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McEnroe Farm Market and Eatery at 5400 Route 22 is closed after 10 years of serving the public food, cider, produce and memories. The educational sector and the compost center will remain open and certain food items may be ordered, such as beef.

## The sun sets on McEnroe's Farm Stand and Eatery

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLERTON — McEnroe Market and Eatery announced Thursday, Feb. 8, that it would be closing its doors at 5400 Route 22.

For 10 years, the little market has stood among the rolling green hills and the long, low, red-shingled building.

At first, it seemed only to be closed for a winter break. Then came the final word: "After a de-

cade of serving the community with farm-fresh produce and delectable organic cuisine, McEnroe Farm Market and Eatery announces its closure."

McEnroe Organic Farm, which has been around since 1952, will continue farming organic food but will now only be distributing it wholesale, for local restaurants and food markets.

McEnroe Organic Compost and Soils at 194 Coleman Station Road will remain open, and will

continue to serve the public for bulk and bagged soil purchase.

McEnroe Market and Eatery was known to locals for baked goods, sandwiches, fresh salads, frozen yogurt, prepared foods, cherry and oatmeal cookies, fries and array of ciders.

The produce was always fresh, and given that there is no retail food market in Millerton, farm stands are important to the locals,

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## NECC considers its next move

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MILLERTON — On the last day of business of the year 2023, the North East Community Center (NECC) officially accepted a gift: the old Millerton Elementary School.

"It's a fabulous opportunity," said Christine Sergent, director of the NECC. The Community Center has been looking for a new home for years now, said Sergent, but it's proved a difficult undertaking:

"It had to tick certain boxes, had to be in the village walking to all of those kinds of things. And that's just very difficult to identify here in Millerton. It just really didn't exist. And then, poof, all of a sudden,

there it was."

NECC has been looking seriously for new properties — that is, running due diligence on various options — only in the last year or so, said Sergent.

"We had to do a lot of infrastructure development in the organization to strengthen ourselves financially and programmatically and staffing-wise and so forth, to get us to the point where we felt stable enough to take on what is going to be a big lift for us." A big project like this, she said, "can pull you off course if you're not careful."

The building in question has more or less been on NECC's radar as a possibility for the last 10

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PHOTO BY JANNA SILLER

Sarah Chase, owner of Chaseholm Farm in Pine Plains, with a bull she uses for breeding heifers that are well suited to grazing and organic production.

## Dairy farming in Dutchess: New ways to steward an old tradition at Chaseholm Farm

By JANNA SILLER  
 Special to The Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — Most mornings, you can find farmer Sarah Chase in the same place you could find her at the ages of 14, 10 and 6 — in the dairy barn her grandfather built.

Chaseholm Farm has weathered

the immense challenges pitted against modern dairies to become the sibling partnership, local food presence and ecosystem steward that it is today. Chase and her crew maintain the organic, grass-fed dairy while her brother, Rory, turns the milk into Chaseholm

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## Amid climate crisis, millennials are rethinking parenthood

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CORNWALL — Should potential parents fear the future? Yes and no.

A new book released this February from Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, "The Conceivable Future: Planning Families and Taking Action in the Age of Climate Change," tackles reproductive planning from the point of view of millennial couples — ages 28 to 43 — contemplating bringing new life into an environmentally uncertain

world. Written by Meghan Elizabeth Kallman, a member of the Rhode Island Senate from the 15th district, and Josephine Ferorelli, a writer and climate activist, the two met 10 years ago at a concert. There they bonded over their views on how inequality, heat, fossil fuel pollution and other eco-concerns intersect with reproduction.

At Cornwall Library on Friday night, Feb. 9, Kallman and Ferorelli celebrated the launch of their book and discussed challenging rhetoric on population control as a remedy for climate change and messaging

that burdens those with the least power with the responsibility of solving the Earth's problems.

So what are millennials' significant concerns regarding family planning and climate change, and is anxiety around global warming actually halting childbirth for this generation in their prime child-bearing years?

As Business Insider, among several other publications, reported recently, "Since 1950, the worldwide fertility rate dropped from

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# State denies Shepherd's Run 60MW solar project

By JOHN COSTON  
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COPAKE — The state approved the Town of Copake's motion to dismiss last week, ending Hecate Energy LLC's bid to build a 60-megawatt solar farm, known as Shepherd's Run, at the intersection of Routes 23 and 7.

The executive director of state Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), Houtan Moeveni, issued a decision Tuesday, Feb. 6, following a month of legal filings that were triggered after it became known that Hecate had lost control of a parcel of land that had been part of the proposal.

"The Town's motion to dismiss the application is granted, and the application is denied without prejudice to Hecate's submission of a new application for a modified project," Moeveni wrote in his decision.

"The ball's back in Hecate's

court," said Richard Wolf, supervisor of the Town of Copake.

Approximately 75 residents attended a town board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8 to hear about the state's decision. Wolf said many urged the town to stay the course in seeking the best possible solution for renewable energy in Copake.

"This is not over," he told residents.

Hecate Energy could not be reached for comment.

Last August, ORES had issued a notice of "complete application" and the project was on track until it became apparent that the company had lost access to the 60-acre parcel.

That parcel, initially included in the project, would have hosted up to 20% of the farm's solar panels, and provide for a "laydown area" and road access to adjacent parcels. The project footprint

spans 880 acres with a solar array covering about 220 acres.

The Town of Copake filed with the ORES office seeking dismissal of Hecate's application based on the new information and claiming that a redesign of the project is required.

Hecate Energy responded in a filing in late January that the company planned to submit a revised application, and would reduce the generating capacity of Shepherd's Run from 60MW to 42MW as a result of the loss of the 60-acre parcel.

In that filing, Diane Sullivan, a senior vice president of environmental and permitting at Hecate Energy, said that the company planned to submit a revised plan within 60 days. Hecate also argued that Moaveni had leeway to "proceed in ways not addressed by the ORES staff response." The agency's staff,

citing Executive Law 94-c, disagreed that there was a way to proceed, as Hecate said in its filing "without requiring an unnecessary, time consuming and potentially complex full withdrawal and resubmission of an entirely new application."

Moeveni's decision noted the law's "efficient, equitable, and predictable process for the expeditious review of major renewable energy facilities [...] without compromising environmental protection and community participation."

"Departing from that process to address Hecate's own mistake is unsupportable as a matter of law, and would adversely impact the integrity of the Executive Law 94-c."

Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a group of citizens opposed to the project, concurred with the town's motion to dismiss Hecate's application.



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From left, Seth Gardner, Islay Sheil and Ariel Picton Kobayashi. Gardner served as Islay's SWSA coach and Kobayashi traveled with Islay as her on-the-road mentor.

## Sheil heads to nationals

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) witnessed another leap forward in its junior jumping program when Islay Sheil was named to the 2024 Junior National (JN) ski jumping team.

The Lakeville 14-year-old qualified by placing third in the Female K65 competition Sunday, Feb. 4 of Jumpfest. Sheil, who has been training with Team SWSA since 2021,

received the honor along with 20 other jumpers from around the Eastern division, joining Seth Gardner and Ariel Picton Kobayashi as the only local jumpers to reach JN status in recent memory.

Gardner made the JN teams from 2018 to 2021 seasons and Kobayashi in 2004 and 2005.

Islay will leave for Anchorage, Alaska, Saturday, Feb. 24, to compete.

## Rising in the East: a closer look at geopolitical shifts

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The most recent installment of the Salisbury Forum featured an informative discussion of U.S.-China relations led by Bonnie Glaser.

The Forum was held online Thursday, Feb. 8.

Glaser, managing director of the German Marshall Fund's Indo-Pacific program and author of "US-Taiwan Relations: Will China's Challenge Lead to a Crisis," which was published in April 2023, said relations between the two governments were cool during the first two years of the Biden administration.

The Chinese objected to the American characterization of China as a "competitive" country in relation to the U.S., and smarted under tariffs and restrictions on technology that could be sold to China.

Xi Jinping, the Chinese president who is in an "unprecedented" third term, has a firm grasp on power and is promoting a program of "national rejuvenation" by 2049, Glaser said.

"He appears to be confident that China is on a path to becoming stronger than the U.S."

Glaser said Xi's belief is that China is rising as the West is declining, and that "democracy has failed around the world."

That is not to say that Xi isn't dealing with problems. Glaser said there is lingering resentment over China's harsh COVID-19 lockdown measures, more willingness to criticize the central government, and a sputtering economy.

However, "there is no opposition to his rule."

Biden and Xi met in November 2023 at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco.

In the wake of that meeting, Glaser ran through what she termed "Areas of Progress" and "Areas of Divergence and Competition."

Under "progress," Glaser said that while China did crack down on domestic manufacturers and exporters of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, it has not done much about the production of

precursor chemicals that are shipped to clandestine labs in Mexico and turned into drugs there.

She credited U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), the Senate majority leader, for pushing the issue during a visit to China by a congressional delegation in October 2023. A joint working group was established last month.

Under "defense relations," Glaser said that restrictions on military-to-military communications that were enacted by the Chinese after then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) traveled to Taiwan in 2022 have been lifted.

And under "artificial intelligence," the possibilities for cooperation are wide open.

"This is a completely new issue. There are no rules, no norms," she said.

The goal should be "to build boundaries and common expectations."

An example of that would be keeping "humans in the loop" regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

The list of troublesome items is longer.

While China has not sent Russia lethal aid for the latter's ongoing war with Ukraine, "China has done nothing to stop the war."

China has advocated for the "two-state" position regarding the war between Israel and Hamas. Glaser said this was somewhat surprising as China had previously had good relations with Israel. "But they threw Israel under the bus."

Rather, China has attacked American policy in the hope of driving a wedge between the U.S. and its European allies.

Glaser said the Biden administration has tried to get China to use its substantial

pull with Iran to get the latter to stop funding terrorist groups in the Middle East, to no avail.

China has been similarly uninterested in pressuring North Korea to be less belligerent.

The issue of the independence of Taiwan "is really dangerous."

Glaser said she does not believe China, Taiwan or the U.S. are seeking a military conflict.

But the situation is dicey. China routinely sends aircraft close to but not into Taiwan's air space. Taiwan will inaugurate a new president in May, who was elected with a 40% plurality in a three-way race. Glaser said Chinese propagandists will certainly seize on this fact to belittle Taiwan's democratic process.

