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Webutuck High School names top 2024 scholars

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Riley Thirlwall

Riley Thirlwall Valedictorian

Having earned the honor of being named Valedictorian for the Webutuck High School Class of 2024, Riley Thirlwall is well prepared to move on to her college years.

In addition to being accomplished in her studies, Riley represents herself with confidence and strong communication skills. Additional talents include achievements

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PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

Spring in their step.

Spring lambs at Black Sheep Hill Farm in Pine Plains demonstrate their cavorting skills Saturday, April 20 as part of the Dutchess County Sheep & Wool Growers Association spring farm tour that included several sheep farms in the Hudson Valley.



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Amanda Intrieri

Amanda Intrieri Salutatorian

Having attended the Webutuck school system since her enrollment in pre-K, Amanda Intrieri excelled in her studies from the start, setting a strong example for others and culminating in being named Salutatorian of the Webutuck High School Class of 2024.

During an interview with The Millerton News on Thursday, April 18, Amanda noted that she and Vale-

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QUEST bolsters teachers, students

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

As The Webutuck QUEST for Excellence celebrates its tenth anniversary by distributing funds totaling over \$21,000 while fulfilling a record 20 grant requests to teachers and community programs, Webutuck school Superintendent

Ray Castellanni lauds the group's contributions.

He says, "I'd like to thank, for every student and staff member in the district, the foundation for their continued support of our academic programs, our teachers and most importantly our students. The opportunity they have provided for both our staff and students is im-

measurable. Things that we would not be able to fund within our budget they have actually helped us fund, and that has made a tremendous impact on children's lives across our community, and we look forward to their partnership for many years to come."

He adds the effect on teachers is "tremendous because there are certain times where they may have something that is specific to their classroom or their program for their students and the district is not able to fund it. So this allows them to take chances on innovative ideas and projects or some possible trips for our students that would not be funded otherwise. So it always has ... a positive impact."

Castellanni provides approval of grant applications for funds that are administered through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation with the ultimate decision on the awards made by the QUEST board.

According to chairman Lynn Buckley, QUEST "Started around

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Ecology Success Stories:

A Cary Fellow's optimism

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — In today's world of climate change worry, Peter Groffman, research fellow at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, gave a lecture of hope for the future of the environment.

Groffman "studies urban ecology and how climate change alters microbial processes that support

plant growth and air and water quality." He is the president-elect of the Ecological Society of America and teaches at the City University of New York and Brooklyn College.

He began with the example of how the bald eagle has made a comeback.

Groffman said, "When I was a kid, there were no bald eagles." In

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With the ban of DDT, the bald eagle has come back from 417 nesting pairs in 1963 to 71,400 nesting pairs and was removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007.



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OUR TOWNS

Beekeeping class April 26 at Rock Steady Farm

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MILLERTON — On Friday, April 26 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., facilitators Hana' Maaiah and Brittany Levers will lead a workshop on beekeeping at Rock Steady Farm, a queer owned and operated vegetable farm at 41 Kaye Road in Millerton. Through games, demonstrations, interactive activities, and discussions, participants will gain hands-on experience and knowledge while exploring decolonizing practices and reimagining the relationship with nature.

Hana' Maaiah, the Food Systems Manager at Soul Fire Farm in Petersburg, New York, brings a decade of farming experience and a passion for advocating for farmers and educating youth.

Prior to her work at Soul Fire Farm, she was the assistant farm manager at a small urban farm in Birmingham, Alabama, called Jones Valley Teaching Farm where she was paid to take a master beekeeping class.

"I've always been entranced by bees," she shared. "I think they're fascinating, and we know their power within the food system. They prop us up, right? More than half of our food system wouldn't even exist without bees."

The class was comprised almost entirely of older, white men, despite Birmingham's majority black population, highlighting systemic barriers faced by BIPOC individuals in accessing agricultural resources and knowledge. She reflected, "I kept telling myself 'You're here for the bees, you're here for the bees.'"

Pep talk aside, Maaiah



PHOTO BY MAYA HECTOR

Hana' Maaiah, who has always been "entranced by bees," will lead a workshop.

eventually left the class but the experience has informed her teaching style. She shared, "You have to be in a space where you can feel supported, you can learn, you can ask questions, and that the information feels like it's something you want to continue to pass forward."

Maaiah found a new class, a bee mentor, and after four years of beekeeping at Jones Valley, she kept bees in her own backyard "because they're just so hypnotic," she mused.

Maaiah's perseverance and commitment to beekeeping not only speak to her passion for the craft but also underscore the importance of creating inclusive spaces within agriculture where diverse voices are valued and supported. She is also thrilled to share that bees will be arriving at Soul Fire farm next month.

Maaiah met Brittany Levers at a mushroom workshop in Troy, New York. When Ainhoa Woodley, a farmer and Farm Education Manager at Rock Steady put out a call for skill sharing in the community, Maaiah and Levers decided to pair up and share their knowledge.

"We're really trying not to do a crash course in a business sense. It's not going to be a 'How to Harvest Honey' class or something," Maaiah laughed. "But if you've ever been curious to kind of just test the waters, then let's explore." Levers added, "Even if they don't decide to bekeepers themselves, they serve a pertinent purpose in our ecosystem. I'm looking forward to spreading the joy and wonder that bees give me."

In this beginner's workshop, simplicity is key. "We want it to feel as possible as

possible to be a beekeeper," said Maaiah. She also posed the important question, "How can we reshape our practices to align with the needs of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) communities and future generations of farmers?" She went on to describe that part of the work is to center the decoloniza-



PHOTO BY NOELIA SALINETTI OF WOVEN ROOTS FARM

Brittany Levers will also facilitate the April 26 workshop.

tion of language around the practice of beekeeping. "What would it look like to rename colony, worker bee, drone bee, and queen bee?" as examples, Maaiah asked.

So, this workshop will be a far cry from the first class Maaiah experienced back in Birmingham.

There will instead be an emphasis on letting people

know that they belong, and that beekeeping is ancient wisdom BIPOC people have been practicing for centuries. "We're gonna just have a lot of fun," she continued. "We actually have a surplus of information; we just need to share it. And the bees will do the rest."

For more information and to sign up for the workshop, visit www.rocksteadyfarm.com.

Central Hudson to resume collections after hiatus

POUGHKEEPSIE — Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp. last week announced that beginning the week of April 22 it would resume collections for residential customers.

The company has not charged late payment fees or terminated service for non-payment since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

demic.

In a company announcement on Friday, April 19, Central Hudson said collections would resume with a phased approach. Its announcement said it will resume issuing final termination notices to customers with balances that are unpaid over a period greater than two months. The col-

lections will begin in the Kingston area and expand in a phased rollout, Central Hudson said.

Since August 2022 the company has been issuing reminders to customers with unpaid bills, but it said "despite these efforts, around one out of every four customers has an arrears balance greater than 60 days."

The art of literary treasure hunting

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Ken Gloss, proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston and a fixture on public television's "Antiques Roadshow" entertained a bevy of bibliophiles at the Scoville Memorial Library Wednesday, April 17 with stories from the book trade.

He also gave quick assessments of books to about a dozen people after his remarks.

The Brattle Book Shop has had a somewhat peripatetic existence since its founding in 1825, with seven different locations. It has been run by the Gloss family since 1949, when Ken Gloss' father George took over.

Gloss said the Brattle moved to a location on West Street in Boston which burned in 1980. Undaunted, the shop moved to its present location a few doors away, and Bostonians (including Mayor Kevin White) donated books to restock.

Gloss said he and his staffers go out on buying trips almost daily.

Some destinations are op-

ulent Some are humble. And there's no telling what awaits.

One call was to an elderly woman in a small house with peeling paint. Glosstooka looked at the books, which were nothing special.

Then he noticed the watercolors. "Oh, those are nice." "Oh yes" said the elderly lady. "They're all [J.M.W.] Turners."

Gloss said he or his staff get hundreds of calls about books. "Most are routine, I can give them an answer off the top of my head."

But every so often there's a call like the one from the woman who announced, "President Kennedy slept with me!"

Turned out the woman worked for the Kennedy family as a nurse. The infant JFK did indeed sleep with her in her professional capacity.

"She had handwritten letters from the President," Gloss said, explaining that for collectors handwritten letters are particularly prized.

"As far as I know they still have them. They can't sell them. They're part of their life."

George Gloss died in 1985, and Ken Gloss took over, and

in the process hired a young man who seemed promising.

A customer entered, browsed around and asked for an item they did not have in stock but could likely obtain.

The customer said he would come back and left.

The new assistant remarked, casually, "That was J.D. Salinger."

Started, Gloss asked how he knew. "I used to date his daughter."

Gloss said he enjoys doing the television program and traveling to parts of the country he might not otherwise get to.

Correction

In the April 18 issue, the name of the person who organized the Sunday, April 14 breakfast with Sheriff Kirk Imperati at the American Legion Post 178 is Bruce Flint. His name was misspelled in a photo caption.

In the April 18 issue, an art exhibit opening of the works of Dr. Leon Nesis was held at the Millbrook Library. The location of the show was misstated.

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Living History comes alive in Millbrook talk

By KEVIN T. MCENEANEY
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Last Thursday April 18, Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society, delivered a lecture titled “Town of Washington: Antebellum Free Black Community” to a capacity crowd at the Millbrook Library.

