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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Continuing a practice regimen during spring break at Webutuck's athletic field on Monday, March 25, the combined girls' softball team is preparing for its 2024 season. The newly combined team has gained three members from Millbrook High School this year.

## Softball season thrown open

# Webutuck and Millbrook field a joint varsity team

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AMENIA — Aligned with a growing trend toward schools combining sports programs to field viable teams, Webutuck High School has welcomed three players from Millbrook High School for the 2024 girls' softball season, growing their team to 13.

Head coach Chris Osterman,

now in his second season of coaching the girls' softball team, was conducting an intensive practice session at Webutuck on Monday, March 25, despite the academic spring break; practice was scheduled throughout the school's spring break to ensure that the team would be ready for the coming season.

Osterman has been coaching sports at Webutuck for 18 years of experience coaching sports at

Webutuck.

Another team experiencing its first combined year is girls' soccer, said Daniel Pietrafesa, a spokesperson for Webutuck Central School District. The boys' football team has also joined forces with Millbrook's team.

"It's very beneficial, giving young athletes a chance to compete

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# Reassessing how we punish victims of domestic violence

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SALISBURY — "Nikki's lifelong belief that she had to hide is rooted in a cultural truth that, in fact, your truth is not always safe, and you're not always going to be believed," said author Michelle Horton of her sister, Nikki Addimando, a survivor of years of domestic violence who was ultimately incarcerated for killing her abuser.

Horton was presenting her new book, "Dear Sister: A Memoir of Secrets, Survival, and Unbreakable Bonds," at an event at The Scoville Library on Wednesday, March 27.

It was put on in conjunction with Project SAGE, a community-focused organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for victims of relationship violence, and the Nicole Addimando Community Defense Committee, a

collective of Addimando's friends and advocates who built a national grassroots movement to repeal, repair and ultimately end the harms of criminalizing domestic abuse survivors.

Nicole Addimando is the central figure of Horton's book, a breath-taking account of the high-profile case in which Addimando was sentenced to life for the killing of her long-time abuser.

Overnight, Horton became the caregiver for Addimando's two small children, Ben and Faye, while also raising her own son, Noah, as she embarked on the battle of a lifetime against the criminal justice system.

In September 2017, Addimando shot and killed her domestic partner, Christopher Grover in an act of self-defense. In April 2019, Ad-

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Master Gardeners Heather Brenner, Joyce Tomaselli and Philomena Kiernan worked the 30th annual Master Gardener plant sale in Millbrook on May 19 and 20, 2023.

# CCE Gardeners resign amid leadership concerns

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN  
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MILLBROOK — The Dutchess County Master Gardener Program at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) experienced a mass resignation of its volunteers in late March.

This departure comprises at least half of the program's 74 members, some of whom have been in the program for decades.

The Master Gardener Volunteer

Program is a national initiative of Cornell University: trained volunteers collaborate with county Cooperative Extension offices to provide research-based guidance to home gardeners and youth.

Originating in Washington state in 1972, Dutchess County pioneered New York State's involvement in 1975. Today, Master Gardener programs exist in 46 states, with over 23,000 partici-

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# Changing the food waste narrative

By BARBARA BETTIGOLE  
Special to The Millerton News

An apple stored in a refrigerator stays fresh several days longer than an apple in a bowl of fruit on your counter — particularly if that bowl has a banana or an avocado in it.

Bananas, by the way, are the fruit most frequently thrown away uneaten, due to the perception that the discoloration and softness means "icky" or "inedible." (Tip: make banana bread, or store in your freezer for a smoothie.)

Bearing in mind that close to 40% of all food produced in the U.S. goes uneaten, and that one third of all garbage is food waste,

it is good to know what one can do about reducing food waste.

This week is Food Waste Prevention Week (April 1 to 7), and many communities across the country engage in activities that promote awareness of wasted food. Why does it matter?

There are several reasons. For one, it saves money. Every year Americans lose more than \$218 billion on wasted food. Individual households are responsible for most of that wasted food.

Second, when wasted food is thrown away in Connecticut, it goes either to a landfill as far away as eastern Pennsylvania (as it does for Salisbury and Sharon garbage),

or to a Waste to Energy plant (as it does in other parts of the state).

In landfills, decomposing food waste emits methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas. At Waste to Energy plants, the wet and heavy food waste stresses already outdated equipment.

Wasted food includes scraps created in preparing meals and snacks, plate scrapings, prepared but uneaten foods, and spoiled foods. Much of this wasted food can be composted in a backyard system and all can be composted in a commercial composting facility. Many households already compost

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OUR TOWNS

# Hecate plans open houses, provides detail of new Shepherd's Run application

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COPAKE — Hecate Energy LLC said last week that it is in the process of submitting a new application for a permit to build a 42 megawatt (MW) solar project on acreage near the intersection of Routes 23 and 7.

In early February, the New York state Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) dismissed the company's application after it had lost control of a parcel of land that had been integral to the project.

Matt Levine, project director, said in a statement: "Hecate shares New York State's commitment to meeting its clean energy goals in a way that incorporates feedback from local communities, which is why we remain committed to the Shepherd's Run Solar Farm and are beginning the process of submitting a new permit application."

"In addition to reflecting a good faith effort to incorporate almost all of the items recommended by the work-



Farmland vista where the proposed 42 megawatt Shepherd's Run Solar Farm is planned along Route 23 at the entryway to the rural hamlet of Copake.

ing group in recent years, this new proposal will reduce the fenced area of the project to approximately 175 acres and cut the output of the project to 42MW.

"We look forward to continuing to engage with the local community to hear their feedback."

The company planned afternoon and evening open houses on Wednesday, April 3, at the Hillsdale Fire Com-

pany in Hillsdale, to discuss the project.

Levine provided additional details about the new proposal that will be filed with ORES.

— The footprint of the project will be reduced from approximately 267 to 215 acres, and the output of the project will decrease from 60MW to 42MW.

— The new proposal will include an Agrivoltaics Integration Plan that provides for

sheep grazing in two of the array areas totaling 73 acres.

Levine also said the new proposal "as with previous versions of the application," will address local concerns.

He listed those to include:

- Exclusion of battery storage from the project scope;
- Native tree and shrub planting to minimize sightlines for neighbors;
- Support to extend/con-



Solar panels cover a hillside along Route 23 in Craryville near the entrance to Copake. The array pictured provides power to Taconic Hills High School.

nect to local hiking trails or other passive recreational/educational opportunities;

— Conducting local fire departments and first responder training;

— Including pollinator species seed mix within the landscaping plan;

— Implementing a Net Conservation Benefit Plan for grassland birds to preserve more than 25 acres of additional habitat;

— Incorporating wildlife-friendly rural style fencing instead of chain-link fencing;

— Avoiding direct impacts to all state regulated Class I wetlands and developing a project with no net loss of

wetlands;

— Committing to not source panels from suppliers who utilize forced labor or that contain the environmental contaminants called PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also called "forever chemicals");

— Providing bidding opportunities to local suppliers and using local labor and purchasing when practicable.

In his March newsletter to residents, Town Supervisor Richard Wolf was critical of the company's approach and said he hoped that the company "will work with Copake to address our well documented concerns about its proposal."

# Dresser Woods plan proposes 20 affordable units

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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) voted unanimously to approve a special permit for the Dresser Woods affordable housing development after the third installment of a public hearing on Monday, April 1.

The continued hearing on April 1 concentrated on two topics: lighting and parking.

The initial plan from the applicant, the Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) called for 31 parking spaces (10 in an overflow area) for an average of 1.5 parking spaces per unit, more than required by zoning regulations and similar to other affordable housing complexes in Salisbury and other towns.

The approved plan calls for a total of 36 spaces, for an average of 1.8 spaces per unit. The SHC added five spaces in response to concerns from



Design concepts for the multi-family homes at the proposed Dresser Woods affordable housing complex in Salisbury.

the public and the commission about a lack of parking for residents with more than one vehicle and for visitors.

The SHC also revised the

lighting plan, making the light poles 12 feet tall (as opposed to 20 feet in the earlier version). This was in response to concerns from neighbors about light spilling over into neighboring properties.

The applicant and commission also agreed to a "phantom parking" area where cars might park on the grass if necessary. The applicant's lighting consultant, David Mainville, noted

that if the phantom spaces are actually built, they will require lighting.

Referring to earlier discussion about closet space and other interior layout features, P&Z chair Michael Klemens opened the April 1 continued hearing by stating that previous discussions about interior layout (closets, space for washers and dryers) were beyond the commission's purview.

The hearing opened Feb 20 and was continued on March 18.

On March 18, in response to comments from the Feb. 20 meeting, the SHC agreed to extend wildlife exclusion and privacy fencing.

The SHC's Jocelyn Ayer said that adding full basements would be too expensive and would require more intrusive site work.

The plan for Dresser Woods, named for Jim Dresser, who donated the land to the SHC, has 20 rental units in nine buildings on one and two levels at 37 Railroad St. in Salisbury village.

There are six one-bedroom units, 10 two-bedroom units, and four three-bedroom units. Three are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

The SHC currently owns and manages 39 affordable housing units (one, two and three bedrooms) at Faith House and Sarum Village I and II in Salisbury, and Lakeview Apartments in Lakeville.

Sarum Village III, on Cobble Road, is under construction. The new construction will add 10 units of affordable housing.

And the SHC is working on raising funds for the 12-unit Holley Place development on Main Street (Route 44).

## Corrections

A March 28 story titled "Are They Banning Books at the Millbrook Library?" on page A1 inaccurately stated that Billy Jean King's 'A Kids Book About Equality' included discussions of gender identity. The same story inac-

curately noted that Millbrook Library removed books from the children's section of the library in response to a petition; in fact, the library did not remove any books from the children's section in response to the petition.

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# It's a sign: Debate over Webutuck's new message board continues in NE

By MAUD DOYLE  
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NORTH EAST — Webutuck Central School District erected an internally illuminated sign at the end of its driveway, on Route 22, in February.

The sign, placed immediately beneath Webutuck CSD's longstanding painted sign, displayed announcements in dimly illuminated, white-on-black text: "Kindergarten registration begins March 21st," it read.

It is not an LED sign but something called an Electronic Messaging Display or EMD, which feels a bit like a giant Kindle display.

The sign was erected without a permit (the school continues to work with authorities on North East on getting the sign permitted), and further, internally illuminated signs are technically banned in North East.

