative workshop is free of charge, and resources and snacks will be provided.

The final art projects will be displayed alongside other student work from across the region at the symposium, which will run from Wednesday, April 27, through Friday, April 29, at Troutbeck.

According to www.troutbeck.com, "Troutbeck has served as an enchanting private estate, country inn and tavern since the 1700's and has for centuries been a favored retreat of distinguished guests important in the arts, letters, matters of policy and social justice. During the time of the estate's first owners, the Benton Family, it played frequent host to Thoreau, Emerson and the naturalist, John Burroughs."

The site's history page further explained that "Colonel Joel Spingarn [1875-1939] and his wife Amy bought the estate in the early 1900's and continued the tradition... Joel and Amy were active in the Civil Rights Movement and twice hosted two critical meetings of the NAACP at Troutbeck — known today as the Amenia Conferences of 1916 and 1933."

Troutbeck is now a 250-acre Hudson Valley estate hotel, located at 515 Leedsville Road.

"I just think it's really wonderful to make sure students understand this unique role that Amenia had in the Civil Rights Movement," said Amenia town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle. "It was really an important informative time and Troutbeck is the actual location of those early meetings of the NAACP, so I think the more people know this unusual fact about Amenia, the more they will become interested and be very proud of Amenia and its early role."

To participate in the 2022 Troutbeck Symposium or for more information, email jill@wassaicproject.org.

Look for more on the symposium and the students' projects as the sessions unfold in The Millerton News.

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#### "War" Timely Subject In 1st Forum Meeting

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On Wednesday, October 18, at the Town Hall, Salisbury, the Salisbury Forum will begin its eighth season of popular meetings. Again, as in past years, the committee plans seven evenings of discussion of problems which are of the utmost concern to every American and promises to the community the same high standards which have characterized this vital series since its inception in 1932.

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## Joan Harriet Houghtaling

AMENIA — Joan Harriet Houghtaling, 88, a 10-year resident of Amenia and a longtime area resident, died March 13, 2022, at her home in Amenia.

Joan worked as a self-employed home health care aide for many years and also worked as a private housekeeper locally.

Born Nov. 18, 1933, with her twin brother, John Newman, in the Village of Ashaway, in the Town of Hopkinton, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Harriet (Tattersall) and Ernest H. Newman. She attended school in Rhode Island and was an avid reader who enjoyed spending time with her beloved dog, Cookie.

Joan will be deeply missed by her loving family.

Joan is survived by her beloved sister, Shirley Hurley; her brother, Joseph Sterling; two nephews, Michael Hurley and his wife, Shalay, and Donald VonAhn and his girlfriend, Judy Brandt. In addition to her parents, Joan was predeceased by her twin brother, John Newman.

Funeral services and burial will be private at the Goshen Center Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

## John F. Killawee

NORTH CANAAN — John F. Killawee of North Canaan passed away at age 86 on March 18, 2022. He has been reunited with his wife of 45 years, Joan, who predeceased him in October 2020.

He is survived by his four children, Peter, Nancy, Sharon and Susan; four grandchildren, Riona, Rory, Amanda and Justin; and five great-grandchildren, Rivers, Stella, Nick, Justin and Abigail.

He is also survived by five stepchildren, Maria, Jim, Lisa,

Gerri and Karen; and 10 step-grandchildren.



Gracie, his cat, misses him dearly.

John spent over 20 years as a member of the U.S. Army and Reserves. He retired in 1995 as a Master Sergeant E8.

Donations can be made to the Canaan Ambulance, St. Joseph's Church or the CT Humane Society.

There will be a private service at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

## Jordan Michael Stevener

AMENIA — Jordan Michael Stevener, 24, a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly at his home in Amenia on Friday, March 18, 2022.

Jordan worked as a skilled tradesman specializing in tile work and hardwood flooring. He also worked for ITW Global Automotive as a machine operator in Lakeville.

Born July 31, 1997, in Sharon, he was the son of Richard "Rick" Stevener of Amenia and Audra A. (Milano) Miller of Millerton.

Jordan was a 2017 graduate of Webutuck High School, where he excelled at varsity baseball throughout his high school years.

Jordan also was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed deer hunting and fishing and spending time with his beloved dog, "Ruger." He also enjoyed watching football, the New York Giants being his favorite team.

Jordan always put others first. He loved to make his family and friends laugh and was loved by everyone. His passing leaves an enormous void in the hearts of his loving family and many friends. His spirit and the many memories he created will never be forgotten by those who loved him so dearly.

In addition to his parents, Jordan is survived by his stepfather, Clyde A. Miller III of Millerton; three siblings, Daniel Stevener and Lucas Miller of Millerton and Marissa Lindig and her husband, Tanner, of Little Rock Air Force Base, Little Rock, Ark.; his grandfather, Andrew Milano Jr. and his companion, Anne Sciacovelli of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; his uncles, Andrew Milano III and his wife, Cindy, of Dover Plains and Christopher Milano and his wife,

Kelly, of Amenia; his aunt and godmother, Lori Milano, and aunts Wendy Latrell and Davida Stickle; his niece, Claire Ivy Lindig of Little Rock; his step-grandparents, Clyde A. and Marie E. Miller Jr. of Millerton; his cousins, Andrew IV, Joey, Christopher, Makayla, Bella, Elisha, Jeffrey, Tyler and Kaylee; and many great-aunts and -uncles and distant cousins and countless friends.

Jordan was predeceased by his grandmother Janice Milano; and his grandmother Gail Stevener.

Calling hours will take place on Friday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. A reception will follow and will be announced following the funeral service.

The family respectfully asks that memorial donations be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Jordan's memory, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### David Charles Simonds

101st Airborne Division.

When he returned home after the war, he reunited with his high school sweetheart, JoAnn, and settled in Canaan.

He first worked at Morgan Motors and then at Canaan Tire as a mechanic. In 1992, Dave and his wife, JoAnn, opened their own garage, Dave's Tire and Auto on North Elm Street. He has operated that business for 30 years and during this time, their two sons joined them at the garage.

Dave was deeply involved in the community of Canaan. He refereed and coached basketball for the Canaan Youth Basketball program while mentoring kids in his com-

munity. He donated to numerous community projects in Canaan. Dave had a true love for farming, which began with a summer job in high school and his appreciation for local farming continued throughout his life.

Dave was an avid NY Giants football fan, and he spent years traveling to the stadium to tailgate with his close friends.

Both Dave and his wife, JoAnn, loved to watch the UCONN Huskies women's basketball team.

Dave also enjoyed gardening, especially raising his prized tomatoes.

Dave was also involved in supporting the military community, including organizing military aid for active service members.

He also traveled the country alongside his fellow Vietnam soldiers to memorialize fallen comrades.

One of Dave's other passions was traveling with and supporting Casey Racing.