A graduate of Wesleyan College, he is the author of “This Place Called Milan and Invisible People, Untold Stories: Voices of Rhinebeck’s Historic Black Community.” He writes regularly for the Northern Dutchess News.

Jeffway, who is a dynamic and improvisational lecturer, offered many asides and anecdotes. Jeffway teaches a course on Living History at

Marist College.

The Living History movement emphasizes the voices and perspectives of people from the past through letters, postcards, deeds, court records, and cemetery stones.

In 1776 slavery was banned in Dutchess County, yet the ban was not strictly enforced. It took about twenty years for the Dutch and British to divest completely. Even

some Quakers were slow to relinquish slaves, despite the strong opposition to slavery among most Quakers.

Abused white women sometimes took refuge in the Black community. In 1782 Mary Mott married at age sixteen; she left her husband in 1809, staying at first with various friends. She eventually was given long-term secret shelter by a Black couple, working as a seamstress.

Jeffway noted that many free Blacks, as well as slaves, lived in Poughkeepsie where there were eight Black Churches, due to its prominence in river commerce and travel. There were local instances of Southerners boat-kidnapping free Black youngsters. An important free Black boat captain worked the Hudson River around this time.

On the eastern border of Dutchess County, slaves worked on some farms. In the Smithfield Valley, according to a letter, Mrs. Smith had at least three personal slaves



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Bill Jeffway tells an anecdote to a capacity crowd at the Millbrook Library.

serving her at her wedding. Jeffway estimated about thirty agricultural slaves in that neighborhood in the early part of the 18th century.

Jeffway noted that there was a small Black cemetery in Lithgow, and in the 1870s there was a Black community

in Clove Valley in northern Union Vale, just south of Millbrook. At that time Black women were predominantly the owners of land in the Black community.

Shortly after the appearance of the automobile, Mr. Collins, a Black man, ran a successful taxi and bus transportation service between Millbrook and Poughkeepsie. His wife ran a laundry service, with washing machines in their backyard, for the wealthy ladies of Millbrook.

Manet Fowler (1916-2004) was the first Black woman to acquire a doctorate in cultural anthropology. The U.S. government assigned her to survey Dutchess County on the “readiness” of people of color to serve in World War II.

By 1944, inspired by Lincoln, the Millbrook Black Republican Club was formed.

Elements of this lecture drew on the Millbrook Library’s Archive on African Americans in Dutchess County.

Town of Washington January and February recorded real-estate sales

Recorded sales in the Town of Washington in January and February saw only one property over a million dollars exchange hands out of seven property sales with a carefully maintained and restored Mid Century Modern home on 309 Route 343 selling for \$150,000 over the asking price of \$2,550,000. According to the listing, the architecturally significant “Deck House” has an international cult following and only a few examples exist in the Hudson Valley.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Located at 3853 Route 82 this restyled 4 bedroom home built in 1962 was sold for \$282,000 in September 2022, renovated and relisted by June of 2023 for \$649,000. Its sale was recorded in January at \$609,000.

Current listings in the Town of Washington offer little below \$500,000 and a quantity of luxury homes including: 6 vacant land listings, 5 homes under \$1 million, 6 under \$5 million and 8 over \$5 million. In the entire year of 2023 only six properties sold for over a million dollars.

January

16 Shunpike, 3 bedroom/2 bath home ready for renovation on 6.9 acres was sold for \$266,000

3853 Route 82, 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 2.6 acres sold for \$609,000

309 Route 343, Mid Century Modern 4 bedroom/4 bath home with 2,790 square feet on 11.4 acres sold for \$2,700,000

5045 Route 82, 17.2 acres of vacant land in 2 parcels sold for \$411,000

Oak Summit Road, a 1.93 acre rural residential lot sold for \$82,500

February

3554 Route 82, 1 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 14.4 acres sold for \$750,000

75-77 Altamont, 2 residences totaling 7,110 square feet with 7 bedrooms/5 bath

purchased by the Ric and Paulina Ocacek in 2002 sold to Paulina Porizhova Ocacek for \$997,376

Town of Washington real estate sales recorded as sold between January 1, 2024, and February 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.

Salisbury Rotary turns 75

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — Chartered on Jan. 25, 1949, the Rotary Club of Salisbury is celebrating 75 years of service to the community, a milestone which will be capped by a gala anniversary celebration in the fall and numerous activities throughout 2024.

“We have so much on our plate over the next two to three months, all are exciting, and all are necessary,”

club president Bill Spalding told the dozen or so members during the group’s weekly meeting at Noble Horizons on Tuesday, April 9.

“Every event we do will be loaded with Rotarians,” Spalding announced.

The small but dedicated club of about 35 members, which meets at the Noble Horizons Community Room every Tuesday at noon, serves not only Salisbury, but also Falls Village, Canaan, Sharon and Cornwall.

Since its inception, the local club, which is part of

Rotary District 7890 comprising 55 clubs in northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts, has sponsored or generously supported a wide range of local and international projects.

Locally, Salisbury Rotary Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving high school students, and volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to assist local nonprofits, including Chore Services, Salisbury Association, the Canaan Child Care Center and local food banks, among other nonprofits.

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OBITUARIES

Robert J. Pallone

NORFOLK — Robert J. Pallone, 69, of Perkins Street passed away April 12, 2024, at St. Vincent Medical Center. He was a loving, eccentric CPA. He was kind and compassionate. If you ever needed anything, Bob would be right there. He touched many lives and even saved one.

Bob was born Feb. 5, 1955, in Torrington, the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Pallone.

Bob graduated from Babson College, one of the most prestigious accounting schools out there.

He built his own CPA practice in 1987. He was an accurate and accountable accountant. He would always say during tax season that taxes are an art not a science. He took time to teach his employees his art of taxes.

Bob was also a landlord and owner of the Royal Arcanum, where he met his long-time friend of over 20 years, Michael Dinsmore. The two of them together experienced many great times. They would always be laughing and singing some of their favorite songs. Bob would always say that the Royal Arcanum was his baby. He loved that building and took great care of it. During his time at the Royal Arcanum and owning his business, he met a lucky lady, Melissa Baresi. Little did

they both know that Robert and Melissa would become the best of friends and even turn into family. Melissa is considered to be Bob's Girl. Bob is the reason Melissa has such a great life today.

After retirement, another one of Bob's lifelong friends, Dana Devereux, was there to help Bob get accustomed to retirement. Retirement can be scary especially to a person who worked all his life. It was during this time that Bob was diagnosed with cancer again. Dana was there to lend a helping hand while Bob had to go through chemo.

Bob was truly a remarkable man and was blessed to have such great friends like Michael, Melissa and Dana. He would always say if you can count the number of friends you have on one hand then you truly made it. Made it, Bob did.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Pond Town Cemetery in Norfolk, CT.

He will be buried next to his mom and dad where he always wanted to be.

Any memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. Bob was an animal lover and had many cats throughout his life.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

John Fisher Polhemus

DOVER PLAINS — John Fisher Polhemus, 86, of Coventry, beloved husband of the late Gayle (Cronin) Polhemus, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2024, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 30, 1937, in Sharon, the son of the late John A. and Gertrude (Fisher) Polhemus.



He grew up in Dover Plains, where he excelled in sports and academics. His mother, Gertrude, was his 3rd grade teacher and he couldn't get away with anything. He loved to hike with his dad and brother Dick to the Stone Church and through the hills around Dover Plains. He graduated Dover High School and went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating with a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

He moved his young family to Vernon, Connecticut, where he worked for Pratt and Whitney for 30 years, traveling to Austria, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan and China. He loved gardening and gathering wildflowers for his yard, Lady Slippers, especially. He enjoyed coaching his kids and others in youth track and field. He was passionate about genealogy and his family tree. After retiring, he and Gayle moved to Calabash, North Carolina. He enjoyed golfing, gardening and traveling with Gayle to visit family. He loved researching

history and wrote two books with his brother, Dick.

After Gayle's death in 2005, John moved back to Connecticut to be with family. He lived his last 9 years with his son and family in Coventry. He cherished all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a fan of golf, baseball, and football. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, "ggpa" and friend. He will be missed.

John is survived by his brother, Richard Polhemus and Maria of New York, first wife and friend, Claudette Polhemus of Connecticut. Children; John Polhemus and Mercy of Maine, Jeff Polhemus and Kathleen of Connecticut, Michelle Johnson and Peter of Vermont, Martha Hagerty of New Jersey, Amy Nearine of New Jersey, Luke Nearine of Connecticut and Sheryl Nearine of the District of Columbia; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to Town of Dover Historical Society, PO Box 767, Dover Plains, NY and/or Kent Historical Society, PO Box 651, Kent, CT 06757. For online condolences, please visit: www.pietrasfuneral-home.com

Nicholas Warner McClelland

CORNWALL — Nicholas Warner McClelland, 78, died peacefully in hospice care on Feb. 25, 2024, surrounded by his family. Nick was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on April 29, 1945, to the late Mary (Sharpless) McClelland and David C. McClelland. Nick was a graduate of the Cambridge School of Weston and Boston University.

After spending his formative years in Middletown Connecticut, Nick moved to Cambridge Massachusetts with his family. He spent many summers in Cornwall, later living in the greater Boston area and ultimately moving to Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he resided until his death.