The sign has caused consternation to some members of the community. Words like "unsightly," "distracting" and "dangerous" have been banded about.

"I'm a little leery on sign stuff because [...] you can't really regulate signs," said Will Agresta, planning consultant to the Zoning Review Com-



PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

**In February, Webutuck CSD erected an electronic messaging display. Residents are concerned that it detracts from the town's rural character and is distracting to drivers.**

mittee (ZRC) at the committee's March 18 meeting.

While it is possible to regulate size, location, color, font, intensity of illumination, timing of illumination, construction and material, aesthetic and myriad other details, New York makes it very difficult to regulate sign content, due to First Amendment protections.

"How do you stop everyone from getting them?" asked Agresta. This is the question.

#### Legion Post's LED sign

A complicating factor in responding to Webutuck's

permitting request is an existing, internally illuminated and un-permitted sign: the LED message board outside the American Legion Post 178 on Route 44, just east of Millerton, which was erected without a permit in 2018.

Years of petitions and repetitions from the Post to the Town Board followed, until the pandemic effectively ended the conversation, leaving it unresolved.

In one of their early petitions to legalize their sign, for which no permit had been sought before its installation, the Post 178 Legionnaires ef-

fectively asked the Town to change the laws to accommodate their sign.

The Post argued that LED signs should be legalized throughout the Boulevard District; this, in turn, led to concern among board members that "the Boulevard would look like the Las Vegas Strip."

"We do not believe that this sign is in any way a detriment to the character of the town, zoning district or neighborhood in which it resides," read the Legionnaires' 2019 petition.

Further, the Post argued

that the sign helps identify the Post building as an emergency shelter, warming and cooling station and Red Cross satellite location, as well as allowing the posting of public service announcements, for example about road closures or weather.

During the pandemic-induced state of emergency, the Post was able to get the sign temporarily permitted, which it did; the sign displayed information about such things as testing sites, vaccination availability and protective health measures.

These days, the LED sign is used mostly to display a waving American flag and announce Post events like pancake breakfasts and barbecue dinners. It is illegal again, and the kerfuffle around the sign at Webutuck has brought it back to the Town's attention.

#### To be continued

The ZRC discussed permitting for signs at its final regular meeting on Monday, April 1, but declined to take up the question of internally illuminated signs, suggesting that their final recommendations to the Town Board will include no changes to current regulations, leaving the internally illuminated issue unresolved.

## UPDATES FROM NORTH EAST

— Having received the results of an engineering feasibility study on the new Town Hall, the former Jehovah's Witnesses building on Route 22 that was purchased by the Town last year, the Town Board approved contracting for the building's electrical, mechanical and HVAC. "This is in preparation of putting the remodeling and reconstruction work out to bid, which we hope to have happen soon," said North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan.

— At its regular meeting on March 14, the Town Board also approved a motion to receive a report on Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions reduction, prepared by the Hudson Valley Regional Council, to better understand the various sources of greenhouse gases emitted from our community, including transportation, manufacturing and agriculture.

— The town will be hosting a Fun Run to be held on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail in Sunday, May 5. The run begins in Millerton and ends in Wassaic, but participants are expected to join in throughout the route.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck High School Building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Monday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2024-2025 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the budget for the 2024-2025 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, effective April 30, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value of the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the Northeast Central School District, will

be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education: one seat (1) is for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027 to fill the vacant seat of incumbent board member Joanne Boyd; one (1) is to fill the vacant seat that was occupied by Rick Keller Coffey (who resigned 1/22/24) commencing on May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

B. 2024-2025 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget

To adopt the annual budget of the North East (Webutuck) Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property on the District.

#### C. 2024-2025 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) 2024 Chevy Type A 20-passenger school buses and one (1) 2024 Chevy Silverado 2500 transportation vehicle, at a cost not to exceed \$222,238, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase

agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$222,238, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

#### D. Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$4,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of installation of air conditioning in the classrooms of Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High School?

E. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine, early voting or absentee ballot. The hours during which the poll shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with Clerk of the District no later than Monday, April 22, 2025, by 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, in the form and manner prescribed by Section 2018 of the Education Law. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large for the vacant seats. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the School District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. The petition shall also describe the length of the term of the office and

contain the name of the last incumbent. Petition forms may be picked up on any school day at the Office of the District Clerk, at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. or on the district's website at [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org) beginning March 1, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for early mail and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or on the district's website at [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org) beginning March 1, 2024 but may not be returned to the District clerk any

earlier than April 21, 2024, and must be returned to the District Clerk by May 14, 2024 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 20, 2024, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 21, 2024.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk.

A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter

must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before April 22, 2024; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of the candidate, and the name and residence of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

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## OBITUARIES

### John L. Frenkel

SALISBURY — John L. Frenkel of Cobble Road, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2024, at Nobel Horizons. He was the loving brother of Emily Soell who makes her home in Sharon.

John was born on Dec. 30, 1941, in New York City, the son of the late George and Beatrice Frenkel.

He graduated from Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

John was a self-taught artist, painting animals, landscapes, and people he knew and loved. He was a five-year student of art with

Pieter Lefferts at North Light Arts Center in Amenia. As a resident of Nobel Horizons for upwards of 25 years, he knew everyone who worked and lived there and was beloved by all.

In addition to his sister, he is survived by a niece, Wendy C. Logan, and a great nephew, James Porricelli.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of the arrangements. A memorial service will be held at Nobel Horizons later in the spring. Contributions may be made to The Sharon Playhouse.



### Paul Robert Moeller

SHARON — Paul Robert "Bob" Moeller died on March 25, 2024, at home at the age of 84.

Bob was born in Alpena, Michigan, the son of the late Lutheran Bishop Paul and Iris (Troyer) Moeller.

Bob graduated in 1957 from Oakwood High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Bob's family was interested in nature — his mother was a Girl Scout leader. She had a federal permit to collect bird nests that were no longer used by nesting birds. The family helped with this collection which was donated to an educational center. Bob was a Boy Scout and earned his Eagle Scout Badge. In June of 1961, Bob graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, with a degree in biology.

He met his wife Wanda at college, and they were married Aug. 15, 1961, in the Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada, Iowa.

Bob was hired by the National Audubon Society as a naturalist at Aullwood Audubon Center in Dayton, Ohio, where he led groups of children and adults to explore and study, to appreciate and protect the natural world.

Their son Douglas was born on Nov. 18, 1966, in Ohio.

In Oct. of 1971, Bob, Wanda, and Douglas moved to Sharon when he accepted the position of Director of Sharon Audubon Center, and they lived in the stone cottage on the property until Bob became an Audubon Regional Environmental Educator working with many Audubon groups in our region. During his time as Director of Sharon Audubon, Bob helped develop a Mammal Skull Key which was used to identify mammals found in our area. Bob was the leader in the Sharon area for many annual Christmas Bird Counts each Dec. and he was leader for the Breeding Bird Census each May for many, many years!

High school and college students were accepted in the Audubon Trainee Program each spring, summer, and fall. Many lives were (and still are) changed as the result of Bob's mentoring program! Nearly everywhere Bob went, he would be asked questions about natural history, or animals, plants, trees, or weather related topics.

Bob visited all 50 U.S. states! During his years with Audubon, Bob was able to

travel to many conferences in the U.S. as well as to be an Audubon Leader for a trip to Africa. Bob was sent to England in 1972 to learn how the British incorporated natural history into their school curriculum. Each trip provided educational experiences for Bob to learn about and appreciate the birds, animals, trees, plants, and people in several areas of our world!

Bob served on Sharon's Inland/Wetland Commission, Sharon Land Trust, Sharon Ambulance Squad, the Aton Forest Board in Norfolk, and Housatonic Valley Association as a consultant. Bob was an active member of Sharon United Methodist Church.

In the fall of 1987 Bob was elected First Selectman for the Town of Sharon, a position he held for 18 years until his retirement in the fall of 2005. Bob attended most meetings of Sharon's Boards and Commissions during the years he served in this position and was involved in the renovation of Sharon Center School, the renovation of Sharon Town Hall, as well as the building the Sharon Water Treatment Facility.

Bob's hobbies were golfing, coaching or attending Doug's sports, square foot gardening, travel, playing card games or board games with friends, fixing things at home, bird watching, and watching UConn Men's and Women's basketball games.

In 2016 signs of Parkinson's Disease and Dementia were diagnosed. The challenges Bob faced were met with acceptance and dignity.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Joan Deyoe and her husband Richard. He is survived by his loving wife Wanda of 62+ years, their son, Douglas of Berkeley, California, his brother Ralph Philip (Marcia) of Denver, Colorado, and his sister Mary Benis (Michael) of Columbus, Ohio, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to:

— Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

— Sharon United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 172, Sharon, CT 06069.

— Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Research Fund, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

### Elisabeth Ann Miller

FALLS VILLAGE — Elisabeth Ann Miller, known by many as Libby, passed peacefully at home on March 22, 2024, after a long number of illnesses.

Libby was born Nov. 24, 1958, in Hartford, and spent her early years in Simsbury.

She attended Simsbury schools and the University of Connecticut. Following her studies, Libby had a successful career in the insurance industry, working with a number of major insurance companies in the Hartford area as an underwriter and actuary.

Later, she joined her family's insurance business, serving as vice president in the New Hartford, Litchfield county areas.

Moving to the Salisbury area, Libby pursued a career as an advertising representative for 12 years at the Lakeville Journal before retiring.

Her interests included cooking, crafting, antique jewelry, books, and music. She loved nature and all types of animals.

Libby is survived by her husband, Ralph Carl Miller, a brother, R. William Cosseboom of Anthem, Arizona, sister Carrie Cosseboom (Harris) of Canton, and a number of nieces and nephews and her close friends Ina Palmer of Miami, Florida and Melissa Crampton of Falls Village.

There are no services planned, however, a memorial service is planned for later in the year.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the visiting nurse and hospice of Litchfield County or a charity of your choice.

Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.



### Lester Amos Hoysradt

SALISBURY — Lester Amos Hoysradt, 90, of Unofficial Mayor of Salisbury. In the 1960s Lester opened Roaring Oaks Florist in Sharon. He was a dog lover. His spot in the back of the church will be difficult to fill.

Lester is survived by his sister Linda Roddy of Leesburg, Florida. He was predeceased by his brother Don "Donny" Hoysradt, and his two sisters Kay Ora "Sis" Baker and Mary Lou Orth.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 18 at 11 a.m. at the Salisbury Congregational Church in Salisbury, Connecticut, with a celebration of Lester's life to follow at the White Hart Inn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Little Guild, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, has care of arrangements.