Above all Dave's wife, JoAnn, and their family came first.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, Dave is survived by his three children, Mark Simonds and his wife, Kristina, and their children, Madison and Jacob of Canaan, Scott Simonds and his wife, Jane, and their two children, Cole and Olivia of Canaan, and Kate and her husband, AJ Kriha, of Westfield, Mass. Dave is also survived by his sister, Debbie and her husband, Rich Brown, of Schenevus, N.Y.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Couch-Pipa VFW Post #6851, 104 South Canaan Road, Canaan, CT 06018.

Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan is in charge of arrangements.

### Norman M. Jasmine

FALLS VILLAGE — Norman M. Jasmine, 73, of Falls Village passed away after a short illness on March 14, 2022.

He was born Jan. 29, 1949, to Louise (Whitford) and Alfred Jasmine.

He lived in Cornwall and later in life moved to Falls Village.

He worked for Becton-Dickinson for many years before he ventured out and worked for himself doing various jobs, including landscaping services and also his famous firewood.

His hobbies included deer hunting with a grammar school friend, playing golf, and going to bingo.

Norman was a shy, private person but those that knew him know he would give you

the shirt off his back to help you.

He is survived by his brothers, Dennis Jasmine of Falls Village and Larry Jasmine of Camden, N.Y.; his sisters, Pearl Stratman of North Canaan, Barbara Jasmine of Mill River, Mass., and Patty Greenwood of Nashua, N.H.; and many nephews and nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces. He was predeceased by a brother, Ronald Jasmine; and a sister, Regina Harmon.

There will be a memorial service on April 4 at the Falls Village Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Falls Village Senior Center, P.O. Box 47, Falls Village, CT 06031.

### William D. Tindall

LAKEVILLE — William D. Tindall, 69, of Lakeville died in his home Monday, March 14, 2022.

A full obituary will appear in the March 31 Lakeville Journal and Millerton News.

The burial for Bill will be April 2 at Mountain View

Cemetery, Sand Road, North Canaan, with a reception immediately following (the location will be announced at the cemetery).

Donations and flowers can be sent to the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018.

Email obituaries to [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com)

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In our hearts, you'll always be,  
In our thoughts, and in our dreams.

We Love you Lynn,  
We Love you Gregg,  
Your sister and aunt Ruth,  
Your nieces and cousins Bobbie-Jo and Ruthanne



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Week of March 27, 2022

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Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. "What is Important in Life"  
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PINE PLAINS/AREA

***Iron Star Retreat is back***

**Revised plan is smaller scale, responding to area concerns**

By **KAITLIN LYLE**  
kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

ANCRAM — Representatives of the proposed Iron Star Retreat Center presented the Ancram Planning Board with a reduced development proposal on Thursday, March 3. It came one year after they presented the original plan, which had the community on edge, fearful it was too large and would change the rural landscape.

Meeting in person at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, a handful of Iron Star reps attended in-person while a few attended via Zoom.

Presenting a summary of the scaled-back version of the site plan was Stacey Shurgin, Iron Star Retreat Center owner and the applicant on record.

She said the plan was reduced to address the public's concerns and respond to the comments by the Planning Board and its consultants.

According to Shurgin, the revised retreat center will be a quiet place where guests can escape from the busy world, enjoy small farm and outdoor experiences and engage in reflection and relaxation.

Shurgin said all of the development was moved to one lot instead of being on three lots, adding the project will be entirely contained on approximately 36 acres of land, a vast reduction from the original 147 acres.

Over these 36 acres, she said there will be 12 small permanent structures consisting of four two-bedroom family units (each 1,200 square feet) and four A-frame structures (each 225 square feet). Adding five rooms, there will be

a total of 17 permanent units, approximately 50% less than the original 33-room plan.

While having fewer permanent units means having fewer occupants to the property year-round, Shurgin said Iron Star will offer a true "glamping" (glamorous camping) experience from Memorial Day to Columbus Day with temporary accommodations.

In addition to the project's size and accommodations being reduced, Shurgin said the event space was removed; the recreational amenity building was reduced from three structures to one by combining amenities; and the inn's design was repositioned so the patio area no longer faces Route 82.

Following Shurgin's summary, the Planning Board received an overview of the layout, environmental impact, traffic volume and other details.

As the Planning Board wants its consultants to review the new submission and then have the consultants' comments sent back to them for consideration, a workshop session was scheduled for Thursday, March 31. Though open to the public, the workshop will be strictly for the Planning Board, its consultants and the applicant to discuss the site plan, with no public comments.

As announced by Attorney Taylor Palmer from the firm Cuddy + Feder, the March 3 meeting marked the one-year anniversary of Iron Star's original application.

When Palmer sent a letter to the Planning Board early last year requesting an informal sketch conference application

for the site plan, the original project involved the development of three parcels for a proposed retreat center and associated use.

Altogether, the project site consists of 146.75 acres divided into four lots: a 75-acre lot owned by JSG Farms; a 25.04-acre lot owned by P&M Farms; a 20.01-acre lot owned by RSG Farms; and a 26.7-acre lot owned by SSG Farms.

According to the materials listed on the project website, www.ironstary.com, the site's four lots are located "on the south side of New York State Route 82, south and west of Wiltsie Bridge Road, northwest of Roche Drive and east of Poole Hill Road."

The original project sought to develop the parcels owned by JSG Farms, RSG Farms and SSG Farms, while the newly reduced project will limit site development exclusively to the parcel owned by RSG Farms.

Concerned about its scale, scope and the negative impact on local farmland, a group of residents formed under the name Rural Ancram (RA). It began meeting this past November to discuss Iron Star and keep the public informed about its potential impacts on the town.

RA has attained a land use attorney who is already "at work reviewing and disputing Iron Star's proposal." The group also set up a GoFundMe page entitled, "Help Rural Ancram Stop Iron Star Resort" to help offset growing attorney fees. RA stated it will also use donations for informational mailings and signage to raise awareness about the project.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**Pastor Ryan Larkin of the First Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains (second from left) celebrated St. Patrick's Day with members of his congregation on Saturday afternoon, March 19, all of whom volunteered at the church's take-out corned beef dinner.**

**Church's St. Patty's dinner feeds and fundraises in one turn**

PINE PLAINS — Right on the tail end of St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains on Church Street (Route 199) invited the local community to stop by on Saturday, March 19, for a corned beef dinner to go.

Residents from near and

far stepped inside the church to pick up their take-out orders between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., some of whom popped by dressed in green in honor of St. Patty's Day.

Accompanying the tasty corned beef, each dinner came with cabbage, boiled red potatoes, glazed baby carrots, Irish

soda bread and dessert — all of which was packaged and wrapped in a green plastic bag in honor of the holiday.

A total of 115 take-out dinners were sold and all funds will benefit the church and its many programs to help residents in the local community.

— Kaitlin Lyle

**PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF**

***Celebrate pantry installation March 23***

The town of Pine Plains invites community members to celebrate the installation of a new mini-food pantry at the Pine Plains Free Library on Wednesday, March 23, at 5 p.m. The pantry was proposed and then built by Stissing Mountain High School math teacher Gerard Lisella's Topics in Math class for the Willow Roots food pantry in Pine Plains.

Those who attend are welcome to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the pantry, which will be open to anyone in need in the community.