And on nuclear weapons, Glaser noted that China is actively trying to match the size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Asked if Chinese shipping had been affected by ongoing attacks by Houthi rebels on ships in the Red Sea, Glaser said "If it was damaging China, they'd do something about it."

She said the Chinese Navy has started escorting Chinese ships through the area, but not as part of the American-led coalition.

Asked about China's demographic problems, Glaser said that China has experienced "a serious decline in working-age people."

She said the decline has occurred faster than anticipated, and one of the ways China is coping is by increased use of automation.

"The jury is out on this being the most problematic" issue for China, Glaser continued. They have so many other economic problems."

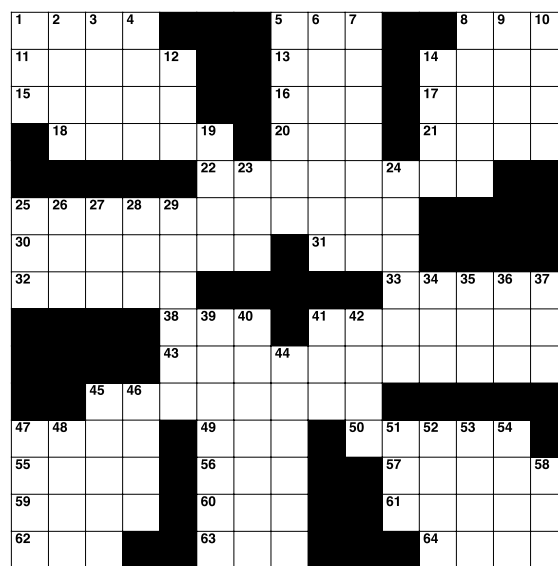
### Correction

In a brief on page B5 of the Feb. 1 issue, the regularity of brunch at Troutbeck was incorrectly described as monthly; in fact, Troutbeck serves brunch every Sunday.

## Brain Teasers

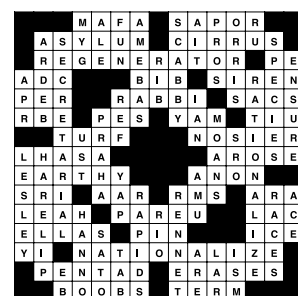
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Golf scores
5. Shock therapy
8. Ballplayer's tool
11. Quench one's thirst
13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
14. Every one of two or more things
15. Member of Muslim people
16. Play
17. Type of cheese
18. Type of lounge chair
20. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
21. Fellows
22. North, Central and South
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Georgia rockers
32. Cryptocurrency
33. Narrow path along a slope
38. Disallow
41. Joyousness
43. Inaccessible
45. Evoke emotions
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
50. Sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
63. Extremity
64. Post

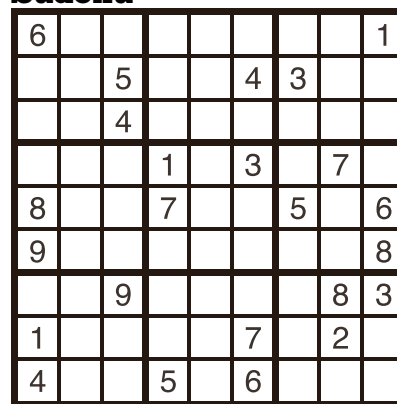


9. Breeze through
10. Therefore
12. Supplement with difficulty
14. Early kingdom of Syria
19. Satisfy
23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
24. Brass instrument
25. Domesticated animal
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Snakelike fish
28. Woman (French)
29. Economically-minded aircraft
34. When you hope to get somewhere
35. Tease
36. Actress Gretchen
37. Midway between northeast and east
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Consume
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Improved something
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
47. Fix
48. Evergreen tree genus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Major C. European river
54. Long, narrow strap
58. Male parent

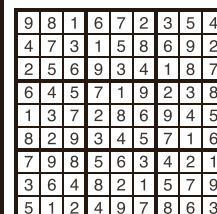
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OUR TOWNS

# Arnoff and Lou's Relics celebrate 100 years in business

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MILLERTON — Arnoff Moving and Storage plans to celebrate its 100th birthday by breaking ground for a new building at its location on Millerton road in spring of this year.

Currently, Arnoff is being handled by the fifth generation of Arnoffs — Daniel, brother Craig and cousin Nicholas.

With a full fleet of almost 200 trailer trucks and 650,000 square feet of storage space spread across Poughkeepsie, Malta, Millerton and Lakeville, the business has come a long way since 1924, when it began with one truck, an office and a warehouse in Lakeville.

But Arnoff's story began even before that — back in 1917.

Molly Arnoff emigrated from Russia to New Haven, Connecticut, in the early 1900s, when she fell in love with a property at 345 Millerton Road.

She packed up her family, including her son Louis, and her belongings, and moved to what was, at the time, a comparatively rustic scene: the outskirts of Lakeville.

On arriving at her new



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Above: Arnoff building and facility, 5979 Elm Ave., Millerton. Right: One corner of one room at the fully stocked Lou's Relics.

home, she found that the previous owners had left behind all of their furnishings, so she moved the former owners' belongings to the barn, along with her three cows.

When people came to welcome her to the neighborhood, she offered them the chance to buy some of the things stored in the barn.

Louis, when he got a little older, founded a moving business in 1924: one warehouse, one truck, and a little peddling business on the side.

The cows were sold and the barn began to be filled with objects and household goods that Lou collected through his

business; when people moved, they often left things behind, or sold them cheap.

These items were placed in the barn and offered for sale, and in short order Lou became known as a dealer who offered good quality at fair prices.

Lou's Relics still stands: Today there are about 10 rooms filled with an unbelievable number of objects for sale.

When Lou married a lady named Marion, they lived in Lakeville and their business grew. They had a son, Richard, who eventually took over the business, expanding

it even more.

Then Richard married Phyllis, and they had two sons, Marc and Michael. Lou and Marion moved to Florida, but every summer they returned to the Lakeville property to sell antiques and other items from the barn. Both businesses grew with the family.

When his parents died, Richard took over barn duties, and Lou's Relics lived on. Richard grew that business as well, and with help from Doug Hall, who has been with Lou's Relics for more than 40 years, has continued to collect and sell antiques and collectibles.

All this time, the family



has also been growing their moving and storage business, offering full service in both the moving and storage areas in the Hudson Valley, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida and other states and places besides.

Each of the last five generations have been involved in some way. Family policy

dictates that when an Arnoff finishes their schooling, they spend a year working for another company in the field. They see how others work, get an understanding of policy, and bring fresh ideas back to Arnoff.

Their motto remains, "Let Our Family Move Your Family."

## Millbrook Marathon to be held April 14

MILLBROOK — The Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club will present the fourth annual Millbrook Marathon Sunday, April 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m. sharp at the Town of Washington

Park and Pool, 3744 Route 44.

Race participants are limited to 200 and the race will have a six-hour time limit. Awards will be given for the first place male and

female in each age group, as well as male and female race overall. Finisher medals are guaranteed for the first 200 sign-ups, and a race T-shirts will be given to participants signed up before Monday,

March 25.

The registration fee is \$60 and will increase to \$65 after Sunday, March 24. For more information, a course map or to sign up, go to millbrook-marathon.com

## Millerton market carries on through the cold months

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Farm fields may be lying fallow, but local food producers are not taking a long winter's nap.

Instead, many are keeping local foodies well-supplied at the indoor winter farmers' market at the Millerton United Methodist Church at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday.

According to Paul Bengston, community program director of the North East Community Center's (NECC) Millerton Farmers Market, the organization will provide tempting specialty choices from rotating vendors as well as the regulars.

While the market is well stocked, Bengston welcomes others. "It's never too late if someone is a vendor who is interested," he said. "Reach out to me directly because we're always looking to have

a variety. Email is usually easiest because I have to send them forms and rules." Write to paul@necc millerton.org

He added that while space is at a premium, the market will continue to have a community table for nonprofits, the organizers of which should apply directly to him.

Vendors, whose prices are often competitive with local

stores, accept payment from EBT, WIC checks, and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

He noted that the market schedule is listed on the website and added that if shoppers are unsure of weather disruption, they may check Instagram or the website at neccmillerton.org/farmers-market

## Amenia Fire Co. to hold pancake breakfast

AMENIA — The Amenia Fire Company will hold its monthly all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast Sunday, Feb. 18, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the firehouse, 36 Mechanic St.

The menu will include pancakes, French toast, eggs,

omelets, home fries, bacon, sausage and beverages.

The breakfast is available to eat in or take out at a cost of \$12 for adults and \$11 for older adults and children under 12. For more information, call 845-373-8352.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Twelve Volt Holdings, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/26/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 32 Griffith Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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### LEGAL NOTICE Village of Millerton 2024 Elections

Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton designates the following offices as vacant position(s) at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election, to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, for the following terms:

- TRUSTEE - TWO (2) YEAR TERM
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### TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 2024 to consider the site plan application of Turkey Hollow, Inc. (the "Application") to harvest 186 acres of timber located at 4754 US Route 44 (SBL # 7066-00-345640) in the Town of Amenia, New York (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district and the

### Scenic Protection and Stream Corridor overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing. Written comments may be submitted by email to Planning Board Secretary Judith Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov or to her attention at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501. Dated: January 29, 2024.

Robert Boyles, Jr.,  
Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
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### Notice of Formation of Pine Place LLC

Pine Place LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with SSNY on 12/25/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served and is directed to mail process to 16 Meusel Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Lawrence Russell Chase**

KENT — Lawrence Russell Chase passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2024, at Sharon Hospital. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing.



Lawrence was born March 4, 1948, in Torrington, the son of Elna (Kallstrom) Chase and Robert M. Chase. He was a lifelong resident of Kent who worked for many years at the Wassaic State school before retiring. Lawrence loved the outdoors, music, movies, and was an avid nature photographer. His greatest joy was his family.

Lawrence is survived by his three children; Wendy Pastore, Darin Anderson (Liz), and Robin Mollica (husband Jerry). He is also survived by his grandchildren; Kenny, Laura, Elizabeth, Alicia, Ashley, Brittany, Joshua, Jordan, and Riley. And, even more great grandchildren! Lawrence is also survived by his cousin, Howard "Kip" Kallstrom, his niece Sarah Chase, and his sister-in-law Karen Chase (wife of Anders), and

many more cousins. He is predeceased by his much beloved wife, Carol, whom he married on Aug. 14, 1982, and his children, Julie and Kenny. He is also predeceased by his parents Robert and Elna, brothers Anders "Andy" and Marshall, a niece Linda, his nephew Marshall "Buddy," and his cousin Artie.