### Thomas A. Burns

MILLERTON — Thomas (Tom) A. Burns, Sr., 85, of Millerton, passed away peacefully at home on March 29, 2024, surrounded by the love and warmth of his family.

Tom was born on April 2, 1938, in Poughkeepsie, New York, to the late Thomas H. and Catherine (Flood) Burns. Tom, a loyal husband, devoted father and caring grandfather and great-grandfather, is survived by his wife, Judith (Judy), of nearly 63 years. Together, they raised their beloved son, Thomas (Donna) Burns of Hudson, New York. Tom leaves behind two grandchildren, Sarah (Chris) Hensel of Castleton, New York, and Jennifer Burns of Hudson, New York, and two great-grandchildren, Addison and Julia Hensel.

Tom graduated from Webster Central School in 1955 and proudly served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963 as an instructor and honor guard in Fort Gordon, Georgia, and Fort Dix, New Jersey, and as a Senior Rifleman of the Beverly National Cemetery Firing Squad. Tom was commended for his tact, loyalty, resourcefulness, and dependability, which won the respect and admiration of all with whom he served. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Tom was em-

ployed by Taconic Telephone for 35 years.

Tom was considered a native son of Millerton, through and through. He served on the Millerton Fire Department for over 25 years, was a member of the American Legion Post #178, the Millerton Lions Club, the Millerton Gun Club, and the North East Historical Society. Tom was an avid gardener, a talented craftsman, and an enthusiastic sports fan. Tom took pride in his Irish heritage, and he was known for his humility and grit. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends, but his memory will live on in every seed they plant, every home repair they make, and every Giants win.

Private family visitation and a funeral service will take place this week at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Reverend Robert K. Wilson will officiate. Burial with Standard Military Honors will follow at Iroindale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Blvd., Rensselaer, NY 12144. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Tom's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



### Joseph Angelo Rinaldi

FALLS VILLAGE — Joseph "Joe" Angelo Rinaldi, age 82, passed on to his heavenly home on March 27, 2024, at Noble Horizons Care Facility after a recent illness.

Joe was born in Waterbury, on Dec. 12, 1941, to Ida (Ferri) and Angelo Rinaldi. He graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1959 and then served in the Navy, on the USS Independence.

In 1965, Joe married the love of his life, Judith Twing, with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. He was the proud father of four children and four grandchildren.

Joe spent most of his career in full-time ministry as a pastor in Vermont. He retired to Falls Village, where he enjoyed house projects and caring for his lawn.

Joe leaves behind his loving wife, Judith (Twing); daughters Jean (Craig) West, Julie

(Paul) Latina, Joanna (Jeremy) Pheasant and son James (Christine) Rinaldi; brother Michael Rinaldi and sister Anna Marie Rinaldi. He leaves behind his four grandchildren: Ryanne Rinaldi, Ryder Rinaldi, Isabelle Latina, and Anthony Latina. Joe is predeceased by his father, mother, and sister-in-law, Donna Marciel.

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Thank you to Dr. Jerzy Chachaj and the staff who cared so well for Joe at the VA and the wonderful staff at Noble Horizons. Dad, we hope God lets you mow the grass of the heavenly pastures! Services will be held at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 922 Main Street, Winsted on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11 a.m. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com.



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THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

## Day two in the life of a newspaper truck driver

*Editor's Note: Last week we chronicled a day in the life of a newspaper truck driver delivering The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, focused on Wednesdays. In this installment, we learn about the Thursday deliveries.*

On Thursday morning, with much less preparatory work, Brian Murphy and I are quick out of the blocks. By 10 a.m. we are usually at the West Cornwall Post Office exchanging a few minutes of banter with Mariah and her colleague, nicknamed "the Swede" because of his Scandinavian roots. Mariah is the jokester, the Swede her foil. She's always saying goofy things, making funny faces and tittering "tee hee hee"; he's more restrained.

Driving south on Route 7 from West Cornwall to Cornwall Bridge along the winding Housatonic is always a scenic joy. But on a sunny day and after a heavy rainfall, when the river is swollen and moving swiftly and light dances exuberantly on its wavelets, it is almost heavenly. All it takes is the sighting of a fly fisherman casting his line to seal the deal.

From Cornwall Bridge we continue south to South Kent without stopping. There we deliver a small bundle of Lakeville Journals to the Bulls Bridge Country Store, a small family-run grocery that caters to hikers from the Appalachian Trail. Aku, the proprietor, originally from Gujarat, India, always greets us enthusiastically. When we first met her she was reserved and reticent, but now words pour forth from her to us in a torrent. I like to poke fun at her but she gives as good as she gets.

Ordinarily, we advance along our circuit path without backtracking. However, the stretch between Cornwall Bridge and South Kent is an exception to this rule. We drive it in both directions. So, after finishing with Bulls Bridge Market we do a U-turn and drive north to Kent.

In Kent our first stop is at Kent Convenience, a filling station/convenience store situated at the major intersection in the middle of town, across from the monument to the Civil War. Lately, I've been invited to a couple of free coffees by Romial, one of two Sri Lankans who work there, and this time is no different. It's a nice gesture, of course, but I don't want him to think it's necessary. "I appreciate your generosity," I say to him, "but please don't let me become an imposition."

"No worries," he smiles. But as he does, Arvind, the other Sri Lankan and manager, sticks in his head and interjects in deadpan: "You became an imposition long ago!" I roll my eyes. Ever since I bet him one penny that Argentina would win the World Cup and won, he looks for every opportunity to get even with a good-natured dig.

North of Kent, in the small town of Cornwall, we stop at the post office staffed by a solitary postal worker. She and I have developed a greeting ritual. As I pass through the vestibule, I call out her name — Vic-to-ria-aaaa!!! — and as I come into her area she calls out mine — Geo-ffreeey!!!! It's silly but we both get a kick out of it. It started when we wanted to remember each

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Geoffrey Olans

other's name. And then it took on a life of its own. The funny thing is, now that I know her better, I know that she'd rather be called Tory.

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Names are interesting. You can't say enough about the value of learning someone's name. Arguably, learning a person's name is the first step to building any kind of a relationship.

Speaking of names, I have to say a word about Kumal, one of the cashiers at the Shell station/convenience store in Winsted, Connecticut, where we stop much later in our Thursday run.

Hailing from Hyderabad in northwestern India, Kumal is a hulking and intimidating man the size of an NFL offensive lineman. I remember the first time I met him. I was counting newspaper returns and he calls to me from across the store in heavily accented English: "Business is good?"

I didn't know what he meant, as we'd only sold a few papers that week and he must have known that — but I dared not challenge him. As I walked to the counter to submit my invoice, he repeated himself, "Business is good?" I smiled and shrugged my shoulders and gave him the invoice to sign and pay. Now that I know him a little better, I know that this is just one of his stock, tongue-in-cheek questions, designed to keep me on my toes and get a reaction

**You'd think that spending 6 to 8 hours in a small van with a fellow driver week after week would be a challenging experience. And I'd be lying to say that we haven't had our moments.**

Because we travel across such a broad expanse of rural geography, past farmland and woodland, there can be a long drive between stops.

On Wednesday the average distance between stops is 2.5 miles; on Thursday it is 6 miles. The three of us as drivers — Adam Williams, Brian and I — have become quite adept at filling in the time during those intervals. Usually with a podcast or a playlist and sometimes with a bite to eat. All of us try to bring if not a packed lunch then snacks that we can nibble on throughout the day.

In the two years that I've been driving there have been no major mishaps.

No accidents, no flat tires, no getting locked out of the van with the engine running, but there have been a few close calls. The greatest danger seems to be vehicles that pull out in front of you at the last moment, often

without looking. This seems to happen with increasing frequency.

You'd think that spending 6 to 8 hours in a small van with a fellow driver week after week would be a challenging experience. And I'd be lying to say that we haven't had our moments. But all in all, despite differences in age, background and personality, we enjoy each other's company and end each workday tired but in good humor. What matters most, I think, is that we appreciate our job, relish the opportunity to drive across such lovely countryside, and look for ways to keep it interesting. And it doesn't hurt that we are open, flexible and easy going. Or that each of us likes to share stories, learn about new things and try to solve the problems of the world.

On Thursday, the day ends — as does the week — with a stop at Farmer's Wife, a cozy country restaurant and specialty deli with only a few tables, in Ancramdale. It's always tricky getting there before the restaurant's 3 p.m. closing. But even when we're a little late, Lisa and her team are often still there, cleaning up or preparing food for a catered event. Lisa has a buoyant personality and, no matter how hard her day, always remains upbeat. I can expect a warm greeting from her when I arrive. I can also expect a little ribbing: "I hope you have change today!" she'll joke, as she reaches into her cash register drawer to pay me, knowing that I hardly ever carry change. Truth is, apart from an instance or two, I never need it.

So, as you can see, the life of a driver, lived every Wednesday and Thursday, is richer than you probably imagined. Yes, our primary function, our reason for being, is to deliver each week's newspapers to post offices and retail account locations quickly and efficiently. And yes, much of what we do is load and unload, stop and go, say hello and say goodbye. But would you have guessed how much fun we had in the process? How many interesting places and beautiful faces we came across? How we were able to make a potentially mindless job into an intellectually stimulating and socially rewarding one?

It's another Wednesday morning. The truck from the printer pulls into the driveway at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News offices in Falls Village, with Lenny at the wheel, and I rush to open the storage garage door for him.

When he's backed up to within feet of it he stops and emerges from the cab. No matter what the temperature, hot or cold, Lenny is always dressed in shorts, sneakers and sunglasses, and today is no exception.

Lenny lowers the truck's lift gate and unfolds its platform extension so that it almost touches the edge of the garage floor. "You sure that's going to do it?" I ask, just to get a rise out of him. Lenny then presses a button that drops the platform flush to the floor, chuckling as he does. As I maneuver a skid jack into place to receive the first newspapers, I think to myself, I'll miss that big hair and full-faced beard big time when he transfers to the night shift.



"Kids, we will not be eating Mrs. Brown's garden this year... April fools!"

## 'A nice mess of trout,' local dogs, and sharks seeking free pool table

*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: April 6, 1933**

'About Millerton': Miss Pearl Wheeler caught a native trout weighing 1 pound, 3 ounces in Webotuck [sic] Creek on Sunday.