The library is at 7775 South Main St. (Route 82).

Willow Roots is located at 7730 South Main St. To drop off food or clothing, call 518-751-0164 or 570-269-5649.

For more information, go to [www.willowroots.org](http://www.willowroots.org).

***'Village Cidiot'***

For the sixth offering in the Local Produce Readers' Theatre series between The Stissing Center (TSC) and Oblong Books, TSC will present "Village Cidiot" to the community on Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per show; series passes are available for \$35.

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**BREAK IN** *Continued from Page A1*

head; it wasn't her mother.

Though she never saw his face, Beland said the trespasser had black hair and seemingly olive skin, but remembers no other details about him.

"I yelled to him," she said. "He never even turned his head to look at me. I yelled 'What are you doing in here?' and he took off back out the [garage] door."

As she tried to run down the stairs after the intruder, Beland acknowledged she had no idea what she was going to do, though she yelled to keep him from entering her home.

The trespasser didn't stop, and when she opened the garage, she yelled out for him again, but there was no one there. Beland said he could've been lurking in the dark for all she knew. She didn't know if he was still hiding in her garage; she looked out of her large picture window to see if she could spot someone running down the road.

After checking to ensure her mother didn't have any company, Beland called 911. Asked by 911 which emergency agency she preferred, Beland asked for whichever could get to her home the fastest. She was told that would be the New York State Police (NYS), which has its Troop K substation in Dover Plains.

"I would have thought that

someone would have stayed on the phone with me knowing that there was an intruder in my home," Beland said.

No one did.

"I could say he was gone and my doors are locked but that doesn't mean he's not nearby and can't come back in," she said. "Nobody knows what he came for."

Beland said she also had to wait more than half-an-hour for the authorities to arrive from Dover Plains. It's about 18 miles between the two locations, with driving time estimated at 24 minutes, according to Google maps (that's just driving time, not accounting for prep time to log the call, find the nearest Troopers on duty, give them details of the call and for them to depart the station, etc.).

"We endeavor to provide the best possible service to our communities," said Troop K Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks. "Response times will always vary depending on availability of patrols due to call volume and geographic distances at the time of the call."

Beland said NYS Troopers and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DSCO) Deputies (who assisted at the scene) searched the property. The Troopers assured her whoever was on duty the next morning would return

to ask her neighbors if they had cameras or had seen anything.

She said no one did so.

But Hicks said there was follow-up. He said a trooper from Dover Plains followed up with multiple interviews of people in the neighborhood where the incident occurred to see if anyone had seen anything suspicious.

However, "no new leads were developed," said Hicks.

Beland has since installed an alarm and had her locks reinforced; her son also got her a shotgun. She said she's barely slept since the incident.

Still, she said she's thankful she woke up when she did to stop the intruder in his tracks "because clearly I can't count on the police to do that."

Beland's concerns raise the question of how critical maintaining a local Millerton Police Department (MPD) is, and what would happen if that part-time force were dissolved and the village were to contract with the DSCO for police services. The part-time MPD does not operate 24/7, which is why it may not have had any officers on duty at the time of the break in at Beland's home.

The idea of hiring the DSCO has been floated by the Village Board in the past, and will be raised again next month. Residents can learn

more about the future of the MPD at a special Village Board workshop on Tuesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. The possibility of contracting with the DSCO is on the agenda.

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek spoke about the issue in relation to what happened to Beland on Monday, March 21.

"As a part-time department, we can't be everywhere all the time," Najdek said. "I think the whole intention of the meeting on March 29th is to listen to what the DSCO can present... on what their police services would mean for the village and what that would look like."

As far as how others can protect themselves, Beland advised people to lock their doors and perhaps install cameras.

"I just don't want this happening to anyone else," she said.

The village is working to get the in-person meeting recorded and posted on the village website; there's no Zoom option at this time.

**TROTТА** *Continued from Page A1*

a class A-1 felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor. Amenia Town Justice Christopher Klingner remanded him to the Dutchess County Jail in Poughkeepsie without bail.

Represented by Attorneys Robert Demono and Brad White from the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, Trotta appeared in Dutchess County Court on Tuesday, March 1, before the Honorable Jessica Segal.

Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) David Kunca and Sarah Thompson from the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office are prosecuting the case. After being presented to the Grand Jury, Trotta was arraigned on the indictment for stabbing Ceddillo as part of the County Court proceedings.

Trotta's March 16 hearing was designed to evaluate his capacity and mental fitness to proceed with the case. If found incapacitated on the 16th,

Trotta's case would proceed with motion practice, hearings and a trial.

If he was deemed incapacitated or unfit, Trotta would be remanded to the Commissioner of Mental Health and go to a psychiatric hospital until he's determined fit to proceed.

Trotta was again before the Honorable Jessica Segal last Wednesday. As far as what happened during the hearing, Demono explained that two doctors gave an initial evaluation of the defendant and found he lacked capacity.

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office is therefore hiring a third doctor to evaluate Trotta, whose hearing was adjourned to Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p.m.

At that time, Demono said it's expected the two doctors who initially evaluated Trotta will testify to their findings, as will the third doctor hired by the District Attorney's Office.

**DISRESPECT** *Continued from Page A1*

walls of the Ancram Town Hall.

"I do think it's a wider problem. I don't know if a little bit of it is age related, and the behavior of older people? There is some of that," she said. "It seems younger people are more aware of thinking in terms of equality."

She acknowledged it's a sad irony at the mention that this is Women's History Month.

Yet inequalities remain. For instance, according to [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com), the average working woman still earns only 82 cents to every \$1 a man earns. According to U.S. Census Bureau, the average working woman is paid roughly 83% of what a man is paid.

"We don't want special treatment, we just want to be treated equally. Any civil rights movement is like that: Whether you're Black, a woman, whatever, we just want to be treated equally. It seems to be a difficult thing to achieve. We don't evolve very quickly. But I have great hope in the younger generations coming up, I do."

The councilwoman said she is also encouraged by the fact that both men and women were courageous enough to register their complaints with the Ancram Ethics Board. It wasn't easy to do as many feared retaliation, she said.

"It kind of turns into a bigger investigation if you file a complaint, but Jack was getting so many calls over the last year or two he decided to bring it up to the Town Board," said Hundt. "It sort of went under the radar for quite a while. Some people would say it was just a couple of people who are over-sensitive complaining all time, or whiners or something like that, but that's clearly not the case. It kind of picked up steam from there."

The issue of disrespectful behavior in Ancram has been festering for a while, said Hundt, who is just relieved it's finally been exposed.

"I tell you now that we're talking about it and it's out in open, it feels so good that it's not under the rug anymore," she said. "I think a lot of people feel like that. A couple of people were upset by these things for years and felt they didn't have anywhere to go."

Hundt said she is only aware of incidents of inappropriate behavior toward

women.

"I think the biggest, most obvious place that people noticed it was on the Planning Board, which is mostly men," she said. "There was a real sort of obvious split in opinions, sometimes it would come down to environmental issues; there seemed to be a big gender split."

Hundt added one problem is numerous female volunteers who feel they've been maltreated don't necessarily want to keep donating their services.