A visionary in his field, Nick established AV Design Associates, a company specializing in designing innovative multimedia installations and exhibits. His creative endeavors extended as far as

Venezuela, where many of his creations found their place.

He also worked at various audio-visual companies in the Boston area which involved AV installations at Harvard, Boston University and other large institutions.

Beyond his professional achievements, Nick found joy in traveling with his family, cherishing his adventures and nurturing a passion for competing in the annual "Opera House Cup" sailboat race in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Nick is survived by his wife of 37 years, Christine Zerbo McClelland, his son Brandon and wife Bo, his siblings; Duncan, and wife Alexandra, Sarah and husband Mike McMullen, Jabez and wife Cathy, sisters Katie, Mira and husband Alex, Usha and husband Nick. Also, he is survived by his step-mother, Marian, and her husband Tom, as well as many nieces and nephews.

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Fire investigator Laura Billon gives an overview of her work to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire investigator shares insights on 'safety-first' approach

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Special to The Millerton News

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — Laura Billon, a veteran fire investigator and educator from southern California, gave a detailed overview of fire investigation practices to an audience of firefighters and fire marshals at the Emergency Services Center in Falls Village on Saturday, April 20. The event was part of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Departments 100th anniversary celebration.

Billon started off by saying that the common thread in all fire investigations is "Safety First."

"Be a risk evaluator, not a risk taker."

The next item she hammered home at several points in the presentation.

"Absence of evidence is not evidence of its absence."

Fires involve high temperatures and the release of gases. "Things disappear or are unrecognizable."

That doesn't mean the truth cannot be teased out of what remains.

It does mean that investigations must use the scientific method, proceed carefully and systematically, and document

everything.

Billon said advances in forensic science mean that fire investigations are more carefully scrutinized than they were 40 or 50 years ago.

And if a case does get to court, investigators need to be able to refer to their case files and now immediately how they reached a conclusion.

This can happen weeks, months or even years after the event. Billon recalled receiving a subpoena eight years after a fire.

The systematic approach to a fire investigation looks like this:

Start with the exterior and move to the interior.

Move from the area of least damage to the area of most damage.

Make sure the fire scene documentation is consistent among investigators.

Use the same method every time, regardless of the size or type of fire.

"A dumpster fire or a large factory — the approach is the same."

Investigators should always consider the following items:

The weather at the time of the fire.

Is the building vacant?
Have there been previous

alarms at the location?

Are people and/or vehicles leaving the area?

Are there familiar faces among the onlookers?

And "Do you see something that's aberrational?"

Other considerations include the color of the smoke and/or flames, how big or how fast the fire is moving, unusual odors such as gasoline or kerosene.

Sometimes fires occur in buildings that are zoned for one purpose and used for another. Fire investigators are law enforcement officers, and sometimes other agencies need help.

Billon used the example of a building that housed a legitimate (if seedy) internet pornography operation.

Billon got a call from an FBI agent who asked if he and a colleague could tag along on a surprise fire inspection, posing as fire investigators.

While Billon did her inspection, the agents slipped away and planted small cameras in the facility.

Turned out the porno business was a front for a massive methamphetamine operation.

A big part of fire investigations doesn't involve poking around in smoldering rubble.

Interviews (not interro-

gations, Billon was quick to add) are essential in finding the truth about a fire.

She cited the "80/20 Rule," where 20% of the evidence at the scene is forensic and 80% is from interviews.

Billon emphasized that "arson" is a legal term. To charge a suspect with arson, prosecutors need to prove "willful, malicious or reckless intent."

This is easier said than done. Billon said that about 25% of fires can be proven to be arson.

These cases typically break down like this:

Vandalism, attempts to conceal a crime, excitement or thrill-seeking, revenge, profit, and extremism/terrorism.

She gave an example of a fire set for profit.

Speaking as a budding arsonist: "Hello, insurance company? I need as much fire insurance as I can get, and I need it by Saturday."

Speaking as herself: "That is what we call a clue."

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.

Changing attitudes on social isolation

If you're a recent arrival in Dutchess County from busier areas downstate, you may be puzzled to see this scenario: a pickup truck driven on a rural road by an older man slows down and stops, as the driver recognizes an old friend approaching in his own pickup coming in the opposite direction.

"How's the fishing?"
"Not bad up my way. You?"
Or it's two older women stopping to chat at the supermarket. They might not even know each other but they're having a conversation because they recognize a kindred spirit. After a while they realize you're trying to get past them to get a box of ziti, and they strike up a conversation with you as well.

What is all this idle chit-chat?
It's not idle, we're learning. These people have an instinct for the value of social connections.

At the Office for the Aging, we're just starting to learn the value of social connectedness, even though seemingly mundane conversations about the weather. The isolation of those older people who couldn't get to the grocery store or their fishing spot was seen as just an unfortunate byproduct of getting older. Can't do anything about it, we may have assumed, incorrectly.

We can all help reduce social isolation and the negative health impacts

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

that come with it. Regular readers know about OFA's fast-growing "Friendly Calls" program that's been connecting volunteer callers with Dutchess County older adults at risk of loneliness. As the program grows, we've invited Friendly Calls participants not only to receive calls, but to become volunteers themselves.

"Friendly Calls" is open to all prospective volunteers over age 18. If you're just beginning to explore volunteering but don't want to overcommit, "Friendly Calls" is ideal. The orientation takes less than an hour, and the once-a-week calls to participants last 20-30 minutes.

Every participant in the program has agreed to accept calls; and before a "Friendly Calls" session can begin, the volunteer and participant agree on what time and day of the week the calls will be made.

To find out more, visit www.dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls, email ledgar@dutchessny.gov, or call OFA at 845-486-2555.

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



"And how long have you had this chip on your shoulder?"

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Birthday boys, relief road jobs and dairy maids

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

91 years ago: April 27, 1933

'Only Lawyers May Practice in N.Y. State: New Bill Bars From Practice all Who Have Not Passed Bar': Under a bill signed by Governor Lehman a few days ago, nobody but an attorney admitted to the bar will be allowed to practice in any court or before a magistrate anywhere in the State after Sept. 1 next. That has heretofore been the rule as to cities, but it is now made to apply everywhere.

'About Millerton': Donald Silvernail was eight years old on Friday, and a number of

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

his boy friends found it out and went up to his home and made more noise than a pack of wolves. If the noise was any indication of a good time, they sure had it. About 6 o'clock Donald spread their supper out on the lawn, and all fell to in [sic] great style.

Little "Skippy" Dean celebrated his third birthday on Tuesday by entertaining several of his friends at a party. His guests were Anne Valentine, Muriel Hoyt, Robert Fenn, and Arthur Manning.

'Unemployed to Work at Copake Falls': Supervisor J. Sterling Wyckoff has arranged to give our unemployed men

relief jobs on town roads Single men are given one day a week and married men two days a week.

50 years ago: April 25, 1974

'Officials Declare Law Day, May 1': North East Town Supervisor Frank Perotti and Mayor Albert Anderson, of Millerton issued a joint proclamation this week declaring Wednesday, May 1 as Law Day. The slogan this year will be "Young America! Lead the Way. Help preserve good laws, change bad laws, make better laws"

'No-Fault Auto Insurance Compulsory in New York': As of February 1, 1974, no-fault automobile insurance became compulsory in New York State. The new Automobile insurance system has evolved due to problems stemming

from the past difficulties in determining negligence fault in auto accidents.

'The Royal Court': [...] Dutchess County Dairy Princess Marth Morrison, 17, of Millerton, [...] and dairy Maids Adrienne Murphy, 17, of Amenia, Linda Shaffer, 17, of Millerton, [...] The girls will all help to promote the milk industry in the county in the next year. The fifth annual contest was held on Friday, [...] at the farm and Home Center in Millbrook. [...]

25 years ago: April 22, 1999

'Loop Bus To Poughkeepsie' [letter to editor] - "Necessity is the mother of invention," Miss O'Neil recently arrived in Millerton from England and has discovered the "Loop Bus" is the answer to her needs, shopping in Poughkeepsie, strolling along Millbrook's lanes, hopping to Amenia and running to the train at Dover. Her message to all who would like to get about without the encumbrance of a car is hop on the Loop. - Sally Ann O'Neil, Millerton

'Village Trustees Give A Thumbs-up to MFD Rescue Vehicle': MILLERTON - One final flare-up from the town board was extinguished when the village board approved the purchase of a new fire-rescue vehicle for the fire department Monday.

The board of trustees voted 3-1, with Mayor Michael Cawley not voting, to approve a \$239,998 bid from the firm of E-One for a new rescue vehicle with built in Jaws of Life capability, a lighting tower, a double cab and a Cascade air system [...]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amenia sets open house at its decades-old Highway Garage

While there is no doubt the Town of Amenia needs a new Highway Garage, most residents don't know how bad things are. To see for yourself, please come to our open house on Saturday, May 4 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the current Highway Garage (8 Borden Lane, Wassaic). We will also have renderings of the Proposed New Facility.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Our Highway Department is responsible for maintaining all town-designated roads, ensuring they are accessible for vehicular traffic every day, in all kinds of weather. This

includes grading, paving, and sealing roadways; clearing, cleaning, and grading ditches; tree and brush trimming in the town rights of way; mow-

ing roadsides; and plowing, salting, and sanding during the winter months. Amenia has 58 town roads, consisting of 30.83 centerline miles

(61.66 lane miles) of road, seven bridges, numerous catch basins, and countless culverts.