Ken and Hiram Brown brought in a nice mess of trout on Saturday.

'Surprise Party': Last Thursday Evening Miss Marjorie Decker was given a surprise party at her home by a group of her friends. The occasion was her nineteenth birthday. The evening was spent playing various games, to the enjoyment of all participating. Sandwiches, coffee, and birthday cake were served. Those attending were Doris Wolfe, Althea Masten, Ethel Peck, Willietta Peck, Margorie Cook, Ida Pitcher, Marjorie Hsier, Marjorie Decker, Ethel Mills, Frances Hoyt, Rewick Peck, Lewis Peck, Kenneth Seely, William Sexton, Wallace Hosier, John Fracaro, Louis Pitcher, and Walter Ford.

'Cards of Thanks': Mrs. Emma H. Wood wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to her neighbors on Elm Avenue for their kindness to Mrs. Gaffney and herself. She especially thanks Mrs. Mary Ehalen, Charles McArthur and William McCullough.

**50 years ago: April 4, 1974**

'Citizens Complain About Local Dogs': With the advent of spring planting, several Millerton residents have complained about the damage that dogs have done to their property.

George Lindner of Highland Street said that he has made complaints since last summer against dogs that ruined half his tulips, twice destroyed his bean plants, and broke 18 of his tomato plants. [...] Mayor Anderson made an appeal to dog owners in a letter to The News this week. He said: "There is no dog in the Village smart enough to read the ordinance and understand what problems he may be creating for himself and his master. You owners have to enforce this ordinance on your dog — he won't obey it otherwise. The Village officials implore you to do this for the sake of your neighbors and your harassed officials."

'Millerton Man Chosen To Fly Transport Planes': Major Hugh L. Hunter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hunter of Elm Avenue, Millerton, has been selected to fly the Hercules C-130 Cargo Plane.

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Major Hunter is being transferred from U.S. Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon, where he has been serving on the Air Staff as Special Assistant to the USAF Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems and Logistics, [...] Major Hunter is a graduate of Millerton High (Class of 1955) where he earned letters in Baseball, Basketball and Soccer. [...]

'12 Webotuck Students Accepted by College': Seniors at Webotuck Central School are rapidly receiving college acceptances. Approximately 55 percent of the class of '74 are planning to further their education. Last week, seniors who received letters of acceptance from colleges of their choice were Jay Rotherstein, Roebert Silvernail, Margaret O'Hara, Cindy Webb, Susan McGhee, Marion Krivacs, Diane Krivacs, David Lyle, Chris Haaland, Steve Clark, Margaret Miller, and Daniel Brum.

Want Ads:  
POOL SHARKS need free but good pool table [...]

**25 years ago: April 1, 1999**

'Millerton News Wins Award for Editorials': The Millerton News walked away from the New York Press Association's (NYPSA) annual conference with a second-place award for editorial writing for newspapers with under 2,400 circulation.

Competing against hundreds of other community

newspapers, The News was awarded the honors, judged this year by members of the Virginia Press Association, for three separate editorials written on local issues. [...]

"It's always nice to be recognized by your colleagues," said Mr. Cowgill, who has been editor at The News since last June. "Needless to say, we plan to continue our commitment to strong editorials that are local in nature and reflect the values of the many voices in the communities we cover."

'Easter Egg Hunt Planned in Millerton': The Millerton Fire Department, the American Legion Post 178 and the Millerton Gun Club along with Burger King and the Round Tuit will sponsor the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at 11 a.m.

There will be a hayride from the house on Century Boulevard to the Millerton Gun Club for the hunt. Hay rides will begin at 10:30 a.m.

'Library Sells Subs - Sandwiches[sic], That Is': The North East Millerton Library will be selling grinders (subs) to benefit the library. American Legion Post 178 has donated its kitchen for this event. Choices are: turkey with tomato and lettuce or combo of ham, cheese and salami with tomato and lettuce, both with mayonnaise packets. The cost is \$5 a grinder. [...]

'Girl Scout Cookies Still Available': Did you miss out or eat all of your Girl Scout Cookies? Millerton Brownie Troop 487 will have a Cookie Booth Sale, Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3, at the Millerton Grand Union. Cookies are \$3 a box.

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Route 199 in Pine Plains near the proposed access for Carson Power LLC's planned 10 megawatt solar project, which faces opposition from some neighbors.

## Court date set for Pine Plains

By JOHN COSTON  
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PINE PLAINS — The New York State Supreme Court judge in charge of the lawsuit brought by residents opposed to the Tier 3 solar project at Pulvers Corners has scheduled oral arguments for May 3.

On Friday, March 29, Judge Anthony R. Molé of Putnam Supreme Court called for the oral arguments to be held in Putnam County Supreme Court in Carmel at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 306.

A March 19 court hearing had been canceled by Judge Molé, who recently was assigned to the case after a string of other justices recused themselves from handling it for various reasons. Justice Gina Capone, who previously had been assigned the case, had scheduled the March 19 oral arguments.

The resident group, known as Preserve Pine Plains, is seeking an injunction against the solar farm project, proposed by Carson Power LLC of New York City. The group filed an Article 78 action against the Pine Plains Planning Board and developers of the project, which envisions a

10MW complex consisting of 24,000 solar panels on farmland at 454 Bean River Road.

Article 78 proceedings put the action of an official or agency under review by a court.

"Counsel must be adequately prepared to argue the procedural and substantive issues concerning the claims and contentions raised in the pleadings and the parties' briefs," Judge Molé wrote in a court notice to the parties.

"Each party shall be allotted ten minutes for their main arguments and prior to beginning argument, may reserve up to three minutes for rebuttal," he wrote.

The judge previously had signaled to the parties that a review of the submitted papers in the case would precede a decision whether to hold oral arguments.

Since the petition was filed by Preserve Pine Plains Dec. 27, 2023, more than 120 documents have been submitted by sets of attorneys representing both sides of the case.

Mindy Zoghlin of the Zoghlin Group LLC in Rochester represents Preserve Pine Plains. The town is represented by Warren S. Replansky.

Developers named in the

case are Pulvers Corner Solar 1 LLC, Pulvers Corners Solar 2 LLC, Nexamp Inc., SOLAREIT 1-A LLC and Carson Power.

The residents' group claims the Town Board failed to take a "hard look" at "significant adverse impacts" with respect to community character and town planning documents. It also claims the Planning Board failed to take a "hard look" at the project's impacts on plants and animals and on aesthetic resources and "ignored identified areas of environmental concerns."

In extensive rebuttal, town officials and the developers disagree with and challenge the plaintiffs' claims.

In its application with the Town of Pine Plains, Carson power said it intends to honor the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "Tree Clearing Window" to accommodate actions to eliminate risk of impacts to Endangered Bat Species in New York State. "In consideration of this window, tree removal will only happen in the window of November 1st to March 31st," Carson agreed.

# Recent property sales in the Town of Amenia

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns.

In the first two months of the year, there was not one single-family home that exchanged hands in Amenia.

But there were eight closed and recorded sales of other assorted types of property: three two-family houses; one seasonal home; one commercial building; one mansion; one commercial property with apartments and mobile homes; and one piece of vacant land.

The estate sold on Kennel Road for \$3,888,000 with 106.8 acres is a reminder that there are mansions in Amenia outside of Silo Ridge, and that former churches can be transformed into usable office space — albeit with very high ceilings — with the sale of 4919 Route 22 in the center of Amenia. Currently there are eight actively listed residences for sale in Amenia ranging from \$25 million, with a regulation polo field, to \$159,000; and 12 pieces of land ranging from 0.31 to 512 acres.

### January 2024 recorded sales

3320 Route 22, a two-family 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath home, sold for \$293,815  
11 Winding Creek Lane,



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This building at 18 Furnace Road located in the hamlet of Wassaic on 0.2 acres was sold for \$32,000 in 2020, then renovated and resold for \$400,000 in January 2024.

a two-family 4-bedroom, 4-bath home on 5 acres, sold for \$435,000

18 Furnace Bank Road, a two-family 5-bedroom, 2-bath home with 1,920 square feet, sold for \$400,000

4919 Route 22, a 3,562-square-foot commercial building in the center of Amenia that is a former church and grocery store, and is now used as office space.

### February 2024 recorded sales

173 Kennel Road, two residences located on 106.8 acres, sold for \$3,888,000

28 Bog Hollow Road, a small seasonal residence on 1 acre, sold for \$160,000

320 Wood Duck Road, a

vacant 0.41-acre building lot in Silo Ridge Field Club, sold for \$1,851,850

4 Wilcox Drive, a commercial property with four apartments and five mobile homes on 0.72 acres, sold for \$701,500

Town of Amenia real estate sales recorded as sold between Jan. 1, 2024, and Feb. 29, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency with property details from Dutchess Parcel Access.

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

# Teachers take the stage

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
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FALLS VILLAGE — Students and members of the community had a chance to see teachers and staffers in a new light during the Housatonic Faculty Theater Society's staged reading of "12 Angry Jurors" at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Thursday, March 28.

The play, originally called "12 Angry Men," was written by Reginald Rose and first performed in 1954. It follows jury deliberations in a homicide trial, and addresses topics such as race, prejudice, capital punishment and the burden of proof.

John Christinat (Technology Education) played Juror No. 8, the only juror to vote against conviction at the start of the play.

The primary antagonists are Juror No. 3, played by English teacher Damon Osora, and Juror No. 10, handled by Social Studies teacher Deron Bayer.

The reading took place in Room 133, which is a



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HVRHS teachers in "12 Angry Jurors" March 28.

small amphitheater-style room, or a "thrust stage" in theater terms, with a minimal set. The performers and audience were thus very close.

The show was a fundraiser for the Class of 2027. Bayer is the faculty adviser for the class.

In a phone interview Sunday, March 31, Bayer said as class adviser he is always brainstorming with the students on how to raise funds for senior year activities.

He had also been thinking about establishing a faculty and staff theater group.

This year the stars aligned. "It was a good excuse" to get the ball rolling on the theater group. Think-

ing about material, he realized he had the components of the cast of "12 Angry Jurors" at hand.

Bayer shrugged off the title of "director," preferring "facilitator."

He said the cast rehearsed a couple days a week for a total of six or seven rehearsals.

The advantage of a staged reading as opposed to memorizing the script is that the show can be ready to go much faster. Plus, the actors all have busy lives.