"This town is so lucky to have incredibly talented and willing volunteers that serve on all the boards and committee, who put in lots of time for nothing and do really amazing work," she said. "Some women in particular were dropping off these positions because they felt they were putting in their time and effort and felt they were not being taken seriously or their work was being dismissed."

The difficulty is that much of the disrespectful behavior hasn't quite risen to the level of harassment, said Hundt. She said it's more like the way some men have treated some women in Ancram has created "a toxic work environment."

Town Supervisor Art Bassin said the town hired attorney Elena DeFio Kean from the Albany law firm of Hinman Straub to investigate the allegations and write a report. Bassin made the announce at the Feb. 17 Town Board meeting.

"What I am hoping is that she will be able to share with us are some of the specif-

ics people are alluding to but not mentioning," said Bassin on Friday, March 18. "It's very hard to deal with a situation when people are complaining but not specifying. It's hard to investigate, and I'm hoping she can pinpoint the facts, so we can know [more]. Once we get the facts we can deal with the problems and change our policies to correct the environment and change the future so these things don't happen."

Bassin expects a written report from DeFio Kean on April 21. He acknowledged the board may have to "deal with the matter in executive session if specific complaints need to be dealt with in confidence," but added he "hopes to deal with it in public so everyone can hear the facts."

In the meantime, Hundt and her colleague, Councilwoman Amy Gold, formed an ad-hoc committee of women in town — none of whom registered complaints of being mistreated, as Hundt said she didn't want anyone on the committee with "an axe to grind." The group hopes to come up with some solutions for the town's code of conduct.

Hundt said, "I think this is going to be a nice positive way to go [so] the Town Board... can approve [it] or not and... figure out how to go forward with something positive. We have to figure out, do we add another policy to the employee manual or to the ethics law or make a separate committee to deal with this specifically?"

She noted much "will hinge on what the attorney says."

**ARTIST** *Continued from Page A1*

ever views it will grab for their checkbook. Because the 80-year-old artist is selling his painting for \$20,000 — and donating 100% of the profits to help the war victims in Ukraine.

"My family on my mother's side is from Ukraine; they immigrated here a long time ago, in the 1920s," he said. "How they came to be here is a bit complicated. They went via Canada for a while, then they came to the U.S."

Zimiles also spent time in Ukraine himself, while curating the very popular "Gilded Lions and Jeweled Horses" exhibit for the American Folk Museum located in NYC. He toured throughout Eastern Europe, including the now war-torn Ukraine, where he visited what he remembers as very lovely cities in that nation.

"Kyiv, Lviv, they were very beautiful," said Zimiles. "People took me to these cities, a number of people there were very kind to me, so I have that connection there. I am absolutely outraged seeing all these women and children being blown up and bombed. I'm so angered by Putin... this is sort of my way of doing my thing. I'm not too young, to be able to go and fight, being 80 — I don't think they would accept me. So, you know, it's what I can do."

Zimiles worked as a professor and assistant professor at various schools for about a decade, including Pratt, Cornell and New Paltz before spending nearly 40 years at SUNY Purchase.

He said every cent of the \$20,000 sale for "Ukraine" will go to the following charities: American Red Cross; Save the Children; International Rescue Com-



PHOTO SUBMITTED.

**Millerton artist Murray Zimiles painted "Ukraine," above, a 60" x 40" oil and mixed media on canvas painting he hopes to sell for \$20,000, after which he will donate all the proceeds to four nonprofits to help Ukraine.**

mittee; and the World Central Kitchen, all of which are helping those ravaged by war in Ukraine.

Asked what goes through his mind while painting, Zimiles said it depends on the subject matter. In the instance of "Ukraine," he said it was anger.

"When painting these things, I look at the images of the destruction of a city," he said. "When painting that you feel it, too. You have to think about what you're painting, but you have to think about the aesthetics, too, because if it's a lousy painting it won't affect anyone. You want the best of both worlds. Making art is not an easy thing. You're euphoric if it's going well and miserable if it's not going well."

Zimiles has painted about other major catastrophes, including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. A triptych he painted is now in

the permanent collection of the 9-11 Museum in NYC.

He also painted a series about the wildfires in Australia, which killed 1 billion animals. Similarly, he did another triptych when the Notre Dame Cathedral burned down; he spent a lot of time in Paris and felt personally impacted by the loss.

"It's heartbreaking," said the lifelong artist. "I respond to those events because they affect me emotionally. I feel it's my responsibility to make people aware, it's important."

Now Zimiles is hoping people will see "Ukraine" and feel what he feels — the pain, the loss, the need to help — and then learn what's happening halfway around the world and take action.

"What I want people to take away [from viewing my art] is that they're emotionally affected by it and want to help the Ukrainian refugees," he said.

These days Zimiles said he stays up at night worrying about what will happen next: Will Russian President Vladimir Putin keep pounding Ukraine; will the U.S. and other nations send more military support and start World War III; or will Ukraine surprise the world and beat back Russia?

"Putin must be freaking out, because of the match, Zelensky said this could be World War III, there are now 2 million refugees, it could be another 2 million. I'm trying to do my part; \$20,000 is not much, but it's something."

To contact Zimiles about purchasing "Ukraine," email [murray@murrayzimiles.com](mailto:murray@murrayzimiles.com). Zimiles said he is happy to welcome any serious buyer into his art studio to see "Ukraine" in person.



## Realtor® at Large

With the tragedy unfolding before us in Ukraine, it is first hard to fathom and harder yet to do something that might be meaningful. A friend mentioned two ways that we could help, the first is to donate money to the World Central Kitchen, which is a non profit with a long history of feeding the hungry around the world. They are very active now in Ukraine and Eastern Europe dealing with the flood of refugees, their website is: <https://wck.org/>. The second is Voices of Children Foundation which focuses on the children of Ukraine and the effects that this war is having on them. Their website is: <https://voices.org.ua/en/>.



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HISTORY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Trinity Church, Lime Rock, Salisbury, America, the World In New History Book

Some books are better when you dip into them, and don't try to read them end to end. Cookbooks are an obvious example. Marcel Proust's epic multi-volume masterpiece is another, in my opinion.

For journalists, the "Associated Press Style-book" works that way.

A new, region-specific example is historian Geoff Brown's 650-page history of Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock, Conn.

Lime Rock is one of the five villages that make up the town of Salisbury.

In modern times, it might be best known as the location for a small but active race track.

Historically, it was a center of the iron industry that helped build the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The most important company involved in that industry was called Barnum & Richardson.

Brown explains in his introduction to the book that Trinity Church is the last part of Barnum & Richardson that is still fulfilling its original function.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

**Geoff Brown has published a history of the elegant 19th-century stone church in Lime Rock, Conn., that places the church and our region in the larger context of world history.**

It's a beautiful stone church, designed by Henry Martyn Congdon in the 1870s — and it takes 73 pages of history before you arrive at the birth of this lovely new (now old) church, which is on Route 112 just across from the race track.