The existing garage facility is outdated, past its useful life and literally crumbling. It consists of (i) a 80' x 50' concrete block garage building erected before 1955, (ii) a temporary 20' x 40' salt shed built in 2006, and (iii) a pole barn structure for equipment storage. The existing site is located on approximately 2.5 acres of usable land; is partially in a federal wetland and flood plain; and portions are built on an abandoned landfill. It has limited fuel storage, no backup generator, or fire suppression. There are potential safety issues and is unsalvageable.

For more than 15 years the Town Board has discussed the need to replace the existing facility. In 2019, after a lengthy negotiation with NYS, then Supervisor Victoria Perotti successfully secured a 5-acre lot on Route 22 south of the Tenmile train station and next to NYS DOT for a new facility. The Town Board in 2021 discussed hiring an engineer to develop a feasibility study. In 2022 the Town Board authorized a feasibility study request for proposal (RFP); six engineering firms responded to the RFP; and the project was awarded to LaBella Associates. The feasibility study was started in 2022 and finished earlier this year. You can review it here: www.ameniany.gov/highway-public-works

The preliminary design of the Proposed New Facility consists of a 13,000 square foot garage; 2,300 square foot covered storage; 6 double loaded drive thru bays; 80' deep building allows for 2

trucks per bay; 50' x 70' salt shed; staff break and locker rooms, toilets, and office; on-site well and septic; increased fuel storage; backup generator and fire suppression system. The estimated project cost is \$6.3M which will be financed through bonding, ARPA funds, and various grants. Delaying necessary capital projects only increases the ultimately cost and more importantly puts the health and safety of our community at risk.

Megan Chamberlin
Leo Blackman
Highway Superintendent
Supervisor
Town of Amenia

Wonderful tale of trip to Totality

Thank you Maud Doyle for the wonderful tale of your trip to totality in Vermont in The Millerton News of April 18, 2024. It was a gift to all of us whether we found our own path to totality, had our observations obscured by

clouds or were able to watch the sun partially eclipsed. You captured the delicate frailty of all of us in the presence of something truly awesome... something very old, very big, very far away and very much out of the control of everyone

but the galaxy and the worlds beyond. You reminded us that wonder is alive — quietly as we stand beside strangers watching the heavens.

Beautiful. I'm so grateful.
Jennifer Dowley
Millerton

Enforce the rule on LED lights

Not long ago the issue of LED lights in Millerton was an issue. The Zoning Committee, and the Town Board researched the issue, debated and voted. It was decided to not allow them.

We are a small community in the scenic Hudson Valley. LEDs give a commercial a vibe. They are distracting.

Fast forward to this week. Driving by Webutuck High School I was startled by their LED sign. It was distracting and created a potential traffic hazard. This is in violation of the Town's law.

Our officials work long hours, dedicate themselves to serving our community. It is a slap in the face when mem-

bers of our community flaunt the rules agreed to. Furthermore, the Board of Education is sending a message to our students that laws need not be obeyed.

I look to our Town Officials to enforce the rule against LEDs.
Mary Howard
Millerton

Pancake breakfast appreciation

On Sunday, April 21 the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our final monthly Pancake Breakfast of the season. We were pleased to have a nice crowd of 131 people in attendance for our monthly

meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the support of the community. We thank everyone who attended our meals this season and we will

return again in the fall.

Andy Murphy
On behalf of the Breakfast Committee
Amenia Fire Co. and Auxiliary
Amenia

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report from 4/11 through 4/18.

4/13—Deputies responded to 9 Memorial Ave. in the Village of Pawling for the report of a past occurred domestic dispute that was reported to have occurred at that location. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

4/13—Deputies responded to 7 John Street in the Village of Millerton to assist the Millerton Police Department with a domestic disturbance investigation. Matter investigated by The Village of Millerton Police Dept.

4/16—Deputies arrested Brianna O. Rosas (age 23) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent

to the investigation of a minor Personal injury Automobile Accident occurring on Route 22 in the Town of North East. Rosas was issued traffic tickets and is to appear in the Town of North East Court at a later date.

4/17—Deputies responded to 4839 Route 22 in Amenia for a domestic disturbance. One party had left the scene but was located shortly there-

after. Matter resolved without further investigation.

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

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or

any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605

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**Legal Notice
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Millerton
Zoning Board of Appeals**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Millerton, Dutchess County, New York, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 5933 North Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY, regarding the application of Gvgkne Reality, Inc. for Variances at 7-9 Main Street, Millerton, NY. The application is open for inspection at Village Hall.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on said application at the hearing at the aforesaid time and place.
By the order of:
Village of Millerton
Zoning Board of Appeals
Anna Clune
Planning, Zoning & Building Secretary
04-25-24

**Legal Notice of
Completion of Tentative
Assessment Roll**
Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law:
NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2024 tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk after May 1, 2024.
The Assessor will be available via telephone and by appointment with such tentative roll at: Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Assessor's Office. Telephone contacts and appointments for in-person meetings can be made for the following days and between the hours listed:
5/4/2024 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm.
5/7/2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
5/9/2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.
5/14/24 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Individuals with complaints with respect to the assessments are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office prior to Grievance Day to discuss their concerns and to see if an agreement can be reached. If no agreement is reached, the written complaint shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on Grievance Day.
A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available online at www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf
Sara Foglia, Assessor
Grievance Day:

Wednesday, May 29, 2024
(\$508 RPTL)
(\$525 RPTL)
NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Pine Plains, County of
Dutchess shall hear complaints in relation to assessments at:
Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, (518) 398-7193 x 7
The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 during the following times:
5/29/24 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
5/29/24 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.
04-25-24

**NOTICE OF
COMPLETION
OF TENTATIVE
ASSESSMENT ROLL**
Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2024 tentative assessment roll which will be available at the Town Clerks Office and online at: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Real-Property-Tax/assessment-rolls.htm>
<https://ameniany.gov/assessor-contact/>
An Assessor, or Assessor's Designee will be in attendance with such tentative roll located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY during the following dates and times, by appointment; 2024: Monday, May 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 21st, 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day, May 30, 2024, and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day. All Grievance applications must be originals. Scanned or emailed copies will not be accepted. Applications must be fully completed and include applicant's signature in part five. **All documentation** must be presented by grievance day. **No exceptions.** Confirmation of receipt of all documentation presented is incumbent on the owner/petitioner/applicant.
A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at Assessor's office or online

at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm>.
DONNA DIPIPPA, ASSESSOR
GRIEVANCE DAY - Pursuant to Section 508 & 525 of the Real Property Tax Law:
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, will meet at the Town of Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 to hear and examine all properly filed complaints in relation to assessments of Real Property on May 30, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Contact the Assessor's Office by May 30th for details or to schedule an appointment. All original RP-524 applications must be accompanied with the supporting documentation relative to the request for an assessment review, no later than 8:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024.
Applications may be delivered in person or by mail. In person: during normal business hours of Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. By mail to: Board of Assessment Review, C/O Amenia Assessors Office, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. The Board of Assessment Review will file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record. **Steven Benardete**, Board Chairperson.
04-25-24

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA
PLANNING BOARD
MINOR SUBDIVISION
RELATED TO
PROPERTY LOCATED
AT
65-82 KENT ROAD,
AMENIA NEW YORK**
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to NYS Town Law § 277 and Chapter 105 of the Town of Amenia Code, the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing on the application by Fishman, Fitzgerald and Offensend for the minor subdivision of 65-82 Kent Road (Parcel # 132000-7265-00-078565-0000), a +229.17-acre parcel, for the purpose of conveying three portions to adjacent properties: 13.53-acres to 87-101 Kent Road (Lot # 182419); 156.36-acre to 40-78 Oblong Ridge Lane (Lot # 865746); and 25.62-acres to Clark Hill Road (Lot # 311709). The parcel is in the Rural Agricultural (RA) and Rural Residential (RR) Zoning Districts.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 105 of the Town of Amenia Town Code, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of

Amenia at Amenia Town Hall 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York, on May 8th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122. It may also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov
Dated: April 19, 2024.
Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman
Town of Amenia
Planning Board
04-25-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the renovation of the New Town Hall for the Town of North East, New York, located at 5603 Route 22 South, Millerton, NY. This Contract has been designated, as set forth in these contract documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by Mancini Duffy, Architects (located at 520 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY) and LAN Engineering (located at 252 Main Street, Suite 2, Goshen, NY).
All such sealed bids must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., PO Box 516, Millerton, NY 12546 not later than 2:00 pm on May 16, 2024 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read out loud.
Copies of the proposed contract documents, including plans and specifications, and the forms of bids for the contract, will be available for public inspection starting on Thursday April 18, 2024 at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., Millerton, NY 12546 (phone 518-789-3300 x 603), Monday to Thursday 9:00AM-12:30PM and 1:00PM- 3:00PM, and Friday 9:00AM-12:30PM.
A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on site at 5603 Route 22, Millerton NY, at 2:00pm on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Bidders will have

the opportunity to inform themselves of the conditions relating to the work of this project. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend this pre-bid meeting.
Official bid documents are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification system at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Any and all addenda pertaining to the bid will be posted at the same website as noted above. It is incumbent upon all bidders to view posted addenda prior to the bid close date. If a bidder is not registered, they may register at the website noted above. The bidder can call BidNet at 1-800-835-4603 with questions regarding registration
All bids shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more fully set forth in the bid documents:
1. Only such bids as are made and filed upon the forms available in the office of the Town of North East will be accepted.
2. Bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Town of North East Town Hall" along with the associated contract.
3. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Town of North East, or by a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Town Board of the Town of North East, in such amount, conditioned that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents, for the faithful performance of the contract, within 15 days from the acceptance of the bid.
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By order of the Town Board of Town of North East, NY. Dated: April 16, 2024
Elizabeth Strauss,
Town Clerk
Town of North East, NY
04-25-24