Bayer said that teachers with little or no formal dramatic experience are more ready to make the leap than they might think.

"Teachers are on stage all the time."

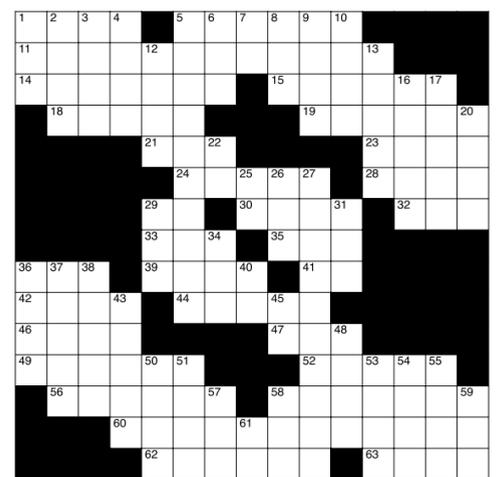
# Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- A minute amount (British)
- Mystical or magical
- Shortening
- More satisfying
- Other side
- Philippine island
- More unnatural
- Mutual savings bank
- Famed designer Chanel
- Makes less wild
- At some prior time
- The cops who investigate the cops
- Immune system response
- Distress signal
- Engine additive
- "No Scrubs" trio
- Very fast airplane
- A reward (archaic)
- Commercial
- Spots where golfers start
- Polite form of address (Indian)
- French river
- Reduce the light
- Blood-sucking fly
- A way to categorize
- Procrastinates
- Tall slender tower
- Where researchers work
- Office of the Pope
- Office furnishing

### CLUES DOWN

- Possesses
- American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- Ancient Syrian city
- Clip
- In a way, misleads
- Human gene
- The Golden State (abbr.)
- Lizard genus
- Parasites that invade the skin
- Took apart
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- S. California town



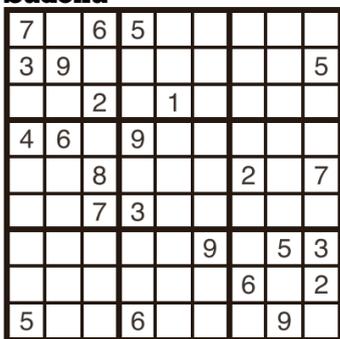
- Suffix plural
- Painting technique
- Small Eurasian deer
- Mr. T character
- Microsoft
- Shock therapy
- Able to be sold
- A doctrine
- These three follow A
- Pulse
- Quantitative fact
- Doctor \_\_\_: children's book author
- Hebrew calendar month
- Designated hitter
- Norther Poland village
- A passport is one form
- Hand (Spanish)
- Hit with the open hand

- Actor Idris
- Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_\_"
- Northern U.S. lake
- Marvin and Horsley are two
- Soak
- Partner to cheese
- Expression of disappointment
- College dorm employee

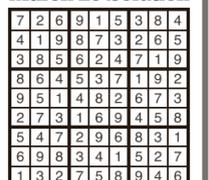
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# Exploring eco-science at the Cary Institute

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies is well known in Millbrook and the area surrounding it for its 2,000 acres of nature walks, trails, ferns and plants as well as its many forums and presentations.

Over the past few years, the institute was completely renovated. There are new buildings clad in copper; a courtyard; and progressing nicely, a field of native pollinating plants.

What is most important about Cary, however, is what we don't see: the work that goes on in labs, in fields and streams, not just in this area but across the world. President Joshua Ginsberg is justly proud that Cary is a force behind much of the research concerning important ecological issues of the day and how that research can impact local, state, federal and international laws and decisions.

It is difficult to prioritize Cary's research and contributions to science and the environment; all of the projects are important.

Cary was founded in 1983 by Gene Likens, the co-discoverer of acid rain in North America. His research and experiments on precipitation and chemistry in streamwater, carried on in the 1960s at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, became the foundation in shaping environmental legislation. He was an advisor to governors in New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut as well as advisor to a U.S. president and the author of 26 books and more than 600 scientific papers, and was awarded the National Medal of Science by President George W. Bush in 2001.

His research strongly influenced the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, which greatly expanded federal control of toxic air pollutants. To this day, Cary is known for having the longest running continuous data set on acid rain.

## Invasive insects

Cary was instrumental in taking the initiative on researching invasive forest pests that come into the U.S. by various means. The late Cary scientist Gary Lovett perceived the problem of invasive species early on; New York state had the more new invasive pests in their forests than any other — 62 types were discovered in the state. These pests, such as the Asian long-horned beetle, discovered in 1996 in Brooklyn, the



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The Cary Institute's headquarters, the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building, at dawn.

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hemlock woolly adelgid, the emerald ash borer and others, come in through international trade, in lumber and packaging and in live trees and plants.

Scientists sought to strengthen laws regarding the problem, and brought attention to it in highlighting the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. Yet the problem persists; just recently in this area, there was a huge problem with the spongy moth and the spotted lanternfly.

Lovett was concerned that not enough was being done and a set of science-based policies were developed, and recommendations made, to block the importation of insects and diseases brought in through international trade systems. Cary scientists, along with others, continues to work with legislators and through partnership to implement Tree-SMART Trade legislation.

A petition was started April 8, 2022, to ask Congress to do something about it. With Lovett and Cary Institute spearheading the petition, it was delivered with over 1,700 signatures to the House and Senate agricultural committees, requesting action be taken in the form of a congressional hearing on these invasive forest pests. On April 4, 2023, a bill was introduced to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry for action by the Senate.

## Foliage fans

Cary scientists understand the importance of trees in ecology. They are studying the impact of forest fires on our ecological system. They conduct research in the U.S. and around the world.

When rain forests below the equator are burned or plundered, we lose all the potential medicines and other undiscovered treasures that they're hiding.

Trees produce shade, which cools temperatures, and they release water vapor through their leaves. This also helps cool the air. This has an effect on energy costs for the consumer. With three carefully placed trees, a homeowner can save \$100-\$250 yearly on energy costs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide, releasing the oxygen back into the air and storing the carbon. This helps in reducing the effects of climate change. A mature tree can absorb 48 pounds of carbon dioxide and will provide oxy-

gen in its place.

Animals also benefit from trees, as a source of both shelter and food. Trees produce fruits and nuts, as well as some spices, which we use daily, and provide lumber for building.

## Water protection

Water is an element we can't live without. Emma Rosi, recently retired from Cary, studied how failing wastewater infrastructure plays a part in polluting streams and creating antibiotic-resistant "superbugs." Rosi's research showed how prescription and illicit drugs that invade our waterways impact freshwater quality and the aquatic life it should support.

After earning her master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Georgia, Rosi took on a leading role in the area of freshwater science and researching how emerging contaminants shape these systems. She has served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board.



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Evan Gora and Adriane Esquivel-Muelbert in Panama, working on the Gigante project, which seeks to understand why giant tropical trees are dying.

## Disease prediction

Joining the Cary Institute in 2014, Barbara Han got her doctorate in zoology from Oregon State University. Her research involves ecology, global health and computing, all of which she uses to predict outbreaks of new zoonotic diseases, the ones that jump from animals to humans. Of the many cases reported each year — over 1 billion — most can be attributed to zoonotic pathogens.

Han has partnered with collaborators at IBM and NASA on predicting global disease and has also helped the U.S. government and the World Health Organization

to apply this specialized research to disease prevention.

## Lyme prevention

Richard Ostfeld and Cary Institute partnered with Bard College, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health on The Tick Project, a five-year study that began in 2016 to find out if neighborhood-based prevention would have an effect on the amount of cases of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases were contracted.

Simple methods believed to be safe for the environment were used on both humans and pets. Twenty-four neighborhoods were chosen to participate, each consisting of 6 to 10 blocks. They used bait boxes to catch rodents and MET52 insecticide spray. The number of ticks in the yards with bait boxes was reduced to about half the usual number, while the spray had no effect on the number of ticks found. Neither method had an effect on people's incidences with ticks, but pets' diseases from tick-borne infection was lower by about 50% in yards using either the traps or the spray.

Cary is a nonprofit. Its website at [caryinstitute.org](http://caryinstitute.org) includes forums, scientific papers, biographies and notes on its scientists as well as a place to donate.



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Jane Lucas is stands among her Stressed Out Soils experiment enclosures on Cary's grounds in Millbrook. She's studying the impact antibiotics, fungicide, rising temperatures, and changing precipitation patterns soil of the Hudson Valley.



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Researcher Richard Ostfeld 'dragging for ticks' at Cary.

## Biodiversity Depends on us: How to Make your Yard a Pollinator Paradise

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dimando was convicted of second-degree murder and gun possession.

Despite an abundance of evidence to corroborate the years of abuse Addimando endured, the prosecution instead relied on harmful fallacies, domestic violence myths, character assassination, victim blaming and unsubstantiated claims to make their case.

But perhaps most disturbingly, prior to Addimando's sentencing, New York passed the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act, which specifically authorized reductions in sentences for domestic-violence survivors when the abuse they suffered "was a significant contributing factor to the defendant's criminal behavior."

Judge Edward McLoughlin, an elected judge still serving on Dutchess County's Supreme and County Courts, presided in Addimando's case, and ruled instead that the case did not meet the requirements of a reduced sentence because she "could have left her abuser."

On February 11, 2020, Judge McLoughlin sentenced Addimando to 19-years-to-life, plus 15 years, plus 5 years post supervision.

After a year of advocacy, in June 2021, an appeals court struck down the ruling, and Addimando's sentence was reduced to 7.5 years. She was released from prison in January 2024 and is currently on parole and living with her sister in Poughkeepsie.

**The bigger picture**

In the US, three women



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

**Michelle Horton told the story of her sister's experience surviving domestic violence and subsequent incarceration at Scoville Memorial Library on March 27.**

die every day at the hands of a current or former intimate partner, and the myth of "just leaving" is not possible. A commonly referenced statistic among domestic violence advocates is that victims make an average of seven attempts to leave an abusive relationship.

Leaving isn't a single event; rather, it's a complex process that necessitates meticulous preparation and groundwork. Decades of research, including a groundbreaking femicide study from 2003, by Jacquelyn Campbell, and a three-country study from 1993, by Margo Wilson and Martin Daly, shows that the most dangerous time for a victim is when she is leaving the relationship.

After Horton's reading of

a moving passage from the book which underscored the trauma experienced by Addimando and her family, an audience member expressed shock that Addimando was "hiding in plain sight to most of her family and friends."