The book begins roughly "475,000,000

years before the present (YBP)" with the Taconic Orogeny and then proceeds to "2,000,000 YBP" and the Pleistocene Epoch (the Great Ice Age).

Somehow Brown, who has an easy, conversational writing style, makes those early bits of planetary history interesting and relevant: It was that prehistoric geologic activity that helped create the physical landscape of the Northwest Corner — and that put in place the elements that made this part of the world a center of iron production in the 18th and 19th centuries. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that this part of the world is what it is today because of iron ore.

Brown generally follows the funnel style of writing, in which he begins with the larger context for an event. He does it like a skillful math teacher, who starts you off counting straws into bundles of 10 and pretty soon has you adding, subtracting and doing fractions.

This tale moves inexorably toward the 21st century, but there are stops along the way to explain everything from the Irish potato famine to the annual mud season in this part of the world (March and April!) to the war in Vietnam.

All of it has an impact on Trinity Church and on Salisbury and the surrounding towns. Brown only writes a couple sentences on all these things but he skillfully pulls it all together.

Normally, a history of a small church in a small town would only be of interest to parishioners of that church; or to dedicated historians.

But Brown has made it a fascinating history of the world at large, and of Salisbury's place in the world. An experienced historian, Brown is founder of the Salisbury-based Between the Lakes Group, which publishes history books and articles about states and towns all along the Eastern Seaboard. Find out more about those books, choose from a deep well of history articles and enjoy some cool historic postcards at [www.betweenthelakes.com](http://www.betweenthelakes.com).

Like "Trinity Lime Rock in Context: A History," the website is a wonderful place to dip a toe in from time to time. Every time you visit, you'll be glad you did.

Short visits to the book are easy to manage, because of the way Brown has organized the text into short snippets, separated by date and topic.

Order "Trinity Lime Rock in Context: A History" on Amazon; the paperback edition is \$29.95.

Information on services at Trinity Lime Rock can be found online at [www.trinitylimerock.org](http://www.trinitylimerock.org).

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**Learn about America's most famous lawsuits through comic-book style graphics at the American Museum of Tort Law, which reopens on April 1.**

DAY TRIP:  
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Tort Law: More Interesting Than You Might Expect

Not every day trip in our region has to be to someplace scenic or historic. There is also the town of Winsted, Conn., and the American Museum of Tort Law.

Yes, that's right. A day trip to Winsted, to the tort law museum.

Perhaps you're unsure what tort law is; essentially, all interesting lawsuits that don't involve crime are torts.

Examples you can find now on the museum's website at [www.tortmuseum.org](http://www.tortmuseum.org) include possible suits against gun makers, holding them accountable for mass shootings; and a related court case that found Alex Jones liable for claiming the Sandy Hook mass school shooting was a hoax.

Yes, the website for the museum is very complete, and during the worst of COVID-19, you had no choice: If you wanted to visit the museum, you had to do so virtually.

But the physical museum is about to

open up again, on the weekend of April 1 to 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. After the opening weekend, you can visit on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tours are available. The exhibits on historic tort law cases are explained with fun, cartoon-style graphics. You can learn about the woman who sued McDonald's when her hot coffee spilled and burned her leg. You can learn about suits against tobacco companies who knew cigarettes caused cancer, but claimed they didn't.

And of course you can learn about Ralph Nader's famous campaign against automobile manufacturers who were making and selling unsafe cars. It was Nader who founded the museum; he sited it in Winsted because this is the town where he grew up.

Find out more about visiting the museum at [www.tortmuseum.org](http://www.tortmuseum.org), or just come by on the weekend of April 1 to 3.

## CELEBRATING TRICKSTERS ON APRIL FOOL WEEKEND

The Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., will host an outdoor April Fool's Storytelling Extravaganza on Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m.

Leslie Elias and Daniel Saed of Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Chil-

dren's Theater in Cornwall will perform "Anansi — the Trickster Spider: A West African Folktale" in a participatory storytelling experience and show for all ages.

All are welcome to attend this free performance.



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The Re Institute opens again this season, after a COVID shutdown, with a retrospective of work by gallery owner and sculptor Henry Klimowicz.

## The Return of the Re Institute, on April 1

The Re Institute in the town of Northeast (which includes the village of Millerton) in Dutchess County will open again on Friday, April 1, with a potluck dinner/reception for a new show that is a retrospective and a belated birthday bash.

Gallery owner and sculptor Henry Klimowicz describes the show as a “celebration of 50 years of his work as an artist in the 60th year of his life. It also is a postponed birthday party, and an attempt to return to a post-COVID gallery season.”

Klimowicz is best known for joyful works made from humble materials, notably pre-used

cardboard (the gallery gets its name from the idea of “re” using things, in a throwaway world).

Many of his cardboard sculptures, including the ones in the photo at left, will be on display, but so will works from the artist’s history, going as far back as a plaster piece he made when he was 10.

Some of the works in this autobiographical show are sexual in nature, Klimowicz says apologetically in a preview description of the show.

The works reflect “the artist’s life in his 20s and his obsession with sex and love,” he says. “These works are problematic in contemporary terms. The

artist is unable to disassociate himself from his past and in many ways relishes these early parts of himself.”

Art and life in the modern world can be complex. To see how one creative person comes to terms with it all, come to the potluck dinner beginning at 5 p.m. on April 1; all are invited. Everyone is requested to wear a mask if they are not vaccinated, and to bring a dish to share.

The show will remain on display through the month of April.

Directions to the gallery and more information can be found at <http://thereinstitute.com>.

— Cynthia Hochswender

## CRESCENDO CONCERTS IN APRIL

On April 8 and 9, the first concert of the music organization Crescendo’s 2022 season features chamber music with a “twist.” The repertoire and the instruments played not only cross over into different genres of classical, folk and contemporary music, but they also break down the barriers between these genres, and illustrate how very connected these different styles of music are.

The unifying element is the folk dance, from Poland to Spain to Latin America.

The ensemble will present their own arrangements of three Baroque works, Telemann’s Suite Polonoise, Bach’s famous Orchestral Suite in B minor, and his motet “Singet dem Herrn.”

Concerts are on Friday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lime Rock, Conn., and on Saturday, April 9, at 4 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass.

Tickets are \$35 (general), \$60 (premium), and \$10 (youth). Access online ticket sales and the full COVID precaution policy in the most updated version on Crescendo’s website, [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org).

### SPORTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## The Art of Outstanding Tennis, Rafa-style

Fans of the Spanish tennis great will be disappointed that Rafael Nadal will not come in person to the week-long Rafa Nadal Tennis Camp in Lakeville, Conn., this July.

“No, Rafa won’t be there,” camp organizer David Evans said apologetically when asked the question by email. “Maybe Uncle Toni,” he offered helpfully, referring to longtime coach (and uncle) Toni Nadal. He was kidding.

While tennis fans won’t have the thrill of seeing the handsome sports superstar, they can get a little piece of what made Nadal famous at the camp, which offers training for juniors and adults.

The camp will be held at The Hotchkiss School from July 5 to 9 and promises 38 hours of training in “modern and creative tennis — an attractive, technically/tactically skilled, forward-playing game.”