The family will have a celebration of life ceremony at a later date, with further details to be announced.

The family wishes to thank Kip Kallstrom for the many days he spent with Lawrence and for helping to keep him in good spirits and comforted.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made in Lawrence's honor to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department, and they especially thank the ambulance crew for their kindness and dedication to Lawrence, their family, and all the good people of this town.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

**Jennifer Strang-Thrasher**

WASSAIC — Jennifer J. Strang-Thrasher, 50, of Wassaic passed away on Feb. 4, 2024, at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. Jennifer was a direct care worker at Cardinal Hayes in Millbrook for 30 years.



Born on Sept. 26, 1973, in Sharon, she was the daughter of Bonnie (Coons) Strang and the late Gordon Strang who predeceased her on Feb. 2, 2022.

Jennifer was a graduate of Dover High School class of 1992 and received an Associates Degree from Dutchess Community College. On June 6, 2002, she married Daryl Thrasher of Poughkeepsie.

In addition to her mother and husband, Jennifer is survived by three sons, Andrew Thrasher of Palm Harbor, Florida, LeShawn Thrasher of Rochester, New York, and Teyvon Thrasher of Wassaic. She is also survived by an aunt, Pamela Rabideau of Dover Plains and many friends.

Calling hours took place from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services followed at 6 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating. To send the family a condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com)

**In Remembrance**

**Edward S. Delapena Sr.**

AMENIA — Edward S. Delapena Sr., a longtime resident of Amenia, died at home on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the age of 75. Those who spent any time in the town's central village knew Ed for his cheery greetings and helpful nature, having touched many local lives with caring and generosity.



Ed, or Eddie, as he was known to most, was a fixture in and around the post

office. Always interested in the welfare of the other person, he helped the elderly and others who needed a chore done or just a periodic visit, regularly collecting and redeeming bottles and cans to be able to offer the proceeds to those he judged to be needier than he.

Ed was buried from Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Send obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)

**Lyll Community Church offers lunch, conversation**

MILLBROOK — Lyll Community Church, 30 Maple Ave., hosts a community lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Each event includes soup, sandwich, dessert and conversation. There is no cost for

lunches, but donations are appreciated.

For more information about the lunches, or how to volunteer or donate desserts, contact 845-677-3485 or [communications@lyllmemorial.org](mailto:communications@lyllmemorial.org)

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**Anne Lesley Nance**

FARMINGTON — Anne Lesley Nance, 70, of Farmington, daughter of the late Jean R. and Angela (O'Brien) Liegey, was born on May 21, 1953. Never one to stay up for the bells, she passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2023.

Those who had the privilege of knowing her knew that Anne approached life on her own terms. Even when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer seven years ago, she was determined to live by the following quote, which she had written on a plaque above her desk: "You don't have a right to the cards you believe you should have been dealt, you have an obligation to play

the hell out of the ones you're holding." Anne was certainly dealt some difficult cards but will be remembered not for her challenges but for her strength, resilience, determination, and kindness.

She is survived by her two children; Emma Nance of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Graham Nance, of Denver, Colorado, her former husband, Martin with whom she remained close, and her three dogs, Fenton and Milo, Chesapeake, and Twyla, her Cardigan Corgi.

A private memorial will be held in the spring at A Better Place Forest, Falls Village, CT. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Heifer International.

**Larry Donald Tyler**

LAKEVILLE — Larry Donald Tyler's valiant vol- ley with cancer ended Feb. 4, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.



He was born on Oct. 16, 1956, to Douglas W. Jr. and Mary Alice (Colli) Tyler of Canaan.

Larry attended local schools and his indomitable spirit in athletics was as legendary as his sideburns. He possessed a dry wit and kindness that is rare to find in this world.

Larry's professional career was devoted to the family business, Tyler Carpet, later becoming proprietor of Black Cat Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning.

A devoted father and friend, he spent many years volunteering for the Lions Club and was deeply committed to the local recovery community. He will be remembered with remarkable admiration for his bravery and endurance. His calculated chuckle and perfectly timed comments will be missed in many local establishments.

Some of Larry's greatest loves were strong coffee, salty meats, and race cars. His dog Jordan was his closest comrade, and his grandchildren will always remember him being there to cheer them on. His friends who rallied around

him in the end will never be forgotten, it's a blessing that there are too many to name.

Larry's children Tanya P. Golden (Eric Ackerman), Jonathan S. Tyler, Whitney A. Tyler (Ryan Foley), Taylor Benatsou, and Chloe Fazio will carry on his legacy of unconditional love.

He married his longtime life partner Tiela Garnett on May 20, 2023, in an intimate ceremony in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

He is survived by his mother, Mary and brothers Michael (Ellen) and Stephen Tyler. He also leaves behind his grandchildren Rachel, Mehali, Chase and Avery along with his nephews Josh, Justin and Keith. Larry was predeceased by his father Douglas, brother Anthony, first wife Lauren and nephew Brian.

Calling hours will be held Feb. 17, 2024, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

A celebration of life is planned for Feb. 24, with details to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Larry's honor to the Jane Lloyd Fund to help support neighboring families afflicted by cancer.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

**Thomas J. Giuseffi**

AMENIA — Thomas J. Giuseffi, 68, a resident of Amenia, died on Jan. 27, 2024, at the Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, surrounded by his family.



Tom had owned several delicatessens and then the local Owl's restaurant in Dover Plains with his brother, Jim. Tom finished his working career with the New York State Department of Transportation. Tom was a lifelong avid outdoorsman having belonged to several local hunting and fishing clubs.

Born on Sept. 15, 1955, in Hackensack, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Anthony Giuseffi, Sr. and Virginia (Willan) Giuseffi. He is survived by a brother, Jim Giuseffi and his wife, Cathleen, of Stanfordville and two sisters, Gail Dunn

of Wood Ridge, New Jersey and Jerilyn DelFino and her husband, Richard, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Tom was predeceased by a sister, Clair Giuseffi.

Funeral service will be private. To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com)

**CHARLES JOSEPH THORNTON JR.**  
August 27, 1928 – February 11, 1974

**50 YEARS**  
So many years, So many tears  
You were the best Beloved husband Loving father Dedicated nurse Caring son Faithful brother Helpful friend  
Miss you every day  
Love you always, Jeanne Charles, III David Scott Douglas Gary

**Barnett Epstein**

SOUTH KENT — Barnett Epstein, 81, of South Kent, formerly of New York, New York, passed away on Jan. 29, 2024, at his home with his loving wife by his side.



Born on Sept. 16, 1942, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Daniel and Marion (Thompson) Epstein of

Amenia, New York. Following his graduation from Westbury High School, Barnett continued his education at Manhattan College in New York, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree. He later attended Yale Drama School and finished his Master's Degree in Theatre at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. His love of the theatre led him back to New York and a decades-long career on Broadway as a stagehand and proud union member of IATSE Local One, New York, New York. It was backstage

that he met his future wife, Nancy Schaefer, and they married in 1989.

Upon his retirement in 2008, Barnett and Nancy settled in the Litchfield Hills of Connecticut, not far from family, friends and his beloved Amenia, where he pursued his interest in family genealogy and indulged his love of reading and the New York Yankees.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Epstein is survived by his brother, James Epstein of Conway, South Carolina, and his sister, Mary Ann Epstein (Greg Baldaccini) of Ossining, New York, and their families. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Evelyn Epstein of Amenia.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. To send the family a condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com)

**Worship Services**  
Week of February 18, 2023

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>	<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> Misa en español al mediodía (12 pm) el último sábado de mes The Revs. Heidi Truax &amp; Felix Rivera <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627</p>
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<p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>	<p><b>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green</b> 69 West St., Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp   Shabbat Services Hebrew School   CTeen   YIP Judaism With A Smile! <a href="http://chabadNW.org">chabadNW.org</a> 860.567.3377   <a href="mailto:office@chabadNW.org">office@chabadNW.org</a></p>
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EDITORIAL

Setting records

The American economy is experiencing a considerable economic expansion, and as long as the expansion continues, investor confidence appears ready to hang on for the ride.

Last week we witnessed new milestones as major stock market indexes continue to rise. The S&P 500, a broad index of stocks, crossed over the 5,000 level for the first time ever. The S&P 500 rose for the 14th week out of 15 by last Friday's close, something that hasn't happened since Richard Nixon was in the White House in 1972. The Nasdaq composite, a tech stock barometer, also climbed, continuing a winning streak for the 15th week that it hadn't seen since 1997. So did the Dow Jones Industrial Average, a basket of 30 stocks.

Investors have been buoyed by strength in the labor market — a job-growth report showing employers added 353,000 jobs — and by solid corporate earnings.

In Connecticut, the economic picture also remains positive, according to the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. Real GDP grew by 4.7% in the state in the third quarter last year, which was slightly below the national average of 4.9% but double the rate for all of 2022. In November, Connecticut's Department of Labor reported job growth for the third month in a row. And in the Hudson Valley, private-sector jobs rose to 809,800, an increase of 6,100, over the year that ended in December, according to the New York State Department of Labor. Two of the New York region's private sectors — health care and social assistance — posted year-over-year growth of at least 5.2%, the department reported.

Yet we have another set of data points that don't relate to any kind of metaphorical Big Bang at all. In an economy hallmarked by steady growth, approximately one in four households in our local region struggles to make ends meet.

According to the Connecticut United Way, in its 2022 ALICE report — an acronym that stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — 25% of the households in Northwest Connecticut earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living in the area. The United Way in the Dutchess-Orange County Region reported in 2021 that the same percentage — 25% — of households in Dutchess County fell into the ALICE category.

There are economic and market reports that set records, reflecting positive growth and aspirations for a continued expansion — with chronic shortcomings in the mix.

In 2023 there were 1,111 households on waiting lists for affordable rental housing in the 21 towns that comprise the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

It's a similar story in Dutchess County, where, according to Data USA, 19.5% of the population was living with severe housing problems in 2022. Recent data around food insecurity reveals another kind of record: one in four households in Dutchess County do not have reliable access to basic nutrition — an 87% increase in three years.

The economic expansion has not prevented a growing number of families in our region from meeting basic needs.