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Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2024 tentative assessment roll, a copy of which will be filed with the Town Clerk on May 1, 2024 and will be available online at <https://townofnortheastny.gov/>.
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Katherine Johnson,
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OUR TOWNS

Amenia/Millerton joint Earth Day celebration



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Representing Food and Water Watch, Emily Skydel, at left, Hudson Valley Senior Organizer, spoke with Amenia resident Walter Dietrich about that organization's efforts to block proposed expansion of the Iroquois Pipeline that passes through the area on its way to the Cricket Valley Energy Plant in Dover. The 30-year-old pipeline extends from southern Canada to New York City. At right is Amenia resident Barbara Burge, volunteering in the awareness and action effort. They were participating in the Millerton/Amenia joint Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20, at the Amenia Town Hall.



At the forefront of area composting efforts and education, McEnroe Farms participated in the Millerton/Amenia joint celebration of Earth Day 2024, on Saturday, April 20, at the Amenia Town Hall.



Representing the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook while also volunteering at the Amenia Garden Club display table, Amenia resident Vicki Doyle, at right, greets Amenia Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at the Millerton/Amenia joint celebration of Earth Day 2024 on Saturday, April 20, at the Amenia Town Hall.



Embracing the spirit of service to the community, members of the Webutuck Student Council were kept busy at the Creation Station, assisting with young visitors' activities such as flower pot painting and "zine" making at the Millerton/Amenia joint celebration of Earth Day 2024 on Saturday, April 20, at the Amenia Town Hall.

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June, 2013 with current committee members Tim Bontecou, Murray Zimiles, Vicki Doyle, Elizabeth Murphy, and Buckley, as well as Jennifer Dowley, Chris Kennan, M.C. O'Connor, Lisa Straus, Janet Reagon and Rhoda Lubalin, who were "interested in cultivating an atmosphere of high expectations and achievement, as well as a love of learning."

She notes that recognizing "the positive impact educators can have on student learning... we hoped by offering monetary resources; Webutuck educators and other community organizations could be energized to create innovative programs and projects to enrich the learning of students in the Webutuck School District."

Buckley explained that as the initial donor of \$25,000, the late art teacher Rhoda

Lubalin of Amenia, was given the honor of giving the group its inspirational name.

While Lubalin's original plan was to support the arts, Buckley said, "After more thorough discussions" which highlighted deficits in reading and writing at the third-grade level, the group decided to focus on those areas in grades K-3.

Buckley explained that as the years passed and the fund grew from its initial total of \$95,000 supplied by committee members to its current \$500,000 provided mainly by "friends of friends," QUEST'S range of what could be supported also grew as it continued with its mission to "support projects and efforts that create a culture where academics are respected, that cultivate an atmosphere of high expectations of achievement,



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

From left to right: Melvin Mathers, Maya and Emi Wakamatsu and Athena Burke, learning to use the Glowforge laser cutter which the NorthEast-Millerton Library was able to purchase with funds from The Webutuck QUEST for Excellence Fund.

encourage student initiative, creative thinking and innovation."

This year's recipients and projects are: Taylor Chadwell, grade 1, Pete the Cat Literacy Project; Karen Thompson and Jordan Stroly, speech therapists

in WES for the Kindness Kart; Tammy Nethercott and Alyssa Plastini, kindergarten, Creating a Serenity Space; Elizabeth Murphy, Elementary Librarian, Makerspace Supplies; Anastasia Demetros, grades 4-6, Establishing a School

Store; Dan Hart, Grade 4, the Wild Robot Cross Curricular Study; Audrey Toonkel, grade 4, Creating a Safe Haven for Social-Emotional well being; April Whalen, grade 4, Colonial Times, Crafts and Trades; Colin Brannen & Tom Monteverde, HS, Using Physics and Calculus in an Amusement Park Outing; Danielle Fridstrom, HS, STEAM fair t-shirts; Christine Gillette & Kathleen Howard, middle school, Fun with Collision and Energy;

Leah Sprague, HS, VR Technology in Makerspace; Leah Sprague, HS, Senior class trip to VT; Jonathan Scarinzi, 8th grade, Trip to Boston; Craig Wickwire, HS, Afterschool Art Club materials; Eric Wiener, HS, Play it Forward (purchase of musical instruments and help monetarily with the rental fees of instruments); NECC, creating a Book of Poems; Cary Institute of Ecosystems, Ashley Alred, Multi year educational partnership for middle schoolers; Wassaic Project, creating a student mural; and NE Millerton Library, Sustaining 3D Printing.

The current committee, which also includes Sam Bus-selle, is interested in adding additional members, particularly parents of Webutuck students. For information, call Buckley at 518-789-3082.

THIRLWALL *Continued from Page A1*

in studies, sports and music, all areas where she has won recognition.

Riley began her schooling in the Webutuck School system in First Grade. She paused for an interview with The Millerton News on Thursday, April 18. Without hesitating, she said that she most enjoyed science and math courses, singling out Physics class for special mention.

"Gravity interests me," Riley said, "It's relative to time."

"The Math Department is really good here, but I'm also good at it," she said. The study of jet propulsion is a strong interest. She hopes one day to work with the NASA program. To the next logical question about whether she would ever participate in a flight into space, the reply was an enthusiastic affirmative.

"I would love to go to space," Riley said.

Riley's advice to all students, but particularly those beginning their Freshman class in the fall, was clear.

"As soon as you get an assignment, get it done as soon as you can. Better sooner than later," Riley advised.

"Take advantage of extra help. If you don't understand something you heard in class, work on it until you understand it," she said, urging students to work more closely with their teachers. Students

who feel comfortable with their teachers will be more comfortable with asking for the additional help.

"I try to get all my homework done while I'm in school, or if not, as soon as I get home," Riley said.

Athletics have been an ongoing interest for Riley and she has been invited to the All-State program on her instrument, the clarinet, multiple times. Riley has also excelled in varsity soccer and girls' basketball, helping her team to win the 2022-23 Class D sectional championship, the first such honor for the school in 25 years.

Riley has served as co-president of the Senior class, co-president of the Student Council and president of the National Honor Society.

During the summer, Riley plans to work at Candy O's in Millerton, scooping ice cream, and she expects to continue her volunteer work in the food pantry program at North East Community Center (NECC) that she began recently. That she speaks Spanish, she feels, will help her with assisting NECC pantry visitors.

Daughter of Brandy Thirlwall and younger sister of Jordan Thirlwall, Riley plans to study aerospace engineering at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida with her forward gaze fixed on NASA.

ECOLOGY *Continued from Page A1*

1963, in the lower forty-eight states, there were 417 nesting pairs of eagles. That has grown to 71,400 nesting pairs.

The cause of the eagle's dwindling population was traced to the pesticide DDT. DDT is not "directly toxic" to bald eagles, but when used to spray an area of mosquitoes to combat diseases such as malaria, it washed into streams. There it got on insects living in the water. These insects were eaten by bigger insects, who in turn were eaten by fish, who were then eaten by bigger fish, and these fish were eaten by bald eagles.

"In each stage of the food chain, the DDT is bio-accumulated," said Groffman and in the eagles, the DDT caused their eggshells to be thin. So, thin that when the parent eagles sat on the nest, they crushed the eggs and the babies died.

"How did they figure this out?" asked Groffman. He said, "You need to know something about birds, something about fish, something about hydrology and microbiology, and you had to understand the connection between the different parts of the landscape."

Scientist Rachel Carson (author of "Silent Spring") put this all together and the solution was to ban DDT.

Groffman stressed the steps in solving any ecological prob-

lem: Identify the problem, find a solution, get the solution implemented (which is not always easy to accomplish), and track the success.

He said it was important that different branches of science work together and realize the "connectivity of soil, water, air, insects, fish and birds."

Groffman talked about acid rain next. "Acid rain is a very clear success story." Acid rain comes from "the burning of fossil fuels, particularly coal."

When coal is burned it gives off sulfur and nitrogen which combine to form sulfuric acid, and this comes to earth in precipitation and makes streams acidic and has a "negative impact" on animals, plants, and fish. It can cause "dead lakes" where fish and vegetation die.

To solve this problem, he said, "an understanding of chemistry, fish, atmospheric chemistry and hydrology" was needed.

The solution was to "get sulfur out of coal" which happened with the Clean Air Act of 1990. In tracking this solution, scientists found that there is much less acidity in water and soil and plants and organisms are recovering.