The audience member then went on to ask what could be done to "encourage people to be more courageous in seeing and helping victims and what can be done to encourage victims to reach out to broader support?"

Virginia Gold, director of client services at Project Sage responded by noting that the current social environment emphasizes enabling the victim to make different choices.

She explained that this was a way of blaming or putting the onus on the victim of domestic violence, which "creates a context in which

someone hears the unspoken messages that they are the one who has to fix this thing happening to them, as opposed to the idea that we are responsible for shifting our assumptions about how relationships should work."

She said, "one of the reasons that we talk about social change [is that this] erases the responsibility that we need to hold for perpetrators and the conversation that we need to have that identifies the kinds of behaviors that are condoned, ignored, rationalized, or allowed to continue.

**The justice system**

"How do we go about getting this judge off the bench?" asked another audience member to applause, referring to Judge McLoughlin.

Horton responded, "We need voters in Dutchess

County to spread the word because he will be up for re-election in 2025.

"It's an elected position so we can vote him out of power. It is possible."

Judge McLoughlin is also a professor of criminal law at Marist College, where some students are petitioning to terminate his role due to his handling of Addimando's case.

Among the list of grievances against the judge is perpetuation of harmful myths about domestic violence. "How can the college claim to 'foster a safe living and learning environment for all' when someone with such a fundamental, well-documented lack of understanding about domestic violence is allowed to shape the minds of young people?" the petition asks.

There are currently 812 signatures on the petition. Marist declined to comment.

A staff member of Judge McLoughlin's chambers said that because the case is still considered pending, McLoughlin is not able to comment on the case at this time.

**Aftermath**

"I never had any illusion that Nikki coming home was going to be a happy ending, but I think she's in a much better position than most," Horton said, referring to the fact that Addimando has resources, community and family support, something the majority of incarcerated women do not.

Horton said that the family is working to heal from this trauma.

"We're all looking forward to the future but it's challenging at different points because, you know, healing is hard," she said.

**SOFTBALL** *Continued from Page A1*

in the sport they love playing," said Pietrafesa. "We're all here to give the kids a chance to play."

Overall, there are three combined teams participating in the spring sports season, Pietrafesa said. Those teams are track and field, softball and baseball.

"Millbrook brings a lot of talent," said team member Grainne Williams, a Webutuck senior.

"I like to meet and have new people playing with me," she added, predicting that her team will have a winning season. Williams praised the team's potential as they are

learning to work as a team and she spoke for her team that they have a good coach.

An experienced combined girls' team soccer player (outside wing) in the fall sports roster, pitcher Madison Krueger of Millbrook, a junior, is no less enthusiastic about her softball team's prospects this year.

Varsity softball opens its season on Wednesday, April 3 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The home opener and league opener will be against Dover on Wednesday, April 10.

The season will continue until mid-May.

**GARDENERS** *Continued from Page A1*

pants nationwide, including more than 1,100 in New York State alone.

The primary grievances of the resigned volunteers from Dutchess County revolve around perceived poor management practices by the program's new directors. Allegations include the creation of a hostile work environment, arbitrary dismissals and suspensions of Master Gardeners, and a lack of transparency regarding changes to volunteer commitments.

"There is something called a conflict resolution policy at the extension, and they would never let us utilize it to hear why we were upset, what we thought we could do about it, and how we could fix things and so forth. They just wouldn't sit down with us," said a master gardener who prefers to remain anonymous. She went on to say, "They never thought about the repercussions. Period. And quite honestly, they don't seem to care." This sentiment is echoed by others who feel that the current management team has failed to address their concerns and engage in meaningful dialogue.

The imposition of new rules and requirements without adequate explanation has contributed to the discontent among volunteers. Recent developments, such as what the gardeners describe as restrictive volunteer forms and disrespectful language, have also raised concerns among volunteers.

The departure of these longtime volunteers represents a significant loss for the Dutchess County Master Gardener Program and the community it serves.

Said Chris Ferrero, Master Gardener and one of the founders of the Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau, "The Master Gardeners need to be brought back if we are going to serve the community. If we can't, why is the county paying the extension for this

service?"

Moving forward, there is a collective hope among former volunteers for a reversal of the program's current trajectory which they perceive to be marked by inflexible and disrespectful management practices. The volunteers have voiced their concerns in an open letter about the future direction of the program and its ability to effectively serve the community.

Asked for comment, CCEDC Director Mary Lou Carolan acknowledged that a number of volunteers had left the program. She said that the movement among the Master Gardeners had started last summer, following the implementation of revised policy guidelines from Cornell's horticulture program.

The revised guidelines required Master Gardeners to spend more hours training, so that those with the Master Gardener title would be more educated in all aspects of plant management, from propagation to soil science on down, said Carolan — the idea being that the Gardeners can then pass that information on to the public.

She said that the Master Gardeners who left had objected to new requirements of time spent in the labs and greenhouses, learning, for example, how to manage cuttings and propagate plants.

The Master Gardeners also objected to requirements to staff the CCEDC horticulture hotline, which people call with questions about gardening, Carolan said. This also required training, such as how to research the answers to questions that the volunteer might not know off the top of their heads.

The changes coincided with changes in leadership and staffing, said Carolan.

"With new leadership comes new direction, new vision," she said. "I think they didn't want anything to change."

**FOOD WASTE** *Continued from Page A1*

food scraps. That is a good thing. But, preventing food waste in the first place (upstream solutions) means that more food can go to hungry people, or if not suitable for human consumption, to farm animals.

Americans would save money and resources by learning how best to store produce, meats, and other groceries; how to use leftovers resourcefully; how to maximize the refrigerator's different zones of cooling; how to use the freezer and other methods to preserve food; and how to change shopping habits.

The Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC) and the transfer station Manager learned of Food Waste Prevention Week in a late-February webinar, which left little time for organizing outreach events, but, nonetheless, a few activities have been planned and some have already taken place. At Indian Mountain School, Tom Stewart, the Director of Sustainability Programming and Initiatives, reported that in addition to regularly talking about food waste, the school



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**Books on composting and food waste at the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon during Food Waste Prevention Week, April 1 to 7.**

presented a food waste awareness quiz, and plans to have a series of announcements based on materials from the website for Food Waste Prevention Week. The Corner Food Pantry posted Spanish-language signs and offered handouts about how best to avoid wasting food. The children's librarian at Scoville Library read books about composting and food waste (and children observed a worm-

composting bin). The Hotchkiss children's librarian will likely display similar books.

Salisbury Central School will have a food drive later in April. At Sharon Center School, the students will learn about Food Waste Prevention and brainstorm solutions during STEM class in the month of April. The STEM teacher at Sharon Center hopes to make room for a trivia quiz or other activity, also later in April. The

Fairfield Farm at Hotchkiss School will present a kitchen class about using foods that are over peak freshness, or ugly, or past the "best by" date.

For more information about wasted food, go to: [www.foodwasteprevention-week.com](http://www.foodwasteprevention-week.com)

Barbara Bettigole is chair of the Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)

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**CRAFT: JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**

## Graceful stitching at the altar

So much of what we know about religion comes from the written word, but much can be found in paintings, sculptures — and needlework.

Famous tapestries hang in castles and museums around the world, but some of the most beautiful pieces can be found on altars, on kneelers, and in the vestments and hangings found in great cathedrals and in some small country churches.

Father Matthew Calkins, of Grace Church in Millbrook, is justly proud of the altar frontals, pulpit falls, veils, scarves and vestments that are found at Grace Episcopal Church. He recently shared with members of the church, a “festival frontal” that was found in a box in the sacristy.

“Unused for many years due to stains on the silk damask,” he said in describing the treasure. He said the piece was removed and will be remounted on a new frontal that has been



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

An assortment of kneelers and pillows in needlepoint; there are some done in crewel as well. Note the symbols used throughout the items.

ordered.

Grace has an Altar Guild, led by Director Jean Hayes, who along with fellow Altar Guild member Susan Nestel carefully brought out and arranged the many pieces, most of which are placed between absorbent packing and kept in a mapmaker's cabinet with large shallow drawers.

Calkins said that the “festival frontal” piece was made by Erica Wilson and was her first major piece created

when Margaret Thorne Parshall began the Grace Needlework Guild. It was shown for the first time for Christmas services in 1955.

The Thorne name is well known in Millbrook, and for those interested in needlework, the name of Erica Wilson also is probably familiar. How they came together is an interesting story, and a fortuitous one for Grace Church.

Parshall had an interest in fine needlework, gathering together a

group of friends, they began doing needlework at her Smithfield home, calling themselves “The Ecumenical Group.” At one point Parshall grew interested in The Royal School of Needlework, and invited one of their graduates, Erica Wilson, to come to Millbrook to teach the fine art of needlework. Wilson taught needlework to the ladies, and the needlework treasures of Grace Church grew, the recipient of many exquisite pieces.

At the time Wilson

was persuaded to come to Millbrook, she was sure she was going to a place far from civilization. In a 1973 interview, she said, “I brought a big trunk of my own wool, thinking I was going to Indian Country, where such things wouldn't be available.”

Wilson found Millbrook pleasant and civilized; she lived and worked with the Grace Needlework Guild from 1954 to 1957, when she married renowned furniture designer Valdimir Kagan and moved to New York City. She opened a shop there, which she ran

for 33 years and wrote nine books on various forms of needlework, had a syndicated newspaper article called Needleplay, and hosted two Public Television series.

Some of her designs were republished by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Vogue. She gained the title, the “Julia Child of embroidery” as well as “America's first lady of stitchery.”

Wilson died 2011.

A third famous name, Marianna Garthwaite Klaiman, was contacted about the “festival

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One of a set of altar cloths and hangings at Grace Church, done by the Grace Needlework Guild which was most active in the 1950's and 1960's, even into the 1970's. The current Altar Guild takes care of the items now, prized possessions of the church, still in use throughout the year.

**MUSIC: ALEXANDER WILBURN**

## Spanish sonatas and serenades for Easter

Adding some international vigor to Easter Weekend — or Semana Santa, “The Holy Week,” as it's known in Spain — The Hotchkiss School held a performance by the Spanish string ensemble the Málaga Chamber Orchestra in the Esther Eastman Music Center on Saturday evening, March 30. Featuring six violins, two violas, two cellos, and a double bass, the chamber music orchestra, which has performed across Europe and the U.S., is led by violinist and Grammy-nom-

inated music producer José Manuel Gil de Gálvez. He has shared the stage with renowned musicians like classical and flamenco guitarist Pepe Romero and South Korean classical cellist Hee-Young Lim and performed at locations like The Berlin Philharmonie, The Laeiszhalle in Hamburg, and The Seoul Arts Center.