Chicken pox and 'depression plants'

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

**91 years ago: Feb. 16, 1933**  
Ruth Murphy, who has been absent since November, planned to return to school on Jan. 23. The chicken pox has claimed another victim, so Ruth will stay out for a few weeks longer.

Over two hundred people have already made guesses at Strong's drug store in the jigsaw puzzle contest.

There must be an awful depression in the eighth grade, because the depression plants made by pupils seem to make wonderful progress.

**50 years ago: Feb. 21, 1974**  
Citizens Protest X-Rated Films: After a fervent protest by citizens opposed to the X-rated film policy at the Millerton Theater, it appears hopeful that GP (General Public) films will once again be shown on a regular basis.

Fuel Shortage critical in Pine Plains: The fuel shortage in Pine Plains escalated

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over the weekend as the energy crisis threatened to become an emergency. All four of the town's gas stations were closed for three days over the Washington's Birthday holiday.

Millerton Lions Club Celebrates 25th Birthday: Lion President Sandy Arias is proud to announce the 25th Birthday of the Local Civic Club.

**25 years ago: Feb. 18, 1999**  
Millerton: Spring Ball at the Firehouse: The Millerton Firehouse will hold its first annual spring ball, "A Spring Fling," March at the Firehouse on Century Boulevard. Music by Nightlife will feature rock and roll and line dances from 8 p.m. to midnight. A 50-50 raffle will be part of the evening's festivities. Prices are \$18 for a couple, \$9 for individuals.

Boys Varsity Routs Coleman: The Webutuck boys varsity team crushed Coleman, 74-57, Tuesday. The whole



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cannabis sales are not worth the risk

The Amenia Town Board is considering the authorization of a recreational cannabis dispensary in the Town.

While cannabis may be considered useful for some medical purposes, the recreational use of cannabis has not been demonstrated to be safe, and while the recreational use of cannabis by persons 21 years and older has been deemed lawful by the NYS government, that does not make it a right or good thing for small towns

like Amenia to be aiding in its distribution.

Inevitably, cannabis may become accessible to persons younger than 21, whose brains are still developing and for whom it potentially has severe and harmful effects. In short, Science is not on the side of cannabis.

There is substantial and growing evidence from governmental and private studies that the use of cannabis can cause a variety of long-term and possibly perma-

nent adverse effects on the brain, including problems with learning, memory and judgment, cognitive impairment generally, emotional control and psychosis involving violent psychotic behavior.

To repeat, for those who care about such things, Science is not on the side of cannabis, despite what Albany may think. Will everyone who uses cannabis suffer these damaging consequences? Probably not, but some

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people, particularly younger persons, will.

To make a decision about a cannabis dispensary based solely on the possibility that it may bring some revenue into the town is irresponsible and morally bankrupt. Is having a cannabis dispensary in the Town of Amenia worth the risk that the brains of some of our youth may be damaged as a result?

I think not, clearly not.  
Margaret O'Brien  
Amenia Union

Facing challenges after a life spent working

RETIREMENT: WHAT NOW?

Gwen Greene

doctors and medications; our exercise regime shifts; shopping is different; our travel habits change; our relationships with friends and family evolve; and suddenly nothing seems the way it was throughout our working lives.

I have always worked. I grew up in Westchester County in a lower-middle-class family. My father died when I was only 12, and my mother worked full-time to support me and my younger sister.

As soon as I turned 16 and got my "working papers," I took two buses summer days to work at Corvette's department store, and when I was older, I worked as a counselor at summer camps to help pay for college. I worked my way through college in the cafeteria and library — in combination with loans and scholarships — and knew I'd have to have a job lined up the moment I graduated.

It was startling to learn that this new retirement gig is nothing like my prior life — the high heels replaced with sneakers; the suits and dresses with yoga pants and T-shirts; the corporate gym with walking on my road trying to avoid the local pit bull and the poison ivy; restaurant dining with takeout pizza; and subways, buses and taxis with my own Subaru — my very first car.

Accustomed to an intense working day, I initially busied myself going through closets and cleaning the basement, meeting friends for lunch (I'd not taken a real lunch break in over 40 years); sleeping late (I'd spent decades setting my alarm for 5:30 a.m. to go to the gym before work); and getting my first dog and suddenly becoming a "dog person" (growing up in apartment houses, my pets were turtles and parakeets and goldfish, and then cats once I lived in NYC). Somehow I managed to fill my

day, and then late last spring, I left NYC for good, and that just drove home how much my life was changing.

So here I am trying to figure out what next, and I struggle. I love sleeping in but feel guilty. I enjoy having friends for brunch and dinner but miss dining out. It's so much more efficient doing my own nails — now quite short — but I miss treating myself to manicures. I love the quiet on my road, but I miss the energy of the City.

Then there are all the new things I worry about, like black ice on the road or running out of gas; CVS not having one of my many new medications or running out of oat milk; the house being a mess when someone drops in unexpectedly; new aches and pains I can't figure out; slipping on the ice; the deer

eating my flowers; the dog eating the meat we took out for dinner, and so much more.

These are comparatively silly problems, and I am keenly aware that we live in a world and at a time when many are suffering with very serious challenges, but for the purposes of this column, I hope to address the many issues that confront so many of us who, in one way or another, are just trying to acclimate to this new chapter in our life. (I have actually compiled a list of 50 possible topics, but I expect many more will come to mind as I start to write.)

Please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts or questions at Gweng@millertonnews.com

Gwen Greene, retired, lives in Pine Plains with her partner Dennis, her puppy Charlie, and 2 Angus cows, also retired.

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## OUR TOWNS

# Expanding the field: Cary invites teachers to study ecology at the Institute

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Starting this summer, nine math and science teachers will be spending six weeks at the

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies doing collaborative research in ecosystem science.

They'll continue meeting throughout the school year, to develop curricula together based on the work and research they conducted over

the summer.

Funded by a three-year award from the National Science Foundation as part of the Research Experiences for Teachers Sites in Biological Sciences (BIORETS), the goal of the program is to build

teachers' knowledge and enable them to develop more engaging learning experiences around ecology.

The curricula they'll develop together will focus on helping students not just to learn about ecology, but also to deepen their understanding of the environmental needs and problems that exist in our current, crisis-state ecological situation.

Such courses have the added bonus of providing students with another entrée into the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math).

Cary is currently accepting applications to the program from teachers. They intend to prioritize educators from groups underrepresented in STEM fields, and those who work in schools that serve significant minority populations.

So far, teachers from four under-resourced Hudson Valley school districts, serving both urban and rural populations, have expressed interest in the program. Teachers from across the U.S. are invited to apply, with travel and housing covered. Participating teachers will receive an \$8,800 stipend.

Rebecca Van Tassell, program coordinator for Cary BIORETS, emphasized that the program isn't just for biology teachers: "We would love math teachers to apply. We would love computer science and chemistry teachers to apply.

"The sticky, urgent problems of global change need to be approached through the thinking of many different disciplines so that we can come up with novel solutions."

Some of the projects that the teachers will explore are related to wildfire, aquatic ecosystems, disease ecology, forests, and nutrient cycling — all issues that Cary has been engaging with consistently.

The teachers will have the opportunity to do projects like creating and running simulations of future forest and fire dynamics, or conducting field surveys of tick density and distribution — a field something Cary had been at the forefront of for many years. They may also explore soil food webs, or identify tree species.

Cary hopes that educators will develop new materials to aid in their instruction in introducing ecological ideas to their students based on their research experiences.

The participants will also be expected to share their research by contributing to a professional publication, presenting at a conference, or conducting workshops in their school districts.

As well as having the support of one another, they'll also have support from the

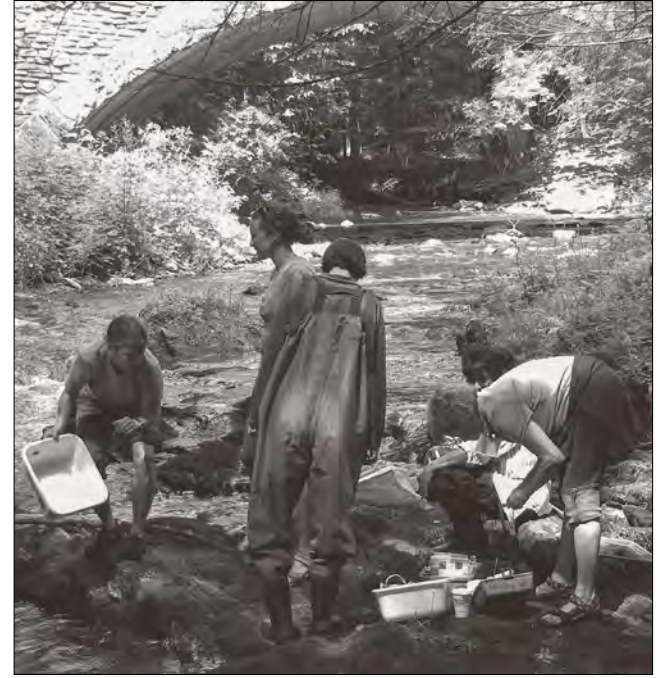


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Some of the research projects will involve the streams and ponds in eastern Dutchess County. Cary has conducted research into issues plaguing our waterways — such as pollution through medicine dumping and invasive species that have come to sites nearby — and their possible solutions for years. Below: Cary Institute is located at 2801 Sharon Turnpike in Millbrook, N.Y.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Cary education staff.

During the ensuing year, Cary will host four virtual meetings supporting the teachers as they unroll their new curricula. They'll have the opportunity to receive feedback on the teaching stratagems and the materials used to determine the effectiveness of the new methods and materials.

Working together is one of the main points of the program, Van Tassell emphasized: participants will learn through sharing and workshopping ideas. The process is

designed to be collaborative.

Cary has worked throughout its 40-year history with educators in creating curricula and fostering professional development. Van Tassell feels that part of the reason Cary BIORETS is unique is that it is tailored to each teacher's interests and classroom dynamics:

"By letting teachers engage as learners in this authentic and inquiry-based way, we can work with them to develop materials that allow their students to learn in the same way," she noted.

## VIEWPOINT

### New York's seminal report on equity

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MILLERTON — In August 2022, Gov. Kathy Hochul took a significant step in promoting the rights of transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary (TGNCNB) individuals in New York by signing legislation that directed the New York State Department of Labor, in collaboration with the

New York State Division on Human Rights, to conduct a comprehensive study on the employment experiences of these communities.