Another area of success has been noticed with eutrophication of bodies of water. Fertilizers used to grow crops can wash into streams and pollute them. This can cause algae to grow, die and decompose. The bacteria causing the decomposition "sucks the oxygen out" of the water which then has no oxygen and fish and vegetation die.

Scientists found that phosphorus was causing this problem. The solution was the Clean Water Act of 1972 which "removed phosphorus from detergents" and helped manage "sources of pollutants in the landscape."

The result is cleaner water in rivers, streams, and lakes.

Groffman stated they've learned that today's problems require a new way of doing science in which "We need everybody on board." As with

the solution of the bald eagles, many disciplines of science need to work together.

Groffman explained that implementing solutions can be difficult. "If we propose solutions that are a real pain in the neck for people, they're not going to do them. If they don't do it, we back slide."

In France, one of the leading nations in fighting climate change, there was recently resistance to a New Green Energy Tax on fuel. Yellow vest protesters took to the streets to make their displeasure known. Groffman said that "how solutions affect people is important to consider."

Increases in the use of solar energy and wind energy in the last couple of decades are positive signs in the fight against global warming.

Groffman mentioned that there is criticism that the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and action on global warming were delayed by

governmental agencies wanting more research done. The International governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has been recommending actions such as lowering carbon energy use and behavioral and lifestyle changes since the 1970's and in the 1990's declared that action needed to be taken with no more delays.

The last stage in finding solutions to ecological problems is an important one: tracking the success for any "wobbles" or "squeals" which may indicate the solution is failing or having problems.

Groffman said that current challenges are climate change and Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCP's). Drugs and microplastics in PPCP's are dumped down drains, get into sewers, and into water systems. But he declared, "I'm going to argue that science is evolving to meet these problems."

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dictorian Riley Thirlwall have been friends from the start of their elementary school days. They are now serving as co-presidents of their Senior class and co-presidents of the Student Council.

Intrieri is also vice-president of the National Honor Society.

Beyond her academics and self-confidence exhibited in her innate communication skills, Amanda has well-rounded interests and achievements, including in athletics, most notably cross-country and outdoor track. She said that she began running in the Seventh Grade.

Indicative of her sense of commitment to her sport, Amanda would train through the winter even though the school had no indoor track and field program. Her winter regimen could include running through the interior halls of the school to remain in tiptop shape.

Amanda has twice qualified for state-wide cross country competitions and once for an state-wide outdoor track meet. One of her favorite events, she said, is the 800-meter run.

Offering experienced advice to younger students, Amanda advised them to always stay motivated.

"Always stay on task. It's hard," Amanda said, adding that it is necessary to keep one's grades up.

"I get extra help after school," Amanda said. "Always ask questions."

"I try to get most studying done at school, rather than waiting until later. It's less stressful," she advised.

When not studying, Amanda enjoys helping the community, participating most recently in her school's observance of Earth Day and also

Webutuck's Community Day.

In the fall, Amanda will enroll at SUNY-Delhi, intending to pursue a career as a veterinarian's technician or perhaps a veterinarian at an animal hospital. While in college, she also plans to continue with track and outdoor field.

"I love animals," Amanda said of her chosen field of study.

The daughter of David Intrieri and Tina Breen, Amanda has one brother. Matthew Intrieri.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

BOOKS: ELIZABETH BEGGAN

Love is in the atmosphere

On Tuesday, April 9, The Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie was the setting for a talk between Elizabeth Lesser and Anne Lamott, with the focus on Lamott's newest book, "Somehow: Thoughts on Love."

A best-selling novelist, Lamott shared her thoughts about the book, about life's learning experiences, as well as laughs with the audience. Lesser, an author and co-founder of the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, interviewed Lamott in a conversation-like setting that allowed watchers to feel as if they were chatting with her over a coffee

table.

"I feel like I'm in my living room talking with my closest friends," Lamott said.

In her 20th book, "Somehow: Thoughts on Love," she goes back in time, writing about her own personal life experiences in a candid way, about her family, recovery and her faith. Lamott relates coming face to face with intense emotions and multiple epiphanies and lessons she's learned.

The book explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and



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Author Anne Lamott

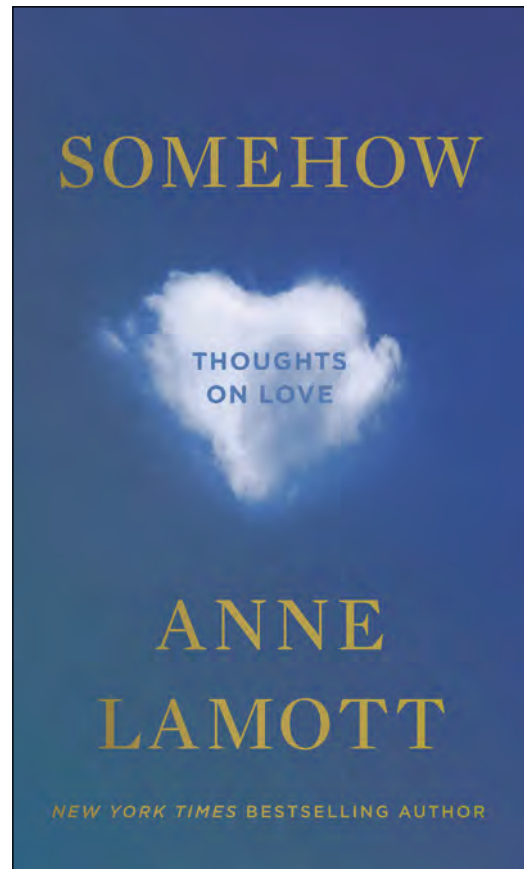
guides us forward.

"Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere and lies at the heart of who we are."

"We are creatures of

love," she writes on her website describing the premise of the book.

Lamott is a progressive writer. She married for the first time at the age of 65, and has been



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sober for 37 years. She shares a life with her husband, Neal Allen, who is also a writer, her son Sam Lamott, and her grandson. Her family makes up the main characters throughout the book, reminiscing on escapades together.

"To have a heavy-hitting writer here is just wonderful, I have been following her since San

Francisco, and when I heard she was in Poughkeepsie I bought tickets right away," said Lamott fan Suzanne Sagan.

The Bardavon audience was filled with women from the ages of 34-70, some were able to convince their husbands to tag along and listen to the conversation. All

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FASHION: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Reading between the lines in historic samplers

The home in Sharon that Alexandra Peters and her husband, Fred, have owned for the past 20 years feels like a mini museum. As you walk through the downstairs rooms, you'll see dozens of examples from her needlework sampler collection. Some are simple

and crude, others are sophisticated and complex. Some are framed, some lie loose on the dining table.

Many of them have museum cards, explaining where those samplers came from and why they are important.

It's not that Peters has delusions of grandeur,

with those small black or white cards a part of the fantasy. In the past few years, her samplers have gone on outings to historical societies and exhibits. Those small black cards are souvenirs.

About 27 of the pieces from Peters' collection have just left home again, and are featured at the Litchfield History Museum of the Litchfield Historical Society in an exhibit that Peters guest curated along with the historical society's curator of collections, Alex Dubois.

The exhibit is called



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Alexandra Peters, left, is exhibiting needlework samplers from her collection at the Litchfield Historical Society Museum.

Remarkable History" at the museum on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m.

Although Peters was first attracted to samplers as a form of art and craft, she has come to see them as something more profound. Each sampler tells a story, but you have to know how to read between the lines of thread and fabric. Peters has become an able and eloquent curator of what were once educational tools just for young girls and women. She can look at one and give an educated guess about who made it, how old they were, where they lived and how affluent their family was (or wasn't).

Some samplers were made on linen, others were made with silk. Some linens are fine, others are rough and homespun.

"Some of my favorites are made on what's called 'linsey woolsey,'" Peters said. "It's a mix of linen and wool that's been dyed green. It was uncomfortable to wear, but it looks great on a sampler!"

Younger girls often worked first on learning darning stitches, and would make simple samplers with letters of the alphabet. More advanced stitchers

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Oscar Lock, a Hotchkiss senior, got pointers and encouragement from Tim Hunter, stewardship director of The Sharon Land Trust, while sawing buckthorn.

OUTDOORS: JOHN COSTON

Hotchkiss students team with Sharon Land Trust on conifer grove restoration

It was a ramble through bramble on Wednesday, April 17 as a handful of Hotchkiss students armed with loppers attacked a thicket of buckthorn and bittersweet at the Sharon Land Trust's Hamlin Preserve.

The students learned about the destructive impact of invasives as they trudged — often bent over — across wet ground on the sem-

blance of a trail, led by Tom Zetterstrom, a North Canaan tree preservationist and member of the Sharon Land Trust.

The return of students on this working walkthrough was part of Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm Ecosystem and Adventure Team, a program that incorporates environmental stewardship in the learning experience.

The Hamlin Preserve is a 210-acre property with 2.5 miles of trails, and the Hamlin conifer grove restoration is a large-scale landscape forest preservation project.

The group entered at the end of Stone House Road and proceeded into an invasive thicket that has already taken its toll on cedars and pines.

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attentive to her, laughing at the jokes and even attempting to sing her happy birthday.

Conversation topics ranged from the themes in her book, to sobriety, to telling stories about being a mother.