Training is mainly for players with tennis experience, although there are also private lessons available. The main fo-

**Rafa Nadal will not be making an appearance in Lakeville for the June tennis camp offered by the Rafa Nadal Academy; and probably the academy’s leader, coach Toni Nadal, won’t make it either. But the tennis instruction will be in the Nadal model. This photo of Rafa and “Uncle Toni” is from Wimbledon, 2014.**



PHOTO BY SHAI DA JACOBS

cus is on serious players from ages 10 to 18. There is a high-performance program that meets daily from 4 to 7 p.m. (girls who participate need a Universal Tennis Ranking of 6, boys need a minimum of 7).

Programs for adults in doubles and singles are offered for 1.5 hours each on two days; private lessons are also available.

“The coaches all come from the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca,

Spain,” Evans said. And yes, Uncle Toni oversees the coaching methodology for the camp.

There should be enough staff to ensure that only four players are in each training group with a single coach.

*The Rafa Nadal Academy at The Hotchkiss School runs from July 5 to 9 and costs \$995. Find out more at [www.athena.rafanadalacademy.com/tennis-clinics-connecticut](http://www.athena.rafanadalacademy.com/tennis-clinics-connecticut).*

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### ART

**Five Points Center for the Visual Arts**, 855 University Dr., Torrington, Conn. [www.fivepointsarts.org](http://www.fivepointsarts.org)

EXPLORING ABSTRACTION WORKSHOP FOR TEENS, March 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Kent Art Association**, 21 S. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org)

Kent Art Association presents A Celebration of Women’s History Month, March 4 to 26.

**NorthEast-Millerton Library**, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org)

Photography of Dan Hausner, through March 31.

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)

Oscar Wilde: A Life by Matthew Sturgis, March 31, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

**Millbrook Free Library**, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

MillBook Club - The Island of Sea Women, March 25, 4 p.m. (online).

### DANCE

**Jacob’s Pillow**, 358 George Carter Road, Becket, Mass. [www.jacobspillow.org](http://www.jacobspillow.org)

VIRTUAL DELVING INTO DANCE HISTORY MINI WORKSHOP: VOICES OF WOMEN, March 27, 2 to 5 p.m. (online).

### KIDS

**Berkshire Museum**, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. [www.berkshireremuseum.org](http://www.berkshireremuseum.org)

Pop-Up Play Day, March 26, 10 a.m. to noon.

**Kent Memorial Library**, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)

Centennial 100 Party!, March 26, 1 to 3 p.m.

### MISC.

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)

Annuals, Tropicals, and Hardy Perennials, March 31 to April 28.

### MOVIES

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)

Opens March 25: The Lost City, Infinite Storm. MET LIVE 2021-22: DON CARLOS (VERDI), March 26, noon.

### MUSIC

**Berkshire Theatre Group**, [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org)

Hershey Felder Presents: The Verdi Fiasco, March 27, 8 p.m. (online).

**The Egremont Barn**, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. [www.theegremontbarn.com](http://www.theegremontbarn.com)

Wanda Houston Band, March 25, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Lexi Weege and JJ Slater, March 31, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

### THEATER

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)

SCOTT EYERLY’S VIRTUAL MET OPERA LECTURE: VERDI’S DON CARLOS, March 24, 5:30 p.m. (online).

**TheatreWorks**, 5 Brookside Ave., New Milford, Conn. [www.theatreworks.us](http://www.theatreworks.us)

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MILLBROOK

**Class C, Section IX Basketball**

**Millbrook Blazers are new state champs**

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The members of Millbrook Girls Varsity Basketball Team are now the Class C Section IX New York State Champions.

The Blazers, who took down East Rochester on Saturday, March 19, with a score of 51-43, went on to the finals on Sunday, March 20, at Hudson Community College in Troy.

In the final game they played against the Newark Valley Cardinals and they came away with the victory, with a score of 55-46, winning the Class C Section IX title.

When the Blazers, exhausted from their long bus ride from western New York, finally pulled into the Millbrook High School parking lot at about 2:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, the players were met by a large convoy. The more than 100 well wishers were led by firetrucks from Millbrook and LaGrange and police cars from the Millbrook Police Department, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, totaling about 10 vehicles in all.

There were many fans, young and old alike, wearing school colors and holding blue balloons, streamers, pom poms and lots of bubbles being

blown.

A loud cheer went up as the crowd saw the bus come into sight, and the team seemed overwhelmed by all the people as players emerged from the bus. The slight drizzle of rain was no deterrent from the joyous occasion.

Millbrook Central School District Athletic Director Alfred Hammell was very excited about the team's success.

"We are so proud of our girls basketball team here in Millbrook," he said. "They have represented our school and community with Millbrook pride as they have brought home our second Girls Class C New York State Championship.

"The coaches and players on this team exemplify the hard work, sportsmanship and competitive spirit that all of our sports teams strive for in Millbrook," he added. "Congratulations to Coach Peek and the girls on a job well done."

The winning team includes Hudson Heitman, Maddy Harkenrider, Sabrina Mongon and Kaleigh Tompkins, Beth Bosan, Serafina Fauci, Natalie Fox, Ella Wilson and Emily Grassler. The assistant coaches are Dawn Harkenrider and Jason Zmudsky.

Among the welcome home

party that met the team in the parking lot, Judy Fox, player Natalie's mother, spoke proudly of her daughter's and the rest of the team's accomplishments.

"They were outstanding, unselfish; they played for each other," she said.

Her other daughter, Erin Fox, was instrumental in the Blazers bringing the Class C state title home in 2018, so she knows good basketball when she sees it.

The game was reported to be an exciting one, and no one was sure what the outcome would be going in. The Cardinals have a reputation of being both tough and skilled.

Coach Peek admitted he was trepidatious after having seen the Cardinals play a few times, but said that after the first quarter of play, he knew how skilled his girls were and he had no doubt that the Blazers could win.

By intermission, the score was 33-28, in favor of Millbrook. By the end of the third quarter, the Blazers were leading, 45-35.

During what Peek described as a very stressful fourth quarter, where the ball bounced out of the basket and back to the other team a few times, emotions ran high and nerves became just a little fraz-

zled, but Grassler and Wilson "rebounded big time," said the coach, and the Blazers went 7 for 10, bringing the championship home.

Next season, while still a ways off, already looks promising for the team. Harkenrider and Tompkins are due to graduate in June, but Fox is just a sophomore, and Grassler, Wilson and Bosan are juniors, so there is still plenty of talent left on the court next year.

Fox was named MVP for the tournament; she earned 15 points, nine rebounds and four blocks in the championship game against the Cardinals.

Other highlights of the game include Grassler earning 14 points and eight rebounds; Bosan earning 14 points and four steals; and Wilson getting nine points and three assists.

After disembarking from the bus, Coach Peek was asked to make a speech. Clearly tired but delighted about the win, he remarked that he was very grateful to be the coach of such an outstanding team. Peek was also the winning coach for the Blazers victory in 2018, so this is his second big win with the team, a credit to his talent, and that of his players.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Millbrook photographer Kleber Santos and his wife, Laura, at the exhibition, Soul of the Dog, at The Gallery at the Millbrook Library. It will be up until April.