The groundbreaking report, released Jan. 5, is the first of its kind. In her introduction to this pivotal document, Hochul emphasized New York's deep-rooted commitment to the LGBTQ+ community, recalling the state's historical significance as the birthplace of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement with the Stonewall Riots of 1969. She acknowledged the persistent hurdles that TGNCNB individuals face in securing fundamental services such as housing, healthcare and employment, underscoring the importance of this report in addressing these ongoing challenges.

Kiara St. James, a community organizer and public speaker, is the founder and executive director of the New York Transgender Advocacy Group, a trans-led, grass-

roots nonprofit organization. In a letter that accompanies Hochul's, she writes: "I have always known that until data was collected on the TGNCNB community we would not be able to effectively advocate for resources such as affirming healthcare, housing, and employment opportunities. Collecting data leads to identifying the needs and priorities of marginalized communities.

"This is why I advocated for this report, and I am so appreciative of Governor Kathy Hochul for understanding how vital this data is to build a more inclusive space for TGNCNB New Yorkers."

Key findings of the report point to the pervasive employment discrimination against TGNCNB individuals throughout the state, the still greater disparities faced by TGNCNB people of color and the lack of cultural competency regarding gender identity and expression across New York.

The report also noted the fear for safety in the workplace among TGNCNB individuals and the trend of these individuals seeking self-employment due to discrimination and other employment barriers. It also highlights the differences in experiences between TGNCNB individuals in urban centers and rural areas.

The report features quotes from individuals questioned for the collected data. Said

one individual who self-identified as a trans male from the Hudson Valley: "I have been outed and was let go from my job. When I tried to find new employment, the previous employer lied about why I was let go and made it extremely difficult to find another job. I have had to tolerate queer-phobic work environments and hostile comments from bosses and employees."

To address these issues, the report recommends several policy changes, including advocating for uniform data collection on gender identity by federal agencies, providing specialized workforce development programs for TGNCNB communities, mandating cultural competency and GENDA (Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act) training across the state, reducing barriers to obtaining affirming legal identification, and establishing best practices for employers.

The report aims to provide insights into the work lives of TGNCNB New Yorkers and identify ways to overcome barriers they face. In a time when anti-trans sentiment and laws are on the rise nationwide, New York state remains dedicated to advancing equality and inclusivity for TGNCNB individuals in the workforce, setting an example for the rest of the country.

Find the report at [nysdolreports.com/gwg/2023-tgncnb/](https://nysdolreports.com/gwg/2023-tgncnb/)

### Casting a look 'Tangled Lines'

After reading the Jan. 17 Millerton News column "Tangled Lines" by Patrick Sullivan, I am pleased to respond: In his column, Patrick describes a fly-fishing outing on small local Connecticut streams during wintry conditions in early January. Most of you are now thinking: 'Wow, a lunatic needing professional help.' Quite the contrary. I perceive Patrick as a savvy, highly experienced angler who, over the years, has challenged himself to become a proficient fly-fisher.

This involving a lengthy determined commitment to succeed through years of persistent hard work, repetition and experimentation creating a comfort and confidence zone that fits one's individual style. Slightly obsessed? You betcha. Most accomplished sportsmen are such. Unlike most conventional fishing outfits that cast a lure and produce self-professed instant fishermen, fly fishing involves casting the line.

I didn't start fly fishing until I retired from military service, then a whole new world opened to me. Different rods and line weights which had to be matched to varied leaders and tippets determined by different fishing conditions. I haunted small streams of New York and Connecticut, catching many of the once prevalent, radiant colored brookies and surprisingly

### VETERAN'S CORNER Larry Conklin

a number of rather large browns and the occasional rainbow. The lure of the Housatonic and Farmington rivers soon trapped me, each offering their own challenges and fishing styles. Experience taught me the trout's habits, defenses and weaknesses. Flies and nymphs of various colors, sizes and weights intrigued me. Presenting a dry fly to a wily surface-sipping trout can be likened to archery. The fly, like the ar-

row, must strike bull's-eye, a 1-inch square target at ranges from 5 to 50 feet. Watching an experienced fly-fisher is watching precision art in motion.

Keep the columns coming, Patrick. While age limits my outings these days, perhaps our waterway paths may cross one day. Thank you, Millerton News, for carrying the "Tangled Lines" column. God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Til next time.

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.

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**CHASEHOLM** *Continued from Page A1*

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When Ken Chase bought three farms in the 1930s and combined them to start his business, there were over 40 dairy farms in Pine Plains. Today, Chaseholm is one of four.

Consolidation in the industry, price fluctuation and real estate development pressure have made business untenable for most family dairies in the region over the decades.

"Not everyone appreciates that the rolling, grassy hills people are drawn to in this region have been maintained by livestock farmers," Chase shared last week, standing between two orderly rows of cows during morning milking. "As farms are sold off to development, a lot of brush is moving in."

Chaseholm's longevity is thanks to a combination of farmer ingenuity, vision, community support and luck.

When Chase returned to the farm after college, it was out of a longing to reconnect with the land and animals she had grown up with while her father, Barry Chase, was managing Chaseholm.

It was also with a new understanding that there was a potential market within local food economies.

"I had friends who were experimenting with small vegetable farms that sold directly to customers through CSAs [community supported agriculture] and markets," said Chase. "I wondered if something similar might be possible with dairy."

Ever since Chase took over the farm in 2013, connecting directly with customers has been central to the business.

Chaseholm now operates a small, on-site store mere feet from the barn where the cows march into their stanchions every morning. The store stocks raw milk as well as the



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**Sarah Chase, owner of Chaseholm Farm in Pine Plains, in front of the farm store and the barn her grandfather built.**

farm's yogurt, beef and pork, and other locally sourced groceries. The cheese Rory makes down the road out of Sarah's milk is featured as well.

The farm also delivers to CSA pickup sites around the region and the cheeses are available at many local stores and farmers markets.

Most dairy farmers sell their milk to regional cooperatives that pick it up and bring it swiftly to be processed. While the co-ops play an important role in getting fresh milk to market on a large scale, farmers are at the whim of set prices.

"We used to sell that way, but prices are so low and volatile, we couldn't make it work. There is just constant pressure that reduces the value of milk," Chase explained while each of the cows waited patiently for a turn to be milked. "There is a saying that when prices are high, you buy more cows to reap the benefits, and when prices are low, you buy more cows to increase production enough to make any money."

Getting bigger and bigger felt like a losing battle to Chase, especially with the grass-based practices she had in mind:

"I'm just like my dad — the reason I'm here is because I

will be cut to carry the herd through the winter."

Rory sees the benefits of grazing on the flavor profile of his cheeses and Sarah sees it on the resilience of the land. "Moisture is being held better in soil. In drought years, we are able to continue grazing."

Breeding is also a key component of the system. Dutchess County has long been known for its productive, high-quality Holsteins. Chase is adding compatibility with grazing systems to the mix of traits she breeds for in her Holstein-Jersey mixes.

The Chase family, with the support of local land trusts, state funds and local fundraising, has sold the development rights to almost 300 acres of their land, 100 of which are forested, and put it all into permanent conservancy. Chase leases an additional 500 acres of land for producing hay and baleage (think: pickled hay that is extra nutritious to cows).

While Chase is passionate about inviting customers to experience the nutrition, flavor and connection to land that the farm has to offer, she also wants to create access to the unique kind of good time that is only possible on farms. Chaseholm hosts events from June through November with bands playing in the pasture, burgers for sale on the lawn, and drag shows in the barn.

As for the future, Chase hopes to keep anomalously being able to employ farm-

ers in the dairy industry — Chaseholm currently supports a combined two full-time, year-round positions. She also hopes to invest in the farm's infrastructure with a new barn:

"I want to modernize our facilities so that we can spend

more time doing the fun/creative/enterprising stuff and less time just doing chores. It will be a big morale booster around here to move away from our very manual 1930s-style winter feeding methods, and I think our cows will like the new system, too."

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years, said Sergeant. Then last spring, the building went on the market for \$995,000.

NECC strongly considered it. However, after months of due diligence, the organization decided that the added costs of bringing the building up to code made the sticker price untenable; at a meeting with the board last October, the group officially closed down the possibility of buying the school.

"And then all of the sudden we got a phone call," said Sergeant: Morgan Coy and Richard Lanka of Particles Elementary LLC wanted to donate the Millerton Elementary School property to the NECC.

**Growth at NECC**

NECC has tripled in size in just the last three years. In the years before that, it had doubled in size. Finding a way to get all of its programs in one place will be challenging, said Sergeant, but it's also key to NECC's ability to serve the community.

"To get us all into one location is really beneficial to our community, because we have so many different resources," she said. "It helps for people to come in and have access transportation, but also access food and our childcare and so forth.



NECC Teen Program staff Katie Cariello and Erin Chirevas volunteer at the Food Pantry.

"But that's now over 40 staff to have to bring together and all the programs, and all the things that come with it — the supplies, materials, things that need to be stored, you know, the kitchen to go with the child care center, all of that stuff into one location is quite a lot more than what it may have been 10 years ago when we were a staff of seven or eight."

Getting all of the programs in one building will also, long-term, improve the organization's economic health. NECC is currently spread out over four locations — "five if you include the programming we do at the school," said Sergeant — three of which NECC is renting.

"We're paying in excess of \$150,000 to \$180,000 for these different locations. And that's a sizable cost to us every year," said Sergeant.

Another important intention in having a new home is the ability to welcome anyone on any day. Before COVID-19, NECC was open to the public; anyone could walk in off the street seeking services or support. But the pandemic put an end to that kind of accessibility when the office went remote, said Sergeant.

The pandemic also demanded another major change: NECC opened a food pantry. This is the reason that the main offices never fully reopened after the pandemic: the space that was once a re-

ception area is now food pantry storage.

**Next Steps**

Irene Banning, chair of the board of the NECC, said: "Now comes a whole process where we really have to look at: Do we fit? Does it work? What do we need to do in order to make it, workable? And, can we raise the money?"

"So there is a step by step process going to happen over time, at after which point we will know whether this will be our new home or not."

With regard to the building, Banning said that the next step will be talking to experts

who can help determine what requirements they'll have to meet. The building was last used in 2012 or 2013, said Sergeant, so NECC expects that there will be work required to bring it up to code, especially with regard to energy consumption requirements.