Learning about how to help yourself first, if you want to feel the love you have to spread the love, aging, relationships, having your cup filled full with your own water, and learning from your mistakes.

"That's what life is like, slipping on a cosmic banana," Lamott de-

clared.

"As with all of her deceptively simply rendered pieces, Lamott's foibles are central to the 12 stories told here. Reconciling her own flaws as the key to tolerance is implied. Falling short is a given, especially when seeking to understand folks whose views are different from hers, particularly when they're on the political spectrum. But demonstrating love to those who cause harm just might be too much of a reach for her — that stuff is for saints; it's next-level wellness. Yet,

Lamott strives," Denise Sullivan writes for Datebook, a San Francisco Arts and Entertainment Guide.

Lamott was able to quote well known names such as Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Fisher, and Mother Theresa. During the conversation, she often turned to quotes that helped her create the mindset she has today, and spreads to the audience.

The talk was presented by Oblong Books in partnership with Bardavon Presents.

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PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Alexandra Peters's collection of historic samplers includes items from the family of "The House of the Seven Gables" author Nathaniel Hawthorne.

might create genealogies or family trees. Peters particularly loves to find multiple examples from one family.

"I have a couple sets that were done by sisters," she said, "and a collection from the family of Nathaniel Hawthorne," the American author of "The Scarlet Letter."

All samplers, though, show the importance of girls within families, Peters said.

"Parents were excited about their girls getting an education and coming out in the world and displaying their accomplishments. It's different from what we think."

"We tend to scorn or disrespect things made by women, particularly if they're domestic. But before the Industrial Revolution, all work was done at the home, by women and by men. There

weren't jobs that you went to, you did the work at home. Samplers, and needlework, are the work of women, the work of girls."

Samplers were rarely sold, Peters said, except ones made to help Southern Blacks to escape slavery.

"They were made anonymously and sold at anti-slavery fairs from the 1830s to the 1860s. I have one that can be used as a potholder and it says, 'Any holder but a slaveholder.' I have another that must have been a table runner that says, 'We's free!' We'd see some of them as offensive now, but they weren't at the time; they were joyful."



A needlework example.

Every sampler tells a story, and Peters is an able and entertaining interpreter of those tales. Learn more by visiting the Litchfield History Museum and seeing the exhibit (complete with explanatory museum cards) and come for her talk about samplers on May 5. Register for the opening reception and for the talk at www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org/exhibitions.

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FOOD: LEILA HAWKEN

Delectable bakery fare coming soon at Tarts and Bread

The enticing aroma of freshly baked breads and pastries should lure opening-day customers to the new Tarts and Bread bakery, on Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m. in Amenia. The new French/Belgian bakery is located at 3304 Route 343, just downhill from the post office.

Recent weeks have seen delivery of equip-

ment and furnishings for the new bakery and eatery. In anticipation of the opening, it is said that the first 200 visitors will receive a free sample pastry. The delectable choice will be between a cinnamon crun and an almond apricot "8".

Ample seating will provide space for eating in, whether for pastry and beverage or for

lunch when choices will include savory tarts, quiches and sandwiches made with house-made spreads using locally sourced ingredients. All baked goods will be made fresh daily, offering lactose-free options. All breads are to be made with sourdough starter, easier to digest and high in nutrients.

Two examples of local

sourcing will be the coffee from Ilse Coffee in North Canaan, Connecticut and the tea from Harney's in Millerton.

Chef Christophe Raza is leading the bakery enterprise, reflecting his training at Le Cordon Bleu, while firmly believing that bakeries should be accessible to all, as they are in his native Belgium. As an example, the bakery's baguettes will be priced at \$2.90. And there will be light-as-air eclairs.

Tarts and Bread will be open seven days each week, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. But, for this one Grand Opening Day on Saturday, April 27, the doors will open at 9:30 a.m.



PHOTO ABOVE CINNAMON CRUN BY LEILA HAWKEN, BOTTOM RIGHT, PROVIDED

At the new Tarts and Bread bakery in Amenia, madeliene cookies are just some of the offerings.

Music in the Nave presents "Mozart in May"

The Manhattan String Quartet will perform Mozart's Quartet No. 15 in D minor and No. 16 in E-Flat Major when Music in the Nave hosts "Mozart in May" on May 18.

The two works on the program are from a set known as the "Haydn Quartets" because they were influenced by and dedicated to Joseph Haydn. After hearing

them, Haydn wrote to Mozart's father, saying, "Your son is the greatest composer known to me either in person or by name."

Pairing Mozart's radiant music with radiant weather has long been a popular concept, most notably with Lincoln Center's now-defunct Mostly Mozart series. Music in the Nave continues this tradition with the

inauguration of its annual "Mozart in May" event.

The concert will take place on Saturday, May 18, at 4 pm in St. Andrew's Parish, 1 North Main Street. Admission is \$20; tickets are available at bit.ly/mozartinmay and at the door.

For more information call 860-927-3486 or email saintandrewskent@gmail.com

...Hotchkiss

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Tom Zetterstrom, a tree preservationist, stopped to make the point to Hotchkiss School students that invasives have the power to dominate.

Zetterstrom stopped the group for several lecture moments and demonstrations of the proper way to cut bittersweet.

Tim Hunter, stewardship director of the Trust, pulled out a folding handsaw that student Oscar Lock, a senior, used to sever a buckthorn at ground level.

Shaye Lee, a sopho-

more, took a turn with the saw on some privet.

As the group huddled under a close canopy of invasive vegetation that was overtaking everything in sight, Zetterstrom explained that invasive-laden patch was once productive farmland.

As the two-hour stroll-and-lop ended, the group assembled in

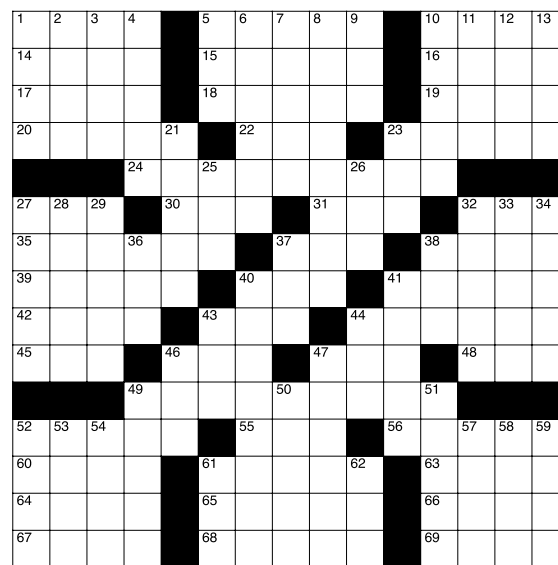
a hay field on the property to observe a healthy American elm at the edge of the open field that has been saved by the Trust's efforts.

Pointing to Red Mountain in the short distance, Zetterstrom told the students: "When you come back for your reunions — maybe in 50 years — you can say I helped save those trees."

Brain Teasers

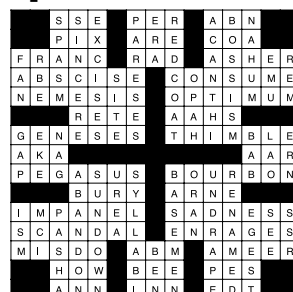
CLUES ACROSS

1. Excessively theatrical actors
5. Footwear
10. A way to disfigure
14. Exchange rate
15. Hawaiian wreaths
16. North-central Indian city
17. Bungle
18. Extremely angry
19. A short note of what's owed
20. Criminal organization
22. Mimic
23. Try to grab
24. U.S.-born individuals
27. Some are covert
30. Order of the British Empire
31. Don't know when yet
32. Payment (abbr.)
35. Winged angelic being
37. Variety of Chinese
38. A way to be anxious
39. Famed wrestler Hulk
40. Partner to cheese
41. Slang for sergeant
42. Canadian flyers
43. Actress Ryan
44. Highly unpleasant vapor
45. Body part
46. Halfway
47. Cool!
48. Consume
49. Salts
52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
55. Housepet
56. Cavalry-sword
60. Symbol of a nation
61. Frocks
63. Used to carry food
64. Portuguese folk song
65. Sharp mountain ridge
66. Ireland
67. Where golfers begin
68. Greek mythological sorceress
69. Fluid suspensions

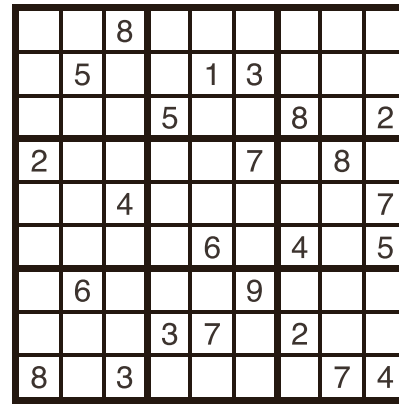


9. Midway between south and southeast
10. Staffs
11. Turkish title
12. Type of acid
13. Thin, flat strip of wood
21. Russian river
23. Ribonucleic acid
25. Partner to flow
26. Airborne (abbr.)
27. Earthy pigment
28. Genus of earless seals
29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
32. By or in itself
33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
34. Partner to trick
36. British Air Aces
37. Ammunition
38. Supervises flying
40. Health care for the aged
41. Flanks
43. Millimeters
44. Where wrestlers perform
46. Not around
47. Flightless bird
49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
50. Expressed concern for
51. Satisfies
52. Flew off!
53. Wings
54. Load a ship
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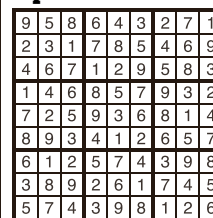
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APRIL 26

Choreography on the Edge at the Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts

Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts, 957 NY Route 82, Ancram N.Y.