**Find the 'Soul of the Dog' at the Millbrook Library**

MILLBROOK — Photographer Kleber Santos knows and loves dogs — something that is very evident in the current exhibit at The Gallery at the Millbrook Library.

The show, which opened on Saturday, March 19, is a treasure trove of photographs of dogs. They are actually formal portraits of dogs. Each one is a look into the animal's soul: haunting, touching, extraordinary.

Santos and his wife, Laura, are the proprietors of Dog Meadow Farm, where they board dogs and provide day care for the animals as well.

It works out perfectly, as this engaging photographer has no lack of models for his art.

How does he get them to pose?

"Animals love Kleber," said his wife. "Butterflies land on him and even mosquitoes respect him."

There are other photographs as well, breathtaking photos of seasonal landscapes that look like paintings, and a few that are just pure fun.

The show will remain up at the library through April, and it is a delight to peruse.

Santos was a graphic designer for much of his career; he also loves to draw and paint. A commercial photographer, he is much sought after for various events.

The Millbrook Library is located at 3 Friendly Lane. For more information, go to [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org) or call 845-677-3611.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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Application ID: 3-1320-00026/00004  
Permits(s) Applied for: 1-Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is located: in AMENIA in DUTCHESS COUNTY

**Project Description:**

The project sponsor proposes to disturb 14,655 square feet of the state regulated 100 foot adjacent area of NYS

Freshwater Wetland AM-9 (Class II) in order to construct a new truck bay, 3 foot retaining wall, concrete apron on Mechanic Street, and pave and widen the parking area.

**Availability of Application Documents:**

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person via email to [mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov)

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

**Availability For Public Comment**

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact

Person no later than 04/07/2022

or 15 days after the publication date

Contact Person  
MICHAEL V GROSSO  
NYSDEC  
21 S Putt Corners Rd  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
of this notice, whichever is later. [mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov)  
03-24-22

**Village of Millerton  
2022-2023 Budget  
Public Hearing**

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, to invite the public for their input on the Village of Millerton Budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year. Please refer to the Village website, [www.villageofmillerton.com](http://www.villageofmillerton.com) for a copy of the Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget. The Mayor's salary will be \$9,000.00, Deputy Mayor's salary will be \$5,000.00 and Trustees salary will be \$3,500.00 each.

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Alchemy Pure, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 10/12/2021. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to Alchemy Pure LLC, 1121 Boston Corners Rd, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act.

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**Innisfree spring talks on romance**

Innisfree Garden's virtual lecture series is continuing; the lectures are \$15 each for the general public and free to Innisfree members.

Learn about Landscape, Poetry and Ecology: Romanticism at Innisfree with Paul Kane on Wednesday, April 6, at 1 p.m. via Zoom in honor of National Poetry Month.

Then hear a talk about Romanticism at Innisfree with Katherine H. Kerin on Wednesday, April 20, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Explore how Innisfree and landscape architect Lester Collins' larger body of work drew deeply on the ideas and ideals of the Romantic Era.

For details on this or future programs or to register, go to [www.innisfreegarden.org](http://www.innisfreegarden.org) or call 845-677-8000.

Innisfree Garden is located at 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook.

**MAG's Swing & Flamenco concerts**


The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) will present a concert series at the Millbrook Library celebrating Outstanding Women in the Arts.

The concerts are free and open to the public, but check with Millbrook Library for COVID policies and possible rescheduling due to the pandemic.

The MAG concerts are on Saturdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.

On March 26 Teresa Broadwell, swing violinist and singer, will perform and on April 30 Maria Zemantauski, Flamenco guitar master, will perform.


The organizers of MAG would like to thank the H.W. Wilson Foundation and Millbrook Tribute Gardens for supporting the concert series.



**This little piggy bank went to market**

Zach has been watching customers shop in Marona's since he was a kid visiting his Uncle John and Aunt Agnes. So when Agnes decided to sell the shop they had owned for 54 years, Zach already had ideas about how to transition it into a business that could sustain the next 54.

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EDITORIAL

Support women for WHM and beyond

It's the year 2022 and statistically, a woman only makes 82 cents on the dollar compared to what a man earns. That's according to www.payscale.com; the U.S. Census Bureau has the average working woman getting paid about 83% of what a man gets paid.

In honor of Women's History Month (WHM), it's a good time to reflect on women's achievements and their growing experience in the workplace. It's this compounded experience that we all hope will eventually garner them a fair wage assessment. Historically, women have not had the same access to education, training and job opportunities. Yet that situation has shifted slowly throughout the years, paving the way toward leveling the payscale. It's also because of the way that both women and men were able to highlight such a historic issue in the past and continue to do so now in the present that hopefully it will be solved for future generations.

As women are moving into successful career positions, we're hoping that their accumulated skills and experiences will equalize the average wage gap of \$8,821 in the state of New York, which is the latest figure from the U.S. Census Bureau.

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon put it this way while promoting a celebratory Women's History Month online event entitled, "Women in the Workforce: A Multi-Generational Perspective" on March 9.

"Women have made great strides in terms of equity in the workforce, but we still have a long way to go."

Reardon called for "open discussion... to examine the issue and collectively come up with tangible solutions that will advance across New York State."

Yes, discussing the problems that hold back the advancement of women is key. So, too, though, is taking action. As the state's chief diversity officer, Julissa Gutierrez said prior to the same virtual event, "A diverse workplace is one that is more innovative, productive and representative of New York State."

Yes, that sounds good. However, the importance of diversity is it not only elevates women in the workforce, it elevates people of all races, religions and ethnicities, etc., so that when anyone seeks and gains employment, everyone can be assured of equal pay, equal treatment and equal career paths going forward.

The other focus of WHM is a call for general respect to be given to women. As traditional roles start to change, culturally things must change to view women more fairly in their many capacities.

In a local town, a number of men and women have stepped forward to complain of women being treated unfairly. More than 15 complaints were registered with the Ancram Ethics Board during the past year-and-a-half.

Its chairman, Jack Lindsey, informed the Town Board of the problem in January. The Town Board then hired an attorney to launch an investigation; it's expecting a report back by its April board meeting.

Town Councilmembers Bonnie Hundt and Amy Gold have formed an ad-hoc committee to look into finding solutions to what has been called a years' long problem that's gone under the radar. Hundt said many residents hesitated to speak out for fear of retaliation.

"There were people afraid to speak up before, who came out either in an email or at our Zoom meeting; 40 something people were there; five or six testified if you will, of their experience or what they witnessed," said Hundt, speaking of the Town Board meeting at which Ancram residents spoke up after Lindsey reported on the Ethics Board complaints. "It was something seeing what was going on; it's upsetting to even observe when people are disrespected or talked over or dismissed. That's kind of the thing that's really happening."