With a flamboyant head of long ringlet curls and a mustache/goatee combination reminiscent of Colin Firth's Elizabethan lord in “Shakespeare in Love,”

Gil de Gálvez is a theatrical violinist to take in live, infusing his playing with a passionate performance that heats up lively numbers like the opening Spanish serenade, “Impresiones de España” by 19th-century composer Joaquín Malats. Gil de Gálvez was in full command during his captivating violin solo, “Adiós a la Alhambra” by composer Jesús de Monasterio, who served as honorary violinist of the Capilla Real de Madrid.

“Adiós” is an example of de Monasterio's Alhambra style, the 19th-century nationalist romantic movement, which, like the contemporary Málaga Chamber Orchestra, was keenly interested in the restoration of music from the Spanish popular heritage.

A notable upcoming free concert is the spring finale before the Hotchkiss Summer Portals begin, held on Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra will be joined by guest conductor Vahan Mardirossian. He currently serves as artistic director and

principal conductor of the National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia, as well as the principal conductor of the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong. Mardirossian will be joined on piano by Hotchkiss's own Head of the Arts Department and Director of the

Music Program Fabio Witkowski, as well as his wife, Gisele Witkowski, a piano instructor at The Hotchkiss School. The concert, titled “Vive le France!,” will feature works by French composers Hector Berlioz, Francis Poulenc, and Camille Saint-Saëns.



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José Manuel Gil de Gálvez, left, took a bow with members of the Málaga Chamber Orchestra at The Hotchkiss School Music Center.

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**MUSIC: JOHN COSTON**

# Harp guitar, hoops and hops at the brewery

“I hope you like guitars,” was Stephen Bennett’s opening line on Saturday, March 30 as he launched a two-hour solo performance flanked by guitars on all sides.

Bennett’s self-effacing humor peppered his brilliant finger-picking at the Great Falls Brewery in North Canaan as he played many familiar pieces ranging from “Oh Shenandoah” to the Cowardly Lion’s tune from the Wizard of Oz, “If I Only Had the Nerve.”

Bennett, who lives in West Cornwall with his wife Nancy, is a guitar virtuoso and composer who has played across the world and currently is treating the Northwest Corner to free performances. He is scheduled to appear on Saturday, April 6 at the Twelve Moons Coffeehouse in Falls Village at 8 p.m.

His 1909 harp guitar has been handed down from his great grandfather, who played the instrument on radio in Portland, Oregon, in the 1930s. The harp neck has no frets and provides bass notes to accompany the standard six-string neck.

Playing “The House of the Rising Sun,” a ballad of unknown authorship, the harp guitar was a good match for Bennett’s slower pace as he dropped his voice to a

moody, gravely expression that rapt the audience’s attention.

Saturday night at Great Falls Brewery was not only a finger-picking extravaganza, it was a riveting basketball-dribbling March Madness night. In a Sweet 16 win over Duke, UConn women advanced to the Elite Eight.

Bennett’s continuous playing of a standard six-string, to a 1930 National Steel guitar, and his 1909 harp guitar along with a baritone guitar captivated those who came to hear him, but eyes couldn’t avoid an occasional glance at the game on the big-screen TV.

Bennett has been playing most of his life, and it the late 1980s he traveled to Oregon to join his mother and reconnect with long lost Oregon relatives. A visit to his uncle’s basement turned up the harp guitar, and everyone agreed it should be his.

“This is yours,” his uncle said after Bennett gave it a tune on the living room couch and began doodling. The rest is history, as they say. Bennett went on to compose for the instrument and later founded the annual Harp Guitar Gathering.

One song he wrote — “November” — for the harp guitar was playing

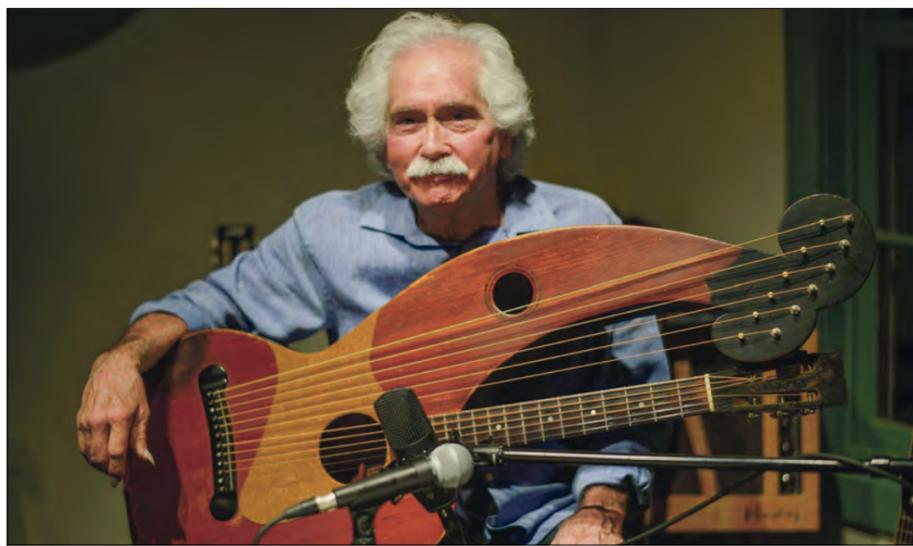


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**Stephen Bennett**

on the sound system in a New York City restaurant in 2009, prompting Nancy, who was dining there, to ask the waiter what was playing. Later, she realized she knew the composer — it was the same Stephen Bennett she had once kissed at summer camp in Bristol, Connecticut, in 1969, and as they say the rest is history.

At the brewery, Bennett’s play list was improvisational at times, and always impressive and strong enough to elicit foot tapping and even table slapping at times. During longer pieces he seemed to fuse with the instrument. His finger-picking was fancy, rapid, crisp, explosive at times, trance-like at others and always seeming to make the guitar itself

give its all.

His closing song was a dreamy Irish folk song — “The Star of County

Down” — played on the harp guitar and is a ballad about “the prettiest girl in the county.”

It was a night for double applause: Bennett’s virtuosity and the Huskies advance.

**MUSIC: MATTHEW KRETA**

# Shanghai String Quartet coming to Hudson

The Shanghai Quartet will be performing at Hudson Hall in Hudson, N.Y. Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held in honor of Eugenia Zukerman, who will be stepping down as Artistic Director of the Clarion Concert series. The quartet will be playing selections by Joseph Haydn, Edvard Grieg and Zhou Long.

The Shanghai Quartet, composed of Weigang Li and Angelo Xiang Yu on violin, Honggang Li on viola and Nicholas Tzavaras on cello, are a world renowned chamber ensemble that has only recently begun touring again. In its illustrious 40 year history, the quartet has performed in Carnegie Hall, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Freer Gallery, as well as in festivals and concert halls across Europe and Asia. The group regularly

performs in China and is the ensemble in residence for the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, and guest professors at the Shanghai Conservatory and Central Conservatory in Beijing. In 2020, the quartet took residence in the Tainjin Julliard School in China as faculty. The ensemble has been featured in over thirty recordings over the years, from Beethoven to Zhou Long’s “Poems from Tang”. The group is currently recording the complete Bartók quartets.

The concert is being dedicated to Clarion Concerts’ Artistic Director Eugenia Zukerman. Zukerman, a renowned flutist in her own right, will be retiring after about a decade in the role. Her career as a flutist has been praised by many, and she, like the Shanghai Quartet, has been featured on a plethora of high quality

and renowned recordings over the years. Previously she was CBS Morning’s arts correspondent, leading to many connections in music and television that have lead to many inspiring guest performers for Clarion of the years. Zukerman was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, and wrote a book entitled “Like Falling Through a Cloud.”

“I feel very privileged to have been able to have worked with such wonderful musicians,” Zukerman said in an interview. She also thanks the board of directors, and is grateful for many years of wonderful music and fulfilling concerts.

For tickets to see the Shanghai String Quartet this Saturday, visit [www.clarionconcerts.org](http://www.clarionconcerts.org). For more on Eugenia Zukerman and her many works in music and writing, visit [www.eugeniazukerman.com](http://www.eugeniazukerman.com).

## ...altar stitching

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frontal” after discussions with the Millbrook Historical Society and the Altar Guild. Klaiman is a textile historian who specializes in the study of Anglican and Episcopal ecclesiastical textiles. She is currently working on sacristies of New York.

Klaiman has been a fashion and collectibles expert at Sotheby’s, a former costume and textile conservator and an independent textile scholar.

On Thursday, March 21, Klaiman visited Grace Church to examine some of the fine embroidered pieces, as well as some crewel work, hangings, kneelers, bell pulls and other items. She shared her knowledge of Erica Wilson and the Royal School of Needlework.

Although the frontal piece was the main attraction, there were so many items for Klaiman to examine — with rich colors, damasks, intricate designs, and

patterns with silk and metallic threaded embroidery.

Klaiman was impressed with the items, and she was also impressed with the fact that there was documentation concerning the work.

“The needlework, aside from being beautiful when used during services, also attests to the services of the many generations who contribute to the legacy,” she noted.



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# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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## APRIL 5

### Banned Book Club

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

On Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

## APRIL 6

### Artists Books: Design and Creation, a Talk with May Castleberry

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On April 6, from 4 to 5 p.m., May Castleberry, editor of the Contemporary Editions series published by the Library Council of The Museum of Modern Art, will present artists books that she has edited for MOMA and the Whitney Museum Library. These spectacular works feature collaborations between renowned contemporary artists, writers, photographers, and thinkers, and the talents of printmakers, bookbinders, paper cutters, and engineers. Learn and see how their creativity comes together in books that are works of art. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

### Old Time Community Dance

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

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the Cornwall Town Hall, Square, Circle, and Contra Dances will be taught and called by Paul Rosenberg to the lively music of Relatively Sound Band. 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.