Choreography on the Edge will be performed on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts, 957 NY Route 82, Ancram N.Y.

For more information, contact Zack Jacobs at (845) 453 - 8673

APRIL 27

Opening Art Reception at BES

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Opening on Saturday, April 27 at BES in Millerton is a show titled I Would Like To Know More About This Century, Like How Does Everyone Do It? featuring the work of Todd Colby. There will be a reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

The artist will be present and reading from his collected works alongside local poet Brandon Downing.

MAY 1

Directorial Debuts

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Announcing a new series at The Moviehouse: Directorial Debuts: Revisiting First Features from Established Directors with John Carroll Lynch. The first event will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m., featuring The Adventures of Sebastian Cole (1998), directed by Tod "Kip" Williams.

MAY 2

National Day of Prayer

Salisbury Veterans Monument, 27 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

Since 1952, all U.S. presidents have proclaimed the first Thursday of May to be a National Day of Prayer. All are invited to the 73rd celebration of the National Day of Prayer at 6 p.m. on May 2 next to the war memorials at the Salisbury Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held across the street in the Congregational Church. Members of the town will offer prayers for government, schools, businesses, arts/media, churches, families, military/veterans, as well as fire, police, and emergency responders.

MAY 3

Encounters with Aquatic Insects: Technical Illustrations by Shepherd Myers

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

Join us on Friday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., for the opening of a rare exhibit. Experience the intricate beauty of aquatic insects up close in illustrations by local entomologist and artist Shepherd Myers, collection manager of Honolulu's famed Bishop Museum for over a decade.

Eat, drink, hear bug music, and celebrate insect life with hands-on

origami bug folding. All ages welcome. For more information, visit this link: www.scovillelibrary.org.

Book Talk

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Housatonic Valley Regional High School teacher Peter Vermilyea will host a book talk for his most recent book, "Litchfield County and the Civil War," May 3 at 7 p.m. in Douglas Library. This Event is free. For info, call the library at (860) 824-7863.

Photography Reception

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

On Friday, May 3, 5 to 7 p.m., Hunt Library will host a closing celebration for the exhibition *From the Hilltops: Early 20th Century Photography from the Mabel Hallaway Collection*: A joint project of the library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society. A brief panel discussion will be followed by refreshments. Purchasers of exhibition prints may take them home at the end of the evening.

MAY 4

Bugs, Biodiversity, and Homegrown National Park with Michelle Alfandari

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

On Saturday, May 4, 4 to 5:30 p.m., learn about the crucial role of insects in a functioning ecosystem and how you can support insect, plant, and animal life in your own yard. Michelle Alfandari will present a new film narrated by renowned entomologist Doug Tallamy and introduce Homegrown National Park, a new grassroots movement to regenerate biodiversity. Each of us is the fastest solution to the biodiversity crisis. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

MAY 5

Hike Cornwall

Rattlesnake Preserve, Cornwall, Conn.

Walk on the wild side at Rattlesnake Preserve May 5 at 10 a.m. Naturalist Andy Dobos and Deb Bennett will lead a walk through the fields and forests of this preserve which features dual beaver ponds searching for edible wild plants and wildflowers. Park at the Rattlesnake Road entrance near Cogswell Road.

There are two areas for parking located at either end of the trail, both on Rattlesnake Road.

eBirding with Birding Expert and Bird Conservationist George Wallace

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

On Saturday, May 5, 4 to 5 p.m. learn how to enhance your birdwatching with smart phone ebirding apps. Birding expert George Wallace will introduce apps that are effective and free and will briefly discuss his work for bird conservation. George Wallace has been active in bird monitoring and conservation for over 40 years, including 18 years in leadership roles at the American Bird Conservancy.

The Secret Sounds of Salisbury Ponds with David Rothenberg

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Our ponds are full of mysterious creatures making symphony beneath the water's surface. On Sunday, May 5, 2 to 3:30 p.m., come listen and join the music! Internationally renowned musician and philosopher David Rothenberg will reveal the soundscapes of the Noble Horizon pond using special technology. Hear photosynthesis in action, bugs stridulating, fish grunting, and sounds unknown to science. This Scoville Library event is hosted by Noble Horizons. Registration is required. Please use this link to register: www.scovillelibrary.org.

MAY 7

Book Talk

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

On Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host Ryan Bernsten, author of "50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy". Bernsten undertook a 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states of his home country to answer the question: Is America as divided as it seems? 50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy is a work of travel nonfiction in the style of Alexis de Tocqueville that takes readers on a long and winding journey through all 50 states to explore the complexities of today's America. This program is free and open to the public.

ONGOING

TANYA MARCUSE: RAPTURE

Agrazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Route 44, Lakeville, Conn.

Tanya Marcuse creates large scale photographs of lush, immersive and allegorical works, fueled

by the biblical narrative of the fall from Eden. The work, on display at Agrazzi Art through May 31, explores the cycles of growth and decay and the tension between the passage of time and the photographic medium.

Sunday Meditation

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

Begin your Sundays with a peaceful meditation session from 9 to 10 a.m., led by Kathy Voldstad on Zoom. For more information, visit scovillelibrary.org.

THEATER: MIKE COBB

One woman play as a celebration for Earth Day

On Sunday April 21 at 2 p.m., actor Kaiulani Lee presented her one woman play about environmental writer Rachel Carson titled "A Sense of Wonder" at the Botelle School in Norfolk.

Lee has been performing "A Sense of Wonder" for the past twenty-six years at universities, high schools, the Smithsonian Institute, the Albert Schweitzer Conference at the United Nations, and at the Department of Interior's 150th anniversary. It has been used as the focal point in conferences on conservation, education, journalism, and the environment.

Also a highly regarded stage, television, and film actress, Lee has appeared in *The World According to Garp*, *Cujo*, *Before and After*, *A Bird of the Air*, *The Waltons*, *Law & Order* and others. She was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a play for Kennedy's Children and received an Obie Award for Best Performance by an actress for *Safe House*.

"A Sense of Wonder" was introduced by Pastor Erick Olsen of the Church of Christ Congregational (UCC). Olsen spoke of the play's importance as a featured event in The Norfolk Earth Forum and Norfolk's Earth Day weekend, which celebrates Carson's legacy. Additional programming

included discussion of "Crossings" by Ben Goldfarb; a lecture on Carson's continuing influence in the modern environmental movement, and a children's pollinator program. Sponsorship was provided by Botelle School, Aton Forest, Great Mountain Forest, Norfolk Conservation Commission, Norfolk Land Trust and the Church of Christ Congregational (UCC).

Lee then took to the stage and explained to the audience how the play occurs in two acts, the first part set at Carson's summer cottage on the coast of Maine and the second part from Carson's home in Maryland. Lee "removed the third wall," which refers to when a character addresses the medium in which they are situated, by describing the layout of Carson's cottage.

Act one opens with Carson writing a letter to a friend and shows her reluctance to leave the coast of Maine. Sick with cancer, she worries this may be her last visit. But she also describes her joy at seeing son Roger play on the rocks by the ocean and reflects on her lifelong desire to be a writer and how her love of the natural world and science ultimately became her muse. Carson expresses how her deep love of nature inspired her activism to write about the US government's use of the pesticide DDT and its

devastation of the environment.

In act two, Carson is visibly weakened by cancer and arthritis, but urgently brings her message to Congress and the American people. She recounts the backlash she received from the petro-chemical industry, efforts to discredit and label her as "alarmist" but is steadfast in her beliefs which are founded in her love of nature.

After finishing her performance, Lee invited the audience to ask questions. She provided additional historical context, namely how the success of Silent Spring inspired President John F. Kennedy to order the Science Advisory Committee to examine the issues raised in the book, which vindicated both the book and Carson. As a result, DDT came under much closer government supervision and was eventually banned.

Carson died from breast cancer in 1964, but shortly before her death remarked, "Man's attitude toward nature is today critically important simply because we have now acquired a fateful power to alter and destroy nature. But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself. We are challenged as mankind has never been challenged before to prove our maturity and our mastery, not of nature, but of ourselves."



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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook's Neighborhood Spring Sale



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The Franklin Avenue sidewalk space in front of her CPA office provided Lisa Evangelista the perfect location to display her yard sale items to passers-by at the Neighborhood Spring Sale. Evangelista also serves as Tax Assessor for the Town of Washington.

Community Day at Webutuck High School May 4

AMENIA — The Webutuck PTA plans a free Community Day on Saturday, May 4 at Webutuck High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with live music, a car show and activities for children.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Amenia and the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization.

There will be a petting zoo, a bubble bus, a vendor fair, food available for purchase, as well as a clown on hand and a touch-a-truck experience.

The organizers still have room for more outside organizations, car show enthusiasts and vendors. Contact webutuckpta@gmail.com

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