Hundt went on to explain that a number of women in town, many of whom volunteer on municipal boards or committees, felt as if they have been disrespected, spoken down to, their work ignored or denigrated. It's gotten to the point where many are considering no longer giving their time, energy and goodwill to the town so freely. That, said Hundt, would be a real loss.

"Some women in particular are considering dropping these positions because they feel they're putting in time and are not taken seriously or their work is being dismissed," said Hundt.

Diminishing someone's work — whether male or female — is unworthy of another. Those who step forward to volunteer on our town and village boards, committees and other assorted groups should be propped up and supported, not torn down.

Here in the Harlem Valley we depend on our volunteers to make our communities vibrant and successful, and that certainly requires us to lean on the many intelligent, insightful, creative and capable women who live among us.

We would like to ask for our readers to consider during this Women's History Month all that women have contributed throughout the course of history: From bearing children to raising families; to nurturing those in need in our communities; to volunteering at our churches and our temples; to nursing soldiers on our battlefields; to volunteering alongside Rosie the Riveter; to fighting in the suffrage, Civil Rights and countless other movements; to getting their educations; to joining the workforce; to discovering radium; to flying fly solo across the Atlantic; to jetting into space; to sitting on the Supreme Court; to serving as governor of New York; to being vice president of the United States.



Amenia Democrats invite voters to meet, greet and consider newly drawn districts

The Amenia Democratic Committee (ADC) invites fellow Dems to attend their open meeting on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at the South Amenia Presbyterian Church's Parish Hall at 229 South Amenia Road in Wassaia.

The Committee will introduce Democratic candidates and review the impact redistricting will have on Amenia voters in the upcoming elections. Local concerns and ideas are welcomed, and you can sign up for ADC-sponsored civic activities.

Invited Democratic candidates include incumbent New York State Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-18); New York State Assemblymember candidate Jill Fieldstein (D-

105); New York State Senate candidate Jamie Cheney (D-43); Dutchess County Sheriff candidate Jillian Hanlon; and candidate for Amenia Town Justice Graham Spearman.

The crisis in Ukraine underscores how fortunate we are to live in an open, democratic society.

Grassroots participation is key. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part."

Come join us on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Vicki Doyle**  
Amenia Democratic Committee Secretary  
Wassaia

Young guns are on their mark at Post 178

After experiencing two years of restrictions, mandates, misinformation, confusion, frustration and now steadily increasing inflation, it was refreshing to rejoin the company of friends at the Millerton American Legion Post 178 Sunday breakfast functions this winter, hosted by the American Legion and the 4-H Dutchess County Long Rifles shooting team.

Breakfasts have been served on the first Sunday of each month throughout what has seemed like a long winter. The sit-down or take-out meals are generous and reasonably priced.

It's been a relief to sit with friends gathered around tables and stand with them waiting in line and hear them happily chatting and laughing.

Young 4-H members meanwhile, always seem to keep things moving as they stay busy taking orders and delivering meals. They are always pleasant, with a smile on their faces and a polite greeting for those they serve the tasty breakfasts to.

These young men and women are learning important life lessons while working the breakfast shift: of responsibility, ethics, respect, motivation, safety, self-confidence, teamwork and patriotism.

Their parents and mentors are rightfully very proud of them, as am I, a veteran and Legionnaire.

More than half of the 4-H shooting team members are girls, and sorry guys, most of

VETERAN'S CORNER  
Larry Conklin

the best marksmen are girls.

It is also worth mentioning that the Legion Post 178 and the Sons of the American Legion (SALS) alternate great weekday take-out meals, as advertised on the Post's outdoor billboard on Route 44.

Please think about attending a delicious pancake breakfast at the Legion Hall in Millerton — the next morning meal will be on Sunday, April 3 — or grab a weekday take-out meal there. You won't be disappointed. Your support will help the 4-H shooting team and American Legion Post 178 and its local community programs.

Our youth are today's national treasures and tomorrow's future leaders, deserving of our personal investment in their success.

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families. Stay safe and healthy, and be on the look out for those needing a temporary helping hand. Please also pray for the brave people of Ukraine, now sustained only by their own patriotic tenacity and prayers from those around the world.

*Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.*

Letters to the editor are due by 10 a.m. Monday mornings. There is a 500-word limit and letters must be signed by the letter-writer with their full name and hometown. Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before publication.

Cut-off date for candidate opinion submissions

The Millerton News has set Thursday, April 15, as the cut-off date from which point it will stop accepting submis-

sions for letters to the editor or op-eds from candidates running in the November 2022 General Election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Senate's approval of budget resolution a mistake, says Serino

This week, the supermajority in the New York State Senate approved a one-house budget resolution that includes over \$9 billion in taxpayer dollars over what the governor originally proposed. That is a truly staggering number, and speaks to the fact that unfortunately, this proposal is an unsustainable political wish list.

While a number of proposals I have advocated for made it into the One-House Budget Resolution, including:

- an acceleration of the Middle Class Tax Cut that my colleagues and I initiated years ago;
- funding to support family caregivers and to implement the 'Fair Pay 4 Home Care Act' to reverse the state's homecare staff shortage;
- statewide funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program;
- a repeal of the broadband fiber optic fee; and
- funding for childcare, mental health care, infrastructure and small business assistance,

unfortunately, the resolution overall was an unprecedented spending spree that our community simply cannot afford to foot the bill for.

While residents across the state are pushing for the leaders to suspend New York's gas tax in the wake of skyrocketing prices, the supermajority included a measure in the One-House Resolution that would only partially suspend the tax.

That move is a slap in the face to hardworking New Yorkers when you consider that it is also linked to an out-of-control spending plan that will only con-

tinue to drive up the overall cost of living in the state for years to come. With New York State sitting on a massive budget surplus thanks in part to one-time federal aid, now is the time for lawmakers to do right by taxpayers, prioritize smart investments, and put an end to runaway spending.

In addition, despite the bloated numbers, this proposal still failed to include any significant funding to prevent the spread of Lyme and tick-borne diseases and failed to provide adequate funding to bolster programs or fix the broken Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) that has left too many New York renters and small landlords in indefinite limbo.

Additionally, while I do not believe that budgets are the proper place to debate policy, this proposal fails to correct any of the public safety problems being exacerbated by 'bail reform' and instead includes 'Clean Slate' language that continues to put criminals ahead of law-abiding citizens.

Budgets are about priorities, and this proposal shows that Albany's supermajority once again has their backwards. If we want to make New York a place people want to live again instead of one they want to leave, we have start by making it more affordable so that New Yorkers of all ages can thrive.

I voted 'no' on the proposal for these reasons and will continue to advocate for a responsible spending plan that truly meets our community's needs.

**Sue Serino (R-41)**  
New York State Senator  
Hyde Park

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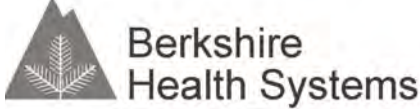
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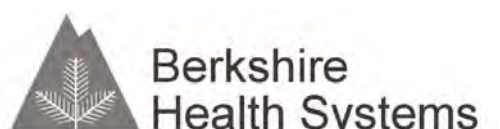
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