The building was worked on recently by Particles Inc. — "They worked hard during COVID to turn it into a boutique hotel," said Sergeant — so NECC believes that the roof, and utilities like electric and plumbing, are in a fairly good state.

In the coming days, NECC will also be exploring what will

be required of it for zoning reviews — whether or not the intended use of the property conforms to zoning regulations, etc — and planning reviews with regards to the physical structures and land use requirements.

"[We'll be meeting with] professionals who can tell us, you're going to have to meet those requirements, but not those," said Banning, and "what level of intervention is necessary in building," so that ultimately they can "make determinations about cost and time. And those are crucial inputs into a decision-making process."

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and McEnroe's was a favorite. It was also relied on as a place to get plants in the spring, sunflowers in August, and pumpkins in the fall.

When asked why the business was closing, Olivia Skeen, manager of development, said that COVID-19 had an impact, as did climate change and other factors that caused financial constraints.

Skeen said, "We are currently determining how we will use our market location

going forward."

She also wanted the community to know that the compost facility will remain open and that CSA options will be available. Despite the farm's turn towards wholesale, she said, any excess produce will be offered to the public via social media.

The farm will still give public tours, and all of its educational programs, which started in 2007, including apprenticeships, will be in

place. Its commitment to the community remains intact, said Skeen.

On behalf of the McEnroe and Durst families, Skeen said:

"We deeply appreciate the community support we have received throughout the years. The feedback we have received of our market and eatery closing is a testament of our integral part of the community over the years."

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an average of 4.7 children to 2.4 children. U.S. fertility rates peaked in 2007 before declining in 2008 during the Great Recession, and they accelerated their slump when the pandemic hit. Last year, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that the U.S. birth rate fell by 4% from 2019 to 2020, the sharpest single-year decline in almost 50 years, and the lowest number of births since 1979."

It's harder to pinpoint this data to one specific cause — recent decades have seen more significant access to birth control, increased student debt in the face of an exuberant child care affordability crisis — studies show numbers ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for the child's first year of life — and more career and workforce opportunities for women which might be hindered by maternity leave. As the U.S. Census Bureau reported, more women are delaying marriage, with the median age for an American woman's first wedding increasing from age 20 in 1950 to age 28 in 2023.

"So much of the discourse around the climate crisis says we must avert disaster for the children," said Ferorelli. "When we love our children, our students, our siblings, our [nieces and nephews], our young friends, we understand it's visceral. But in an equally true way, we are the children. [Millennials] were all born into this crisis."

She addressed that the focus on reproductive plan-

ning in the book was a way to open a broader conversation on eco-activism, specifically geared toward women, whose bodies are centered in conversations around population control or decline. "For us, reproduction isn't the whole story, but it reveals the story's heart. Focusing on reproduction in the context of climate change exposes the same decline in almost 50 years, and the lowest number of births since 1979."

As Bryan Walsh wrote for Vox last year, "While it's true that a child born today will be responsible for adding more carbon into the atmosphere... In a rich country like the U.S., a baby born today will emit less CO2 on average over their lifetime than their parents did; according to the International

Energy Agency, if the world achieves carbon neutrality by 2050, the carbon footprint of those New Year's babies could be ten times smaller than that of their grandparents."

Using an extreme angle, Kallman pointed out that foregoing childbirth for the sole sake of reducing harm to the planet is as radical and unnecessary as suicide: "Rather than identifying the bigger forces acting on our lives, the innate climate problem of scale, that we're tiny and helpless, is aggregated by isolation. But this cognitive dissonance is paralyzing and demoralizing. So, if you follow the personal footprint reduction strategy to its logical end, the most effective action you can take for the planet alone is to kill yourself now. And we don't say this to be callous or macabre. The tragic reality is that some people who are no longer able to bear this devastation have ended their lives. But the example proves the point. Suicide doesn't solve the climate crisis. One person fewer on the planet does not fix systemic injustices. So we can move beyond the view that our individual consumer or reproductive choices are the most meaningful contribution to the fight against climate consequences."

Little League sign-ups start

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MILLERTON —The 2024 Webutuck Little League season registration is open for all divisions, including a new softball division.

Registration runs to Friday, March 1, for Tee Ball, Minors, Majors and Seniors. The 2023 season saw games played at Amenia's Beekman Park and Millerton's Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

- Little League divisions:
- Tee Ball — 4-6 years
- Minors — 7-11 years
- Majors — 9-12 years
- Senior — 13-16 years



Webutuck Coach Chris Milano makes a visit to the mound to talk with Cody Deister during a Webutuck Minors game Saturday, May 13, 2023.

- Softball divisions:
- Minors — 7-11 years
- Majors — 8-12 years

The Webutuck Little League board welcomes volunteers. For more information, contact webutucklittleleague@gmail.com

Senior night at Millbrook High School: Boys varsity basketball

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MILLBROOK — Between games at the Millbrook High School on Friday night, Feb. 9, five seniors from the boys varsity basketball team were honored in a short ceremony.

Coach Brian Laffin had some nice comments to make about each of the boys as they were called up.

Of Adrian Ashong, Laffin said: "He has brought positive energy and toughness to practices. He has been getting more minutes as the season has progressed." Ashong is still looking at colleges, among them Marist and Yale.

Of Tyler Freeswick: "Tyler is the best scorekeeper I have had in all my years of coaching. He is detailed and reliable."

Of Santini Quattrocci, Laffin said: "Santini Quattrocci is a two-year starter that always gives his best effort. He is the floor general and leader," said

Laffin. Quattrocci hopes to become a New York state trooper.

Of Cody Strickland: "Cody is a great teammate that started every game last season," Laffin said, "but understood that for the team to get better, he needed to accept a role coming off the bench. The reason was he can play multiple positions." He is also going to DCC.

Of Andrew Szostak, Laffin said: "Andrew has worked very hard to become one of

the top forwards in the area. He is a versatile player that can score from the inside and outside." Szostak is going on to Dutchess Community College (DCC) in the fall.

The boys presented flowers to their mothers, then posed under a blue and white balloon-embellished arch with their parents for pictures.

Laffin went on to say, "We will miss all of these young men and wish them the best with their future endeavors."

The team lost 39-25 to Rhinebeck.



Santini Quattrocci, center, with his parents, one of five seniors celebrated at Senior Night at the Friday, Feb. 9, boys varsity basketball game between Rhinebeck and Millbrook.

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## Joan Baez coming to The Triplex

The Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is gearing up for an event Saturday, March 2, with a screening of "I Am a Noise" and a talkback featuring two of the film's directors, Miri Navasky and Karen O'Connor, alongside a special appearance by the subject of the documentary herself — the legendary Joan Baez.

"I Am a Noise" began filming in 2013 and took many years to complete. Navasky and O'Connor, longtime collaborators, paused production for a time to work on another film, "Growing Up Trans," for the PBS documentary series "Frontline." They resumed work on the Baez film when she announced her farewell tour in 2017.

"We started again with the idea that there had to be something really interesting following a woman who has been famous for 60-plus years coming to the end

of her career," O'Connor explained. From that point on, the filmmakers were driven by a shared vision to create a documentary that eschewed conventional techniques and celebrated Baez's unfiltered voice.

"We didn't want to have talking heads or famous people interrupting a narrative to talk about how wonderful she is," Navasky explained regarding some more typical devices used in documentaries. Instead, they sought to immerse audiences in Baez's world through the use of what would become unprecedented access to Baez's personal archive.

In an early scene in the film, Baez opens a rolling door to what is revealed as a treasure trove of archival materials — drawings, cassettes, recordings and letters, memories spanning her entire life and career. "We didn't know the extent of it," Navasky

admitted. "Even Karen, who's great friends with her, didn't realize the extent to which she, her mother, her sisters and her father documented everything in her life."

"It's not just an archive," added O'Connor, "but an archive that had an arc starting at 5 years old all the way through." "Her family had done so much," Navasky added, "not only documenting, but writing. It was a way of them sorting through their own stories. I think, in some way, they were constantly thinking through writing."

Baez's artwork emerged as almost another character itself, an immersive tool to allow the viewer into her internal world. Meticulously captured by the filmmakers and lightly animated by the team at the Ireland-based Eat the Danger, the viewer is given a glimpse into Baez's creative genius and allowed a deeper explo-

ration into her emotional journey.

Said O'Connor, who has had a 30-year friendship with Baez: "She is incredibly creative in every way. One of the things Miri, Maeve [O'Boyle, the film's third co-director and editor] and I wanted to capture in the film was this kind of intense creativity. All those elements — that art, the photographs, the therapy tapes — we wanted each element to also have their own dramatic arc. So, you see the artwork from 5 years old all the way through. You hear the tapes from 21 to who she is now, so that you have a kind of trajectory of a life."

Having three filmmakers is quite unusual but the collaborative dynamic between Navasky, O'Connor and O'Boyle was instrumental in shaping the film's narrative. "We all have very different strengths," Navasky reflected. "Having Maeve, who is more



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Joan Baez

brutal with the edit, and Karen, whose relationship with Joan made the film, was crucial."

Yet, navigating sensitive subjects like family trauma and personal struggles posed a unique challenge. "We had to make different choices as we made the film," Navasky acknowledged. "We didn't want to answer questions. We didn't have the answers." Maintaining ambiguity allowed the filmmakers

to preserve the complexity of Baez's story without imposing definitive conclusions.

Baez's own reaction to the film remains a source of pride and reflection for Navasky and O'Connor. "Every time we have a screening, she watches it," Navasky revealed. "Each time, she has a different reaction to different pieces of it. It's been interesting to

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ART: LEILA HAWKEN

## Student art show shines with contemporary talent



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Gabe Heebner, a senior at HVRHS, was awarded "Best in Show" at the student art show at the KAA on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Now well into its 101st year of serving the community, the nonprofit Kent Art Association (KAA) opened its 32nd annual student art show Saturday, Feb. 10, attracting student artists, their teachers and the arts community to celebrate the wealth of young talent being nurtured in area public and private schools.

Participating in this year's show were students from seven area schools, including

Millbrook (New York) High School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS), Forman School, Marvelwood School, The Frederick Gunn School, The Hotchkiss School and The Kent School.

"We're here to encourage, support and mentor regional talent," said Debbie Shiflett-Fitton, KAA manager, speaking of the organization's ongoing mission since it was founded in 1923.