## APRIL 7

### Ungardening with Dee Salomon: Clearing Invasives & Propagating Native Plants

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Get ready for planting season with Dee Salomon, consultant on restoring native habitats and writer of the Lakeville Journal column "The Ungardener". Dee will tell the story of

how to transform an invasive-filled woodland into a place for native plants, human joy, and animal survival. Learn what to plant and what to pull up, and pick up information about native plant resources on Sunday, April 7, 3 to 4 p.m. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

### Art Opening Reception: Deborah Hanson Greene

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

Watercolors by Deborah Hanson Greene will be on display at the library during the month of April, and the April 7 reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., hosted by the Library Associates. A resident of the Berkshires, Greene paints primarily still-life studies, and to a lesser extent, landscapes à plein air. Her paintings have been accepted into juried exhibitions at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, VA, and the Maryland Art League in Annapolis. Work was featured in two Annapolis galleries and various coffeehouses and cafés in Annapolis and Baltimore. Since returning to her childhood home in rural western Massachusetts, where she lives and works, she has exhibited at the Berkshire Co-op Market, The Marketplace Café, The Sheffield Collection, and Real Gustavian.

## APRIL 8

### The Solar Eclipse is Almost Here!

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. nemillertonlibrary.org

April 8 is an important day. It will be the last solar eclipse for next forty years! Millerton is very close to having a total eclipse. We will have 97% coverage of the sun that afternoon. You can pick up eclipse glasses for free at the front desk of the library. Glasses will be limited to four per household.

## APRIL 10

### Aging 101 - Educate to Navigate

30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, Conn.

On April 10 from 5 to 6 p.m., join us for Aging 101. The aging process is complicated and overwhelming. Join us to learn the in's and out's of how you can prepare for yourself (or your loved one) before it becomes too late. This includes knowing if you have a Long Term Care

Policy, understanding the difference between non-medical and medical help, going over your local options as you age and much more.

Furthermore, we will take some time to discuss the benefits of utilizing a patient advocacy company. Joining us will be Art Mulligan, CEO of Senior Advocate Services and Sara Lynn Leavenworth, Director of Client Services. They specialize in advocating for older adults and their families so that they feel supported during late-life transitions.

Please RSVP by sending an email to mkenny@vnhlc.org

## APRIL 11

### "The Einstein Effect" Book Talk

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

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a virtual program with Benjamin Cohen, author of "The Einstein Effect". A fascinating look into how Einstein's genius and science continues to show up in so many facets of our everyday lives including GPS, remote controls, even toothpaste. Award winning author and journalist Cohen is the manager of Einstein's official social media accounts, with over 20 million followers. In "The Einstein Effect" Cohen shows us the many ways that the Nobel Prize winner's influence is still with us. This event is free and open to the public. Register here: us02web.zoom.us/j/9282828282

### Film Screening: "Freud's Last Session"

The Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass.

At 5 p.m., The Triplex Cinema and Great Barrington Public Theater will present a screening of "Freud's Last Session" based on Mark St. Germain's play. St. Germain's play originally premiered in 2009 at Barrington Stage Company, and the filmed version was written by St. Germain and Matthew Brown, who also directed the film. Germain's play was based on a famous series of Harvard University lectures-turned-book by Armand Nicholi.

Set in 1939 on the eve of the outbreak of World War Two in England,

the film tells the story of a fictional meeting between Sigmund Freud and famed author and Christian theologian C.S.Lewis, who debate the existence of God, among other issues. Their conversation imagines a spiritual debate between the father of psychoanalysis, an atheist and a man of science, and the theological Lewis, who later wrote "The Chronicles of Narnia," among other works. Academy Award winner Anthony Hopkins stars as Freud alongside Matthew Goode, who plays Lewis.

The event includes a screening of the film, a talkback with Mark St. Germain led by Great Barrington Public Theater artistic director Jim Frangione. Party food will be prepared by Guidos, wine will be donated by Domaney's and desserts provided by Great Barrington Bagel Company. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via the Triplex website at www.thetriplex.org

## APRIL 13

### Sharon Historical Society and Museum Annual Meeting and Lecture

18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

The Sharon Historical Society and Museum (SHSM) will be hosting its annual meeting and free public lecture on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the SHSM building at 18 Main Street in Sharon with the lecture, To Certain Western Lands: Connecticut Stories from the Western Reserve, immediately following.

## Poetry Reading

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

On Saturday, April 13, at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host A Celebration of Poetry in honor of National Poetry Month. Participants are invited to read their own poems or pieces by their favorite poets. Each reader will have 5 to 10 minutes to share. All ages are welcome to participate. Drinks and snacks will be served.

## Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Claudia Cayne on April 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. for a discussion of Calling for a Blanket Dance, by Oscar Hokeah. This gripping novel captures the struggles of a family — part Mexican, part Native American — facing the challenges of living across borders while raising the next generation.

## Documentary Film: "Herd" (2023)

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

A herd of shaggy Belted Galloway cattle is delivered to a neighboring pasture in the Catskills and instantly inspires a new film. The filmmaker's growing fascination with the complex forces that propel the animals through one season to the next leads him to reflect on the modern idea of animal personhood.

Cows are sentient, but after centuries of domestication, do humans really have dominion over these complex animals? These questions have been asked for centuries: Aristotle believed that animals are purely instinctual, whereas Pythagoras believed that reincarnation moves souls from humans to cows. Michel Negroponte's essay film is equal parts rumination, observation and meditation. The film reveals the cow's essence and challenges us to think differently about our fellow living animal beings.

Director Michel Negroponte will be at the 5 p.m. screening to do a Q&A with the audience after the show. The film is 59 minutes long. Registration for the program is required at norfolklibrary.org

## APRIL 14

### Live It Up!

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

Cornwall Library presents "Live It Up!," a selection of bold, vivid landscape and abstract works by artist Joelle Sander (1942–2023) that fully justify the name of the show. Her joyful use of color was last on view at the library in February 2018, in her aptly named exhibit Comfort Me with Color. An artist's reception will take place April 13, 5 to 7 p.m. Registration requested for reception: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

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NATURE: ROBIN RORABACK

# Adventures of an eclipse chaser

It is an experience every fiber of you gets involved in," said Joe Rao of the phenomena of the total eclipse; it has "no rival for sheer drama and excitement."

Rao has traveled "by land, sea, and air to hunt the total solar eclipse" for more than fifty years, he told attendees at a Zoom lecture hosted by the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Thursday, March 28; the result is that he has witnessed thirteen total eclipses in his life. Rao was chief meteorologist at News 12 in Westchester, New York, for 21 years and writes about astronomy for Natural History magazine and the Farmer's Almanac and Space.com. He is also an instructor and guest lecturer at Hayden Planetarium in New York.

Rao's lifelong fascination with the eclipse was inspired by his grandfather, who explained the phenomenon to him when Rao was just 7 years old, using his fist (the sun) and salt shaker (the moon) and pepper grinder (the earth) to

show how the moon moves to block the sun. This was in preparation for the 90% partial eclipse of July of 1963; Rao remembers witnessing the crescent image of the sun.

In July of 1972, Joe's grandfather drove Joe, his grandmother and other family members to a town in Canada called Cap-Chat on the Gaspé Peninsula, to see a total eclipse. Joe was able to see the corona around the moon's shadow at that eclipse.

He said at that eclipse, "I've got to see another one of these." He says he was "addicted" at that point.

There was a tour in 1977 that he and friend and fellow eclipse fanatic, Glenn Snyder organized to fund their own way to Columbia, South America. Their rickety old tour bus got stuck in mud. All twenty passengers pushed and freed the bus. They backtracked back to the original route and made it in time to see the total eclipse.

In 1979, he and Glenn organized another tour,

this time to Lewistown, Montana, and took eighty people. The morning of the eclipse, Joe, now a meteorologist, got word that cloud cover was coming to Lewistown. They all got on the bus, drove an hour to the east, and found a field, free of cloud cover. From there they could view the eclipse.

The year 1990 brought another eclipse. Rao got the idea of viewing it from an airplane. He contacted American Trans Air and asked them if flight 402 from Honolulu to San Francisco could be delayed forty-one minutes in order to intersect with the eclipse. They agreed. A further complication occurred when another plane got in front of them for takeoff. The delay would cost them the view of the eclipse, so the captain lowered the plane to another altitude and sped up. They got to view the eclipse.

In 1991, Rao was hired by a cruise ship to pick the best spot to view the eclipse for an eclipse cruise. The problem this time was

that a volcano which had erupted in the Philippines was causing a haze of volcanic ash. They were able to find a hole in the haze and cloud cover forty nautical miles away and the two cruise ships, filled with eclipse seekers, got to it in time.

Joe Rao was hired for another cruise in 1998 to view the eclipse near the island of Monserrat.

An eclipse near the North Pole in 2008 presented the problem of how to get to see it, until his friend Glenn Snyder was hired by the German airline, AirEvents/Deutsche Polarflug. This time it was Snyder who petitioned the airline to intersect the eclipse and got his friend Rao onboard. Rao wrote about the flight for Natural History magazine; "Shades of Glory" later won a prize from the American Astronomical Society.

In 2016, Joe convinced Alaska Airlines to delay a flight for twenty-five minutes to view the eclipse taking place that year seven hundred miles north of Honolulu.



PHOTO BY JOE RAO

In 2021, he and his wife, Renata journeyed to Antarctica to see the eclipse.

This time, Rao said he might go to Syracuse or Plattsburg for the eclipse of next Monday, April 8. He said this one is "knocking at our back door." He added, "Get in your car and travel up route I-87 north to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Saratoga Springs or Montreal." He said it should be on "everyone's bucket list."

Those who do travel north should be aware there could be heavy traffic and delays.

Rao said for those who stay in this area on April 8, there will not be a total eclipse but about a 91 percent eclipse. The corona around the

sun will not be visible. The eclipse will begin around 2:12 in Millerton, with the "maximum effect" around 3:26 and it will be over by 4:37 in the afternoon. He said there will be a "counterfeit twilight and the sky will turn a dusky shade of blue."

To view the eclipse safely eclipse glasses are needed. Regular sunglasses are not safe and will not keep out ultraviolet and infrared light. The glasses should have a tag with an ISO number and be made of polymer or mylar.

Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, director of the North-East Millerton Library, said area residents could stop in the library for a pair of eclipse glasses.

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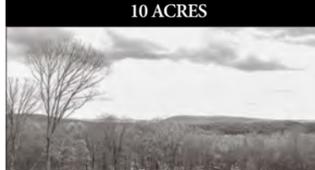
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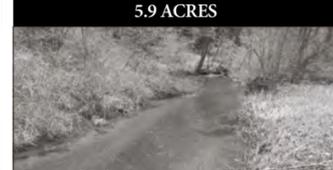
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