The current show has been co-chaired by Carl Chaiet and Mike Spross. Key to the story of the student art show was the deep commitment of the late Constance Horton, who served as KAA

president and is to be credited with beginning the student art show tradition. Spross recalled that he began by coming to the art show, then participating as a teacher, and is now hosting the show.

"There's no getting around it," said Chaiet. "Each year the artwork gets better." "People have no idea what to expect. It's contemporary, using new technologies," Chaiet said. Speaking of the young artists, he added, "They are up on everything."

Seeing the show as a great experience, Michelle Cring, who teaches art at Millbrook High School, attended the exhibit with her husband and son, Maxwell, 1. She praised the value of gathering students' works from area schools, noticing the variety of themes and materials. Maxwell seemed to prefer the more colorful entries.

One participating student, Ellie Wolgemuth, a junior at HVRHS, used conte, first introduced to the art world in France as a drawing medium in 1795. It is a powdered medium, harder than pastels or charcoal, that

is mixed with a clay base, said to mix better in contact with paper.

Art teacher Warren Prindle was circled by his HVRHS students, using the exhibit as a teaching moment while appreciating and celebrating their achievements.

"We have motivated and talented students," Prindle said, adding that the quality of the HVRHS art program is greatly enhanced by his colleague, Patricia Vanicky, who specializes in teaching photography and sculpture.

One work from each participating school was selected by the judges for top honor and awarded a certificate. For HVRHS, the honor went to Finian Malone; for The Kent School, Phoena Dadson; for Millbrook High School, Sarah Marchant; for The Hotchkiss School, Quisha Lee; for The Frederick Gunn School, Jake Pellicane and Tobin Connell; for Marvelwood School, Sebastian Killin; and for Forman School, Llewelyn Davis.

The exhibit will continue through Friday, Feb. 23. For more information, go to [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org).

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FOOD: PAMELA OSBORNE

# Valentine's Day thoughts on how to find love, happiness and a really good dessert

Just a few days ago it was raining so hard the bounce could fill your shoes.

Snow this week, though, with plenty of dark days still ahead giving good reasons for staying close to home.

Winter does have its pleasures, I think, although the foods of the season can pale a bit as it goes on. And on. Palates can tire. Mine has, anyway, although I like cold weather roasts and stews. But after a while there is a certain long-cooked sameness about it all, and the variety and abundance of summer's fresh local produce can seem very far away.

Valentine's Day offers one bright spot in the dreariness of mid-winter. Remember how exciting exchanging valentines was in elementary school? We all had our little crushes. And still, now, the day offers a chance to think for a moment about the loves in your life — friends, family, your dog if you have one. So do that — think the good thoughts about the past and the present, and make a plan to shake up an otherwise rote menu. One suggestion follows for how you might brighten a meal and the day, or any other day.

**Winter Fruit Stew, Spiced and Spiked**

- Serves 8
- Start this one day ahead. Easy to finish and keeps well.
- 2/3 cup bourbon or brandy
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar

- 1 cup dried mission figlets, sliced in half and hard stems cut off
- 3/4 to 1 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup jumbo raisins, or regular raisins, yellow or black
- 3 ripe Bartlett or Anjou pears, peeled and medium chopped
- 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger
- Vanilla ice cream
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans

I have a friend who has a stall on the boardwalk in Atlantic City — beat that, by the way — whose more serious business is supplying nuts to casinos. He recommended a place called nuts.com to me and I have ordered regularly from them ever since. Nuts, dried fruits, etc.; organic options, very high-quality products and good service. You might try them, although, of course, all the ingredients can easily be bought locally, weather allowing. Guido's has them, among many others.

Cook the bourbon, spices and sugar in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in the figlets, apricots and raisins. Pour the mixture into a gallon-size zip-top freezer bag. Seal the bag, removing as much air as possible, and chill for 24 hours. The next day, put the mix into a large, heavy pot along with the pears and ginger. Heat this to a simmer. You can serve at this point, or refrigerate and later dip out servings into

a microwavable dish with a cover. For four servings, cooking about 3 and a half minutes will be enough. You're looking for nicely warm, not hot. Sprinkle with the walnuts or pecans, and serve with vanilla ice cream.

So that's the really good dessert. The advice? Love and happiness, I have learned, are a moving target. Sometimes you just have to take a shot. Go on.

Clarification: the end of my previously published column, Really Good Chicken and Rice, was altered from what I originally wrote. It should have read:

"Anyway, I was thinking about the grocery bagging. What you want to do is put the heavy stuff into small bags, and put those onto the floor of the back seat. Then take your big bag, which you've filled with good bread, soft cheeses, berries, tomatoes, potato chips — all the fragile things that make life worth living — and sit that on top. You can't ignore what's weighty, and these things are going to be there if you're leading an examined life. Keep them under control and in proportion. But you've got to protect the things that bring you joy. Keep them uppermost. Don't forget."

Several sentences were deleted from this paragraph, so that it appeared to offer only very basic instructions about how to load groceries into your car. I'm assuming most people already knew how to do this.

*Pam Osborne lives in Salisbury.*

FOOD: CHRISTINE BATES

# Four upstate chefs nominated by the James Beard Foundation

The semifinalists for the James Beard Awards were announced Jan. 24.

In the Best Chefs in New York State category, four upstate chefs were recognized: Clare de Boer of Stissing House in Pine Plains, Doris Choi of Good Night in Woodstock, Shaina Loew-Banyan of Café Mutton in Hudson and Chris Mauricio of Harana Market in Accord. The final nominees will be announced in April, followed by an awards ceremony with the winners in June, complete with a red carpet, lifetime achievement awards, and lots of chefs wearing aprons.

Also, like the Oscars, the selection process and the judges who decide the winners are not revealed. FAQs on the foundation's website state, "The Voting Body, including judges chosen for their expertise per



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Stissing House in Pine Plains.

program, then reviews and votes on the eligible entries to determine the nominees and winners, as applicable to each program."

The yearly James Beard Foundation Awards include wide recognition in many categories including best chef, best restaurant, best new restaurant, outstanding bar, outstanding wine programs, pastry chefs, hospitality, and bakery. Last year, Stissing House was a

semifinalist for Best New Restaurant along with 29 other eateries across the country, and that's just one category. The Best New Restaurant winner last year was Kann, in the Pacific Northwest, serving Haitian-inspired cuisine.

The New York Times publishes its own list of 50 Best Restaurants and included Stissing House among only five restaurants in New York, including New York City, in its 2023 list.

## ..joan baez

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witness her perspective evolve."

Baez will have another chance for yet another reaction March 2, when the film is shown at The Triplex. The cinema became a nonprofit in July when the community received word that the theater was closing in early June. Nicki Wilson, president of the board of directors of the Triplex, had a group of people in her living room April 1, where, she said, "we all decided we can't live in a town without a movie theater." The Save the Triplex movement was born, and by April 14, the group had formed a board and filed for nonprofit status. "Then

we just started getting donations from all over," said Wilson. "We put out the message in all the newspapers and, you know, donations started coming in at \$20, \$50 \$1000, \$100,000. It was insane."

With this grassroots effort, the group was able to sign a \$1 million deal July 24 with the owner of the theater, who holds the mortgage. Since then, the all-volunteer team, save for a few staff members who run the theater itself, has been working nonstop. The team has been able to redo three of the four theaters and the lobby, and opened Nov. 15, 2023, with a screening of

"Maestro" that included a talkback by Nina Bernstein, Leonard Bernstein's daughter.

Said Wilson: "We have done a few fundraisers since with local stars Karen Allen, Lauren Ambrose, David Rasche from "Succession," Jane Atkinson. We've had a nice group of people supporting us from the beginning. It's been quite the wild ride."

Proceeds from the fundraiser March 2 will go into unrestricted funds that will help to pay the mortgage. It will also create youth programming, including free screenings for local students, symposiums and educational events.



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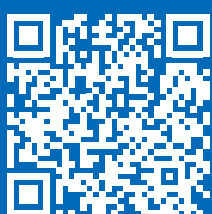
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ART: JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

# Who brings the art to Millbrook?

Known to many as horse country, the Village of Millbrook is also home to dairy and other farms, beagles and fox hunting, bucolic scenery and vineyards, as well as a sense of community and a love of arts both audio and visual, the latter two of which the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) can proudly take a well-deserved bow on.

Ann Gifford, MAG's president, spoke recently about the nonprofit group in which she has long been involved. In fact, Gifford was the attorney that Robert Krall and Stan Morse went to when the idea of needing a group that would seek out entertainment first came up as a result of the Millbrook Band Shell having been built.

Krall was a member of the Lion's Club, and having traveled extensively to other communities, he noted that many had band shells and provided entertainment to the community. With the help of the local Lion's Club, the band shell got built, and the need to fill it with music meant that groups had to be found and contracted. Thus, in 1988, MAG was founded and incorporated as a nonprofit.

Over the years since its inception, MAG has brought music to Millbrook's many venues, including children's programs, poetry workshops

and exhibitions, and has been involved in many art exhibits throughout the years.

One thing Gifford is especially proud of is that MAG collaborates with many other groups, including the Millbrook Library, the Millbrook Central School District, the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market, and the Millbrook Rotary Club, among others. In 2023 alone, MAG helped with the UpState Art Open Studio Art Festival, the Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival and New Years Eve Millbrook, hiring and paying for the two music groups that entertained; and at least two children's programs at the Millbrook Library. It sponsored the summer concerts at the band shell, the winter concerts at the library, several groups that performed at the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market, and Music in the Streets.

All of this costs a lot of money. Gifford said MAG is doing well and is grateful for donations from the Tribute Garden, which has always given generously; a grant from the H.W. Wilson Foundation, most of which supports the library venues and the children's events; and the estate of Nancy F. Perkins made a noteworthy donation. All other funding comes from local sources. Each May, a letter goes out to residents asking for



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Janice Pendarvis and group performed last summer at the Millbrook Library.

support. Other means of fundraising include selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the concerts, along with hats and T-shirts.

"My thanks to the community who respond to our [annual fundraising] letter, we have been given so much support with gifts both big and small," said Gifford. "You know that others appreciate your work, so they want to help. We believe every donation shows an interest in what we do."

All of the work is done by the 16 members of the MAG board of directors via committees, and they meet in person about eight times per year. The

board is composed of people from all walks of life, including businesspeople, educators and artists, although Gifford said that there is currently a large portion of artist volunteers, testimony to the fact that many artists are discovering the Millbrook community and its reverence toward the arts in all forms.

The next offering from MAG will be on Saturday, Feb 24, with the Taghanik String Quartet performing at the Millbrook Library. A reception will take place at 4:30 p.m., with the performance begins at 5 p.m.



From the 2023 Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival, August, at Millbrook Band Shell.

# When it's too early to plant, you can still ungarden

These recent cool, sunny days are such a gift.

I have been outside with loppers and a Buckthorn Blaster (from NAISMA.org) tackling bittersweet and barberry. The woods in the winter can seem foreboding, but a sunny, windless day is perfect for a walk and there is a lot you can do while enjoying the company of trees. Be sure to look up to avoid dangling branches. You will likely find that a few trees have fallen, as have some branches. When a small tree or branch falls on a young tree, I pry or cut it out from under, taking care that none of its small branches will whip me in the face on the way to being righted. I then prune any torn branches from the rescued tree. Usually the tree will recover, but sometimes will retain a newly acquired bent shape.

As we lose entire tree species and watch others struggle against disease and pests (sassafras, hemlock, beech, sugar maple and oak are victims), it is up to us to step up our work to re-



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

Vine-bound trees and invasive shrubs destroy trees and the native habitat.

**The Ungardener**  
Dee Salomon

store areas of our beautiful countryside. And what if we don't? Already you can see examples in the Northwest Corner where lack of action has resulted in monocultures of invasive plants such as phragmites, barberry and garlic mustard. Native trees and plants simply cannot grow in soil altered by these invasives. Also easily spotted

in winter is bittersweet vine and, as seen on Route 112 in Lime Rock, hardy kiwi vine, draping over the dead or compromised tree branches it covers. When these trees fall, and they will, the vine, still alive, moves to take hold of the next row of trees that are newly exposed to the sunlight.

This light also encourages growth of other invasives, which, in turn, inhibits native tree growth. It is a vicious cycle that requires human intervention to stop. If


you have property that has been impacted by dead and dying trees, now is still a good time to remove invasives. The plants are easy to see in the winter, and easy to cut and poison while the plant is still dormant. As I put the finishing touches on this article,

I must now note that some plants may already be out of dormancy; you can tell if cutting a branch or stem produces liquid oozing out of the cut. If this is the case, hold off for the time being.

I use Pathfinder II in the Buckthorn Blaster

as recommended on the UConn Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group website, which offers comprehensive and authoritative advice on identifying and eradicating invasive plants.


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### FEBRUARY 15

#### The North East Historical Society Dine Out for History

Millerton, N.Y.

The North East Historical Society's popular Dine Out for History series returns this month. This year two more dining establishments will participate, bringing the total to five.

On select dates through March 11, participating Millerton restaurants will host their own Dine Out for History nights, where 10% of the proceeds from all patrons that night will be donated to the historical society.

Thursday, Feb. 15, Willa, 52 Main St., 5-9 p.m., 518-789-0252. Reservations requested.

Monday, Feb. 26, Round III, 5523 NY-22, 5-9 p.m., 518-592-1240

Monday, March 11, Golden Wok, Railroad Plaza, 2 Main St., 5-10 p.m., 518-789-9236. Takeout only.

### FEBRUARY 17

#### Author Talk: "Leaving" by Roxana Robinson, in conversation with Gillian Blake

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

On Saturday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Cornwall Library, Roxana Robinson and Gillian Blake will discuss Robinson's new novel, "Leaving." Robinson is an award-winning novelist and biographer. Blake is editor in chief at Crown Publishing and a trustee of the Cornwall Library.

#### Danny Sings About Everything!

Kent Memorial Library, 32 North Main St., Kent, Conn. kentmemoriallibrary.org

Join us in the Kent Memorial Library's Junior Room for this special performance by Danny Tieger at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Since 2012, Danny has been performing in preschools across the country. His 35-minute music show is half improvised, half dance-along-songs, and one hundred percent silliness. Danny is an author, songwriter, teacher, and dad, though rarely in that order. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. Registration is appreciated. Please call or email kmljuniorroom@biblio.org to register, or register online.

#### Village Voices Celebration

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

At 11 a.m., the David M. Hunt Library, the CT State Library, and Libraries Without Borders US invite the public to celebrate the opening of Village Voices: A Community Storytelling Pathway. Located on the library lawn, Village Voices includes stories, poems and artwork from various community organizations including the Falls Village Daycare, the Lee H. Kellogg School, and the Falls Village Equity Project.

Explore the outdoor and digital content and enjoy snacks and a hot chocolate bar.

#### The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Performs A Special Program

Katherine M. Elfers Hall, The Esther Eastman Music Center, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra with Brandon Patrick George, flute, and Lawrence Golan, conductor, and the Hotchkiss Philharmonic Chorus will perform a special program celebrating American musica and musicians at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

Contact: Kelly Lorraine klorraine@hotchkiss.org

### FEBRUARY 18

#### Ivalas Quartet

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, in collaboration with Music Mountain, continues its free Sunday classical music concert series at 4 p.m. The Ivalas Quartet has been changing the face of classical music since its inception at the University of Michigan in 2017. Dedicated to the celebration of BIPOC voices, Ivalas seeks to enhance the classical music world by consistently spotlighting past and present BIPOC composers. Concert seating is very limited, and registration is required: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11961178

### FEBRUARY 22

#### Black History in Connecticut

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

At 1 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host the program "Black History in Connecticut" with the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. Educators from the museum will take participants on a tour of items from their collection representing a spectrum of the Black experience in CT, from artifacts chronicling the black community of Saybrook, which were preserved by writer Ann Perty, to the photo album of a Hollywood actress who became a champion of labor rights for Black entertainers to artifacts documenting the Civil Rights movement in the state. This event is free and open to the public.

### FEBRUARY 24

#### Art Show Reception

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

The Cornwall Library is excited to present artist Bela Selendy's latest images, "Complexity and Emergence," a photographic rumination on what he calls the "momentary and highly improbable confluence of events that is the reason we are all here at this indefinable moment." Using a photographic technique called light painting, Selendy initiates dozens of long-exposure photographs of sculptures from a fixed

camera, while all the time dancing around the sculpture with a modified flashlight, creating a different lighting effect for each exposure. Registration requested for artist's reception at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

### FEBRUARY 25

#### Live Reading

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary.org

A reading of "Alabama Story" by Kenneth Jones, inspired by true events in 1959 Montgomery, Alabama, will be performed at Norfolk Library at 3 p.m. Feb. 25. Cast members include Deron Bayer, Darcy Boynton, Troy Hanshe, Marinell Madden-Crippen, James Mead, Gloria Miller, and Ronnie Reid. After the reading there will be a discussion. Admission is free, but a donation is requested. To reserve seats, use the following link: norfolklibrary.org/events/a-reading-of-alabama-story/

### FEBRUARY 28

#### Workshop: Dough Talk with Richard Bourdon and Sarah Reynolds North

Online. secure.givelively.org/event/dewey-memorial-hall-inc/dough-talk-with-richard-bourdon-and-sarah-reynolds-north

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, there will be a virtual sourdough bread workshop with live Q&A from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual demonstration of sourdough bread making with Richard Bourdon, founder/owner of the renowned Berkshire Mountain Bakery. Richard will be joined by Sarah Reynolds North of Found Bread in her kitchen in New Marlborough.

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### MARCH 2

#### Old Time Community Dance

Cornwall Town Hall, 24 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Squares, Circles, and Contras taught and called by Bob Livingston to the lively music of Relatively Sound Band on Saturday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cornwall Town Hall. Beginners welcome. No partners necessary. Suggested donations to pay the caller and tip the band: \$15/adult, \$5/child, or \$25/family. For more information, contact Debra@Motherhouse.us or 860-671-7945.

### ONGOING

#### Art Exhibition

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village

will host WINTER WONDERLAND, an exhibition of painted winter scenes by art students at Lee H. Kellogg School. The exhibition will remain on display during operating hours through Friday, Feb. 23.

#### "The Art of the Stitch and Needle": A Group Show of Fiber Arts

Cornwall UCC Parish House,

8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall Village, Conn.

"The Art of the Stitch and Needle," a group show of fiber arts, is on view at the UCC Parish House in Cornwall Village. The show will continue until Thursday, Feb. 29. Artisans exhibiting their work will be Beth Dinneen, Eileen Gargan, Susan Hellmann, Jen Markow, Dana Saccardi and Susan Saccardi. The

show may be viewed Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, Sundays 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. The Parish House is located directly behind the United Church of Christ at 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village. For more information, call the church office at 860-672-6840.

## ...ungardener *Continued from previous page*

Remember gloves, protective eyewear and loppers.

February used to be deep winter but that seems to have changed, as our region's USDA zone has moved up a notch from 5b to 6a. It is hard not to allow one's mind to wander into spring — an optimistic place to be. The temptation to preorder of plants is strong; may I suggest instead that you consider a class or a lecture to bring you up to speed on the evolving realities and trends in gardening? Hearing from others, experts and practitioners alike, invigorates creativity and can enhance both your garden aes-

thetics and its well-being for creatures great and small. It may even allow you to rethink the kind of plants and planting arrangements you want this spring. Here are a few upcoming learning opportunities:

— "Misunderstood Native Plants," hosted by Mt. Cuba Center. This is an online class that takes place Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and costs \$19 to participate.

— "In the Weeds: A Discussion of the Role of the Human Hand in Natural Landscapes" with Leslie Needham, Dee Salomon and Matt Sheehan, hosted by Silver et Pratium. This is an

in-person event, at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Connecticut, on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 5:30 p.m. It costs \$25, which goes to fund the pollinator pathway project at the Hunt Library.

— "How the Pros Select Plants," hosted by the Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College. This is an in-person event in Valhalla, New York, that features Edwina von Gal and other experts Monday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$85 for members and \$125 for nonmembers.

*Dee Salomon un-gardens in Litchfield County.*

### Correction

In a story on page B3 of the Feb. 1 issue about a book talk on Millbrook's Timothy Leary era, the title of Tonia Shoumatoff's book was incorrect. The correct title is "Historic Tales of the Harlem Valley."

## The Lakeville Journal

### The MILLERTON NEWS

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There is GOOD NEWS to report about The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News! We have added more journalists to our staff, expanded our news coverage and we are about to launch new websites for both papers with seven-day-a-week news coverage.

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